

Mining Engineering Society.

A meeting of the Mining Engineering Society will be held Friday evening, March 4, at 7.45 P.M. in Room 2, Rogers Building. Professor Richards will give a talk on "Mines and Mills in Alaska and the West," which were visited by him during the past summer.

The talk will be illustrated by some excellent lantern views and a very interesting meeting is assured.

All Course III. men and others interested are invited to attend. Supper will be served at the Technology Club after the meeting.

Sophomore Class Meeting.

A meeting of the Sophomore Class was held Monday, Feb. 29, after English Literature. After announcing that the ballots for the Electoral Committee would be due on Tuesday, President Lawton called for the report of the Committee on Baseball Numerals, and brought up the matter of a class dinner. The committee reported that the Advisory Council would not, under any circumstances, change their previous decision on the matter. In regard to the dinner, it was voted to hold one on the evening of March 8, and a committee is to be appointed to arrange the matter and decide on the place, although it is tacitly understood that the dinner will be held at the Union.

Society of Arts Meeting.

Those who attended the meeting of the Society of Arts last Friday evening were treated to a very instructive and interesting lecture. Dr. Samuel P. Sadtler of Philadelphia spoke on the "Preservation of Wood," with especial reference to railroad ties. Dr. Sadtler first described briefly the decay of wood fibres under atmospheric conditions, and then gave an outline of the successive methods of preservation which have been attempted. Finally, he described the latest process of impregnating the wood with the preservative chemicals, a method requiring no steaming and therefore less injurious to the strength of the wood.



NATIONAL.

On Feb. 23 the United States Senate ratified without amendment the treaty with Panama for a canal across the Isthmus, by a vote of 66 to 14. Secretary Hay and Minister Bunau-Varilla exchanged ratifications of the treaty, and President Roosevelt signed the proclamation, putting the treaty into effect. The President has sent to the Senate the following nominations: Chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, Rear Admiral John G. Walker, U. S. N., retired, District of Columbia; members of the Isthmian Canal Commission: Major-General George W. Davis, U. S. A., retired, District of Columbia; William Barclay Parsons, New York; William H. Burr, New York; Benjamin M. Harrod, Louisiana; Carl Ewald Grunsky, California; Frank J. Hecker, Michigan.

As a result of the trials in the postal cases, Justice Pritchard has sentenced Machen, D. B. Groff and Lorenz each to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary, and to pay a fine of \$10,000 each. The case of S. A. Groff has not been decided.

FOREIGN.

During the past week the Japanese have been bombarding Port Arthur repeatedly, but without much result. A brilliant attempt was made to block the entrance to the harbor by sinking old stone-laden hulks in the entrance, but the attempt did not succeed. A land attack is expected at any time. Japan has a large army in Korea, which is pushing north from Seoul on the west and from Wonsan on the east, and which is in touch with the Russian outposts at Pingyang. The Japanese have seized Possiet Bay, seventy miles from Vladivostock, and are rumored to be blockading the latter port. Japan has negotiated a treaty with Korea, whereby she guarantees the independence and in-