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Four out of five of the principal papers in the latest number of the Journal of the N. E. Water Works Association, just out, are written by Technology men, namely C. W. Sherman, '90, C. T. Main, '76, R. A. Hale, '77, and E. E. Lochridge, '05. As showing how quickly some of Tech's graduates accomplish good work, the following quotation concerning the Ludlow intermittent filters of the Springfield, Mass., Water Works is of interest (p. 285): "During the present season Mr. C. F. Story (Course XI, M. I. T., 1907) has operated the filter and has had some difficult water to handle. . . . However, at all times very satisfactory water has been produced . . . far more acceptable than any water we have had in any summer for a great many years."

In view of this statement the readers of THE TECH will not be surprised to hear that Mr. Story has just been promoted in salary and made Assistant Sanitary Engineer to the Springfield Water Department.

'78 MAN TRANSFORMS STRAW INTO LINEN FIBRE.

Perfects a Process That Will Bring Enormous Results To Commercial Interests.

Benjamin C. Mudge 1878, Course I, has invented and perfected a process for the transformation of flax straw into pure linen fibre ready for spinning. The results of this invention will be enormous to the commercial and agricultural interests of the country.

American farmers devote four million acres to flax raising, merely for the seed. The straw has hitherto all been thrown away, because there is no labor cheap enough here to utilize it for making linen fibre by the antiquated methods of Europe, which require several weeks.

The Mudge process requires but 12 hours for separating the fibre from the wood portion of the straw by mechanical means. Chemicals are then used for degumming and bleaching.

The United States imports 22 million dollars' worth of linens from Europe yearly. As the new process is much cheaper than that pursued in Europe, the value of the production of linens here should be over a quarter of a billion dollars, besides creating a market for the agricultural product.

Due to an error in the lists given THE TECH, it was stated in a recent issue that George L. Davenport, Jr. 1906, was division engineer with the coast lines of the Santa Fe. Mr. Davenport is draftsman; his address being care of the division engineer at San Bernado, Cal.

CALIFORNIA TECH GRADS ORGANIZE A CLUB.

Twenty Eight Men Start It, But Movement Is Gaining Rapidly.

At a reunion dinner in Oakland, Cal., on Nov. 16, twenty-eight Tech men organized a "Technology Club of Northern California" to advance Technology's interests and create a strong Tech fellowship on the coast.

These twenty-eight men represent only a small section of the Institute graduates in that vicinity, but the movement is not only sanctioned but strongly desired by every Tech man that it has been possible to communicate with.

It is therefore expected that the immediate membership will be over forty. Charles G. Hyde 1896 was elected president. Any communications as to Tech men in this region will be gladly received by H. C. Blake 1907, the secretary of the club.

On last Saturday the men of the southern part of the state, following the example of their northern neighbors, organized a similar club, and it is the intention to spread the movement until eventually there is formed an association of the Pacific Coast.

STEPHENSON WINS TIME PRIZE.

Does Eight Miles in Handicap Race in 49m 47s.

J. N. Stephenson 1909 won the time prize in the annual handicap cross country run at West Roxbury Saturday, covering the eight miles in 49m 47s. McKenzie 1910 won the race from a handicap of 4m 45s, his actual time being 53m 15s. He was closely followed by Eldred 1911 who started with the same handicap. Stephenson finished third. The first two men will receive cups for their places at the finish.

The summary:

1. Mackenzie 1910, handicap 4m 45s, time 53m 15s.
2. Eldred 1911, handicap 4m 45s, time 53m 16 4-5s.
3. Stephenson 1909, handicap 45s, time 49m 45s.
4. Howe 1909, handicap 3m, time 52m 15s.
5. White 1911, handicap 1m 30s, time 51m 8s.
6. Ellis 1909, handicap 45s, time 51m 23s.
7. Howland 1908, scratch, time 52m 2 2-5s.
8. Burton 1910, handicap 5m 15s, time 58m 30s.
9. Davis 1910, handicap 3m, time 56m 45 2-5s.
10. Pearl 1910, handicap 6m, time 62m 20s.
11. Lenox 1909, handicap 4m, time 62m 50s.

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