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THE VOTING PROBLEM

For once, at least, the action urged through the columns of this newspaper has been taken, and with a vengeance. The students, in fact, made what might have been a good thing look bad.

The unprecedented success of the campaign to get out the vote harks back memories of the Mayor Thompson whom we so roundly denounced and the Vane scandal. Where, one asks, did the extra votes come from? Is one to believe that, even in the case of the politically-alert Quaker City, the campus hounds gambled to the polls and wagged a significant "yes" to the ballot-tender?

"In spite of the rulings and vigilance of Student Council, attempts have been made to campaign at the ballot boxes, but the practice has been so discouraged in the past that it will not be in evidence at all in the coming class elections.

Difficult it is to decide whether laxity at the ballot boxes, ineffectiveness of the election check-up system, or cleverness on the part of the "stuffers" were directly responsible. The fact remains, however, that someone, who is certainly no credit to Penn State or himself (plural, maybe) played unfairly.

Evidently, steps must be taken to prevent a recurrence of the affair. In spite of the Penn State Honor Code, Penn State Spirit, etc., we have those among us who refuse to play the game fairly, men who will be clever enough to find a means to defeat any election system possible.

The present system once seemed infallible, but last week's balloting proved the contrary. At some of the other colleges a check is kept upon the voters by punching each student's matriculation card.

CUSTOMS

At one time there was a movement on foot to revive old customs and traditions. The students wanted more colorful traditions. Accordingly, class scraps were revived and new celebrations were introduced.

Fortunately the viewpoint that antiquated, worn-out traditions as well as those customs which are obviously brutal and a disgrace to the Institution should be dropped, is growing more popular.

has been criticized because students participating have been permanently injured. The criticism is just since no parents send their sons to college to be maimed and certainly the injured party will not entertain friendly sentiments toward the place that was responsible for his disablement.

Recently some members of the faculty have voiced disapproval of Poverty Day because the indecent exposure of a few of the neophytes has disturbed classes. If that is true, then some punishment must be laid on those who refuse to garb themselves "decently, but poorly" or Poverty Day will fall under the head of traditions that injure the College.

Since customs affect most intimately the students themselves, why do not some of them voice their opinions upon the subject?

THE ARISTOCRACY OF GOLD

Harking back to medieval times, students of history, readers of romance and knightly tales will recall that in those days the world was ruled by an aristocracy of might. As a reward for worthy deeds, royal titles were granted much the same as medals are awarded today.

The titled aristocracy, however, soon became the undisputed lords of the land and began to rest on their laurels. They degenerated. Their titles, which stood for bravery and valorous deeds, were sufficient to inspire awe and obedience in their vassals.

Under the new regime another ruling class began to develop. The new agent required for supremacy, for immunity from punishment was not the strong arm nor the landed title, but currency of the realm—gold. Money became the magic lamp which brought everything to the individual who possessed it in sufficient quantities.

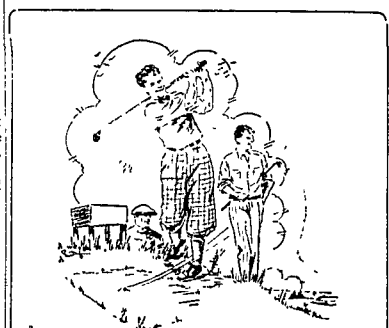
Such is the present stage of man in the process of becoming civilized. Justice is meted out, not to all, but only to those with insufficient wealth to buy means of escape. The most recent example of an escape by purchase is the Fall and Sinclair oil case.

History repeats itself and are we therefore, to suppose that the Barons of Gold will steadily increase in power and influence until the humbler folk will become as completely enslaved as the peasant of old? Will millionaires and billionaires finally become self-satisfied, complacent and then degenerate until there is another revolution? Frankly, no one knows.

The Bullosopher's Chair

"In the course of my wanderings this afternoon, I walked down to the site of the proposed winter sports development. From what I could observe the skating pond hadn't progressed much farther than the proposed stage.

"Of course, there is plenty of time between now and next winter, but I am beginning to be apprehensive lest there be no skating pond even by that time. Since the winter months offer so little in the way of outdoor recreation here, one becomes much concerned over the addition of skating to our cold-weather pastimes.



For a SELECTION IN SPORTS WEAR IT'S MONTGOMERY'S SEE OUR Sleeveless Sweaters

"Business World Advances Scholars," Says Authority

The business world offers golden opportunities to the scholar, says Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, in an article in the May issue of Harper's Magazine.

Mr. Gifford, one of the outstanding utility executives of this country, in support of this statement, gives figures obtained by his company from a study of the records of college graduates employed in the organization.

This investigation into the relation existing between college scholarship and progress in the company was conducted by the personnel department of Mr. Gifford's organization and has required two years for a general summary to be formed.

The group to be investigated was divided into four classes. The first division included only men who had ranked in the first tenth of their class in college.

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In each of these classifications the earnings of certain individuals varied considerably from the average of the group. The assumptions which the investigation made were determined by taking the average of all

FORESTERS PLANT TREES ON COLLEGE FARMLANDS

Experimenting with forest growth, the department of forestry has recently finished the planting of several hundred acres of trees, on the college farms.

The experimental work is being done for the purpose of studying the effect of different conditions upon trees.

Different methods of planting have also been used in the past. The effect of mixing species is being watched by the department with the hope of obtaining data on plantations which are not planted pure.

College To Observe Annual Mothers' Day

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will offer "The Family Upstairs," a farce comedy in three acts, at eight-fifteen o'clock in the Schwab auditorium. The week-end of festivities will be formally closed Sunday morning with Chapel services at eleven o'clock.

Cathaum Theatre

Nittany Theatre
TUESDAY—Cathaum—Estelle Taylor, Antonio Moreno in "THE WHIP WOMAN"
TUESDAY—Nittany—Charlie Murray, Louise Fazenda in "VAMPING VENUS"
WEDNESDAY—Virginia Valli in "THE ESCAPE"
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY—Bessie Love, Johnny Walker in "THE MATINEE IDOL"
FRIDAY—4:00 p. m.—Special Children's Matinee
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—George O'Brien, Estelle Taylor in "HONOR BOUND"

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Remember Mother With a Gift PRETTY NEW FLOWERS EGOLF'S

Blindfolded in scientific test of leading Cigarettes, James Montgomery Flagg selects Old Gold. After this test, Mr. Flagg wrote: "Most of us smoke names and think we are smoking cigarettes! The blindfold test proved that to me. It proved also that it is difficult to tell one cigarette from another... except in the case of OLD GOLD... I spotted that... it suited me best even blindfolded."