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## COLLEGE CALENDAR.

TO-DAY: 8 p. m., Lecture on History of City Government; 5 p. m., Interclass Basket Ball.
THURSDAY: 12 noon, Girls' Interclass Basket Ball, Juniors vs. Seniors; $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., Promethean Playlet.
FRIDAY: 9 a. m., Lecture on Present Day Life Insurance; $4: 30$, Dancing Class 7:30, Basket Ball Dance.
SATURDAY: 8 p. m., Basket Ball, Union vs. State College at Schenectady.
MONDAY: 5 p. m., Interclass Basket Ball; 8 p. m., Glee Club; 4:30 p. m., Industrial Organization Meeting.
TUESDAY: Hockey, R. P. I. vs, State College.

WEDNESDAY: 5:30, Interclass Basket Ball; 8:30 p. m., Albany High School Gym, Opening of Home Season Basket Ball, St. Lawrence vs. State College.
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## TAX LECTURE BY

## JOHN Z. WHITE

John \%. White, of Chicago, ati atuhority on municipal and federal taxation, was the first speaker at the series of eivic lectures which opened last Wednesday night in the auditorium of the college. The lectures are under the auspices of the college, in co-operation with the Civil League. The topic of Mr. White's lecture was "The Single Tax."
The speaker was introduced by President A. R. Brubacher.
' Land and human industry are the only two successful taxable things in this country," declared Mr. White, " and until taxation is confined to these alone, the progress of the municipality or the country at large will be handicapped."
To further illustrate this point Mr. White cited instances in the city of Chicago where, he said, 69 per cent. of the building lots are now vacant because of the high improvement tax rate.
"To tax public improvements in a community is to lower the value of the land, and with this comes a disastrous blow to the town or city," he said.

## Municipal Taxation.

Mr. White endorsed municipal taxation on land, and said Continued on Papo 3

## SECOND CIVIC LECTURE T0-NIGHT

The second lecture in the series of civic lectures will be given to-night in the auditoritum by Mr. Roberts. 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 ballot, the influence of the (ivil War on city govertment, the age of franchise grabbers, separation of city government from national and State polities, 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 wfiered by Dr. C. M. Culver for the best essiay 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. Chas. C. De Rouville, who is the General Agent of the Penn Mutual Life Tnsurance Co, in Albany. Mr. De Rouville's topic will be " Tife 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 Tife Vocation.

## HOCKEY vs. R. P. I.

 DEC. 19.The managers of the Hockey Team have thus 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 into condition.

## R. P. I. Defeats State College

Season Opens With Defeat - "Honey" Miller Stars

Contrary to the expectations of most State College students R. I'. I. defeated the Purple and Cold in the lirst game of the season, which was played Firiday evening. December Sth. in Troy. The score of the contest was $45: 21$.
About three hundred students and their friends accompanied the State College team to Troy and loyally stood by the five during all stages of the game. The game started fast. and a whirlwind pate wats kept (II) for about lifteen minutes. During this time the State College five was R. I'. I.'s equal in every department of the game. Their passing was accurate, their floorwork fast, and their judement good. In the first few minntes Rensselaer shot ahead to a four point lead, but State College immediately tied the score. Again and again the engineers would forge ahead. hut the wearers of the Purple and Cold would even up the cotme. The seare stond $11: 11$. The large bleachers on both sides of the gym seemed to be trembling with the excitement of the spectators. Cineer upon

## NEW ENGLISH SYLLABUS ADOPTED

Most Constructive Step in Teach. ing Taken in United States, Taken in Declares.
A revised syllabus of English for sccondary 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.
Inasmuch 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." PresiConttured on Page 3
cheer came from the followers of both teams. Each side felt sure of victory; the crisis of the game had come; the team now getting the break would win. The realization of this fact brought forth renewed yells. The men on the floor were doing their utmost; the State College five was playing beyond expectations. Hope began to rise in the heart of every supporter of the Purple and Ciold. Then the break came, atill it favored R. P. I. Peckham, the State College center, was weakening on account of trouble with his side. Captain Jones knew that to stop the game would mean the break. lle had hoped his pivotman would recover, but when he saw his team slowed up by the center's imability to keep up the pace, he called for time out. After that it was R. P. I.'s game. State College by no means gave up, but fouglit the Trojans to the finish, making thell work for every point won. But they simply could not hit their stride again. Only when F. Fitzgerald was substituted for Gocwey at forward and Coowey went in at center in Peckham's place did their playing again resemble that of the first fifteen mintutes.
The score at half time was $23: 13$ in favor of R. P. I., and the true final score should have been in that proportion or better. S. Fitzgerald had a bad day at foulshooting, making good only in one out of eleven trials. A better record in this department would have made the score look better. For R. P. I. Ewing starred with eleven baskets. This, however, was made possible only by the good floor work of Woolsey, who was hardly ever covered after the first part of the game. The Woolsey-Par-rott-Ewing combination coming down the floor was too much for the State College defence, although both Jones and Miller did all in their power to stop them. It was simply a case of two against three with the natural result. Miller, a new man with the Purple and Gold, played a brilliant game. Without taking any credit from any of the other men, it Continued on Paje 3
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## 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. 8. Mr. Taylor showed the development of the match, beginning with the old brimstone match, which was made by dipping splints of wood in sulphur and igniting this with the spark from fint and stecl. 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 Payne; Secretary, Miss Murtaugh: Treasurer, Mr. Winkler; Librarian. Miss Johns; Counselor, Mr. Kennedy.
The Club is still growing rapidly, the following students heing elected to membership: Tessic Lane, Edna Woodward. Ruth Patterson, Harold Lobdell, Walter Fraser, Nelson Force, Verna McCann and Edith Sullivan.

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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 gencral 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 reinstalling 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 the earnestness evidenced in carrying out instructions.
The practice house is directly opposite the College at 429 Washington avenue. The girls of the Home Economics Department have already started to furnish it. With the combined efforts of both Departments, it is expected that in the near future the facilities for putting all theoretical training into practice will be greatly improved.

## CHARLES ZEILMAN '19 HOLDS WEBER, R. P. I. MAN, TO DRAW.

Chas. Zeilman 'ig, State Collecge's strong man, went to Troy last Friday evening and there between the halves of the R. P. I.-State College game, gave a wrestling exhibition with R. P. I.'s crack wrestler. Although Weber seemed to have a little the better of it, yet Zeilman was never in danger. The exhibition was clean and interesting. It is to be hoped that Zeilman and some of the other State College wrestlers will have other chances to show what they can do.

## CONSUMERS' LEAGUE.

What are you doing for the membership campaign at S. C. T.? Syracuse has a membership of 500 , Smith $900, \mathrm{Mt}$. Holyoke 300 . Help our League to swell its number to 500 by joining before Dec. 14. The loosing side of the campaign gives a party to the League. We want you there.
The League must grow. If you. know of someone employed in store or factory, help to better their working conditions by giving your support.

Oceasionally we will have State and National speakers at our meetings to tell us what is being done elsewhere. We are going to work in cooperation with St. Agnes' School League. We have planned a canvass of the stores in the city for White Label goods. There is a fine exhibit in the main hall.

Help others to live by joining the League. Shop early. Officers: President. Miss Mildred Bently; Vice-President. Miss Elizabeth Ferguson; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Mary Ann Ilardenbergh.

## INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION GIVES RECEP. TION.

Saturday evening the recently formed Industrial Organization entertained the Senior Home Economic girls at a party given in the industrial building. The affair was an all-around good time, and everybody present enjoyed it immensely. The main object of the affair was to make everybody acquainted, and in order to achieve this purpose prizes were offered to those who succeeded in making the largest number of acquaintances. Miss Palmer succeeded in carrying off the premier honors, while Miss Halleron received the second prize. A consolation prize was given to the person in the room known to have met the least number of new people. Mr. Goff modestly accepted the token. Among the faculty members present were Prof. and Mrs. Smith, Prof. and Mrs. Douglas and Prof. Burke.

## JUNIOR CLASS.

The Junior Prom. Committee is working on its plans for that function, and committees on the banquet and reception have been appointed by Miss Moore.
All Jumiors are asked to contribute original class songs and yells to our new cheerleader, Alfred Dedicke.

## R. P. I. Defoata State College

 Continued from Paye 1can be said that he was the best man on the team. Illness prevented Coach Wachter from being at the game and undoubtedly that was one reason for the defeat. Again, the men may have been overtrained just a little, so that the very large court in Troy was too much for them.
In spite of the defeat the team is looking forward to the Union game on Saturday with the greatest of confidence. The ice is now broken. Coach Wachter will go with them to Schenectady, and the Union court is much more to their liking. Besides it is the opinion of many, that the Union team this year is not quite as good as R. P. I.'s. Also, F. Fitzgerald will probably have recovered from his injuries by then.
The large crovd of State College folks who went to Troy was encouraging. About 300 were over there. If this same interest prevails for the home games, the basketball management will not have much to complain about.
The score of the game:
k. P. 1.
F.B. F.P. T.P.

Ewing, r.f.
Robertson, lif. .....
Woolsey,
O'Hara, r.g.
Parrott, l.g.
Noyes, 1.f.
Lockman, I.g.
Sullivan, c.
Totals .
State College F.B. F.P. T.P.
S. Fitzgerald.

Goewey, 1.f.
Peckham, c
Jones, I.g.
Miller, r.g.
F. Fitzgerald, i.f...

Totals.
Score-45:21. time-23:13. Referee-Ladue, Colgate. Timers - Hubbard. S. C., Lamb, R. P. T. Scorers - Kiernan. R, P. I., Dedicke, S. C. Time of halves - 20 minutes.

## INTERCLASS BASKE'T

 BALL LEAGUE.Sophomores Strengthen Lead.
Standing of the Teams: Team
$\begin{array}{lrrr}\text { Sophomores . ... } & \text { W. } & \text { L. } & \text { P.C. } \\ \text { Fineshmen . . .... } & 4 & 2 & 666 \\ \text { Fres } & 3 & 3 & 500\end{array}$ Jushmers. Seniors
The Sophomores made their lead in the Basket Ball League more secure during the past week by winning both games in which they took part. They are now leading the Freshmen, who are in second place, by one game. The Juniors are now in third place, two games
behind the leaders and one behind the Freshmen. The week's playing showed a remarkable reversal of form on the part of the Senior team. They now have a very fast and hard working aggregation and the other teams will have to reckon with them. There have been rumors to the effect that the Seniors have been dropped from the League, but since they now have a good five together and are anxious to continue in the fight they will in all probability carry out their part of the schedule.

## RESULTS OF GAMES.

Last Monday the Sophs played the Seniors. Both teams were weakened, the Seniors by the absence of Hager and the Sophs by the loss of Honey Miller, who, since he is a varsity man, is barred from class games. The game was the best played in the series this year. The score was close at all times, causing intense excitement among the spectators. At halfime the Sophs lead 1f:to, then the Seniors surged ahead, due to some good floor work by Walker and some fine shots by Hohatus. In the last few minutes of play Cassavant, who was the mainstay of the Sophomores throughout. made two great shots from the middle of the floor, thus saving the game for his team. The final score was $20: 15$.
The score:
Sophomores
F,B. F.P. T.P.
Ilarrigan, r.
Mason, I.f.
Cassavant,
Curtin. r.g.
Sutherland, i.g. .
Totals.


Seniors
Connors, r.f
Hohans, I.f.
Clapp, c
Walker, 1.g.
Pattinson, r.g.
 Referee-Goewer. Timer-Hubbard. Scorer-McEwan.
On Wednesday afternoon the Sophs beat the Juniors by a score of $13: 6$. The Jumiors, not having Cohen, who is on the varsity squad, and without anyone ready to substitute. played the game with but four men. The contest was not at all uninteresting. The second half, in which the Juniors outplayed the Sophs $6: 2$, was especially fast and full of life. The score:

## Sophomores

Harrigan. r.
Mason, 1.f.
rassavant.
Sutherland, r .
Curtin, 1.g.
Sherlock, r.
Force, r.g.

## Juniors

Greenblatt, r.f. ...
VanDer Worker,
Dedicke, r.g.
D. Townsend, I.g..

## Totals

Score at half time - $11: 0$ Time of halves -10 minutes. Reicre of halves- 10 minutes. Reicrec Scorer-McEwan.

## New English Syllabus Adopted 'onllaned Jrom Pouge I

dent John H. Finley was aut thorized to appoint a committee to prepare a syllabus for these grades.

President Finley, in commenting upon the syllabus adopted, said it would have decided emphasis on oral English in that it will aim toward the better and more accurate use of the language in curryday life. He said:
"The most important feature of the new English syllabus is the emphasis that is placed on oral English, which is for the first time included in the general Fuglish syllabus. This consummation is the most notable constructive action relating to the teaching of Einglish that has been taken in the United States. It is directerl primarily not toward public speech, but toward the better and more accurate use of English in everyday life, recognizing the fact that in life, oral expression is used much more extensively than written expression and should therefore be given much attention."

The propos : revised syllahi in modern languages and in Tatin were referred to Dr. Finley with authority to reformulate and present to the Board of Regents for adoption. The chief characterization of these syllabi is the vocabulary. which every student will be expected to know at the end of the second year. In the Latin lists there are $\mathrm{t}, 000$ words and in the German 2.500 . The French and Spanish lists have not been submitted, but it is expected they will include about 2.500 words each.

A list of 5.000 words for use in the elementary schools was presented and a passing mark of eighty-five per cent. will be required in spelling.
The requirements for the college entrance diploma in arts were moderated by adding second year Greek to the electives as a third foreign language.

## Tax Lecture by John Z. White

 Continucd from Pape 1that in places where it had been introduced, the towns and cities increased rapidly in wealth and in population. In the income tax there is em3 bodied a double tax, for accord-
ing to the lecturer, "all incomes are the result of land and toil.
"We have passed the point where taxation of improvements will be an incentive to buidd, and in order to protect the interests of the municipalities we should retreat to the point of land taxation."

The city of Victoria, Canada, was one of the first to adopt the municipal land taxation method, doing away with the improvement tax, and as a result the city is one of the most progressive in the Northwest.
The improvement tax is driving people away from the farms and into the cities where they are forced into the world of industry to the expense of the agricultural world. This, according to Mr . White, will lower the standard of the country in both an conomic and military sense, for he declared further "a country that is first in commercial activity is bound to be successful in its military endeavors."


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## PSI GAMMA.

Ruth Patterson spent Thanksgiving with Luciele Stevens.

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

Luciele Hale visited at West Point over the week-end of Nov. 30.

Marjorie Mitchel, Nina Johns, Olive Horning and Lillian 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. Mac Cronin. Mary Kinsella and Mildred O'Malley 'is gave papers on several modern authors.

Florence Ouinlavin '18 has been elected Vice-President of Spanish Club.
Edith Sullivan '18 is back at College after her recent illness.

Dr. Russell, of Saranac Lahe, visited the house last Thursday. He entertained the house girls 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. Birchenough, Mrs. Sayles, Mrs. Jacob Van Delon. Miss Jennic Holbrook and Miss Rhoda Butler.
Therla 'Mosher 't 6 visited the girls at the house last week.

Doris Smith 'iб, and Olive Getman, of Johnstown, were guests at the house for Thanksgiving.
We were delighted to welcome back Jennette Camphell 'T4. Geraldine Murray 'т6 and Doris Quinn 'I6, who were in town for Thanksgiving.

## DELTA OMEGA NOTES.

The girls are planning to have their annual Christmas
tree and all the t'm that goes with it on Tuesday evening, Dec. 19.
Carolecia E. Lipes attended the Student Conference at Ithaca, Dec. 1, 2, 3 .
Marion Wheeler, Jennic Davis and Hazel Bennett, all of '14, were at the house Saturday, Dec. 2:
Marion I. Blodget 'i7 spent the week-end of Dec. 8 at Wells College, Aurora, N. Y.. as the guest of Elizabeth Little ${ }^{1} 5$, who is librarian there.

## SOPHS DEFEAT SENIORS.

Thursday noon the Soph girls' basket ball team defeated the 'i6 team to the tume of $7: 6$. It the end of the first half the score was $5: 4$ in favor of the Soplis. Early in the second half the Seniors gained one basket, making the score read $6: 5$ in their favor. The graarding 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 Sophs
Moseley ................ Curtiss
Feder ..................... Iburrell
Reynokds ................ Amdrae
Post ..................... Demnin
Post .........
Braem
Side Cr.
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PROMETHEAN.

Playlet to be Given.
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