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TECH GAINS POINT.

Probate Court Declares Mr. Cilley's Will Valid.

Provisionally speaking, Frank H. Cilley's will in favor of Massachusetts Institute of Technology has been acknowledged valid. The contention raised by Mr. Cilley's brother that the testator was mentally unbalanced was not allowed by the judge of the Probate Court who heard the case. The decision has been appealed, however, and the final verdict will have to be delivered by a higher court.

For the present the bequest amounts to seventy thousand dollars with the probability of twenty thousand dollars more. Its use is limited to the purchase of books, photographs, casts, anatomical models, and statuary for the Walker Memorial Building, and for special lectures on physical culture. Prof. Burton, Dr. Noyes, and Walter S. Barker of Cambridge are the executors.

The Probate Court decision is a strong indication that the Court of Appeals will also admit the will. Though some reason for the appeal exists in that Mr. Cilley was in many ways very unconventional, Tech may look upon the money as practically at its disposal.

MR. FAY ADDRESSES C. E. S.

The Civil Engineering Society held a meeting in 11 Eng. B on Monday, March 12. In the absence of President Patch the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Gerhard. The regular business transacted was the election of fifty-six new members to the Society. Four new names were proposed for admission and laid on the table.

The President then introduced Mr. F. H. Fay, '93, who is at present the head of the Structural Department in the Boston City Engineer's office. The subject of Mr. Fay's talk was: "The Charlestown Bridge and Similar Structures." As Mr. Fay was connected with the construction of both the Charlestown and the Cambridge Bridges his treatment of the subject was of especial interest. The lecture was copiously illustrated with lantern slides of pictures taken during the construction of the bridges.

PROFESSOR THORP LECTURES.

Professor Thorp of the Institute delivered a very interesting lecture recently at Bowdoin College on "Borax and Boracic Acid." Professor Thorp's intimate acquaintance with the subject gave force and weight to his words that were instructive in the highest degree. He had on exhibition many forms of the acid which he carefully explained. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Bowdoin Chemical Club, and was attended by a large number of students.

SHOW GOING TO PROVIDENCE.

Management Adds Performance to Usual Number. Boston and Malden Plays As Usual.

TO HOLD MORE MEETINGS.

The Civic Club Decides to Hold Debates Twice a Month.

The Technology Civic Club held a meeting at the Union last Monday evening. It was decided to hold the regular meetings twice a month instead of once a month as has heretofore been the custom and, altogether to make the club a vital factor at the Institute. The possibilities of having a debate with the Walker Club were discussed, as well as the advisability of joining the Intercollegiate Good Government Association which is being formed by the largest universities in this country.

It was moved and carried that Monday's debate be postponed until the next meeting and that the Club then and there constitute itself a committee of the whole to discuss and choose subjects for future debates. The committee of the whole reported the following subjects to be debated at each successive meeting in the order here indicated:

1st Meeting. *Resolved*, That the defects in American Municipal Government are due to our Republican Form of Government.

2d Meeting. *Resolved*, That the Students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are not fitted properly by their training at that Institution for active and intelligent citizenship.

3d Meeting. *Resolved*, That Municipal Ownership is both possible and advisable in these United States.

4th Meeting. *Resolved*, That the best political development of cities is hampered by State interference.

5th Meeting. *Resolved*, That a Corrupt Practice Act similar to that now in force in Great Britain would improve the political situation in the country.

6th Meeting. *Resolved*, That Congress should grant subsidies to American shipowners.

The Club accepted this report without amendment and, after a short discussion of the *Technique '07* insert, adjourned.

CHESS MATCH.

The Technology Chess Club defeated the Andover team in the annual match played Saturday afternoon at the Boston Chess Club. Each Tech player checkmated his opponent without any great difficulty. The score stood:

TECH.		ANDOVER.	
Lowrie	1	Beinecke	0
Nelson	1	Foster	0
Barnett	1	Stern	0
Henius	1	Reed	0
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SHOW THE BEST EVER.

Tech Show is being boomed this year as never before. Besides the usual matinee performances in Boston on Thursday and Friday of Junior Week, and the usual performance in Malden, the Show this year will be given in Providence, R. I. The dates are April 26 and 27, matinees, Colonial Theatre, Boston; April 27, evening, Malden Opera House; April 28, evening, Schubert Opera House, Providence.

The Show was booked for the Providence performance only after serious thought and discussion of everything concerned. The management believes that it is a great step in advance for the Show, and success in the undertaking seems to be assured.

The Show this year is far better than any ever performed by Tech men. It is a considerable departure from the shows of previous years, in that it is not an entirely plotless and fanciful play such as has been produced before. The libretto and lyrics were written by George Bryant, '07, whose experience in writing "The Chemical Maid" last year's successful play, has enabled him to produce an essentially modern up-to-date play, treating of college life and college men. All vaudeville features, including dances, have been omitted, and "The Freshman" approaches very nearly a professional show.

There is a fine chance for good acting throughout, and the principals have taken hold of their work in a way that shows that they will not be wanting when the curtain rises. Bryant knew there was no man available to take a leading part, so there are a number of parts each of equal importance. The play is intermingled with about twenty good spicy songs that are bound to make a hit. The music is excellent, and was written mostly by Packard, '07, Coffin, '07, and Moody, '07. The chorus is unusually strong this year and will add materially to the success of the Show.

FRESHMAN FENCING TEAM.

Much enthusiasm marks the training of the Freshman Fencing Team. The team is making very favorable progress under the care of Captain H. J. Lofting and Coach Fournon. Among the men thus far reported E. Chinchilla, G. Weinhausen, F. J. Lange, and H. J. Lofting. F. J. Lange has been chosen manager and expects to obtain several contests with other New England teams. The first meet is being arranged for some time at the end of April.

CALENDAR.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14.

4.00 P.M. 1908 Electoral Committee Meeting in 22 Rogers.
4.00 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearsal at the Tech Union.
4.00 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Boston Y. M. C. A.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15.

1.00 P.M. Institute Committee Meeting in the Trophy Room.
1.30 P.M. Weekly Meeting of the Y. M. C. A. in the Parish Hall of Trinity Church.
4.00 P.M. Rehearsal of Tech Show Principals at the Tech Union.
8.00 P.M. Second of Series of Lowell Institute Lectures by Prof. Peabody, in Huntington Hall.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16.

4.00 P.M. Rehearsal of Tech Show Chorus at the Tech Union.
4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.

NOTICES.

1907. — The dues of the members of the class of 1907 must be paid on or before Thursday.

Institute Committee. — There will be a meeting of the Institute committee at 1 P.M. on Thursday in the Trophy Room.

Electoral Committee. — The Sophomore Electoral Committee will hold its first meeting today at 4 P.M. Every member must be present.

Architectural Society. — The Architectural Society will hold a Smoker at the Union on Monday, March 19, at 8 o'clock, before which Mr. P. S. Peabody will speak on "Architectural Sketches."

Y. M. C. A. — The Technology Y. M. C. A. will hold its regular Thursday meeting in the Parish Hall, tomorrow at 11.30. The delegation to the recent Y. M. C. A. Convention at Nashville will report on the meetings of the Convention.

SPEAKS ON SHODDY.

An appreciative audience attended the 620th regular meeting of the Society of Arts in 22 Walker. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Henry G. Kittredge, editor of the *Textile American*, chose for his topic of discussion, "Shoddy: The History of a Woollen Rag." The lecture was interestingly illustrated by numerous lantern slides showing the different changes the woollen rag undergoes in the manufacture of shoddy goods. The lecture proved of special interest to students studying microscopy and textiles.

Y. M. C. A. ELECTIONS.

The balloting for Y. M. C. A. officers resulted in the election of T. C. Keeling, '07, President; L. W. Brock, '07, Vice-President; D. G. Robbins, '07, Treasurer; W. H. Medlicott, '07, Secretary. These men will hold office until March 1907.