MAJOR COLE PROPOSES TO IMPROVE DRILL

Traditional Battalion to Be Replaced by Regiment in Future.

Major Cole has in view a new plan in regard to the freshman drill in the future. He proposes to have a Regiment instead of the traditional Battalion, as has always been customary in the past. The regiment will be composed of only two battalions, with three companies each, on account of the small number of men who take drill.

This proposed plan of the Major's is in accord with his views of increasing the efficiency of the various courses with which he comes in contact and of improving Tech spirit in general. He says that the course in Military Science given here is for the purpose of fitting the men to take up the duties of an officer in the regular army if the occasion should demand. As a result he has proposed the regimental idea in order to give more actual practice in handling men instead of making the course chiefly theoretical for the majority of the men.

According to the new plan a large number of upperclassmen will hold positions as captains and lieutenants. There will also be a colonel, lieutenant-colonel, two majors and a captain of the regimental staff. The colonel and lieutenant-colonel will, according to the Major's idea, be chosen from the Senior class.

MECHANICALS' TRIP.

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A Stephenson link, which changes the slide valves when the auto is to be run backward, and which can be set to admit steam during only one-quarter of the stroke. The latter position is used when the machine is travelling over good roads.

At the factory an engine was running with no load, and the man in charge repeatedly changed the Stephenson link from forward to reverse, and the engine followed the changes instantly, without a jerk or tremor. One of the interesting machines was the Lamson-Jones turret-lathe, which turns out the differential spur-gear blanks at the rate of 63 a day, whereas the ordinary machine has a capacity of only 7 in the same time. The men were shown a novel grinding machine which forms the grooves in which the balls of the ball-bearings run. Every bearing in the whole auto is equipped with either ball or roller bearings.

The Mechanic's were told that each boiler is tested at 150 pounds pressure before leaving the shops. This test is made by filling the boiler full of cold water and heating it so rapidly that the necessary pressure is obtained in seven minutes.

There was a fine course in highway engineering in the Upper Office of THE TECH the other night.

The delights of rapid flight down the steep slopes of Franklin Park are attracting many of the boys these evenings.

Too bad about that smash-up between Wilson, 1914, and Oscar Hold-land at the Gym the other afternoon. We hope to see both of them none the worse for it Saturday night.

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