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BOSTON, MASS., MAY 20, 1910.

For the second time, the New England Colleges come here for the annual field meet. We welcome them and trust that in spite of the results of the contests they will go back with none but the best ideas of the Institute.

N. E. I. A. A. NIGHT

Good Entertainment Promised For Open House

This evening Technology is the host of the N. E. I. A. A., and open house will be held at the Union for the visiting athletes and college men. The entertainment will begin at eight o'clock and will be in charge of the Friday Evening Entertainment Committee.

The affair is to be informal and the committee have arranged to have Tech Show "stunts" given. These will include songs by Birchard, Schofield and Fox, and the "Cocoanut Dance" and "Nabob Jones" by the chorus. Ice cream, cake and ginger ale will be served in the side rooms. The managers of the visiting teams will be given free tickets to the Union.

To defray the costs of the refreshments which will be served, the price of the tickets will be 25 cents each and can be obtained at the cage or from any of the following men: V. Thompson, Jr., 1912, D. Radford 1912, J. J. Taylor 1912, H. L. Woehling 1912, H. H. Partridge 1912, G. M. Keith 1912, S. Seely 1912, J. Whittlesey 1912, D. M. Wyman 1912, and R. H. Fox 1912.

TECH NIGHT AT POPS

Tech Night at the Pops will be held this year as usual on Tuesday evening, June 7. The entire house has been taken for Tech men and their friends. The program will consist mostly of Tech music, and the committee in charge promises some entertaining innovations.

Remember! Undergraduates may obtain seats, if any are left, on or after June 1, at 37 Rogers.

CIVILS ELECT OFFICERS

Interesting Lecture On Bridges Given By Prof. Spofford

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Civil Engineering Society was held last Tuesday afternoon in 11 B. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Isaac Hansman 1911; Vice-President, S. E. Bates 1911; Secretary, O. D. Powell 1912; Treasurer, D. J. McGrath 1912. Executive committee, W. W. Warner 1911, O. W. Stewart 1911, A. B. Appleton 1911. Program committee, H. M. Davis 1911, R. E. Runels 1911, H. L. Robinson 1911, H. L. Manley 1911, M. Font 1912, G. M. Keith 1912.

Following the business meeting Prof. Spofford gave an interesting talk on the subject "Ancient and Curious Bridges," which he illustrated with a large number of lantern slides. The first photographs were of stone arch bridges built by the Greeks and Romans, many of which are still standing after two thousand years. Some of these are of great architectural beauty, but the piers are much too massive, sometimes almost forming a dam across the river.

In the middle ages numerous bridges were built by monks who collected large tolls from travellers for the support of the Church. Some of these were designed by quite noted men, such as the bridge at Venice, designed by Michael Angelo. The typical feature of these bridges is the very high rise in the centre span, sometimes the roadway seeming much too steep for wagon travel.

In some of the bridges built about two centuries ago, the main object of the structure seems to be to provide a site for dwelling houses, the passage way being of minor importance.

The famous London bridge, dating from about the year 1000, was the next one shown. This bridge, although excellent structure considering how little there was known about these structures at that time, was nevertheless constantly giving trouble and needing repair; and this was the origin of that well-known nursery rhyme "London Bridge is Falling Down."

Other interesting bridges were some cantilevers built a long time ago in India, and although very small structures of wood or bamboo, showed very clever design by those people so ignorant of the laws which govern such complicated structures. The last of the pictures showed some suspension bridges constructed of rope and spanning some of the very deep canyons in the Andes. Finally these were contrasted with that wonderful structure, the largest suspended bridge in the world—the new Williamsburg Bridge spanning the East River at New York.

PRIZE DRILL TONIGHT

Tonight the South Armory will be the scene of the annual prize drill of the Tech Battalion. The rivalry this year is keen, especially among the teams for the individual drill. The men have been putting in a great deal of extra time in practice and a close competition is expected.

For the Company prize, A and B seem to be the favorites at present, but prize drill competitions are never decided until the last minute of the drill. A little point one way or the other will change the whole result.

The drill starts promptly at eight with battalion formation. Arrangements have been made for handling a large crowd. After the drill the freshmen will probably follow the precedent set by former classes, the ceremony of burning the glove on Rogers' steps.

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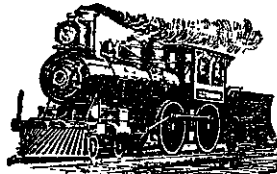
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