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SICKNESS ON THE INCREASE

Is the "flu" coming back? We sincerely hope that it is not, but the rapid increase in the number of cases of grip and colds reported to the College Health Service in the last few weeks would indicate that the danger of an epidemic is not wholly imaginary.

The keynote of the Health Service's work is expressed by the old adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure", and in furtherance of this policy Dr. Ritenour has issued a warning to avoid contact with disease.

Particular care should be exercised that the dreaded influenza does not gain a foothold such as it had three years ago. This disease, according to Dr. Simon Flexner, of the Rockefeller Institute, is recognized by the fact that it affects large numbers of persons within a brief period of time, usually within a few days, and often with great suddenness and severity.

It usually begins with chills or chilly sensations, fever, headache, and pains throughout the whole body, the eyes are red and the throat inflamed. Fortunately, however, the disease is not of long duration as a rule. The moderately severe case persists from one to three days, while the more severe forms last from four to six days.

In case one does become affected with the influenza, experience has shown that the surest way of hastening recovery and avoiding later attendant troubles is to go to bed immediately and not attempt to ignore the symptoms.

The most important part of the Health Service's warning has to do with prevention, however. Those infected with influenza or any other disease, must keep away from public gatherings, or any place where people are liable to congregate. In particular they must observe the simple precaution of covering the mouth with the hand or handkerchief when coughing or sneezing.

RICHARD C. HARLOW

Within a few months, when "Dick" Harlow leaves this institution for a more responsible position at Colgate, Penn State will mourn the loss of one of her greatest boosters, a man who, we believe, is the best line coach and football scout in the country, and a man who, we know, has won his way into the hearts of every loyal Penn State student.

The name of Richard C. Harlow will always remain on the archives of this institution as that of a man who has achieved much for Penn State. Beginning with his career as an undergraduate, when he served as left tackle on "Bill" Hollenbach's great football team, the work of Harlow has been phenomenal, and continuing down through the ten years that he has served this college as a coach and alumnus, we find that he has a record of which he can indeed be proud.

"Dick" Harlow is a backer of Penn State, and as an alumnus of this institution he can be counted upon to do everything that is within his power to add to the honor and glory of his Alma Mater. The Harlow type of alumnus can be found in quite a number of instances in the list of graduates of this institution.

In his undergraduate days, Harlow was captain of the Freshman team in 1908. He also played on the varsity during the Pitt game in his Freshman year. In each of the three following years, he held down the position of left tackle on "Bill" Hollenbach's eleven. Each year he was selected for the All-Pennsylvania eleven and in 1912, he was picked by many critics as the best tackle in the country.

The lusty cheers with which Harlow is always greeted at a mass meeting indicate his popularity. It will be a long time before students of this institution will become accustomed to attending such an assembly without hearing the ever-welcome "Now boys, here's the straight dope on the Navy," etc.

We suggest that, in future years, the Athletic Association take steps to establish athletic relations with Colgate—at least on the gridiron. Colgate has in the past been turning out football teams of a strong calibre, and with "Dick" Harlow as the new coach at that institution, her football teams should prove to be a worthy foe of Penn State at any time.

As a line coach and scout, Harlow has been of incalculable value to "Bez", and despite the loss, the Collegian, in interpreting the general sentiment of the student body, cannot help but express the appreciation of the work done by "Dick" Harlow at this institution, and in wishing him success in his new undertaking.

BULLETIN

Tuesday, February 21, 1922. 7:00 P. M.—Liberal Arts Lecture—Voltaire, by Professor Foster followed by play by Penn State Players in Auditorium.

Wednesday, February 22. 6:30-8:00 P. M.—Ticket Sale for lecture by Dr. Gibbons at Co-Op. 7:00 P. M.—C and F Club 11 L. A. 8:00 P. M.—Girls' Glee Club Concert, Auditorium.

Thursday, February 23. 7:00 P. M.—Clever Club, Election of Officers—109 Ag. Building. 7:00 P. M.—Berks County Club, 314 Main Building. 8:00 P. M.—Lecture—"The Next Move in the International Game," by Dr. Herbert Adams Gibbons, Auditorium.

Notices

Business notice: More rooms for women students for the summer session. Dean Knight will be glad to receive notice of any tentative recommendations which will be desirable.

New Books On The Library Shelves

- Anthony—Standard forms of field notes for civil engineers. Below—Installing management in woolworking plants. Bennett—Fran von Sietel. Day—Mechanics. Culy—Heroes, hero-worship. Cudjoriy—Historia de la lengua y literatura castellana. Christian—Highway engineering. Cochran—The Western Reserve and the fugitive slave law. Cook—The making of steel. Cooke—The factory system and the factory acts. Copeland—Marketing problems. Courand—Literatura americana. Cumberland—Cooperative marketing. Duhann—Twenty years of Balkan lunacy. Ellis—Gasoline and other motor fuels. Finch—Topographic maps and sketch mapping. Fish—How to manage men. Frontinus—The two books on the water supply of the city of Rome. Gifford—Heat treatment of soft and medium steels. Guenard—French civilization from its origins to the close of the middle ages. Hager—Oil-field practice. Haines—Principles and problems of government. Hauser—Modern management applied to construction. Innes—The philosophy of Plotinus. James—Local government of the U. S. Johnson—The principles, operation and products of the blast furnace. Jordan—Business forecasting. Kelly—Hiring the worker. Kieckhefer—The modern trust company, 3th ed. Kniffin—American banking practice. Knight—Tobacco and genetics. Knoepfel—Graphic production control. La Renaissance—The picturesque architecture of Mexico. Leighton—The history of early relations between the U. S. and China. Lut—The fur trade of America. Leach—Food inspection and analysis, 4th ed. Long—The law of commercial exchanges. Longley—Since the civil war. Litchfield—The industrial republic. Longfellow—The complete poetical works of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

PENN STATE WILL SEND MEN TO POULTRY CONFERENCE

The extension specialists in Poultry Husbandry and Agronomy from ten eastern states, will meet at an extension conference in Springfield, Massachusetts, on February twenty-third, twenty-fourth, and twenty-fifth, and among others who will attend from Penn State are the following men: Mr. D. Monroe, Mr. L. W. Steedman and Mr. P. L. Sanford, of the Poultry Husbandry Department, and Mr. N. Schmitz, Mr. J. D. Dieke, and Mr. E. J. Walter, of the Agronomy Department. Mr. S. McDowell, Director of Agricultural Extension, will also be present at the conference.

TWO LECTURES SCHEDULED ON AG CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Two very good speakers have arranged to address the Crab Apple Club next month on subjects which promise to be of considerable interest to Agricultural and especially Horticultural students.

Mr. E. H. Anderson, who is Agricultural Culturalist for the New York Central Railroad, will deliver the first address, entitled, "Shall We Plant Peaches?" This talk will be given on March second.

The second speaker will be Mr. L. M. Marble, of Canton, Pennsylvania, who will speak on "Improvements in Common Store Houses."

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The Letter Box

On Defacing Old Nittany. The making of a huge letter 'S' on the side of Mount Nittany, though it is done with evergreen trees, is to me a thing of doubtful expediency. No one will question, I think, my loyalty to the college or my interest in any student project, that will add to her glory or her influence. My position in this matter is dictated solely by my love for Penn State and her environment.

The mountain is the most distinctive single object in our landscape, a dignified and impressive mass against our Shingleton and beyond. It would be a waste of space, and it has a melodious name that more and more is becoming a unique Penn State possession. To make a huge letter on the front of it like a hideous scar on a human face is to turn it into a sensational object and to take away much of its poetry. It becomes not the sentinel at the extreme flank of the range overlooking the magnificent valley, but it is turned into a mere billboard. Why should not some rich and enterprising class in coming days plant its name on Old Top to be initiated by other classes until the scales extended to Shingleton and beyond? It would be a sensational sight and certainly it would provoke comment. A rich Dartmouth class might have the letter 'D' painted on the cheek of the Old Man of the Mountain in Franconia. That would be college loyalty, all right, but the College College could plant a colossal 'C' on Pike's Peak, and the University of Buffalo might hang a 'B' equal in size to the college loyalty over Niagara Falls. Most states have laws against defacing natural scenery with advertising or anything else and such laws should apply here. It is a cheap idea and unworthy of Penn State. Before it is put into effect the alumni should be consulted and all who love our distinctive scenery should have a vote.

The money, it may be said, should be spent in making more beautiful our Campus. There are plenty of places where money should be spent in a way to bring joy to every Penn State man. (Signed) Fred Lewis Pattee.

INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS LECTURE TOPIC FRIDAY

Magnus W. Alexander, who will speak on "Industrial Conditions in Europe and America" in the Old Chapel this Friday at 1:30, is the Managing Director of the National Industrial Conference Board, which represents some twenty-five of the largest manufacturing and industrial concerns of the country. This board makes very thorough studies of industrial conditions and as the Director, Mr. Alexander has traveled extensively in Europe within the last few months and his lecture here will bring to the college first hand information concerning the competition which the United States faces from European sources. All students of the college are invited.

Mr. Alexander will be the guest of Dean Sackett while at the college.

DR. LANDRITH DISCUSSES PROHIBITION IN LECTURE

Dr. J. A. Landrith, a famous southern orator gave a lecture in the First Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening at seven-thirty o'clock on the subject "Prohibition and the America for It." His purpose was not to discuss prohibition, for prohibition is established under the eighteenth amendment to the constitution. His lecture was for the purpose of giving a few facts about the enforcement of prohibition and the problem that gives to the whole world.

From the facts Dr. Landrith gave it becomes apparent that prohibition is at least ninety-nine per cent effective. Only three states in the union failed to ratify the eighteenth amendment and those three states are the smallest in the union. It is a prerequisite for absolute prohibition that Dr. Landrith visits the colleges, to try to interest students in this cause.

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Dean R. L. Watts, of the School of Agriculture, has received a letter from the College of Agriculture of the University of California, at Berkeley, regarding Research Assistantships which will be offered by that institution this year. The announcement is as follows: The College of Agriculture of the University of California is offering three Research Assistantships effective July first, 1922, under the following conditions:

(1) That each assistantship carry a stipend of \$800 a year, made available in equal monthly payments. (2) That each research assistant be a candidate for a Master's Degree, and be allowed to register for such graduate work, in addition to their problem necessary for the securing of such a degree.

(3) That such research assistants should, with the exception of time devoted to their regular courses, apply their full time to the problem assigned, this being an integral part of an approved Experiment Station project. (4) That research assistants spend at least one semester at the University Farm at Davis.

(5) That each research assistant receive a presidential appointment covering the time of his service. For further information and to make application for one of these research assistantships students should write to Professor Robert F. Miller, chairman, Committee on Research Assistantships, Davis, California.

INTER-UNIT CAGE GAMES ANNOUNCED FOR WEEK

The inter-unit basketball season has not shown any signs of waning. Many of the teams are repeating the schedule and it is probable that the sport will continue to thrive for several weeks to come. It is not possible to pick the champion team so far. There will be an elimination contest played off toward the end of the season to decide the winner. Units 11, 20, 23 and 28 stand undefeated in their respective leagues. The schedule for next week follows:

Wednesday, February 22. 8:00-20 vs 29, 28 vs 17. 8:15-22 vs 7, 10 vs 23. Friday, February 24. 8:00-6 vs 20, 12 vs 24. 8:15-19 vs 2, 27 vs 1.

MANY ATTENDED SERIES OF ENGINEERING LECTURES

During the past week many students have taken advantage of the splendid series of lectures offered every day in Old Chapel. The series of ten lectures was delivered by Mr. J. P. Jordan, consulting industrial engineer of New York City. His magnetic and captivating personality held the interest of his audience throughout the week.

The subject of the series was "Factors of Efficiency" presented in a practical way, from the student's viewpoint, and by a man who knew the subjects about which he spoke from experience.

CAMERON COUNTY ORGANIZES SIXTY-THIRD FARM BUREAU

The Agricultural Extension Bureau of the college announces that Mr. W. A. Ross who graduated at mid-year from the course in Animal Husbandry will begin work as County Agent of Cameron County. Cameron County is the sixty-third county to organize a Farm Bureau.

The Extension Bureau has also been working on a milk campaign in Dauphin County, endeavoring to demonstrate the diet value of milk, especially for children.

Out-of-Doors

Dear Meadows is a high flat marsh or mountain bog lying at an elevation of about two thousand feet above sea level. It comprises an area of about five hundred acres and is about one and a half miles long and half a mile wide with its long axis, as indicated by the course of its main stream, lying nearly east and west. It is completely encircled by mountain walls on three sides, and is isolated at its eastern end by the end of Prong Mountain. A well husched road or trail completely encircles its basin. The only drainage is through the extreme eastern corner by way of Sinking Creek, a sluggish stream sometimes as much as two hundred feet wide during flood periods.

The region was lumbered over about twenty-six years ago and most of the large timber removed. The huge stumps just pile on the south side of the Meadows at Neff's Mill was made from timber cut about fourteen years ago from Fourth (Greenlee) Mountain shortly after this region was purchased by the State. A movement is on foot at the present time to designate the Meadows as a Botanical Preserve to be largely administered by the college. Because of the considerable number of botanical curiosities found here it is incumbent on everyone who visits the Meadows to assist in their preservation by refraining from ruthless destruction of plant life.

The Meadows is typically a cold Sphagnum bog and this accounts for the number of typically more northern plants found there. The spring season is at least two weeks later than in the surrounding mountains. Sphagnum grows in great luxuriance attaining depths of fourteen to eighteen inches. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, the species there represented are not those best suited in the making of surgical dressings, and consequently have not been disturbed until within the last two years, considerable quantities have been removed for use in packing plants in the forest nurseries.

The Sphagnum can be seen by entering the Meadows anywhere between East Point and Spruce Spring. At the time the Meadows was originally lumbered over tramways were constructed for taking the timber out to Linden Hall where it was cut up. The remains of these trams are still quite evident within the Meadows. The main tram enters the Meadows near East Point, and was subsequently split into three main lines. One penetrates the northern side of the Meadows through the Sphagnum bog. A main line crosses the eastern end of the Meadows past Spruce Spring and goes up along Sinking Creek, nearly half way to Neff's Mill, then splits into two, one crossing the creek and penetrating the heart of the Meadows. The other follows along the south side of the creek to, near the upper end of the Meadows. These trams furnish an excellent means of orientation when in the Meadows, but in some places have all but disappeared.

Black spruce and Balsam Fir, here found in perhaps their southernmost stations, are common in the Meadows. Between Pine Spring Camp Site and the trail over Fourth Mountain, on the Meadows side of the road, in a beautiful growth of a cuffed virgin stand of spruce and fir. Some specimens are fifteen inches in diameter and close to ninety feet high. At other places are spruce stumps that bore trees close to two hundred years old. At the eastern end of the Meadows, along the north side of Sinking Creek, is a cuffed stand of pure virgin hemlock, reached by a tramway and path from the road just south of the bridge over the Creek. One hemlock on Sandy Knoll, in the center of the Meadows, is thirteen feet in circumference.

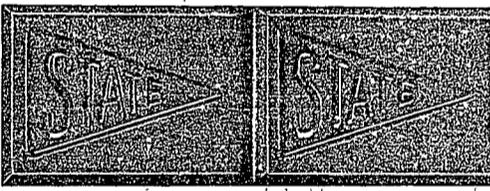
Titcher plants are abundant through the deep boggy portions of the Meadows. They are most easily seen by following the tramway into the Sphagnum bog near East Point, but are likewise to be found anywhere within the region of Sphagnum growth. The plants bloom in late June or in July. Sunflower is abundant in the same locations, but is an inconspicuous plant except when in bloom in July. Mountain laurel and Rhododendron attain heights of fifteen feet in some areas as much as four inches in diameter. Many such specimens are probably one hundred and fifty or two hundred years old. High bush huckleberries are abundant anywhere along Sinking Creek, and in the more open parts of the Meadows. Some of these bushes are fifteen feet high. Cranberries occur rather abundantly in patches along with the pitcher plants, especially along the north side of Sinking Creek just opposite the westernmost trap place in Penn Meadows Mountain. Other interesting and more or less uncommon plants to be found are as follows: Mountain ash, Poison Sumac, red maple four feet in diameter, leather leaf, yellow fringed orchid, royal fern, painted Trillium (a station at the bridge over Sinking Creek), six-lobed orchid, and four species of ground pine.

BASEBALL MEN REPORT AT HARVARD AND CORNELL

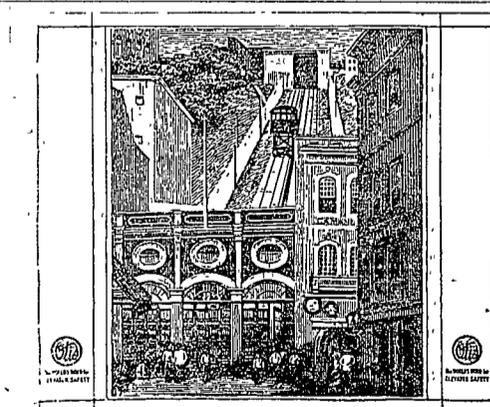
Baseball practice started at Harvard and Cornell last Monday when the candidates, reported for the first work of the season. Prospects look reasonably bright for the Ithacans with sixty-five candidates reporting, including twelve veterans, seventeen pitchers, ten catchers, twenty-three infielders, and fifteen outfielders. This season Cornell will play on a new diamond which will be ready upon the return of the team from the southern training trip in the spring.

The Harvard squad is working out at the camp preparatory to the southern trip. With considerable good material in the forty-seven candidates and a schedule which includes most of the important games forward the end of the season is anticipating a successful season.

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