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BALL TEAM WINS.

Trounces Rhode Island State College in Handy Fashion.

The baseball team won its first victory of the season on Saturday in its initial clash with a college team. The victims were the Rhode Island State College nine, and they were decisively trounced, 5 to 0.

Nims twirled the best game of his career, and had his opponents at his mercy. He held them to three scattered hits, one of which was a very scratchy one. His support was gilded, the two slip-ups being on difficult chances, and not at all costly.

Innings, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Wore., 1 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 0—5

INTERNATIONAL RACE.

Scotland Carries Away the Sprinting Honors from Italy.

Half a foot, half a foot, half a foot onward,

Towards the red tape they ran, Scotty and Croce,

Crowds to the right of them, crowds to the left of them,

Backers and rooters.

No use for help to cry;

Theirs but to grunt and try;

Gee, what a sight, oh my!

Gallant Four Footers.

We have forgotten the chap who wrote the original metre of this, but we think he would forgive the sacrilege of the adaption had he seen the event which inspired it. It was a hundred-yards dash between Scotty Campbell, '11, and Mike Croce, '13, and occurred during the class games Saturday.

Now, Scotty stands just 4 feet, 11 inches in the high-heeled slippers he wears, and with the aid of an overcoat and suit-case can tip the scales at 100 pounds. Mike is 5 inches shorter than Scotty, but would have to take the Keeley cure to see 140 pounds again.

For over two weeks past, efforts had been made to arrange this race, but Scotty refused to be a party to the transaction, and if it hadn't been for the pleadings of a nice young lady in the grandstand when the challenge was issued to him (through Kneil's megaphone on Saturday), it is probable that the event would never have come off. But Scotty couldn't afford to lose caste with his fair sex friends, and so both he and Croce repaired to the dressing-rooms, to reappear a few minutes later in official Tech uniforms. Of course, the jerseys and pants didn't fit like gloves, but then, the rig-outs more than covered the law, so the men were sent to the mark to begin the greatest race in Tech's athletic history.

The crowd lined up on both sides of the track, and Coach O'Connor whipped his .32 into the air. Bang went the gun, and the race was on.

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PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM.

Dr. Hull gave an account of experiments performed at the University of Texas, which prove that a changing magnetic field produces an electrostatic force which moves a charged conductor placed in the field. Dr. Ewell then gave a paper on the mechanical and optical properties of jellies. Dr. Ewell has investigated a great many of these properties himself, and is now engaged in investigating the rotation of the plane of polarization of light passing through a block of jelly under strain.

FINED FOR OVERSPEEDING.

"At a session of the court yesterday afternoon David L. Gallup of Worcester answered to a charge for overspeeding, pleaded guilty, and paid a fine of \$15 and costs. He was taken in by Officer Wadsworth."—Pawtucket Correspondent to Providence Journal, April 24.

AERO CLUB.

A second meeting of the fellows interested in aeronautics was held in Room 19, Boynton Hall, last Thursday afternoon. The club, in accepting its constitution, was formally started with the following men in office: President, Hallenbeck, '11; Vice-president, Patch, '11; Secretary, Ryder, '11; Treasurer, Montague, '11.

The third meeting took place last Monday afternoon, in Room 19, Boynton Hall, and was a well attended and highly instructive meeting. With about twenty-five men signing the constitution, chiefly of the junior and sophomore classes, the club bids fair to become a prominent factor in Tech student organizations. A twenty-foot glider is already under construction in a room allowed the club by Mr. Rawson, superintendent of the Washburn Shops. It is intended to first experiment with gliders, learning how to balance and manipulate the planes in flight, to compete with aero clubs of neighboring colleges in aerial meets, and ultimately to build and man a power machine. Here is a chance for Worcester Tech to distinguish herself along new lines! There are already well-supported aero clubs at M. I. T., Harvard, Tufts, and Amherst, and why should not W. P. I., an engineering school of first rank, with good shop facilities, enter with confidence into this new field of experimentation? Any member of the student body and faculty who is willing to devote a little time to the work, may become a member by signing the constitution immediately. Let us support this new enterprise, enter upon the work zealously, and strive to keep old Worcester Tech in her accustomed place in the modern scientific world.

FRESHMEN WIN.

The Greatest Interclass Track Meet in Tech's History.

The annual interclass track games at the Oval were, as was predicted in the Tech News last week, the greatest on record in Tech's athletic history. A fairly good crowd was in attendance, but there should have been more. All who attended were more than repaid, and it is safe to say none of them will miss the two home dual meets to come. All doubt about the strength of the track team must be dispelled after Saturday's performances, and if the meets with Rensselaer and Trinity are not made paying propositions, then it is very evident that the students here do not care to support a team far above the calibre of any team Tech has ever had.

and there will be no home dates arranged next year.

Two records were broken

and two more should have gone. Clough, who promises to score at the intercollegiate this year, with very little training, decisively fractured the shot-put and discus throw records. Captain Kennedy should have beaten the 220 record of 23½ seconds but for a mistake of the judges in putting the finish tape on the 200 yards posts instead of the 220, as he negotiated the 200 yards in 20.45 seconds. Slocomb miscalculated in the mile, for he finished very strong, certain in the belief that he had broken the record, only to find that he had lost it by a fifth of a second.

Jack Power had hard luck in the hammer-throw, and while he won the event handily, he should have broken his record of 116 feet.

He will certainly perform

the stunt easily at the Rensselaer dual meet, and three or four more records are due to go on that occasion.

The meet was in doubt up to the last event, when, with 1912 in the lead by a point, Conneen carried home the bacon for '13 by capturing the pole-vault in magnificent style, after he had been pushed to the limit by some great and surprising work by Gleason.

The summary follows:

	'10	'11	'12	'13
100-yards dash,	8			1
120-yards hurdle,		1	3	5
1-mile run,			5	4
440-yards dash,	5	1	3	
880-yards dash,		5		4
2-mile run,			8	1
220-yards hurdle,	5	1	3	
200-yards dash,	5	1	3	
Shotput,			3	6
High jump,			2	7
Hammer-throw,			5	3
Pole-vault,		1	3	5
Discus throw,			4	5
Broad jump,		5	1	3
Totals,	23	15	43	44

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At the regular meeting of the branch on Friday evening, April 22nd, Professor A. S. Richey gave a talk on "Accidents and Incidents" before 175 members and friends.

Taking up the matter of accidents first, the speaker gave an account of several catastrophes which have come to his attention during his engineering work, one being a bridge wreck caused by sudden braking of a train while passing, while another dealt with a series of incidents which led up to a final rear-end collision on a trolley line.

In considering engineering incidents the speaker passed back to ancient history and took up the Genesis and Exodus of several matters of note, carrying the matter up to the present, showing lantern slides in relation to a trip which members of the electrical engineering department took recently. Slides were also shown of several amusing matters written in original section-hand hammar; one in particular a report on an accident in which a cow was seriously damaged, appealed to the audience as being especially sad.

Professor Richey concluded his talk with a narration of the invention of the game of penneche and the origin of the custom of serving fish on Friday, and the meeting was adjourned to the main laboratory, where electrically prepared cocoa and other refreshments were served, music being furnished by the Tech Orchestra with dancing in the galleries.

CALENDAR.

WEDNESDAY, April 27.
1-2.30. E vs. D of 1913.
Springfield Training School at Springfield.
7.00. Y. M. C. A.
5.00. Glee Club rehearsal.
THURSDAY, April 28.
1-3.30. E vs. H.
FRIDAY, April 29.
8-10. A vs. B.
8-11. D vs. H.
4.30. Physics Colloquium.
5.00. Glee Club rehearsal.
SATURDAY, April 30.
3.30. Pratt Institute at Oval.
MONDAY, May 2.
1-2.30. A vs. E.
10-12. B vs. C.
8.00 Chemical Club meeting.
5.00. Glee Club rehearsal.
TUESDAY, May 3.
1-2.30. A vs. G.
EVERY DAY.
Baseball and track practice.

E. C. Aldrich, '06, of the firm of Aldrich & Hall of Auburn, N. Y., has recently been elected city engineer of that city.

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Where is all the Tech spirit just now, anyway? If there is any around, it has been mighty cautious about showing itself in day-light, and existent facts tend to substantiate the view that it has evaporated to a great extent. The class meet last Saturday, which was one of the best in years, was witnessed by an audience whose scant numbers were a disgrace to the school. Two records went by the board, another was nearly equalled, and still a fourth escaped by a mistake of the judges; and yet not so much as a single "P. I." or class yell was heard all through the performance, and it is even rumored that one of the sophs prepared a cale. lesson during the meet. Now, fellows, let's wake things up! We've got a corking good track team that is going to do things this year, and one of the best ball nines we ever had, but if the school isn't going to back them up, they might as well be in Kalamazoo. Already one sport has been driven to the wall by lack of support, and we can't afford to let two such teams as are now at work lack anything in the line of support by the student body. Let us see to it that the "evaporation" spoken of above is turned into a distillation process, with a final product superior to anything we've had before.

Judging by the work of the freshmen and the sophomores in the class meet, as compared with the results of the underclass meet at M. I. T., held

April 9, we have a track team that compares mighty well with that of other colleges of our class, and what has been done so far augurs well for the showing the team will make at the N. E. I. A. A. meet. Some of our men have so much strength along certain lines that they don't need training to enable them to win points, and with the knowledge of form and a little careful coaching on the fine points of track work, the team is bound to achieve success.

Looked at from the social aspect

the junior prom was a great success, as there seemed to be just the right number present for a good, congenial time. Financially, however, the affair takes on a different aspect, as just the right number were present to pay about half the expense incurred. This may be partly attributed to any one of several causes, but one of the things that made it hard for the committee to arrange matters right was the *great vocal enthusiasm* manifested in class-meeting, backed up by—not much of anything. That is just the kind of enthusiasm that will run anything into the hole mighty quick. When a man gets fervent about any project in discussion, the inference is that he will support it in whatever way is necessary. If everybody would suffer in silence, unless he is prepared to back up his views, managements would at least not be building on false hopes, as was the case this time.

ALUMNI NOTES.

N. C. Rockwood, '07, who was formerly with the chief engineer of the Gilmore & Pittsburg Railroad Company at Armstead, Montana, is now indexer and librarian for the Engineering News Publishing Company of New York city.

Prof. Harold B. Smith will speak before the various branches of the alumni during the next few weeks. Some of the dates have been arranged as follows: Schenectady, April 29; Buffalo, April 30; Chicago, May 2; Cleveland, May 3; Pittsburgh, May 4; Philadelphia, May 5; Washington, May 6; New York, May 9.

R. W. Burpee, a graduate of the civil engineering department of the Institute in the class of '09, who was with F. W. Bateman, '71, of Parker, Bateman & Chase, civil engineers, of Clinton, Mass., has accepted a position with Chief Engineer George P. Smith, '85, of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway.

The annual meeting of the Schenectady, N. Y., branch of the Institute alumni will be held Friday evening, April 29, after several postponements. The guests of the evening will be Professors Coombs and H. B. Smith.

ANOTHER PRESENT FOR INSTITUTE.

The Norton Company, Worcester, Mass., manufacturers of abrasives and abrasive wheels, stones, etc., have presented the Institute with a handsome assortment of their alundum products. Alundum is produced in the electric furnace from bauxite, and the ease shows samples of each step in the production of alundum in its several grades, as well as the finished abrasive wheels. This instructive exhibit has been placed on the walls of the machine shop lecture room and is a distinct addition to the equipment of the room. Mr. M. P. Higgins, president of the Norton Company, and Mr. G. I. Alden, treasurer, were formerly members of the Institute faculty, and Mr. Higgins is now a trustee.

Prof. E. L. Hancock is in receipt for the laboratory of testing materials of several springs furnished by the Pittsburg Spring & Steel Company. The collection includes locomotive-semi-elliptic, carriage-elliptic, car-bolster-helical, valve and conical springs. These will be used for the purpose of instruction in connection with the regular work and will form a part of the regular equipment of the laboratory.

SENIOR CLASS NEWS.

The seniors held their weekly class meeting last Monday at eleven o'clock, at which time a large amount of business was transacted.

President Engler spoke in regard to the plans for Commencement Week. Some of the dates, which have been determined, and the events were given out as follows:

June 5, Sunday evening. Baccalaureate sermon at Central Church by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Knapp. In case the pastor could not be present, either Dr. Drew of the Old South or Dr. Bradley of the Piedmont would give the sermon.

June 7, Tuesday evening. Lecture on a scientific subject, given under the direction of Sigma XI.

June 8, Wednesday. The plant at Chaffin's, which is at the present time the largest and best equipped experimental plant of its kind in the country, will be in full operation. The laboratories and shops on the Hill will also be open for inspection.

In the evening

President and Mrs. Engler will hold a reception to the seniors and their friends.

June 9, Thursday. At ten o'clock the graduation exercises will be held in Tuckerman Hall, the address being given by Prof. R. M. Hollis of Harvard.

In the afternoon the annual alumni reunion will be held, with banquet and speeches.

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In contrast to the Tall Men's Club of Missouri, a Brevity Club has been organized at Kentucky State University. Those under five feet in height are eligible for membership.

FRANKLIN SQUARE THEATRE.

Of the many western plays seen in the past few years, "Montana," from the pen of Harry D. Carey, is in its sixth successful season. There is much in the play that appeals to even the most exact theatre-goer. It is full of good, clean, wholesome comedy, combined with a beautiful story of love and romance, and at the same time graphically describing the country, its people and the West in general. The characters are true to life and are people who really exist. The electrical effects add much to the general production.

WORCESTER THEATRE.

"Ben-Hur," that beautiful play of the early Christian period, comes to the Worcester on Monday evening for four performances, including a Wednesday matinee. From the time of its first presentation the play has never lost its grip on play-goers, who find in the multitude of emotions a sentiment which appeals to them particularly and a charm which never grows old or wearies them from satiety.

FRESHMEN WIN.

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Track Events.

100-yards dash, first heat—Won by B. J. Leary, '10; 2d, M. G. Halligan, '12. Time, 10 3-5 sec.

Second heat—Won by P. S. Kennedy, '10; 2d, W. W. Tuttle, '13. Time, 10 4-5 sec.

Final heat—Won by P. S. Kennedy, '10; 2d, B. J. Leary, '10; 3d, W. W. Tuttle, '13. Time, 10 4-5 sec.

120-yards high hurdles, first heat—Won by J. W. Cunningham, '12; 2d, C. P. James, '11. Time, 18 3-5 sec.

Second heat—Won by C. A. Dodge, '13; 2d, H. H. Chase, '13. Time, 18 3-5 sec.

Final heat—Won by C. A. Dodge, '13; 2d, J. W. Cunningham, '12; 3d, C. P. James, '11. Time, 17 4-5 sec.

One-mile run—Won by G. H. Slocomb, '12; 2d, A. H. Gridley, '13; 3d, E. R. Hedstrom, '13. Time, 4 min. 46 sec.

440-yards dash—Won by P. S. Kennedy, '10; 2d, M. G. Halligan, '12; 3d, B. J. Halligan, '11. Time, 52 1-5 sec.

880-yards run—Won by M. H. Jachens, '11; 2d, N. E. Baxter, '13; 3d, O. S. Porter, '13. Time, 2 min. 9 2-5 sec.

2-mile run—Dead heat between G. H. Slocomb, '12, and H. E. Paine, '12; 3d, E. R. Hedstrom. Time, 10 min. 57 sec.

220-yards low hurdles—Won by B. J. Leary, '10; 2d, J. W. Cunningham, '12; 3d, C. P. James, '11. Time, 28 1-5 sec.

200-yards dash—Won by P. S. Kennedy, '10; 2d, M. G. Halligan, '12; 3d, W. T. Donath, '11. Time, 20 4-5 sec.

Field Events.

Shot-put—Won by C. C. Clough, '13, 39 ft. 10 in., new record; 2d, J. D. Power, '12, 35 ft. 7 in.; 3d, C. A. Dodge, '13, 35 ft.

High jump—Won by C. E. Sullivan, '13, 5 ft. 2 3-16 in.; tied for 2d, R. H. Blanchard, '13, and H. T. Taylor, '12, 5 ft. 1 1-6 in.

Hammer-throw—Won by J. D. Power, '12, 109 ft. 9 in.; 2d, C. C. Clough, '13, 93 ft. 11 in.

Pole vault—Won by J. H. Conneen, '13, 9 ft. 6 1/2 in.; 2d, E. W. Gleason, '12, 9 ft. 3 in.; 3d, C. P. James, '11, 9 ft.

Discus throw—Won by C. C. Clough, '13, 101 ft. 8 1/2 in., new record; 2d, E. K. Brown, '12, 100 ft. 1 1/2 in.; 3d, J. D. Power, '12, 93 ft. 6 in.

Broad jump—Won by R. E. Harrington, '11, 20 ft. 10 in.; 2d, E. H. Blanchard, '13, 19 ft. 2 in.; 3d, J. D. Power, '12, 18 ft. 11 in.

Officials: Starter, C. J. O'Connor; Referee, J. A. Bullard; Clerk of Course, Karl Herrick; Assistant Clerks of Course, W. T. Montague and Edward I. Gardiner; Track Judges, A. S. Slocomb, J. C. Fitzpatrick and N. D. Pease; Timers, W. J. Randall and C. T. Leigh; Field Judges, E. N. Adams and S. P. McConnell; Scorer, H. M. King; Announcer, P. C. Keill; Measurers, W. H. Warren and W. A. Saunders.

COURSE IN ABSTRACTS.

The senior class in mechanical engineering is finishing a very complete course in abstracts. The course is taken with Prof. W. W. Bird, and the subjects and the men presenting them are as follows: W. W. Armour, "Apparatus for Measuring Feed Water"; E. W. Bishop, "Hydraulic Elevators"; E. R. Downe, "Gas Turbines"; G. N. Gifford, "Heating and Ventilating Systems for Shop and Factory Buildings"; R. F. Gifford, "Induced, Forced, and Natural Draft"; F. W. Gilman, "The New Monel-metal"; J. S. Goodell, "Electrical Welding of Metals"; F. W. Green, "Mill Construction"; R. A. Gris6, "Electrical Furnaces for Treating Metals"; P. A. Hamilton, "Abrasive"; H. M. King, "Cable-way Systems"; C. E. Leamy, "Safety Appliances and the Prevention of Accidents"; C. W. Morden, "The Humphrey Gas Pump"; I. L. Peters, "Rope Drives"; D. H. Reamy, "Shop Apprenticeship Systems"; H. A. Sheldon, "Present Available Coal Supply"; P. E. Twiss, "The 'Brennan' Mono-rail System"; H. E. Waring, "Drop Forgings"; E. B. Wheeler, "Recent Progress in Aeronautics"; G. R. Wholean, "Fire Protection."

PROF. COOMBS TO SPEAK.

Prof. Z. W. Coombs will deliver an address at the annual physical culture exhibition of the Fairhaven, Mass., high school Thursday evening, April 28.

TALKS TO FRESHMEN.

Tuesday, April 26, Assembly Room. "What Course of Study Shall I Choose?" President Engler.

Thursday, April 28, Chemical Lecture Room. "The Course in Electrical Engineering." Prof. H. B. Smith.

Friday, April 29, Chemical Lecture Room. "Course in Mechanical Engineering." Professor Bird.

Tuesday, May 3, Assembly Room. "Course in General Science." Professor Duff.

Thursday, May 5, Chemical Lecture Room. "The Course in Civil Engineering." Professor French.

Friday, May 6, Chemical Lecture Room. "The Course in Chemistry." Professor Kinnicutt.

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Croce got the best start, but that was because Scotty was so frightened at the pistol-shot that he remained on the mark for a couple of seconds to find out if he had been "plugged."

Once Scotty decided that he was all there, there was nothing to the race, for ere the robust disciple of Dorando had laboriously negotiated twenty-five yards, little Harry Lauder was in the lead, and increased his gains rapidly to the seventy-five yards mark. At this point both men looked as though they were willing to retire, but the enthusiastic crowd egged them on, and started to whistle "The Campbells Are Coming." Scotty realized the appropriateness of the plural in the title, for at this stage of the game he felt as though he was in several different pieces.

At last, however, the finish mark was reached, and Scotty breasted the tape. It refused to budge and he bounded backwards. With furious determination he ran again at the red yarn, and it parted, bringing victory and elation to the wry Scot.

Four seconds later Little Italy wobbled over the line, and was carried heartbroken to his training camp.

ATHLETIC BRIEFS.

Don't forget the ball-game at the Oval Saturday with the strong Pratt Institute team. Remember that it costs something to bring a nine like this on, and with a good team representing Tech, it is your duty to turn out and give both your financial and vocal support.

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A mass meeting should be in order for Friday.

The Tech sophomores trimmed Hudson high at baseball in handy shape on Saturday, 9 to 6. Waring pitched for the winners and had the prep school boys all at sea, holding them to seven hits and striking out thirteen men. He only gave ten bases on balls to kid them along. The Tech team lined up: Martin, c.f.; Treadwell, s.s.; Beck, 3; Kloss, 1; Shea, 2; Whitney, c.; Taylor, l.f.; Turner, r.f.; Waring, p.

There will be a relay race at the Oval Saturday

in addition to the baseball game.

The teams will be picked from Kennedy, B. J. and M. G. Halligan, Porter, Slocumb, Donath, Tuttle, Cunningham, Jaehens and Baxter. It will be a mile relay race, each man to run a quarter, and will be in the form of a trial for the outdoor relay team, which will run at Hartford Memorial Day. A fast race is expected. There may be a couple of special track events arranged in addition, and this should add to the interest as an extra attraction.

Jack Power was high man as far as prizes go, for he secured four ribbons as a result of his all-around work on Saturday. Clough and Kennedy got three apiece.

A meeting of the Athletic

Association will soon be held to decide as to W regulations. At present we haven't any hard and fast rules, and it is felt that we should have a definite set drawn up to be published in the Tech Handbook, Tech News, Journal and Aftermaths.

The holders of track records was carefully revised recently and showed no less than five mistakes or omissions. With an accurate list now at hand, no such conditions should prevail in the future, and arrangements should be made toward this end.

A London school boy in a geometry examination recently said that geometry was the science of bisecting angels.

One of the new campus regulations at the University of Utah says that special students who do not affiliate with any regular classes shall be governed by the freshmen rules.

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CHEMICAL CLUB MEETING.

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