

1907 ALUMNUS WRITES FROM JUGO-SLAVIA

Dean E. S. Moore of the School of Mines received a very interesting letter recently from H. I. (Hickey) Smith '07, a graduate in the School of Mines. Mr. Smith is a member of the Advisory Committee to the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats, and Slavones. He is also connected with the American Relief Commission and the United States Consular Service. At present he is located at Belgrade.

In his letter he describes the destruction which the Germans wrought in Jugo Slavia, the present mining conditions, and an amusing incident of the French idea of relief "Hickey" Smith was a well known wrestler at Penn State before graduating. In fact he is said to have been among the best wrestlers this college ever put out. An extract from his letter follows:

"I find Serbia or rather Jugo Slavia a very interesting country wonderfully rich in coal and all precious metals. Their smelters have been destroyed by the Germans during their retreat, likewise all the locomotives and so they now find themselves without the means of reducing their own ores or of getting them transported to foreign countries for reduction.

"They have an abundance of food and are gradually restocked with clothes and the ordinary luxuries of life. At the first opportunity after the Germans were driven out, the French Red Cross sent a train of Red Cross supplies to Serbia and on to Roumania. When the train was opened and they started to make distributions the only articles on board were found to be pertumery, toilet waters, toilet soaps, manure, sots, combs and similar articles. Now you can buy the best of French toilet articles in almost every store of every description in Belgrade at a reduced price.

"After a year here I will know Serbia very good and in the meantime expect to find some interesting prospects of rich ores."

MUSICAL CLUBS TO TAKE TRIP

April twenty-fourth has been set for the annual spring trip of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs. Wilson College has been booked for one of these dates and efforts are being made by Assistant Sell to arrange concerts at Lancaster, York and Carlisle. Later in the spring the Glee Club will present programs at Birmingham School and at Hollidaysburg.

Alumni Notes

M. L. H. Dennis, acting director of vocational education, has announced the following appointments of county vocational supervisors of agriculture to be located with the county superintendent of schools in the various counties: Willis R. Skillman '16, formerly of Centreville vocational school, is now located in Carlisle, Cumberland county; Homer Engle '16, formerly county located at Harrisburg, Dauphin county; John Payne '18, formerly of Fredonia Vocational School, is now at State College Centre county;

J. S. Champion, formerly at Honesdale, is now at Williamsport, Lycoming county;

H. D. Davis, formerly of Cambridge Springs High School, is now supervisor of Crawford county and living at Cambridge Springs.

The following county vocational supervisors of home economics have been appointed as assistant superintendents in their various counties: Lula Fuller, Allegheny county; Mary Palmer, Chester county; Nancy Hunter, Columbia county.

PROF. GOVIER GIVES ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

Prof. C. H. Govier held the interest of many students last Thursday evening when he gave an illustrated lecture on "Telephone Central Offices." He showed how the price of almost every material used in connection with the telephone has gone up and that the rates for the use of the telephone are the same as pre-war times.

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At a meeting of the class of '22 last Wednesday it was urged that customs be enforced more strongly than before. No Freshman shall be allowed to wear any college or preparatory school insignia of any kind until after Easter. It was also decided that "Soot night" be abolished and that the green tresses should not be worn after Monday. The dates of the class scraps have not yet been decided upon.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR SUMMER CAMP

Applications for the R. O. T. C. summer camp, to be held this summer at Camp Dovons, Mass., from June seventeenth to July twenty-eighth, are now being received by the Professor of

Military Science and Tactics. The transportation to and from camp, along with assistance and the necessary uniforms while at camp, will be furnished to all students attending. An only a limited number can be accommodated. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. All those who attend will either be used as assistant instructors or else promoted on their return. This camp, although under military control, offers many recreation features. Besides the regular athletics, there will be trips, dances and entertainments of different kinds. The location insures a pleasant climate for the month of July, and plenty of chances for excursions to the nearby beaches and cities.

The military department hopes that many will make use of this opportunity, and will gladly give further information to any applicants.

GEOLOGICAL RELATION TO EVOLUTION IS TOLD

"The Geological Evidence of Evolution" was the subject of the lecture given by Dean E. S. Moore of the School of Mines last night at the Liberal Arts Lecture Course in Old Chapel. Illustrations bearing on the subject were flashed on the screen. Dr. Moore stated that evolution is a development from one stage to a higher one. From geological evidences can be traced records of every group of animals and plants far back into their earliest stages of growth. The classes of animals which we know today did not exist but groups resembling them were. For instance, the birds which appeared at a very early period resembled the flying reptiles of this time, having teeth, long bony tails, fingerlike wings, and bony plates around the eyes. Dean

Moore closed with the explanation of a remarkable feature in the progress of animals, which is that when a group of class has developed as far as it can be to subdivide and dies out, probably because it is not so well suited to resist unusual conditions of climate, diseases or enemies of the animal kingdom.

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