PLAY WILLIAMS NIXON

Berkshire Ball Team Will Be Hard Proposition

Technology's basketball team will play Williams College next Saturday at Williamsport. Williams is said to have the fastest team in the East. All but one of last year's crack team are back at college and are in the game this year. However, the Institute team has shown itself to be a winning aggregation by defeating Dartmouth 30 to 22 on their own floor, this being the first defeat on the home floor in eight years. Tech's weak point formerly has been a lack of staying power for the last part of the game and with this point strengthened there is a good chance for the Institute team to go through the season with a clean slate.

Williams' new man is Clark, a freshman who is playing a fine game at guard. The other men on the team who are all veterans are—Hornet, center; Templeton, guard; and Loupy and Lewis, forwards. Tech's team will be the same as against Dartmouth last month.

ON APPRENTICESHIPS

Effect of Unions is to Lessen Amount of Skilled Labor

Unions and their effect on various industries are questions that are always in the air and are of interest in, because they will frequently be met in practical life.

The following extract from a communication from J. K. Turner pertains to the relation of the Union and apprenticeships.

Twenty years ago the man who received $1.50 a day was innumerably more able to cope with his personal problem than is the man who receives $2.50 today. All this notwithstanding our vast natural resources and the magnificent development of our industries through combinations and the inventions of labor saving devices. What, then, is the reason thereof?

As a thought in this connection, we desire to rever to Prof. Ellot's statement that 'union labor is the parent of Child Labor.' He says, 'a child of twelve is enabled to become a skilled laborer, and as a consequence, taken a position in life which the average man cannot hope to enter, regardless of his physical or mental qualifications.'

Again, while the avenues of skilled labor are rapidly thinning out, the supply of unskilled laborers is greatly out of proportion with the demand for them, and the unstable law of supply and demand fixes up the price of the product of the skilled laborer. Statistics show that the index of skilled mechanics from other countries in the last twenty years has been greatly out of proportion to the creation of skilled mechanics through the apprenticeship system.

For an apprentice under the present system of union labor to become the parent of the union and not of the shop. The union laborer thus becomes a more successful employer of labor and will consequently employ others when he recognizes the necessity for apprentices, advance the employer with some degree of justice, that their experience will be the union mechanic, dominated by the union leader, is such that they cannot afford to harness themselves with a lot of young men over whom they have absolutely no control and who look up to the union for protection and advancement.

This condition makes it all the more imperative that parents interested in educating their children in the right lines can take advantage of such education as we are all able to afford them and to thereby save them the individual needs and necessities in after life. This is the only way by which we can hope to make any advancement under the system now in vogue, and it will also give a great way toward re-forming the entire curriculum of our public school system.