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YALE WINS MEET.

Tech Only Gets Third Place With Five Bouts.

Yale won the triangular fencing meet Saturday evening by taking 12 bouts, while Columbia finished second with 10 bouts and Tech came last with 5 bouts. Tech was completely outclassed by both teams and the Institute men could win only from three of the opponents, Byrne and Amend of Columbia, Smith of Yale. Although Yale won the meet, Columbia showed itself to be the best team as it won five of its nine matches with the Yale men.

It was evident at the beginning of the meet that Tech was outclassed and the rest of the meet only proved this. Turner and Bounetheau each won two bouts for Tech, while Loring won one. All of the bouts were well-fought and exciting and in spite of the fact that the meet was dragged out, interest was at a high pitch throughout.

Yale was represented by Capt. Staley, Smith and Haas, Columbia by Capt. Lage, Amend and Byrne, Technology by Capt. Bounetheau, Loring and Turner. Lage of Columbia did not bout.

CAUSE OF VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS.

Professor G. Louderback of the University of California maintains that the theory of volcanic eruption which Capt. C. E. Dutton, U. S. A., advanced at the time of the San Francisco earthquake does not adequately express these phenomena. At a meeting of the Geological Journal Club with Professor Jaagar, Friday, Mr. Wilcomb reviewed Professor Louderback's article. The radio-activity theory holds that volcanoes are due to radio-activity which, gathering in certain places of the earth's crust, melts rocks and turns the water to steam which thus forces out the lava. This could not be the cause of volcanoes, contends Prof. Louderback, for if it were, the radium would be ejected with the flow of lava. There is not enough radium in lava thrown up from volcanoes to have made heat enough to melt the rocks. An interesting discussion took place over these theories.

INTER-COURSE BASEBALL.

Course V, 1908 has organized a baseball nine among its members with John Coyl, captain, and A. F. Edge, manager. The manager will be glad to arrange for games with teams among the other courses. Please leave note at the Cage.

The Columbia crews had their first spin on the river last week. The work was of the very raggedest sort, only one of the crews showing enough form to lead any one to suppose that any of the men had handled an oar before.

The amount spent in athletics at Annapolis the past year was \$8,114.87. Football cost \$4,598.74, rowing \$1,600, track athletics and baseball, \$1,037.

HOOK NIGHT GREAT SUCCESS.

Attendance Over 200. Largest This Year. Wild Enthusiasm.

Freshman Hook Night filled the Union with the largest crowd this year. The dinner was finished quickly, and after a few songs Bursar Rand made the only speech of the evening. Immediately after the stage, composed of four tables, was set up. F. B. Avery, who presided, announced as the first number a song by the Walker Wailers, a quartet. They were allowed one verse, and were then "hooked" in response to loud and prolonged demands. A German comedy sketch by Wohlgenuth and Ransohoff met with vigorous applause. Their song, "Waiting at the Church," in German was especially good.

The next number was a song by Gott, who impersonated the "Soloist from Skibaree Island." This performer's escape from the Hook was very narrow but he was allowed to finish.

The Freehand Jigglers, Richardson, Huerdler, Lockett and Stewart came next with a banjo selection. They were encored once. Jones then gave a humorous sketch, one joke of which made the biggest hit of the evening. A man tried to use his name "A. Skin," on a sign. He was obliged to desist however, as the name had already been preempted by Maclachan. At this point the Freehand Jigglers appeared again but were immediately given the Hook. Armes rendered Handel's "Largo" very ably on the cornet. It was the only serious performance of the evening and met with two encores.

Robinson and Pearl, the "Carbon Compound Boys from the Kidder Lab," then gave a negro specialty. The Freehand Jigglers were now allowed to perform, while Salisbury followed with a "Rube" impersonation. Tripp, who attempted a humorous Yiddish talk, did not seem to please the audience, and received its mark of displeasure in short order. The last number was a boxing match between Chase and Billings. J. Avery and Huckins acted as seconds.

The only other humorous event was Major Wheeler's entrance.

TECH MAN HEADS SCHOOL.

In connection with the recent action of the Nova Scotian government with regard to the establishment of a state system of technical schools it is interesting to learn that the most probable candidate for the position of Director of Technical Education is a 1901 graduate of the Institute's Mining Department, Prof. F. H. Sexton. The position is a very important one, embracing the principalship of the Central College in Halifax, to be known as the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology and intended to stand high in its class, and including supervisory powers over the entire system of subordinate schools in all the industrial centers, as well as the right to advise the general school board on all technical matters. Professor Sexton is at Dalhousie University.

PROF. SWAIN PRES. OF TECH.

Rumored Name Being Considered. Alumni Pleased. Eminently Fitted.

Mention of Professor Swain's name as a possible successor to President Pritchett at the head of Tech is heard from many sources. One prominent Tech man said Friday, "There can be no doubt that Professor Swain is one of the best fitted men for the place." The selection of Professor Swain to fill the position of President would meet with favor among a large portion of the alumni, who are particularly desirous of having the appointment go to a graduate of Technology, if possible.

When interviewed about the rumors of his being a possible successor of President Pritchett, Prof. Swain remained reticent. In reply to a question as to whether he would accept the presidency of Technology should he be invited, he conveyed the impression that he would at least give it his serious consideration.

Professor Swain was a graduate of the Civil Engineering Course at the Institute in 1877 and spent three years after graduation studying in Germany. Upon his return to the United States he was employed as expert on the Tenth U. S. Census and the next year, 1881, received his appointment to an instructorship in Civil Engineering at the Institute.

In 1883 he was assistant professor and served in this capacity till 1887, when he was made an associate professor. Since 1888 he has had charge of the Civil Engineering Course.

Professor Swain has been consulting engineer for the Massachusetts Railroad Commissioners since 1887 and a member of the Boston Transit Commission since 1894. He was at one time President of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers and is also an ex-President of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education. He served as Director of the American Society of Engineers from 1901 to 1904.

Professor Swain is the author of a number of papers and reports on engineering investigations, among them "A Report on the Water Power of the Atlantic Slope," "Notes on Hydraulics and on Theory of Structures," and numerous reports on Railroad Bridges, Brake Equipment, etc., in prominent engineering journals.

SPRING TRAINING BEGINS.

Outdoor training is to begin at the Field today, as the track has become well dried out. A strong squad is expected to show up. The trials for the Relay Team which is to represent Tech in the Pennsylvania Relay Carnival, will begin April 9.

HARE AND HOUNDS.

The first Hare and Hound run took place at Hyde Park, last Saturday. Time of Hares, 41 minutes; time of Hounds, 54 minutes. The Hounds finished in the following order: No. 1, Howland; 2, Mills; 3, Huber; 4, Udale; 5, Campbell; 6, Hulsizer. Bags were found by Lexox and Stephenson. The distance was 4 1-2 miles.

CALENDAR.

MONDAY, MARCH 25.

- 1.00 P.M. Meeting of the Board of Editors of THE TECH in 30 Rogers.
- 4.00 P.M. Spring Training begins at the Field.
- 4.00 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.
- 4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal at the V. M. C. A.
- 4.10 P.M. Prof. Swain's Reading in 11 Eng. B.
- 4.15 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearsal at the Union.
- 5.00 P.M. Technique Electoral Committee Meeting in 36 Rogers.
- 6.30 P.M. Pennsylvania Club Dinner at the Union.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26.

- 4.15 P.M. Tech Show Principals Rehearsal at the Union.
- 6.30 P.M. Instructor's Club Dinner at the Union.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27.

- 4.15 P.M. Mr. Whitaker of the Welshbach Company speaks on "Factory Organization" in 23 Walker.
- 4.15 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearsal at the Union.
- 5.00 P.M. Technique Electoral Committee Meeting in 36 Rogers.
- 5.00 P.M. Class Day Committee Meeting in 27 Rogers.

FACULTY NOTICES.

Second and Third years.—Exercises in Forging and Chipping and Filing will begin on Friday, March 29.

Course XIII.—Professor Gill will meet the fourth year Course XIII students in Applied Chemistry on Thursday at 9 in 22 Walker.

NOTICES.

Wanted.—Clerk for Hotel in White Mountains during the summer. Apply to Bursar Rand.

Instructor's Club.—The Instructor's Club will dine at the Union Tuesday, March 26, at 6.30. The guest and speaker will be Dr. Pritchett.

Tech Show.—The Tech Show Management is going to print 100 more copies of last year's Tech Show, "The Freshman." The Management wishes to obtain a copy of "Simon Pure Brass" and will pay \$2.00 for same.

British Empire Association.—The British Empire Association will hold a joint dinner with the Harvard Canadian Club at the Hotel Nottingham Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Every member is invited to attend.

Mining Eng. Soc.—The next meeting of the Mining Engineering Society will be held at the Tech Union Tuesday, April 2, at 7.30 P.M. Prof. Robert H. Richards will give a talk on Mexico. This talk will be accompanied by lantern slides of places of general mining interest which he visited there in 1901. All members are urged to be present as the talk will be very interesting. Those not members but contemplating becoming so are invited.

Mandolin Club.—The first rehearsal with piano will be held this afternoon at the V. M. C. A. promptly at four o'clock. It is of the greatest importance that all be present on time.