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MORE SPEAKERS FOR M. A. H. S. BANQUET

Major E. T. Cole and Mr. C. L. Reed Have Been Secured in Addition.

Major Edwin T. Cole, U. S. A., professor of military science at the Institute, and Mr. C. L. Reed, instructor in U. S. history at the Mechanic Arts High School, are the latest additions to the list of speakers for the M. A. H. S. Club annual dinner next Wednesday night.

These additional speakers were expected previously, and with their acceptance the complete entertainment is provided. The others who will speak are Mr. Frederick P. Fish, chairman of the board in charge of recommendations of changes in the high school's curriculum, and Dr. C. L. Parmenter, head master of the school.

A number of the Seniors of the high school will attend the dinner, following the usual custom, and this will be their inception into Institute life. The dinner will be held at 6 o'clock in the small rooms of the Union. Tickets must be obtained before Tuesday noon from the Executive Committee.

RIFLE TEAM MATCH.

Good Shooting by Members at Waltham Range.

Saturday, the rifle team went to Waltham to take part in a match with Company F of the Fifth Regiment. The latter failed to appear, and instead a practice shoot was held. Captain J. H. G. Rudolph was the high man at 300 yards and in the total; Stewart was high at 300 yards, and J. E. Williams made the high score at 500 yards.

Following are the individual and team scores:

	200 Yds.	300 Yds.	500 Yds.	Total
Williams	41	42	49	132
Stewart	44	42	46	132
Rudolph	43	44	47	134
Casselman	40	38	40	118
Wardwell	43	40	40	123
Parsons	40	42	46	128

Team total 767
J. E. Williams, the coach, says that "The shooting throughout the season has been consistent and the team has a favorable outlook for the intercollegiates."

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The tennis tournament scheduled with Brown at Providence Saturday was called off on account of the triangular meet held there. The team which was to have gone to Providence for the first game of the year consisted of H. E. Beckman, '13; A. Harkness, '12; G. B. Brigham, '12, and C. R. Woodward, '12.

The tournament here has started, and this, with the doubles left over from last year, will keep the men occupied.

While inspecting the big Woolner Distillery in Peoria, Ill., twenty-five students of the Bradley Polytechnic Institute were hurt by the giving way of the second floor under the weight of seventy-five of the party.

STRAW VOTE BALLOTS DUE AT 2.30 TODAY

Lively Campaign Featured by Close Race—Ballot On Page Four.

The political rallies held by Taft, Wilson and Roosevelt in Boston on three successive nights of last week, ending with the monster demonstration of Saturday, have raised the political spirits not only of Boston alone, but of the Institute as well. Technology undergraduates seem to have realized that if college men must solve the knotty industrial and political problems of the future it is high time to be interested, and a fairly large vote was polled in THE TECH'S straw vote Saturday, the first day of the balloting. The issue containing the ballots was sold out in a short time, with disappointed students clamoring for their vote. Another ballot is printed on the last page of today's paper which is to be used in voting in the Presidential straw vote, which closes at two-thirty this afternoon. The results will be tabulated for tomorrow's issue. The straw votes of the colleges have a national significance, but that of the Institute will have a directly local bearing because of the Massachusetts Presidential primaries which take place tomorrow.

One thing that must be remembered in voting in this straw campaign is that only one preference can be made, since but one man can be President. The ballot box is plainly indicated at the lower office of this paper. In order that the votes may be counted and verified with convenience, the polls will close at two-thirty today.

E. E. SOCIETY DINNER.

Mr. J. J. Carty Has Been Secured to Speak May Second.

On Thursday evening, May second, the E. E. Society will hold its annual dinner at 6.30 in the Union. A fairly large number of men are expected to attend. The plans for the dinner have not as yet been arranged in detail, and the speakers have not been all secured. To date, only Mr. J. J. Carty, chief engineer of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, has accepted the invitation. The latter is a forceful and convincing speaker as evidenced by those that have been fortunate enough to hear him in previous years. His position as president of one of the largest engineering firms in the country has brought him in touch with engineers from different colleges and his talk, the society officers think, will contain impressions which will be well worth while.

E. L. CONNOLLY LEAVES.

E. L. Connolly, '09, who has been an assistant in the Synthetic Laboratories in 35 Walker, and an instructor in Freshman Physics since his graduation, has left the Institute to take a responsible position in the government laboratories at Philadelphia.

Twenty-seven ounces of platinum, valued at sixty-seven dollars an ounce, were stolen from a laboratory in Pittsfield.

REVEREND O. E. MARK TO SPEAK THURSDAY

T. C. A. Has Secured the Pastor of the East Boston Chapel.

The T. C. A. has secured for Thursday's speaker one of the most enterprising and active young pastors in New England, Rev. O. E. Mark, pastor of the East Boston Chapel. The previous pastor was the late Rev. Mr. Bates, father of ex-Governor Bates, and generally conceded to be one of the best pastors in New England. He was a very well known man, and at his death his flock mourned the loss of what was to them a character and personage that would never be duplicated.

To fill the position of such a man Rev. O. E. Mark was selected from among the pastors of New England. He has filled that position admirably. The East Boston Chapel was in a poor condition when he took charge of it, and by consistent work he has developed it until now it is one of the most influential in New England.

The title of the talk will be "The Survival of the Ethically Fittest." All who are acquainted with Darwin will see in this the Darwinian theory discussed from an entirely different standpoint.

MUSICAL CLUBS.

Annual Banquet Held at Copley Square Tomorrow Night.

The Musical Clubs' banquet, at which the clubs' annual elections will take place, will be held at the Copley Square Hotel on tomorrow evening, April thirtieth, at 6.15 o'clock. The management has made arrangements for an excellent banquet and the members of the combined clubs are anticipating this meeting with much pleasure. There will be an attendance of about fifty.

This dinner conflicts with that of the Tech Show, which is held on the same date. Both organizations failed to announce the date of their dinners until plans were so far completed that it was impossible for either to alter them.

There will be no charge to the members for this dinner. This alteration in plan is due to the fact that the season just finished was more successful than it was at first expected.

FRESHMAN TRACK.

Frank Kanaly and Manager N. S. Weil, Jr., of the Freshman track team have made all possible efforts to arrange meets with preparatory schools and colleges, but unfortunately have been unable to do so up to date. Notwithstanding, Kanaly wishes the men to report for practice, since Freshmen are eligible to compete in both the coming Brown meet and the New England Intercollegiates.

T. C. A. ELECTION.

Nominations for T. C. A. officers are due tomorrow noon. The polls will be open between the hours of four and five o'clock. A business meeting will take place at five o'clock.

SOPHOMORES LOSE TO DORCHESTER

Swift Pitched Great Ball But Costly Errors Caused Defeat.

The Sophomore baseball team was defeated by Dorchester High Saturday by a score of 4 to 3, in a fast and close game. All of the home team's runs were the result of errors. Comber, playing third in the place of Bryant playing that position for the first time, was unable to place first base accurately in his throws across the field and made four wild throws. Scully, the Freshman, played second for Comber and had one costly error scored against him. The entire team gave Doc. Swift fine support throughout the nine innings. Swift pitched the best game of the season, making seven strikeouts. He covered the infield around the box with spectacular playing.

The Sophomores had several opportunities to win the game, but each time lost through errors and the fine playing of the opponents' infield. The best chance came in the fourth inning, when Mullane allowed the bases to fill. He was then replaced in the box by Brennan, who allowed a single by Gardiner and Swift. The second baseman, Fish, however, made a wonderful stop of Swift's speedy drive and caught him at the base by seconds only, and the side retired. In the seventh, with the score tied, Roberts, of Dorchester, who had previously made two hits, connected for a two-bagger and brought in a run, giving a lead which the Sophomores were unable to overcome.

TO LEAVE INSTITUTE.

R. W. Lewis, assistant in the Chemistry department, is about to leave the Institute to do some research work in co-operation with his father, Lieutenant-Colonel I. N. Lewis. The object of the work will be the investigation of a new gun that is expected to give surprising results.

The U. S. government has signally honored the Institute again by requiring certain of its army and naval officers to take a post-graduate course here.

CALENDAR.

In Charge of S. H. Taylor, 1914.

Monday, April 29.

2.30—Straw Ballot Polls Closed—THE TECH.

Tuesday, April 30.

6.15—Musical Clubs' Banquet—Copley Square Hotel.

Wednesday, May 1.

4.15—Institute Committee Meeting—8 Eng. C.

6.15—M. A. H. S. Club's Annual Dinner—Union.

6.30—C. E. Society Banquet—City Club.

Thursday, May 2.

7.00—Prof. Jackson's Dinner to E. E. Society—Union.

Saturday, May 4.

2.30—Track Meet vs. Brown. Tennis Team vs. Dartmouth.

6.30—Architectural and Architectural Engineering Societies' Dinner.

LAST PAGE--STRAW BALLOT--CLOSES 2.30 P. M.

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IN CHARGE OF ISSUES.

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ACTIVITIES AND SCHOLARSHIP.

The college world has long been disturbed by discussions concerning the effect of participation in undergraduate activities upon scholastic work. Many and varied have been the opinions expressed. We have heard from one quarter that college faculties are chosen solely for their achievements in the direction of long whiskers, and from another that this is a wicked and perverse generation of students, bent upon the pursuit of nothing that will bring true knowledge or useful accomplishments. We trust that persons imbued with such extreme opinions follow the principle that they must go twice too far in order to induce others to go the proper distance.

However this may be, to the University of Illinois belongs the honor of attacking this much-mooted question in a definite, scientific manner. Statistics based on the semester ranks of all the undergraduates in the university were prepared covering the two years 1909-1910 and 1910-1911, and comparisons drawn between the various classifications of students. Figures concerning fraternity men and athletics only will be quoted here. It must be borne in mind that these are for but one institution and cover two years only, so that it is not safe to draw sweeping conclusions.

The general average for men for the two years was 81.45 per cent. Between fraternity and non-fraternity men, respectively, the grades stood 79.35 and 82.02 per cent.; as explained by the University daily, the general standard of the fraternity men was high, but the average was lowered by a small percentage of worthless men. Contrary to the usual assumption, the athletes in the University maintained a higher standard than that of the whole, the figures being 82.26 per cent. to 81.45 per cent. Furthermore, comparison between the semesters showed that the grades were higher during the periods when these men were most strenuously interested in their sports.

The investigators were convinced that neither the poorest nor the best students are engaged in outside activities; the former are worthless or misfits, and the latter are interested in nothing outside of their studies. In regard to the prevalence of the opinion

PENN UNIVERSITY TAKES CHAMPIONSHIPS

In Fast Races on Slippery Track Penn Wins Two and Four-Mile Relay.

The University of Pennsylvania won the highest honors at its annual athletic meet last Saturday. The weather conditions were the worst possible, the track and field being covered with mud and water, ankle deep, in spots. In spite of these difficulties the time made in the various events was up to usual standards, and one world's record was broken. The new record was made by the Mercersburg Academy relay team in the preparatory school championship races, and was three minutes lower than the previous one.

Penn carried off the collegiate honors by winning the two and four-mile relay races and getting third in the mile, which Syracuse won in easy style, Reidpath doing the final quarter in 49 3-5 seconds. The Philadelphia Manual Training School won the high school relay championship from a field of six starters, including teams from Boston, New York and Brooklyn. Mercersburg Academy ran a record-breaking race in the Prep. School contest, just beating Exeter, with another Penn. State team for third.

In the track and field events the times were good and the distances remarkable for such adverse conditions. Princeton won the hundred in 10 2-5 seconds, and Missouri captured the low hurdles in 15 3-5 seconds. Gutter-son of Vermont made a wonderful jump of 24 feet from a slippery take-off, beating Wasson of Notre Dame, the former winner by nearly three feet. Enright, the Dartmouth high jumper, carried off that event, with only 5 feet 11 inches.

Wagoner, a Yale man, won the pole vault with 12 feet 5 inches, a remarkable feat when the poor take-off is taken into consideration.

TECH-BROWN MEET.

Only Big Home Track Contest Takes Place Saturday.

The only big track meet held at home this year will be that with Brown at the Tech Field next Saturday. Brown's runners are in the pink of condition and are picked to take some of the places. In the recent triangular meet Brown men equaled and sometimes excelled the time made by Technology runners.

Events will be run off in the regular N. E. I. A. A. order, the complete schedule to be announced later. The meet will start at 2.30 o'clock.

Admission will be by tickets, which will be on sale in the Union during the noon hours of this week. The manager requests that they be purchased beforehand.

Only four events postponed yesterday.

In how many societies do you have a vote? Some of the more fortunate ones are kept busy signing nomination papers and expressing their choice.

Can the performance at Northampton be better than those produced near home?

George B. Morrison has been elected president of the B. A. A., which position he held since 1903. He was a prominent track man while at Harvard and is an expert tennis player.

That athletes are poor scholars, the conclusion was that athletes are so before the public eye that their shortcomings are given undue prominence, whereas many men unknown to fame might fail without attracting the slightest notice.



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Trials for the Harvard tennis team
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The N. Y. A. C. is planning to send
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Cricket has found much favor
among the students at the University
of Pennsylvania.

E. U. Thatcher, '12, Yale's strongest
sprinter, strained a tendon in his leg
to badly at practice that he will be
unable to participate in any track
meet this season.

Cornell has a new shell for its
eight-oared crew and it proves to be
a fast one. It was built by Assistant
Coach John J. Hoyle.

Brown University has turned out
one of the fastest all-round track
teams in its history this year. Some
of the spots that were noticeably
weak in other years are in much bet-
ter condition now. This is especially
true of the pole vault.

Princeton and Cornell are also
opening their tennis season with a
dual meet next Saturday at Ithaca,
New York.

TITANIC DISASTER.

In a newspaper interview Professor
Cecil H. Peabody, head of the Naval
Architectural department, said relative
to the Titanic disaster:

"There is nothing that can be sug-
gested that will guarantee the safety
of a ship that collides with a big ice-
berg while the ship is going at top
speed, just as there is nothing that
can be suggested that will guarantee
the safety of a ship which runs on a
reef. Ships have collided with ice-
bergs and have run on reefs and have
been saved. The chances are against
ships to which such things happen
however."

M. E. SOCIETY TRIP.

Will Visit Robb Engineering
Co.'s Boiler Works May 7.

The Mechanical Engineering So-
ciety has planned an excursion to
South Framingham for Tuesday after-
noon, May 7. They will visit the
Robb Engineering Company, which is
engaged in the manufacture of boil-
ers and accessory machinery.

Early next week the officers of the
society will arrange for a special car,
but before they can do so a certain
number of men must sign up for the
trip. This number has not as yet
been definitely fixed, but it will ap-
pear shortly with further particulars
in THE TECH.

The Juniors who take the trip will
be excused from their boiler drawing
class, which ordinarily meets on Tues-
day afternoon. Because of the ap-
proaching examinations and the
necessary labors for their prepara-
tion, there will be no more meetings
of the Mechanical Engineering So-
ciety this year.

TECH MAN MARRIED.

Mr. Eugene Christanson, '10, of
Technology, was wedded to Miss
Sigrid Penderon last week in San
Francisco, California. Miss Penderon
is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf
Penderon of Brighton. Mr. Pender-
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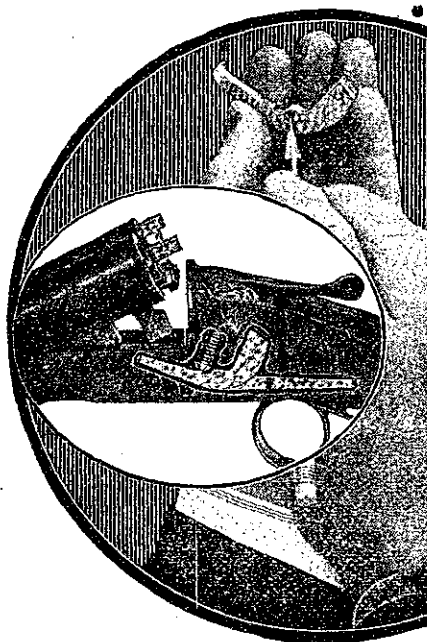
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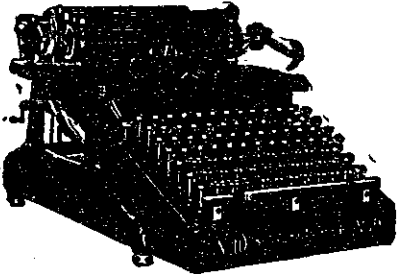
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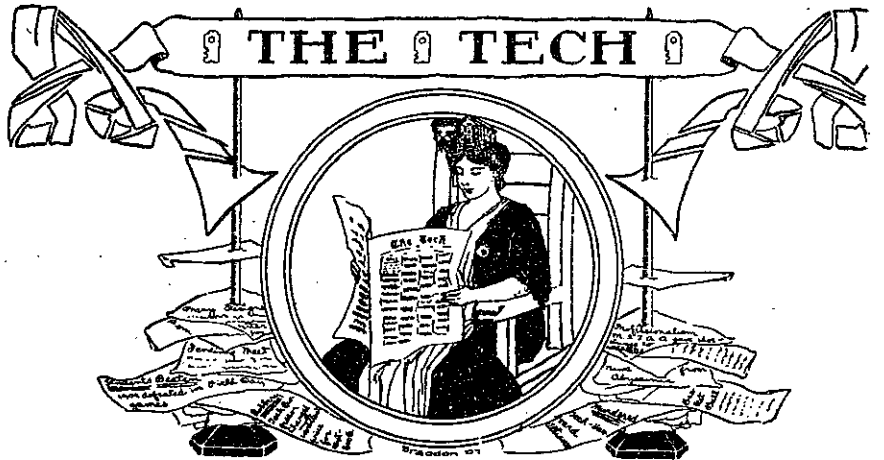
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