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## THE SOPHOMORE DINNER.

1907 Meets Socially for the First Time This Term.

About one hundred and sixty men were present at the Sophomore dinner at the Union, Saturday evening, and, as might be expected, Field Day furnished the topic of greatest interest. Much enthusiasm was manifested in this direction. E. H. Packard acted as toastmaster, and introduced President Pritchett as the first speaker. The president held up the honor of being the first class to win victory on the new athletic field, as an incentive to heighten the spirit of 1907. Dean Burton spoke with his characteristic good humor, on the evolution of Technology Field Day.

Woodward, Gould and Wonson, the managers of the football, relay and tug-of-war teams, urged the men to try for the teams, and help win this Field Day; and Mr. Sugden, the coach of the football team, outlined the method in which the team will be conducted, and urged the support of the members of the class. Lombard, '05, told the men very plainly, exactly what the situation was in regard to Field Day, 1904, and Otis, last year's president, made his final address in his capacity as president of the class.

The returns of the recent class elections were read by the toastmaster, the officers elected for the present year being as follows: President, J. H. Leavell; Vice-President, W. L. Woodward; Secretary, F. S. McGregor; Treasurer, D. G. Robbins; Directors, E. H. Packard and E. P. Noyes; Members of the Institute Committee, R. C. Ashenden and G. W. Otis. The officers elect responded to the announcements of their names with suitable remarks, the general topic of conversation being Field Day. The evening closed with songs and cheers for the success of '07 on November 12.

### Civic Club.

The Technology Civic Club will give a Smoker at the Union, Tuesday evening. All students are cordially invited to be present, and an opportunity will be given to learn the purpose of this new club.

## FALL TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Prospects for Some Interesting Contests to Determine the Team.

The entries for the Fall Tennis Tournament were closed Friday, October 7, at 1 p.m. The number of entries is large, and a very interesting tournament should be the result. Forty-eight men have entered for the singles, and fourteen teams are entered in the doubles. A meeting was held in front of the Tennis Bulletin, by those entered in the singles at 1 p.m., Saturday, to decide the place and time of playing off the different matches. The first round of the singles must be played off before October 17, the second round before October 24, the third round before October 31. The results of a match must be handed in to P. B. Stanley, at the Cage, as soon as possible after the match has been played off.

### Mechanical Engineering Society.

A meeting of the Mechanical Engineering Society took place last Friday evening, in 11, Eng. B. President Marcy introduced as speakers the following gentlemen: Prof. W. C. Unwin, F. R. S., Profs. G. Lanza and P. Schwamb. Professor Unwin, who is one of Great Britain's foremost engineers, spoke of English Standardizing Committees' work; Professor Lanza talked of this work in the United States, and Professor Schwamb talked very entertainingly about his travels in China and Japan.

### Hare and Hounds.

The Hare and Hounds run took place at West Roxbury, Highland Station, Saturday, with about thirty-five runners out. The hares were G. H. Ruggles, '06, and A. R. Hunter, '05. The trail was a little longer than usual, being about 6 miles. The first man to finish was E. H. Lorenz, '05, with P. B. Clapp, C. W. Beam, C. A. Howard and H. E. Heywood, in second, third, fourth and fifth places respectively. Time of the hares was 58 minutes, of the hounds, 1 h. and 2 min.

### Tuition Fee.

Do not forget that tuition fees must be paid today, October 10.

## C. E. SOCIETY.

Civil Engineers Listen to a Talk by Professor Swain.

President Nabstedt called the Civil Engineering Society to order for the first of this season's meetings at the Tech Union, last Friday evening. After asking for their co-operation in increasing the membership list, now above 165, the president introduced Professor Swain, who gave an informal address on the "Purposes of the Society," showing its importance as a social factor, and on the "Outlook for the Young Civil Engineer."

Professor Swain, in speaking of the demand for trained men, stated that every year there were more applications for graduates than there were available men for the positions offered. The reason for this lies in the fact that a man is never recommended unless he is suited to the work beyond question. A year ago there were from thirty-five to forty available men for situations, and applications were received for over ninety. This last year has been a bad one, depressing in many ways; factories have been closed, and railroads have cut down their forces. In spite of this there were forty-five applications for the thirty-five or forty men that were available.

After Professor Swain's address, ballots were cast for the offices of vice-president and treasurer, C. Saville being elected to the former position, and R. R. Patch elected to the latter. President Nabstedt was authorized to appoint a member of the Program Committee from the Class of 1906.

### Deutscher Verein.

The first regular meeting of the Deutscher Verein was held Friday afternoon. Some amendments to the constitution were voted on and it was decided that the Society have notification cards printed, in order that the regular meetings might be published in business-like form. The president appointed a committee to look after these notification cards, and also a committee to look up and recommend new members. It was decided to hold a dinner in the near future.

## FRESHMAN FOOTBALL.

The Preliminary Work of the '08 Squad.

If early activity, push, pluck and proper support have anything to do with the success of a class football team—and everyone concedes they do—the freshmen should put a team on the gridiron on Field Day which will be what a team ought to be which is playing the first game on our new athletic field.

Of course at this early stage it is impossible to say how the team will develop. What can be said is that the team has made a good start. The first practice was on Friday, Sept. 30, at the Irvington oval, when about twenty-five men were out. The practice was principally of a desultory character, the men being made used to handling the ball, tried out in running down under punts, etc. The last half hour was occupied in trying the men at the various positions, and getting an idea of the material.

For the past week the practice has been held back of the shops and has been of a similar nature. As yet the number who have come out for the team has been too small to make possible a scrimmage. This is to be deplored, and results principally from the fact that the men who are trying for the team do not come out regularly every afternoon. The men must be on hand every afternoon for practice or else the work of the coach is greatly increased and the development of the team slow.

Great credit for the excellent condition of the freshman team is due to the Juniors, who have taken an active part in the organizing of the team. Knapp, '06, has been coaching the men in the absence of a regular coach. A coach for the men will be on hand Monday, however, and the work of the team will be started in earnest. It is desired that all the men come out, and come out regularly, so that the coaching of the team may be as efficient as possible. These efforts on the part of '08 have made the Sophomores begin to hustle to develop their own team for the Field Day of November 12.