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NEWS OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Schedule Of Interesting Meetings And Excursions Planned For Coming Term

ANNUAL DINNER NEXT MONTH

Representative Pin For Student Branches Of A. S. M. E. Hoped For.

The Annual dinner and meeting of the Mechanical Engineering Society, will be held some time during the second week in March, probably at the Boston City Club. Among the guests and speakers on this occasion will be Professor Gaetano Lanza, Honorary Chairman and head of the department of Mechanical Engineering, Professor Edward F. Miller, also of the Department, Professor Ira N. Hollis, head of the department of Mechanical Engineering at Harvard University and Chairman of the Boston Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and I. E. Moulton, Secretary of the Boston Section, all members of the American Society.

Other meetings to be held during the month will be as follows:—Meeting addressed by Mr. I. E. Moulton on the subject of Power Plant Construction. Mr. Moulton will tell of the building of the L Street Power Station of the Boston Elevated Company, which was inspected by the Society last Spring. The talk will be illustrated with lantern slides.

A paper on the Poppet Valve of an Internal Combustion Motor will be delivered before the Society by N. S. Seeley, 1911, student member. This paper is the result of investigations carried on by Mr. Seeley of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Special lantern slides will be shown.

A lecture and demonstration of autogenous welding will be given by one of the Society by a member of the Welding Company of Springfield, Mass. By means of the oxy-acetylene process, thick steel plates are cut as easily as cheese. The practical application of this process for quickly cutting away the debris of fallen steel framed buildings or bridges, will be of great interest to engineering students.

Excursions planned for the coming five weeks are as follows:—United Shoe Machinery Company at Beverly, Mass., whose works are looked upon as most interesting of their kind in this section of the country. This trip may be arranged for Friday afternoon, February 28th.

The Stanley Iron Works, the only steel rolling mill in this section, will probably be visited the following week. This trip is attracting widespread attention among the Mechanicals and some of the other courses. The trip had been planned for a Saturday afternoon on account of the fact that most of the instructors in the Department of Mechanical Engineering wished to go, and could do so on no other day. Plans were upset however, by the closing down of the mill on Saturdays during the Winter, and so the trip will have to be taken at a time convenient to the greatest number, probably on a Friday afternoon. Foster Russell, Secretary of the Mechanical Engineering Society, has taken as a thesis The Design of a Steel Rolling Mill and Power Plant, for this company, a subject made interesting by the fact that the company intend rebuilding.

The Hood Rubber Company's plant will afford a chance to see another type of interesting machinery. Besides the rubber processes themselves, this plant is interesting in that it is one of a few which utilize the mechanical handling of freight, a subject which has lately

HOCKEY TEAM PLAYS WILLIAMS TO-NIGHT

Last Chance To See Institute Play Another College

CLOSE GAME EXPECTED

Large Attendance Expected, From Both Technology And Williams.

The Arena, tonight, will doubtless have the largest attendance from the Institute, that it has had this year, due to the hockey game with Williams. As this is the last game this season that the Tech team will play with another college, every man interested in the team or the sport should avail himself of this opportunity to see a fast game. Although at one time the Institute team seemed to be playing a better game than Williams, the latter has improved much since mid-years. This is largely a result of men at that college becoming eligible to play since exams. The Loudon Hockey Club of Albany has beaten Williams twice, while, in the games with Tech, Loudon has lost one and won one. The Institute team has beaten Mass. Agricultural College and the latter has beaten Williams.

Stucklen, who has been obliged to stay out of the game for a short time on account of a severe attack of grippe, is convalescing. He will probably play at least part of the game tonight. In case he should not be able to go in or is not strong enough to play the whole game, Sloane will take his place at left centre. In such an event Sloane's position at left wing will be filled by either Storke or Yereance. Vose and Ranney will each play point for a part of the game. The other positions will be as usual with Capt. Gould at cover point, Scoville at right wing, Hurlburt at right centre and Bakewell at goal.

A special section is to be reserved for Tech men and their friends. There will be organized cheering and if as good a gathering turns out as did at the Harvard game the rooters from Williamstown will not be able to make their presence known. This is a big event for Williams as well as for the Institute and it is quite likely that the college men will be strongly in evidence among the spectators.

FUNERAL OF TECH GRADUATE HELD LAST FRIDAY

Mr. Russell B. Simonds 1905 of Course XIII, dies in Greenfield

The funeral of Mr. Russell B. Simonds '05 was held Friday, Feb. 10. Mr. Simonds who is a graduate of the Naval Architectural Course had been suffering from tuberculosis for over a year and his death occurred Tuesday, February 7.

After preparing at Greenfield High and the Springfield Technical school, he entered Tech in 1901 and studied here five years receiving a B 2 degree and taking up extra electrical work which he needed in connection with his naval architectural business.

Through Admiral Bowles, formerly United States Naval Constructor, Mr. Simonds secured a position in the Fore River Yards, and began at the bottom, doing manual labor, with the idea of knowing the business thoroughly. Then he became fitter's assistant, later went into the office of inspector of forging and after this into the purchasing department. His chance for much further advancement in this business seems of the most promising character.

In personality, Mr. Simonds was somewhat reserved, but had a fund of dry humor and a winsome manner that made many friends.

COMPETITIONS OPENS FOR SHOW STAGE MANAGER

Meeting Of Contestants For Position In Show Office This Afternoon

ASSISTANTS POSITION IMPORTANT

Preliminary Trials For Parts In Cast Held Yesterday And Today.

This afternoon at four o'clock, Stage Manager E. H. Schell will meet in the Show Office, all candidates for the position of Assistant Stage Manager. This is another opportunity for freshmen to show their spirit by supporting the Show, and incidentally, it is an opportunity to gain an invaluable business experience and to be at the head of Tech Show during the senior year. It is hoped that many who have refrained from entering the former competitions, have done so with the intention of coming out for Assistant Stage Manager.

This branch of the management has charge of the actual staging of the Show and aside from the advantages to be gained from connection with any position of the Management, has the addition of recommendations of having charge of the most interesting part of the work. Its members are responsible for the procedure of rehearsals and they have a great deal to do with the final picking of the cast and chorus. Their work is mostly behind the scenes, where they are in supreme authority and where they become the motive force of the Show. Especially does the stage department become important during the several taps, of which it has entire charge. The importance of this part of its work can be easily understood when we realize that upon it falls the entire responsibility of making arrangements for the transportation of seventy men and all the stage accessories.

The work of the assistant comes principally at rehearsals where he takes attendance helps with the prompting, and makes himself generally useful.

He has ahead of him, if he does consistently satisfactory work, the probability of becoming Stage Manager in his junior year, with the possible rise to general Manager when he becomes a senior.

Like that of the Publicity department, this competition is primarily for freshmen, it affords to their an unusually good opportunity for business experience and offers a chance to enter one of the most interesting and widely known of the student activities at M. I. T.

The several aspirants to the parts of Tick Wells, Bruce Carter, Phil Van Veen, and Harry Hovens gathered in the Union yesterday and recited their parts with all the vivacity at their command. Each one then sang his favorite song to show his vocal ability.

Those who are out for the parts of Bill Boltwood, A. Watt, Francol, or Mr. G. B. Howe are reminded to report in the Union dining room at 4.00 P. M.

A series of tests to determine the relative value of several different kinds of coal for use in locomotives is being carried on as thesis work by Mr. J. A. Herlihy '11. During the month of September Mr. Herlihy made seventeen trips between Boston and East Deerfield, a distance of 103 miles on the Boston and Maine Railroad.

CALENDAR

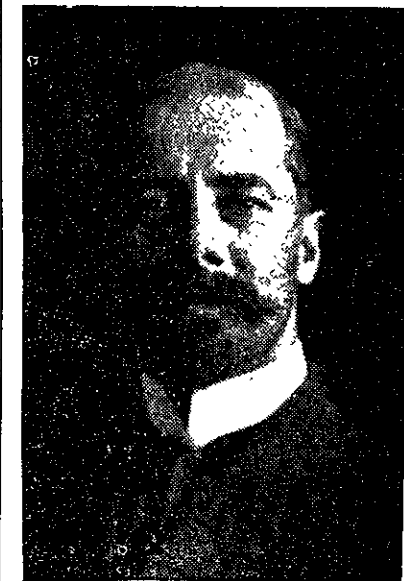
Monday
4.00—Mandolin Club Practice—Union.
5.00—Technique Board Mtg.—Union.
1.00—1911 Class Mtg.—11 Eng. B.
5.00—Basket Ball Practice—Gym.
5.00—1914 Basket Ball—Gym.

DR. ROCKWELL SPEAKS TO INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

Says That Athletics Are In Better Condition Than Formerly

MORE MONEY NEEDED HOWEVER

Point System Comm. Makes Report On Men Who Have Over Ten Points.



Dr. J. A. Rockwell

A meeting of the Institute Committee was held in Room A in the Union at 4.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Reports were accepted from the secretary, the Bulletin Board Committee, the Calendar Committee, and the Point System Committee. The representatives of the various societies were instructed to have reports of their finances sent to the finance commission, and were requested to send notices of events and meetings to the Calendar Committee as for in advance as possible. A list of the men having over ten points was read.

Dr. Rockwell of the advisory Council, read a report concerning the financial status of the council. He said that athletics at Institute have never been in better standing before, but that funds were needed and that they required as much money from the Tech Show as is possible to give them. On account of lack of money the relay team will be unable to compete at the meet at Philadelphia, which is one of the most important athletic wants of the year. A contract has been made with Brown to hold a meet with them this year at Providence, and next year here at Tech.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY

1.00—Chess club, room 8, Eng. C.
4.00—Mandolin Club Practice.—Union.
4.00—Glee Club Practice.—Union.
4.15—Technique Board Mtg.—Union
4.15—Varsity Track Team Practice—Gym.
4.15—1914 Indoor Track Team Practice—Gym.
8.00—M. I. T. vs Williams—Arena.

FRIDAY

1.00—Tech News Board Mtg.—Union.
4.15—1913 Electional Com. Mtg.—42 Rogers.
4.15—Gym Team Practice—Gym.
5.00—1914 Basketball—Gym.
8.00—M. I. T. B. B. vs Tufts, Amherst Track Meet—Gym.
8.00 C. E. Soc. M. P. Show—H. H.

SATURDAY

2.15—1914 Track Team Practice.
2.00—Hockey Practice—Arena.
5.15—Orchestra Rehearsal—Union.

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TECH VS. WILLIAMS AT 8 O'CLOCK TO-NIGHT, ARENA.

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 1911

The game with Williams tonight is one of the biggest games of the hockey season and should bring out the Institute en masse. It is a home game so there is no excuse if we are not all there with a noise that will make the visitors sit up and take notice. We ought to win in both the hockey and the rooting games. All out and yell!

DINING ROOM COMMITTEE DISCUSSES IMPROVEMENTS

Decorations For Walls And Flowers Proposed; Piano Enevings Suggested

At Tuesday's meeting of the Union Dining Room Committee, several schemes were proposed, whereby the patronage of the Tech Union in the evening might be increased.

The Walls of the dining room are to be decorated becomingly and flowers will be much more in evidence than has heretofore been the case. The best scheme proposed was to have music every evening, and that this will make the evening meal much more enjoyable was demonstrated last night, when the diners were pleasantly surprised with piano selections. The management hopes that the emm will take advantage of the arrangement and patronize the dining room.

As regards the noon service, everything is working out well and the services to be further facilitated by the addition of more waiters.

FRESHMEN VS. BROOKLINE AT GYM: SATURDAY

Dual Track Meet In Indoor Events With Local Stars

On Saturday, February 18, the respective track teams of 1914 and Brookline High School will clash in a dual track meet at the Gym.

This meet will probably be more closely contested than the 1913-1914 Meet held February 4, and will be different, in its list of events. The program consists of a 35 yard dash, 300 yrd, 600 yard, 1000 yard, and mile runs, high hurdles, shot put, and high jump. Silver medals will be awarded to the winners in these events.

Brookline promises to send in a large and enthusiastic delegation, and, with a corresponding number of our own adherents, there should be no lack of excitement. Tickets are being sold by members of the freshman team, at twenty-five cents. The meet will be called promptly at 3.00 P. M. Saturday at the Gym.

COMMUNICATION

Editor of *The Tech*:—

Another conflict between important undergraduate activities is about to occur. On the evening of February 17 a basketball game and gym meet will cross with an important meeting of the Civil Engineering Society to be held in Huntington Hall. The Calendar Committee will, as usual, receive the blame for such a state of affairs.

I wish to emphatically state, however, that the Calendar Committee is not at fault. The trouble lies with those organizations that do not cooperate with the Committee to the extent of sending in a list of their dates, or that do not trouble to consult the Calendar before arranging dates.

In this case, as a result, the C. E. Society went ahead, and after considerable difficulty secured the use of Huntington Hall on February 17 without consulting the calendar to see whether there was another undergraduate event arranged for that evening.

Consequently I have received a complaint from the basket-ball management calling my attention to the negligence of the Calendar Committee in allowing the C. E. Society to arrange this date, and thus to draw students away from a home game for the third time this year. The C. E. Society was consulted and gave the information that it would be absolutely impossible to postpone their meeting. The basket-ball game and gym meet have been scheduled for a long while, and require large forfeits if cancelled. Therefore the conflict cannot be avoided.

In conclusion I ask all officers of undergraduate activities to keep in touch with the Calendar. Otherwise it is of no value. Dates should be sent in as far ahead as they are known, and the Calendar should be consulted before definitely arranging an event. Dates are posted on the Calendar as far ahead as known. To show what lack of cooperation exists, it may be of interest to state that out of twenty-five letters sent out by Calendar Committee asking or schedules of dates, less five answers were received.

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been discussed at a meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Another interesting trip will be to one of the grain elevators in South Boston. This visit should be of benefit to any Mechanical Engineer, especially if he intends locating in the great grain districts of this country or entering employ of one of the transportation companies. With the recent activities of some of the other engineering societies in the matter of pins, many questions are being asked of the officers of the Mechanical Engineering Society in regard to what the Society is doing along that line. In order that the matter may be understood by all interested, a brief outline of what has been done up to the present time is here given. In May, 1911, an attempt was made to have the American Society get out a pin for its student branches, of which the Institute Society is one of the largest. The matter was also being looked into

ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY
SMOKER INTERESTING

Mr. Hugh Cairns, Celebrated Sculptor
 Tells Of Facility Of Modeling.

MODELS ILLUSTRATE REMARKS

Modeler's Methods Of Getting Best
 Results shown And Valuable Hints
 Given.

If any of the students present at the Architectural Society's smoker last night had any doubts about the facility of sculpture, Mr. Hugh Cairns' exposition of the modeler's method of manipulating clay must surely have dispelled them. To enhance this simplicity of the use of clay, Mr. Cairns, while working away at his modeling board kept his audience in a gale of laughter with his jokes.

Mr. Cairns emphasized the need of taking care to bring out all the shadows possible. Simplicity and the most direct way to get large shade values were the two most important points brought out. The speaker acted well his teachings, for under deft fingers, inanimate pieces of clay came to bear some relation to other pieces of clay to make a balance. The speaker emphasized simplicity by rolling a piece of clay between his palms and then by jabbing it in two or three places, produced a flower. By affixing a couple of long round strips of clay and touching the ends of it but once, Mr. Cairns caused several of his audience to shiver slightly by the naturalness of the wind driven ribbon.

Mr. Cairns next showed how a head was built up by making a medallion. His method of procedure was very interesting indeed, in that in this complex example, he used the same simple methods that he had spoken of previously. He molded the clay in his hands and then merely applied it to the object. His method was to start building up the face by bringing out the most prominent shadow, which was the eyebrow. Then the rest of the face was built up to the same general level. It was very interesting to notice that every piece of clay brought out a very important shadow.

When Mr. Cairns had finished the face, he demonstrated how easy it was to change the expression of it. By changing the eyebrow slightly, he had a new face and before he scraped the medallion from the stand, he showed how simple it was to trace back to the days of powerful Rome by making to confront the peaceful laughing audience, the fiercest of gladiators.

Mr. Cairns' last work was the modeling of a lion's head. The lion evidently took well to the work for soon the model assumed the shape of the conventional lion as popularly known today. The sculptor dug his two hands into the head and a startling change was wrought. The lion was grinning. A few more of those terrible jabs and the lion howled for mercy. Mr. Cairns was kind to it and soon mercifully took it from his stand.

President Foster of the society in behalf of those present thanked Mr. Cairns for his talk. Mr. Cairns was then roundly cheered in appreciation of his talk.

by the Students Section at Columbia at this time. These two attempts met with failure when at the annual meeting of the American Society held at Atlantic City in June, the Council, which is the governing body of the Society, passed the matter by because of lack of time to go into it thoroughly.

Things were kept alive during the Summer by numerous letters, and at the Fall meeting of the national society it was again brought up, but decided unfavorably. Although twice defeated in their plans, the officers of the Institute Section redoubled their efforts with the result that the committee on meetings of the American Society in Boston became interested. Matters were talked over at various times with Prof. Miller of the Institute, Prof. Hollis, Harvard University and Mr. I. E. Moulthrop, Secretary of the Boston Section, all members of the committee.

Through personal letters of Prof. Hollis, who is Chairman of the Boston Section and head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Harvard, the Council was induced to again consider the matter. Mr. Moulthrop, who went to New York to attend a Council meeting on Tuesday of this week, kindly offered to handle the affair for the Institute Section, and to present their arguments and designs for the pin. The results will be announced as soon as they are reported.

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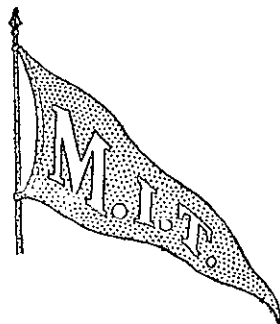
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WEEK OF FEB. 13

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Problems 19 and 20
Lectures and Study Plates.

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Continue On The Applied Geometry Sheet.

C. L. Adams

NOTICE

Notice to freshman: Competitors for Assistant Stage Manager opens today at 4.00 P. M. in the Show Office, Room B, the Union.

BIOLOGISTS TO MEET
WEEK FROM TODAY

Address Will Be Given By
W. H. Clark Of The State
Board Of Health.

On Thursday February, 23, one week from today, the Biological Society will hold its regular meeting in the Union. A talk will be given by Mr. W. H. Clark, chemist of the State Board of Health. Mr. Clark is in charge of the Filtration Plant in Lawrence, Mass., and is principally concerned with the chemical analysis of the water there.

The noise committee will be busy as usual, and has planned a very novel and interesting stunt for that night.

NOTICE

Students desiring to do stenography or typewriting in spare hours are requested to see the President's Assistant, 10 Rogers, Office hours 8:30-9:00 and 12:00-1:00 daily and 4:00 to 5:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

1911

A list of all men eligible to be placed on the ballot for Class Day Committee, will be posted on the bulletin in the Union about February 13. If your name is not on the list consult with any of the Class Officers at once, as after March 1, no name will be added.
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