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### WHERE IS THE OUTING CLUB?

Last year Penn State students interested in the great outdoors and the benefits to be derived from time spent in such pursuits as hiking, skating, and skiing, in their seasons, formed themselves into The Penn State Outing Club, an organization modeled after similar ones at other colleges. At that time enthusiasm was rife over the prospects of the club. At the present time one hears very little of its activities, if there are any.

The possibilities for good that lie in such an organization, if properly made use of, are unlimited. At numerous times throughout the year, the reading public is informed of the activities of similar organizations at other colleges. No one ever hears mention of the Penn State Club. Other colleges are, of course, more favorably situated for certain sports featured by their clubs, such as skiing at Dartmouth, but taken as a whole, there are few large colleges in this country that have such favorable surroundings for the promotion of sports that such a club would naturally be interested in, as Penn State. Again, the fact that we have had an extraordinarily open winter thus far has made it impossible to promote sports designed solely for that season of the year. Yet there are enough other activities which this club can take part in.

Those who promoted the organization last year, and especially those students who met to ally themselves with it and the officers in charge should awaken to the fact that Penn State really needs such a club. Students as a whole, with the exception of those who are active in particular sports, partake of very little exercise during the time they are in college. This organization was intended primarily for such students, that they might receive beneficial physical training. Because of Penn State's limited facilities it has been proven that students must look to such an organization for this necessary aid to their health. Each man and woman should devote a certain portion of each week at last, for such training. Consequently we must have an Outing Club that is a live-wire portion of the college, an organization that will be a benefit to the student enrolled in its membership and to the college. The lull which followed the first meetings of students interested in the club was so pronounced that the majority of students have forgotten that at one time there were dreams of a real Outing Club at Penn State. Few know the exact point that the club reached in its organization affairs. It would perhaps not be out of the way to inform the students of the prospective plans of the club, if any plans are under way. If its affairs have taken a slump, it would be wise for those interested to revive the club and make it worth while. Penn State needs it as much as it needs a hundred other things. This is one thing that the students themselves can foster and perfect. It will be for their own good and if they are to derive any benefit from it, they must put their whole-hearted interest into it.

### A UNIT MAN'S INTEREST

When the long thought of proposition of a Union for students at Penn State was brought to a head and placed before them last year, the matter was taken hold of with enthusiasm, and the unit organization which followed was quite a success. This year, but a few of the units have met to elect officers or to promote unit athletic of unit interest in college affairs. Apparently the non-fraternity men have lost interest in the organization and do not realize the benefits that they might derive from it were it made as potent a factor in their lives at college as it should and could be.

It is commendable, however, that a few students have held sufficient interest in the affair as to attempt some sort of unit activity. Tonight a mass meeting is being held for the non-fraternity men and at that time they can decide the fate of their organization. Whatever the spirit at that meeting manifests, whatever the decision as to the fate of the organization, unit men will have only to remind themselves that they cannot expect to achieve anything with an organization that they do not put any active work into.

The COLLEGIAN hopes that the non-fraternity men will realize sufficiently the real merits of their organization and vote to keep it alive. The benefits socially that a non-fraternity man can obtain from it are invaluable. The work that he can do through the organization not only for himself, or the students to come here in future days, but for the college itself is another thing that no non-fraternity man can possibly lose sight of. He owes it not only to the college and the state, but to himself to make his organization really worthwhile. Let us hope that the majority of non-fraternity men will feel so inclined when they are asked for their decision on the matter.

The recent announcement that State College is to have a new theatre, modern in all its appointments, whose erection will begin next spring, is to be greeted with pleasure. While it is an acknowledged fact that many of the very best motion pictures come to Penn State long before they are shown in larger communities, the showing of these pictures will be greatly enhanced by the facilities offered in such a theatre as it is proposed will be erected. It is another indication that Penn State's growing student body and the town will require features that are of a better type. It will be a distinct pleasure for college men and women and visitors to the town and college to be able to partake of scenic features in a place where the film is being shown under every attraction that is offered in the largest and most modernly equipped theatres in the large cities in the country. It will be a distinct addition to the civic beauty of the town and should be the pride of every State College resident.

## LABOR PROBLEM THEME OF SECRETARY'S TALK

Speaking on the subject of "Industrial Peace," the Honorable William B. Wilson, United States Secretary of Labor, addressed an audience of Penn State students, instructors and townspeople, last Friday evening in the Schwab auditorium. Mr. Wilson came to Penn State under the auspices of the Mining Society and his visit makes him the second member of the Presidential cabinet to have visited Penn State since the school opened in September. The Secretary of Labor spoke vigorously concerning the question of labor and capital and presented many facts and points connected with the solution of industrial problems. The lecture was far from being dry, Mr. Wilson's ever ready Scottish wit causing the audience to laugh repeatedly during the address. He said:

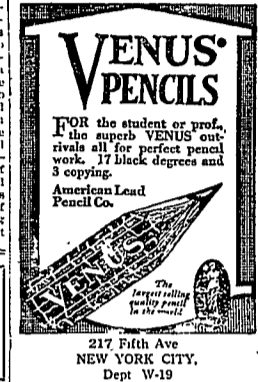
"The subject of Industrial Peace is no new subject and as yet no complete solution of our industrial problem has been found. However many suggestions have been offered and many plans have been tried. Annually losses from industrial disputes run into millions of dollars. Strikers are somewhat like wars between nations, causing irritation to those engaged as well as to those standing by. Employers seldom permit a condition of strike or walkout to arise and labor seldom permits a strike to take place unless they are convinced that some wrong is being imposed upon them. The way to solve the strike question is to sit around the council table and endeavor to work out a solution on a just basis. The problem of production is gradually being solved and the progress of the last few years has been remarkable. The problem of distribution will be solved by accurate statistics which is good and discerning that which is good and discerning that which is bad. Every man is entitled to the full social value of what he produces, the great difficulty being that human intelligence is not able to compute this value. A century and a quarter ago production was at a very much smaller stage than it is at the present time and as a result there was a lower standard of living. Labor is gradually raised itself to a position where it is recognized. When labor and capital recognize and respect each other's rights and one side does not impose its will on the other then we will have industrial peace."

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### HARVARD GRADUATE TO BE MINING SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR

Mr. A. M. Rodgers, a graduate of Harvard in 1913 and of the Harvard School of Mines in 1916 and who was recently superintendent of the Moctezuma Copper Company, has been appointed instructor in the School of Mines. Mr. Rodgers will arrive in State College on January twentieth and will at once take up his duties here.

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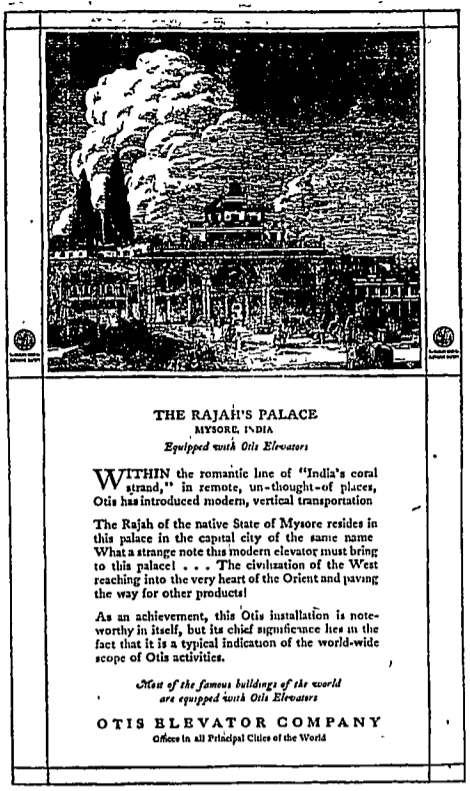
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