

All-round Contest.

The last event, putting the 16-lb shot, was held at the gym on Thursday of last week. Those who had qualified in the previous trials were allowed to try to better their records, but no new ones were made. The result was a tie for first place between Curtis, '04, and Barrows, '07, while third place went to Paquet, '05; distance, 34 ft. 11 in. Taken altogether, the contest has, by bringing out many good men, been interesting, and while Curtis easily proved himself the best all-round man, the fight for second and third places has been close.

1906 Class Dinner.

The Class of 1906 held its dinner at the Tech Union on last Tuesday evening. The dinner was very successful in every way and the attendance was especially satisfactory, there being a hundred and fourteen present. The toastmaster was Rutherford Bingham, and his ready wit and appropriate remarks added much to the success of the evening. Pres. J. P. Lawton responded to the first toast, "On Behalf of the Pig." He was followed by Walter E. Hadley, '04, who spoke on "*Technique*," M. E. Vinton on "Physics," M. A. Coe on "Athletics," and A. P. Mathesius on "Margaret Cheney." Among the impromptu speakers were Dean Burton, Mr. Rand and Secretary Tyler. Dean Burton gave an interesting account of his recent Western trip. He stated that statistics which he had gathered in regard to athletics showed that their influence on the records of men who take part in such work was decidedly more advantageous than detrimental. Mr. Rand gave a very amusing, dryly put talk, which was much appreciated. Dr. Tyler spoke on the old days at Tech, giving many interesting reminiscences of the life here twenty years ago, and making direct reference to the fact that this year is the 100th anniversary of the birth of William Barton Rogers, founder of the Institute.



NATIONAL.

The investigation which is to decide whether Reed Smoot of Utah is to retain his seat in the United States Senate, and, incidentally, define the political status of the Mormon Church, was formally begun last week before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The inquiry is to determine whether an unlawful influence is being exerted in the political affairs of the nation. Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon Church, was the first witness and his testimony did not tend to help Mr. Smoot's case.

Discussion has been continued on the naval appropriation bill, and few changes have been made in the bill as passed by the House. The total is \$97,001,738.

The House Committee on Territories authorized a favorable report on a bill granting the Territory of Alaska the right to send a delegate to Congress.

A bill has been introduced by Senator Gallinger, which fixes the salaries of the executive officers of the government as follows: President, \$75,000, Vice-President, \$15,000, Speaker of the House, \$12,000, members of the cabinet, \$15,000 each, Senators and members of the House, \$8,000 each.

The bill provides that the new salaries shall take effect March 4, 1905.

FOREIGN.

Vladivostock has had its turn at being bombarded by the Japanese fleet in the last week. A fleet of five warships bombarded the town at