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POLICE TRIAL.

One Witness Testifies to Having Seen Torches Thrown at Police.

The first witness to be cross-examined at Friday's session of the police trial, was A. P. Mathesius, '06, who was on the stand at the close of Thursday's session. He said that he was in the hospital for thirteen days as a result of his injuries, and that he would be barred from study until next September because of his physical condition.

The second witness, A. E. Skillings, '08, could not swear that he saw any policeman strike a blow, although he saw a large number of clubs in the air and many motions to strike.

R. C. Caryl, '08, acknowledged having seen torches thrown at the policemen, and that he knew of one man who had obtained a helmet as a souvenir, but he would not mention his name.

Alexander Macomber, '07, who said that he was struck three times, repeated the story which he told at the preliminary hearing.

AMERICAN CHEM. SOCIETY.

Meeting of the Northeastern Section.

The northeastern section of the American Chemical Society held its monthly meeting Friday evening, at which Professor Bartlett of Dartmouth College spoke on "A Night with the Alchemists." The next meeting of the Society is to be held Jan. 27, 1905, when Professor Thorp of the Institute will speak on the "Advances in Technical Chemistry During the Past War."

Professor Bartlett presented his subject in a very interesting manner, outlining the early history of alchemy and its subsequent developments, and giving an account of some of the early alchemists and the theories developed by them. He read selections from some of the early literature of alchemy, and spoke of its great influence on modern chemistry. During the evening stereopticon slides of early alchemical apparatus and paintings relating to this subject were presented, making altogether an entertainment well worth attending.

M. E. SOCIETY.

Meeting at the Union To-night.

Dr. Edward Dyer Peters will address the Society this evening on "The Commercial Side of the Art of Copper Smelting." Dr. Peters is one of the leading metallurgists in the country, and is widely known as the author of "Modern Copper Smelting." For many years he has been manager of large copper mines and smelters, so that he is particularly conversant with the commercial side of the smelting business. This meeting promises to be a most interesting one, and all members should be present. All Course III men are cordially invited. The meeting will be held at the Tech Union at 8 P.M.

Athletic Association.

A meeting of the M. I. T. A. A. was held in 22 Rogers at 1 P.M., Friday. The constitution as drawn up by the committee, was adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres. L. Baron Turner, '05; Vice-pres., William's, '06; Sec. and Treas., H. J. Mann, '06. Simpson, '06, who was assistant manager of the Track Team last year was elected manager. The position of assistant manager was left open for the present as there was no immediate need for this vacancy being filled at the present time.

The managers and assistant managers of the various teams were approved by a rising vote. Under the new constitution the officers of the athletic association will be the undergraduate members of the Advisory Council.

Fencing.

At the meeting of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association in New York on December 28, Tech will be represented by Captain Lage of the Tech Fencing Team. The schedule will be made up at this time and meets arranged.

Course XIII Hockey.

After a most successful football season, Course XIII has organized a Hockey Team, and is practicing daily with Ships' Curves in the Drawing Room, 30 C, and expects to add more new scalps before the end of the season.

KOMMERS SHOW.

Minstrel Troupe Makes a Hit.

The farewell performance of the Sunshine Minstrels at the Union Saturday night was a decided success, nearly every number meeting with the cheers of an enthusiastic audience.

The end men, Henderson, Bingham, Vinton and Simpson were well made up and did remarkably well considering their limited preparation. Henderson's part of the performance was especially good, as was that of Lawton, the interlocutor.

The music was excellent throughout. Solos by Patch and Cook, as well as several coon songs by Henderson, supported by the 1906 Glee Club, were very well received.

An entertaining feature of the program were the feats of magic performed by H. J. Mann whose work was very clever.

The minstrels program on the whole, was very creditable and the performance interesting throughout.

Fencing Contest.

The winners in the fencing contest at the Gym, Saturday evening, were the following: 1st, Leh; 2d, Henry; 3d, Hirsh. Judges: Bowman, Riley, Lage.

Course IX beat Course II in the basket ball game at the Gym Saturday afternoon. Score 8 to 1.

Senior Portfolio.

Hearn has been chosen as Senior photographer. The Portfolio Committee announce that pictures can be finished before Christmas if sittings are had immediately. Those men who will be in town during the holidays are earnestly requested to see Mr. Hearn then. They will thus greatly expedite matters.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Institute Committee, Friday, December 23, at 1 o'clock in the Trophy Room.

Wanted.

Names of students who would like to take subscriptions for "Success" next summer. Apply at Dean's office.

CHOICE OF COURSE LECTURES

First of the Series Given Saturday Morning.

The series of lectures to the Freshman Class on the choice of a course was begun Saturday morning in Huntington Hall, Prof. Sedgwick lecturing on Biology, Prof. Swain on Civil and Sanitary Engineering and Prof. Clifford on Electrical Engineering.

Professor Sedgwick emphasized strongly the importance of choosing a course for which one is naturally adapted, urging the new men to consider carefully the line of work upon which they wished to enter, stating that, as a man's choice of his course is not irrevocable, he should by no means follow a course for which he is not fitted merely because he has undertaken it. He recommended the Biological course to those who prefer pure science to its applications, and who wish either to teach or to carry on investigations along the higher lines of natural phenomena.

Professor Swain described Civil Engineering as the basis of all the diversified branches of engineering science in use at the present time, and laid stress upon the statement that the man who desires to put his scientific knowledge into practical usage along such lines as Transportation, Erecting of Structures, or the Utilization of Water Power should take the course in Civil Engineering as his preparation, and that those who prefer to devote their energies to the study of Municipal Engineering and the Public Health should take up Sanitary Engineering.

He brought out the fact that every profession is overcrowded with men of mediocre ability and urged the students to put their best efforts into whatever line of work they decided to undertake.

Professor Clifford gave an account of the remarkable progress of electrical science during the last few years, and its constantly increasing importance in the management of the world's affairs. He stated that since it is impossible for a man to learn thoroughly all branches of engineering, he ought to specialize in some one branch, and master it in every

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