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PRICE ONE CENT

FIRE CHECKED IN TIME DAMAGE IS SLIGHT

Fryer '11 and Hall '12 Arrest Blaze Caused By Short- Circuit of Wires

What might have been a serious fire occurred about 7.35 last night in the dining-room of the Union. Owing to the prompt work of Herbert Fryer '11 and H. W. Hall '12, the blaze was arrested before it had gained any headway.

The Union dining-room was deserted and there were but three or four fellows upstairs in the social room. Herbert Fryer was in charge of the coat room. Gradually the electric lights in the coat room and in part of the social room dimmed. Then the lights went out.

Fryer went downstairs to find the cause of the giving out of the electricity. One wire leading to the social room had short-circuited and the sparks were catching fire to the wood work. Fryer quickly brought an extinguisher and with the aid of Hall, thoroughly soaked the wood work, thus preventing the flames from spreading.

The electrician was called and after some delay the trouble was remedied. The morning papers exaggerated the affair to a great extent.

MINING ENG. SOCIETY

George A. Packard To Give Address

On Wednesday, Oct. 27, George A. Packard is to address the Mining Engineering Society. Mr. Packard is a mining engineer and metallurgist. He is a graduate of Technology, class of 1890.

For some time he has been connected with the Mammoth Mine, Kennett, Cal., and this will probably form the main topic of his discourse.

This mine is situated in Shasta county. Due to its very favorable position and the topography of the district many advantages are gained which can be utilized for the mining and preparation of the ore to the best interests of the owners. The ore is copper.

The Society expects to hold regular meetings during the coming year at least once a month. It hopes to have an unusually successful year, judging mainly from the present outlook. The members of Course III, and especially the sophomores, can further the plans of the Society and make these hopes and immediate reality by attending in full force.

SLIDE RULE LECTURES.

The fourth slide rule lecture will be given this afternoon at four in 23 Walker. The subjects to be covered are: The position of the decimal point during division; division with a constant divisor; percentages; and the reduction of decimal to common fractions.

ENGLISH HIGH MEETS 1912 RELAY.

English High will send thirty-five relay runners to the Tech Field this afternoon to meet the Tech Sophs in a practise meet. The men will be divided into squads and races held. Graham has been appointed captain of the English High squad.

PLANS FOR FRESHMAN GYM WORK COMPLETE

Course This Year Aims To Give More Individual Training

On the Monday after Field Day the compulsory work at the Gymn, which is part of the Freshman course, will begin. There will be classes every day except Saturday. The work will be from three to four every day except Wednesday. On this day the class will be from half past three to half past four. Each man will have two exercises a week.

Each hour will be divided into three parts. During the first part, the men will be put through the "free work," or calisthenics. After this there will be exercises with the wands, dumb bells, or Indian clubs. The most interesting part, the apparatus work, comes last.

Coach Kanaly and Mr. McNamara will both take charge. Each class will be divided into two sections. One of the instructors will put the whole class through the free work and dumb-bell, Indian club, or wand drill. After that each instructor will take his section and put it through the apparatus work. Both instructors will be on the floor at the same time. Under these plans the men will be able to get a large amount of individual instruction.

Coach Kanaly will try to make the gym work as pleasant as possible and he hopes that the men will take up the work earnestly from the very beginning.

CHEMICAL MEETING

Prof. Talbot To Address Engi- neers Tonight At Union

Tonight the Chemical Engineers will hold a meeting in the Union that promises to be most interesting and instructive, and a large attendance is requested. New members are especially invited.

Prof. Talbot, of the Chemistry department will speak. His subject will be "The Chemistry of Commerce." Prof. Talbot's reputation as an interesting speaker is well known and it is hoped that the members will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear him speak on a practical topic.

UNION NIGHT FRIDAY

Mr. F. P. Fish To Be Speaker At Second Entertainment

Next Friday the second of the Union nights will be given. Mr. F. P. Fish of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., a man well versed in his business, will speak and his talk should be most interesting. Refreshments will be served afterwards for the nominal fee of ten cents. It is hoped that a large crowd will come and greet the speaker.

An aeroplane club has been formed at the University of Pennsylvania.

In a small football game, the Columbia Seniors defeated the Sophomores by the score of 13-0.

TECH THEATRE NIGHT PLANS NEARLY COMPLETE

Committee Promises Many Sur- prises--Announcement To Be Made Later

The 1912 Theatre Committee, recently appointed, has been at work during the past week completing plans for the annual Tech night which is held the evening of Field Day.

This year Field Day comes on Friday, Nov. 5 and the Theatre Committee have made great plans for a glorious 1912-1913 Tech night at one of the prominent theatres.

The class of 1912 will live up to its past reputation and this will be one of the biggest and breeziest Tech nights pulled off since history began. Details are nearly complete, and full information and the name of the theatre and show will be announced in Wednesday's Tech. Watch for it. There will be some surprises.

GATHOLIC CLUB NEWS

Prospects For This Year Most Bright--Plans For Year

This year promises to be a most successful one for the Catholic Club. The officers of the society are most energetic and are doing all in their power to promote the welfare of their club.

As Pres. White announced at the meeting last week, the talks this year will be on live subjects. The speakers will be among the prominent and influential men of the city. A talk on Spiritualism, taking up the matter from the church's standpoint is to be given in the near future and is sure to be most interesting. The meetings are all open and everyone is invited.

Plans for the annual dance will be made in the near future. This dance last year was one of the most enjoyable social times of the year. This year it should prove an even greater success.

It is earnestly desired that the members will attend the meetings regularly.

The meetings will be held every three weeks on Tuesday nights at 8:15 in the Union. Watch the bulletin boards for the announcement of the speaker for the next meeting.

TECH TO HELP Y. M. C. A.

When one of the professors was asked for a subscription to the new building fund of the Boston Young Men's Christian Association he told the young man who had approached him, that he would prefer to give his subscription to a Tech student, so a Tech man was found, and started on a campaign of his own amongst the students and professors. The work was begun Friday noon and at noon Saturday \$12.00 had been subscribed by students alone.

Reports from the various teams are read every noon at the luncheon in R. H. Stearnes' store, and it is hoped that when the representative from M. I. T. gives his amounts for each day, that he may be proud that he stands for the Institute Y. M. C. A. It is the small subscriptions that will count from now till November 1.

Do what you can and watch the clock on the Union Bulletin Board. Subscription cards may be found at the Cage.

1912 HOLDS STIFF PRACTICE AT OVAL

Capt. Eicher Back In Game Team Shows Much Improvement

The Sophomores held a good stiff practice yesterday afternoon at the oval. Capt. Eicher was in his old position at quarter and the team seemed to show up much better with him directing the plays than it did with other men in that place.

At Lowell Saturday, the specific cause of the loss of the game, was the failure to get the ball from the center to the backs. This was because a set of second string men had not been developed and so, when the regular center, Swenson and Eicher, the quarter-back were unable to play, there were no men who could fill their positions.

The coach is putting the men hard to work and there is no loafing. There is a general feeling among the members of the team that the game with Newton High School on Wednesday, will show that there has been considerable improvement since Saturday. The team came out of the Lowell game with only a few slight injuries. When Robertson is back at tackle and Swenson at center, with Eicher directing the plays, the playing should run more smoothly. Then the chances for 1912 to win the football game Field Day will look brighter.

TECH THEATRE GUIDE.

Hollis—The Patriot.
Globe—Blue Mouse.
Tremont—Candy Shop.
Colonial—Miss Innocence.
Majestic—Havana.
Boston—Three Twins.
Park—A Gentleman from Mississippi.
Gaiety—Queen of the Jardin deParis.
Symphony—Shakespearian Repertoire.

CURRENT EVENTS

President Taft starts down the Mississippi River today after having spent a busy day at St. Louis. The theme of his speech at St. Louis was waterway improvement as a part of national policy of conservatism of streams, the land adjoining them and the founts at their sources.

Arrangements have been completed for a direct steamship line between Boston and Australian ports.

The Y. M. C. A. Building Fund was increased only \$22,358 yesterday. The leaders are working hard to obtain big contributions.

After forty-five years of active service, Rear-Admiral T. C. McLean was retired yesterday.

The Japanese commercial commission left the Hub on the midnight train for Worcester.

Owing to the great demand for seats for the performances at the new Opera House, the management of the Boston Opera Company decided to give fifteen additional performances on Thursday night during the fifteen weeks' season.