SECOND CIVIC LECTURE TO-NIGHT

R. P. I. Defeats State College
Season Opens With Defeat — "Honey" Miller Stars

The second lecture in the series of civic lectures will be given tonight in the auditorium by Mr. Robert S. Binkerd, Secretary of the City Club of New York. His topic will be "The History and Problems of American City Government." Mr. Binkerd will discuss early forms of municipal government, the building of the long battle, the influence of the Civil War on city government, the age of franchise grabbers, separation of city government from national and State politics, the struggle to secure simpler and more efficient city government and the conception of the modern city as the agent of an affirmative social policy.

A prize of ten dollars is offered by Dr. Charles M. Culver for the best essay on the subject of this lecture.

THIRD LIFE INSURANCE LECTURE FRIDAY MORNING.

The chapel period on Friday morning will be taken up with the third of the series of lectures on life insurance. The speaker will be Mr. Chauncey D. De Rouville, who is the General Agent of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Albany. Mr. De Rouville's topic will be "Life Insurance To-day." His speech will cover the following sub-topics:

A. Insurance Laws.
B. Kinds of Life Insurance Companies.
C. Care in Investments.
D. Adaptability and Uses of Life Insurance to Meet Modern Requirements.
E. Opportunities in Life Insurance as a Life Vocation.

HOKEY vs. R. P. I. DEC. 19.

The managers of the Hockey Team have this far scheduled one game; that is with R. P. I. and dated for Dec. 19th. Judging by the present outlook the game will have to be postponed until after the Christmas holidays unless colder weather puts the rink in condition.

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NEW ENGLISH SYLLABUS ADOPTED

Most Constructive Step in Teaching Taken in United States, Commissioner Finley Declares.

A revised syllabus of English for secondary schools was adopted for recommendation to the Board of Regents by the New York State examinations board, at the annual session Saturday in the Education Building.

As much as the examinations board serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Regents, it is expected the new syllabus will be adopted when the board meets within two weeks. If passed upon it will apply to the class entering high school in September, 1917.

Another important feature of the session was the proposed adoption of a new syllabus for the seventh and eighth grades in the elementary schools and the first grade in the high school, which will be known as the "middle school."
At the regular meeting held Nov. 22 Guy V. Bruce gave an interesting discussion on "The Physics of the Earthquake," a brief synopsis of which is given here. The ancients believed that the earthquake was the visitation of an angry deity. Even among the civilized peoples of a comparatively modern age, such absurd and amusing ideas were held. About the middle of the 19th century Japan started the real scientific investigation to find the true cause of the earthquake. In brief, the scientists of to-day say that an earthquake always means a yielding to stress, which is the result of an unstable condition in gravitational equilibrium. This unstable condition is due to the cooling and contraction of the earth's interior, which causes the outer crust to bulge out and finally fracture, and return to its former state of equilibrium. The displacement is comparatively small in any earthquake, while the shock may be sensibly felt over an entire continent. What follows of the enormous amount of energy of the earthquake? Omitting details, the energy is reflected within the crust and transmitted back and forth through the entire mass of the earth in form of faint tremors, that may continue for hours, and finally fritter away in heat.

THE JOSEPH HENRY SOCIETY.

CHEMISTRY CLUB.

Mr. Taylor, of the Lansingburg High School, and formerly chemist with the Diamond Match Company in their factory in Oswego, N. Y., addressed the Chemistry Club on Friday, Dec. 5. Mr. Taylor showed the development of the match, beginning with the old primitive match, which was made by dipping splints of wood in sulphur and igniting this with the spark from flint and steel. Following this came the "chemical" match, which was made of an oxidizing agent, sulphur and sugar, and was ignited by dipping in sulphuric acid.

Later there was the "friction" match and this was the one that was used universally until the early part of the twentieth century. The modern "safety friction" match is the friction type that is now used, while the "safety" match, a Swedish invention, has been in use for some fifty years.

Mr. Taylor told about some of the methods that are used in analyzing the materials and finished products. At the close of the meeting he was elected to honorary membership.

The following members were elected to serve as officers of the Club: President, Miss Stewart; Vice-President, Miss Parry; Secretary, Miss Parry; Treasurer, Mr. Winkler; Librarian, Miss Johns; Counselor, Mr. Kennedy.

The Club is still growing rapidly, the following students being elected to membership: Alice Lane, Edna Woodward, Ruth Paterson, Harold Labell, Walter Fraser, Nelson Force, Verna McCan and Edith Sullivan.

NEW FEATURE IN INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

Last year a new course in plumbing and electric wiring was added to the industrial work. The students of that class have successfully carried out their plans to the best of their ability within the class room. It has been a perfect success as far as general practice is concerned, but this year the Industrial Department has undertaken a new project which has many advantages over the former work. This project has brought to the students a more practical understanding of the work, as they are reinstating the plumbing and electric wiring necessary for the completion of the house selected by the Home Economics Department of the College.

The students taking this course are very fortunate in procuring such practical means for putting their theoretical training to a test, and are showing their appreciation by carrying out instructions. The practice house is directly opposite the College at Elm Street. Shop early.
Juniors 3 3 Seniors 0 6
by one game. The Juniors are
now leading the Freshmen, who are in second place, two games
men, who are in second place,
much more during the past
season. The contest was not at
all uninteresting, due to
the Seniors be hovering
from the League, but since
they now have a good five to
two advantage in the fight they will in
certainty, the Sophomores
two, and are in second place, and are the
cardinal points of the schedule.

The score:

Peckham, c 3 o 6

Peckham, c

Troy was encouraging. About
a little, so that the very
much to complain about.

The ice is now broken, Coach
Wachtcr will go with them to
Schenectady, and the Union
team this year is not quite as
good as R. P. I.'s. Also, F. Fitzgerald, who is
now leading the Freshmen, who are in second place, two games
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PSI GAMMA

Ruth Patterson spent Thanksgiving with Lucile Stevens.

Margaret Christ ’17 attended the Student Conference at Ithaca last week.

Lucile Hale visited at West Point over the week-end of Nov. 25.

Marjorie Mitchell, Nina Johns, Olive Horning and Lilian King spent Thanksgiving at their homes.

KAPPA DELTA

Marion White ’19 was received into full membership of Kappa Delta Wednesday evening. We extend her a hearty welcome.

We are planning to have a Christmas party at the house soon. Each of the girls will receive a suitable present from an anonymous Santa. You see he is a believer in the “safety first” doctrine!

KAPPA NU

The second of our literary meetings was held last Monday night. Mae Cronin, Mary Kinsella and Mildred O'Malley ’18 gave papers on several modern authors.

Florence Quinlavin ’18 has been elected Vice-President of Spanish Club.

Edith Sullivan ’18 is back at College after her recent illness.

Dr. Russell, of Saranac Lake, visited the house last Thursday. He entertained the house guests with a theatre party at the Grand.

ETA PHI NOTES

The Eta Phi girls held an informal dance in the gymnasium Friday evening, Nov. 24th, which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. The faculty members and chaperons present were Prof. and Mrs. Rislev, Prof. and Mrs. Bircheneche, Mrs. Sayles, Mrs. Jacob Van Deen, Miss Jennie Holbrook and Miss Rhoda Butler.

Thea Mosher ’16 visited the girls at the house last week.

Doris Smith ’16, and Olive Getman, of Johnstown, were guests at the house for Thanksgiving.

We were delighted to welcome back Jennette Campbell ’14, Geraldine Murray ’16 and Doris Quinn ’16, who were in town for Thanksgiving.

DELTA OMEGA NOTES

The girls are planning to have their annual Christmas tree and all the fun that goes with it on Tuesday evening, Dec. 19.

Carolete E. Lipes attended the Student Conference at Ithaca, Dec. 1, 2, 3.

Marion Wheeler, Jennie Davis and Hazel Bennett, all of ’14, were at the house Saturday, Dec. 2.

Marion I. Blodgett ’17 spent the weekend of Dec. 8 at Wells College, Aurora, N.Y., as the guest of Elizabeth Little ’15, who is librarian there.

SOPHIS DEFEAT SENIORS

Thursday noon the Soph girls’ basketball team defeated the ’16 team to the tune of 7-6. At the end of the first half the score was 5-4 in favor of the Sophs. Early in the second half the Seniors gained one basket, making the score read 6-5 in their favor. The guarding of both teams was so close that no more baskets were made until one-half minute before the final whistle blew, and then Anna Burrell shot a basket which turned the game over to the Sophomores. In the line-up of the two teams were:

Seniors
Sophia Moore
Carrie B. Moore
Forward
Jennie Williams
Center
Mildred O'Malley
Forward
Ruth Christensen
Annie B. Moore
Center
Helen Van Cleaf
Katharine Van Cleaf
Guard
Lillian King
Michaela Yorke

Reserve — Mill. Time of Halves — 10 minutes.

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