

belonging to the expedition was crushed in the ice and sank, but all the members of the party escaped. Graham's and King Oscar lands were explored and valuable specimens were obtained.

Some American capitalists are planning to build an electric road from Toronto to Ottawa, supplying a freight and passenger service, and selling power in any of the municipalities touched.

The Supreme Court has decided that it is no crime to sell a vote, and that to say it does not constitute a slander. The enactment of the statute makes void the Common Law.

West Point ended the football season of 1903 by defeating Annapolis by the score of 40 to 5. The Navy was completely outplayed.

The historic Academy of Music in Brooklyn has been destroyed by fire.

The United States last year produced 268,688,000 tons of coal, more than one-third of the total known production of the world.

The Board of Ordnance and Fortification in its annual report says that the results of tests made with the three-inch rapid-fire gun show that when equipped with these guns and carriages the field artillery of our army will have a weapon equal if not superior to that of any other nation.

Hare and Hounds.

The run last week was a good one despite the small number who went. The weather was about right, although those who did not go seemed to think it was cold.

The run took place from Chestnut Hill pumping station. The hares, Bell, '05, and Lorenz, '05, laid a trail of about five miles in a circuit around through Chestnut Hill, up to the pressure reservoir and back. Adams, '05, was first hound in, followed by Ruggles, '06, and Buell, '05. The time was 45 minutes.

The next run will be posted on the bulletin.

More men should come out to these runs, as they are very enjoyable in this weather. Wear a sweater, and the exercise will keep you warm enough.

The Senior Examinations.

The second debate in Professor Pearson's course took place Wednesday, Nov. 25. The debate was on the following question:

RESOLVED, That it is for the interest of the Institute to abolish all final June examinations of the Senior year. Messrs. Edmunds, Simonds, and Schwartz were on the affirmative, while Messrs. Drew, Parker, and Keller took the negative.

The first speaker emphasized the fact that while examinations are necessary the first three years, because that time is necessary for professors and instructors to get an idea of the ability of the students under them, they can well be dispensed with in the Senior year, for by that time this object is accomplished. It seems hard that Seniors, with the most difficult work of all four years, spending all extra time on their theses, should be compelled to undergo the nervous strain accompanying final examinations. The first speaker for the negative brought forward facts proving that the Faculty were against abolishing the final examinations. The refusal to do so last year was cited, and the statement made that omitting the examinations would cause a tendency to shirk in lecture courses. The second speaker for the affirmative dwelt on the fact that testing the capability of a student by daily work is productive of more satisfactory and fairer results than an examination on specially selected subjects, with a few of which a really good student may chance to be unacquainted. The second speaker for the negative insisted that the system of examination brought out more strongly what each man knew of the subject, and asserted the superiority of the system to be evident, or it would long since have been abolished. The third speaker for the affirmative explained the necessity for examinations in the first three years, as much in the third as in the first two, but said that the necessity was removed in the last year. Less than five men fail to