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CIVIC CLUB RULES AGAINST AUTOMOBILES.

GREAT TIME AT TOWN MEETING.

Nisbet Presides Over Discussions on Bill
Board and License Laws.

Promptly at 7.30 on Friday evening last at the Union, J. G. Reid, A. B. called the meeting of the Civic Club to order, and introduced Prof. Arlo Bates to the seventy-five men present.

Prof. Bates in an entertaining manner outlined the system under which a real country town-meeting is carried on, and his effective illustrations of country characters and their behavior in meeting were much appreciated.

Following Prof. Bates' suggestion that the Moderator should always be a gentleman of considerable strength of character, with perhaps a reputation for fistic ability, R. Ellis 1909 rose and said that undoubtedly there was but one man for the position, and nominated L. D. Nisbet 1909, who was elected amid great acclamation.

The first article in the warrant was concerning the advisability of obtaining a ways and means to prevent auto-speeding. H. F. Ballard 1909, moved an appropriation of \$1500 for the erection of bumpers one foot six inches high through the main street. J. H. Ruckmann 1910, suggested that the constable be provided with a motor cycle, for the pursuit of speeders, and it was further suggested that the constable answer the M. & M. ad now running in the "Technology Bingle," and see if
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SUBSCRIPTION TO SEND TEAM TO RELAY GAMES.

AUTHORIZED BY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

New England Championship Race Will
Have More Contestants This Year.

Subscriptions to send the Tech team to the Pennsylvania Relay Carnival will be started at once among the students by the manager of the track team, his assistants and the members of the relay team. Last year the money for this purpose was raised in the same manner and the support given was fine.

This year the chances of a good race at the new games is better than it was last year. The class that Tech is in has been changed and there will probably be many more contestants than there were last year. It is probable that Tech will meet there teams from Amherst, Brown, Williams, Wesleyan and Maine. If it is found that the team is good enough it may be entered in a higher class.

Last year it was expected that Tech would race Brown and Wesleyan but at the last minute Brown failed to come to the mark. This left only Tech and Wesleyan in the race. The condition of affairs was the result of an accident and would not be likely to happen again. However, the Wesleyan team was one of the best in New England, having on some of the best middle distance men in the colleges.

At the athletic association meeting last Friday President Glover said of the situation: "Last year the relay team was entered in the New England championship race at the Penn Relay Carnival, the most important games of the kind in the country. In this race last year Tech won the championship and made a very good showing. This year the relay team by its performances so far this season gives promise of being faster still and it seems as if Tech should not miss the opportunity of entering the games again. The chances for the team would be very good and good performance at that time would elp along the name of Technology in athletics a great deal."

The athletic association endorsed and approved the plan of raising money in this way, directing that the subscription could be proceeded with.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DECLINES TO GIVE APPROPRIATION FOR TRAINING FENCING TEAM.

AMALGAMATION OF TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY MANAGERMENTS SUGGESTED.

Animated Discussion at Meeting of the Athletic Association. President
Glover Presents Able Report on Important Athletic Questions.

Financial aid of any kind was refused to the fencing team at the meeting of the Athletic Association last Friday. The amalgamation of the track and cross country managements was considered but action was deferred until later.

A heated discussion of the fencing situation took place following a recommendation in a report presented by President Glover, that the team should be given no pecuniary aid for training purposes from the athletic association. Mr. Moses defended the work of the team and said that the sport being a costly one should have support from the A. A. The other speakers on the subject, notably Mr. Fanning and Mr. Orr took the opposite stand.

Captain Loring then read a letter from Lucien Fournon who has been coaching the team. Fournon said that the support he had received in his attempt to build up a fencing team at Tech had met with very little support. He insisted that he be guaranteed the



PRESIDENT G. T. GLOVER.

continuous patronage of at least twenty men who would each pay the fee of five dollars a month. Mr. Loring requested that some action be taken on this but the association declined to take any notice of the communication, holding that Mr. Fournon is not to be considered in any way as an authorized coach. His connection with the team is entirely unofficial.

No action was taken on the recommendation to make the managements of the cross country and track teams identical. Mr. Ferris was not fully informed of the action taken recently by the I. C. A. A. A. so the matter was left for decision at some future date. The report presented by President Glover.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Many questions concerning the administration of athletics have come up for decision by the new athletic association. Some of these have been very carefully investigated, and the results and conclusions are laid before the association in the following report.

In the first place the problem offered by the fencing team at the Institute has come up again. It is one that has been brought up repeatedly in the past. Comparatively little interest has been shown by any but the fencing men themselves.

In a general consideration of the fencing situation we find that the conditions at other colleges are much the same as they are here. In the first place fencing stands on the same basis

as do golf and tennis. It is a good deal of a hobby and came to be introduced in all the colleges without exception by a body of men who were previously interested. It requires expert training and constant practise and the only excuse for the existence of a team at any institution is the existence there of a sufficient number of men who are actively interested and engaged in the pursuit of the sport and who desire to make use of their skill and have the pleasure afforded by the representation of their institution. That this situation exists at Tech or in fact ever did exist since the first year that the team was started, no one ever claims. The frantic efforts of the fencing team to get men to come out and the unwillingness or inability of the men who do come out to provide for themselves adequate coaching has only too clearly demonstrated the truth of this fact.

In spite of all this, if the men at the Institute had shown themselves to be very much interested in the team the case would be different. As it is the team is asking for as much money if not more than is given to any of the smaller teams, with only a very small number of men who go in for the sport with all their might.

Taken as a whole the fencing proposition has been given this year as fair a show as it would have been possible to give it. Every circumstance has been favorable. The idea has been pushed to the limit by all connected with it in any way. A club has been formed to exploit the sport and every inducement has been offered to get men interested in it. Many contributed to a subscription started for the benefit of the team. All who have had even the most passive interest have helped to the extent of their power to make the thing a success. It has been given a fair trial. What has been the result of this experiment on the status of fencing at Technology? There can be no two conclusions. It has failed.

With this in view does it seem fair to give to such a seemingly impracticable organization a considerable sum of money from the already depleted treasury of the A. A. It would not seem like common wisdom. With the sport of fencing if it will not support itself or its members cannot support it without the aid of the athletic association it would seem as if it should be dropped from the athletic roll at the Institute.

Cross country is the next thing that demands attention. But recently the Intercollegiate Athletic Association at its annual meeting in New York City determined that the distinction between track sports and cross country had ceased to exist. The C. C. A. was taken over by the larger body.

An investigation of the conditions at other colleges reveals the fact that the management of the track teams and the cross country teams is identical. This has been found the most advantageous arrangement and has been used by all the colleges. The coach is the same and the manager is the same. Among the colleges successful in cross country running there is no exception to this rule. Cornell used to have two managers but they have now incorporated both teams into one.

At Tech conditions are the same. The interests of the track team and the cross country team are one and the same. As a matter of fact the cross country team should no more have separate management than do any of the relay teams.

All the work of the men is made to fit in with the work of the track team. In fact one of the most valuable things about the cross country team is that it has always furnished material for the distance runners.

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MORE TIME FOR PROFESSIONAL WORK.

CHANGES IN COURSE XIII.

Prof. Peabody Revises Thermo Book and
Tables. Large Number of Naval
Constructors.

The most notable change in the department of naval architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology during the past year has been a change in the course of study by which only one year of modern languages is required, this change being parallel to those made in two of the leading engineering courses. Of the time thereby released somewhat more than half has been used for strengthening the technical side of the course and the remainder is applied mainly for providing options in general culture courses.

The time available for technical purposes has been devoted to mathematics, to applied mechanics, and to more strictly professional subjects. It has also become possible to take up the special professional work of the course in the second year, an arrangement which is doubly advantageous in that students come earlier to take interest in their special profession and a better foundation is laid for future work. The department partakes in the advantages that come from increase of time and better facilities in steam engineering and laboratory work, which have direct bearing on a side of their profession which sometimes fail of recognition, namely marine engineering, for it has always been held that the best design of a ship demands a knowledge of the construction of both hull and machinery. A feature that may receive mention is the addition of the design of marine turbines; this was taken up last year and will receive additional attention this year. Another advantage in the removing of one year of languages is the advance of applied mechanics to the second year, so that this fundamental subject may be kept well in advance of its applications in other professional courses.

The thermodynamics text-book of which Prof. Cecil H. Peabody, head of the naval department, is author, and which is used throughout the courses as text-book in that subject has been rewritten. This was done to facilitate the work in steam turbines, and a chapter on this new engine has been added. Also an entirely new and important table has been computed to give rapid and accurate solution of the problems involved.

For several years the department in naval architecture has offered facilities for taking the special work of the course in one year to graduates of other engineering departments of the Institute or to graduates of other technical schools having adequate preparation. This year, for the first time, advantage has been taken of this opportunity by students who come from another college and it is to be expected that this method of using the facilities of the Institute will become recognized in the future.

Since the institution of the course for naval constructors it has been expected that the normal size of classes would be two to four, but the United States navy department has found it necessary to send larger numbers, classes of six or eight being more frequent. This year the entrance class numbers six, and there are sixteen officers in the course at the present time. The course for the corps has become so well systematized that for several years it has received changes only as the growth of the Institute made them necessary or advisable.

HARE AND HOUNDS AT HYDE PARK.

The cross country team took a six mile run in Hyde Park on Saturday. The squad consisted of the following men: J. N. Stephenson 1909, R. Ellis 1909, J. D. McKenzie 1911, C. H. Magee 1910, W. C. West 1911, and W. Werner 1911. Stephen-on and McKenzie laid the trail.