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Farmers Fall.

Fall River Club Wins a Decisive Victory at Baseball.

The Fall River Club are the official "champs." The great game between the Fall River Club and the Franklin County Club was staged on Alumni Field Saturday afternoon. It fully came up to expectations, except that everybody thought the victorious team should have won the contest by a much larger score. It was quite apparent that the Fall River lads were not exerting themselves, and were content to hold a one-run lead right through the contest. Had they been forced to break loose, the game would have been going yet. They are saving their batting averages, however, until they stack up against a real team.

For farmers, the Franklin County Club did pretty well, but it was evident that Sk. Warren, the Halligan Twins and Patsy Cronan would have been much more at home digging 'taters, and as for Patsy Gillette—well, Patsy ought to get more sleep. The Halligan Twins essayed to do the battery work, and that's as far as they got. Birdie served up the benders, and they came over the plate like footballs thrown against a ninety-mile gale. It was such a crime to wallop them that Captain McKenney of the Fall River Club issued strict orders to his men not to waste their strength hitting the horsehide, inasmuch as there were only two balls on the grounds to last the game out, and no chances on losing them or battering the stuffing out of 'em could be taken. Thus it was that Birdie had fifteen strikeouts credited to him.

Despite all their charity, Birdie tried hard to outdo the Fall River boys by giving them nine bases on balls. He also hit a half a dozen men, but the game Fall Riverites refused to take their bases except when forced to do so by the "umps."

Patsy Cronan played an errorless game, even if he didn't get any chances.

Pat Gillette's work at shortstop was great. He had one grounder bound into his hands and was threatened with a chance to try out his wing. But he is saving his arm for football next year, so he relayed a throw through the pitcher to first base, which, unfortunately, got there about an hour late, and then almost twenty feet over Gleason's head. Pat's only error was made on a grounder which he knocked down—just knocked down—for he refused to pick it up.

The least said about Sk. Warren's work the better. Long, long ago, Felix's "man" could put up a fair brand of baseball, but that time has passed into history. Nims and Frizzell both played a great game, at least the Fall

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PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM.

Professor Ewell gave a very interesting paper on the determination of dielectric constants by observing the period with which a small ellipsoid of the substance vibrates in an electric field. With an alternating field of eighty cycles per second, this method gives the same values as the older methods, but when the field is maintained in one direction, the value of the dielectric constant is found to increase with the time. For certain kinds of glass it increased from the ordinary value of 6 to over 5000 in forty-eight hours.

Dr. Hull then gave an account of some experiments performed in the laboratory of Cambridge University, Eng., which seem to show that a body charged with thirty electrostatic units of positive electricity weighs .0007 mg. more than when uncharged. The author of these experiments has been unable to discover any error in them, but invites criticism of his work, since the results are somewhat startling.

AERONAUTICISTS, ATTENTION

Will those interested in aeronautics and willing to take an active part in the formation of and carrying on of the work of a W. P. I. Aero Club, meet in Room 19, Boynton Hall, at 5 o'clock, on Thursday afternoon.

JUNIOR MECHANICS' TRIP.

On Wednesday last the junior mechanics, accompanied by Mr. Jernberg, visited the plants of the Pressed Steel Company and the Morgan Spring Company. At the Pressed Steel Company they were given a chance to see the oxygen-acetylene blow-pipe at work filling defective crankshafts; also to observe the extensive system of annealing ovens. The prevailing line of work turned out from the presses seemed to be automobile fixtures.

At the Spring Company the various steps in spring manufacture were observed, especial interest being taken in the drawing of the wire, then the tempering, and finally the copper-plating of wire. The wire nail machines for the utilization of waste wire proved very interesting to many. Both trips proved most instructive, and the students appreciate the opportunity of visiting two more of Worcester's up-to-date manufacturing plants.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The April meeting of the Mechanical Engineering Society will be held on Friday evening, April 1st, at 8 o'clock, in the large lecture room of the Engineering Building on West Street. Mr. Ralph L. Morgan, president of the R. L. Morgan Company, master builders, Worcester, will speak on "Automobile Construction." Mr. Morgan has been prominently connected with the automobile business since 1897, at which time he built his first automobile truck, one of the first trucks to be built in this country.

Freshmen Win.

Defeat Sophomores in a Hard-fought Basketball Game.

The unexpected happened last Friday night in the Freshman-Sophomore basketball game, when the 1913 men just nosed out a victory, 35 to 34. Before the contest it was generally conceded, even by the freshmen, that they had little chance to win, and the result was a tremendous surprise all round, and a particularly galling one to the over-confident sophs.

The game was the greatest played since the memorable 1910-11 contest, and required a five-minute overtime period for final decision. It was played on the Boys' Club floor, which is a rather small surface. Ex-captain Fitzpatrick refereed the battle, and the fact that he let the men go the limit, coupled with the congested space for play, caused the contest to develop into a miniature rough house from start to finish.

There was no end of hard feeling during the game, and both teams were heart and soul for a victory at all costs. There were any number of brief mix-ups, and Tierney and Perkins showed an especial fondness, if such it can be called, for exchanging a few swings and jabs.

On the face of it, the Sophs looked to have by far the stronger team, but 1913 showed remarkable form and earned their victory. The bright particular star of the game was Friars, the Freshman back. He held Treadwell well in check, did quite a little scoring himself, and played a great all-round game. Tuttle played a very strong defensive game against Kloss, and Howard and Tierney did some excellent work.

For the Sophomores Treadwell and Kloss showed the best form and played a fine, consistent game. Perkins, at back, did some very creditable work also. Johnny Quinn, the "scoreless wonder," upset the talent badly by tossing in no less than four baskets.

Incidentally, Chick, the star freshman forward, started off the second half, and for the five minutes he was in, he played whirlwind basketball. He was all over the floor. In fact, he got around with such rapidity that the players claimed he was making them dizzy, so he was removed by the referee. But Chick has got the right to the 1913 he has sewed on his undershirt, now.

The Sophs started off the game by taking the lead, and at the end of the first half there was very little doubt expressed as to the final result, the 1912 men leading, 13 to 8, and finishing strong.

Things livened up more in the second period. Caution was thrown to

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At the regular meeting of the Branch, March 24, 1910, a paper was presented by Mr. J. H. Nelson, resident engineer for the Connecticut River Transmission Company, taking up the subject, "The High Tension System of the Connecticut River Transmission Company."

Commencing his talk by a consideration of the generating station of the company, Mr. Nelson showed several lantern slides of the power station located on the Connecticut River near Vernon, Vt., with an outline of the apparatus contained therein.

Passing to the transmission line a number of views were shown of the various tower constructions used by the company to carry the double set of wires used. These were seen to be of steel construction, averaging thirty-five feet in height, carrying the wires at the vertices of a triangle six feet on a side. In the case of the spans at West Boylston the special construction used was shown and arrangement of insulators explained.

Taking up the substations on the line, that at Clinton was given special consideration, the building construction being shown, with arrangement of apparatus including transformers, switches, switch boards and protective apparatus.

The distribution system in Worcester, which at present serves the American Steel & Wire Company, was taken up briefly, the speaker explaining the principal features and difficulties which had been met with during installation.

One hundred and fifty members and friends were present.

CALENDAR.

- WEDNESDAY, March 30.
5.00. Glee Club rehearsal.
7.00. Y. M. C. A. meeting.
FRIDAY, April 1.
1.00. Faculty post notice granting the petition for April 18.
4.30. Physics Colloquium meeting.
8.00. Mechanical Engineering Society.
MONDAY, April 4.
Students welcome the annual spring vacation.
MONDAY, April 11.
Students reluctantly return to take up the grind.
FRIDAY, April 15.
8.00. Civil Engineering Society.
MONDAY, April 18.
8.00. Chemical Club meeting.
TUESDAY, April 19.
10.00. W. P. I. vs. Worcester Academy.
WEDNESDAY, April 20.
Junior prom, Terpsichorean Hall.
EVERY DAY.
Track and baseball practice.

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There will be no issue of the News until April 20th, on account of lack of activity on the Hill, resulting from the vacation.

"Start something. There can be no continuance without a beginning. There can be no completion without a continuance. Don't be the echo of another man's hurrah. Don't be the shadow of the other fellow's work.

"Lay the corner-stone of your own initiative. Get busy. Begin. Originate. Commence. Just start."—(System.)

School and college athletics have shown a surprisingly rapid development in America during the past twenty-five years. The time when an athletic team was made up simply of men chosen rather hastily, and without any special preparation other than their natural aptitude for a game, or their former experience in it, is long past. Now an athletic season at even the smallest colleges takes on the nature of a campaign; the candidates for team positions have come to look upon the attainment of a place on a team as a reward well worthy of special effort and sacrifice on their part; the students who do not participate actively in athletics are sufficiently interested in the success of their teams, so that they will cheerfully bear the expense of giving them facilities for training and practice, and also competent coaches to develop the fine points of individual and team work; in short, athletics have been developed into the nature of a science, with established laws and principles.

The development of athletics at Tech has not kept pace, in all particulars, with progress in other schools, and this has been for two or three reasons. In the first place, the Athletic Association has not the financial backing that is easily afforded in other colleges; and in the second place, leisure time for indulgence in athletics is rapidly dwindling toward the vanishing-point

in technical schools, thus placing both athletes and management under a disadvantage. These two handicaps cannot well be avoided, as there is no reason for supposing that future students in engineering schools will have either more time or more money at their disposal. In order, then, to improve the efficiency of our teams, we must look to some other source.

In practically all colleges of any importance whatever, there exists a strong sentiment as to the conduct of team candidates in training. In the first place, competition for places on the teams is very keen, and most men have to keep in the best physical condition possible in order to secure the coveted positions.

Secondly, the student body, which furnishes the wherewithal for the maintenance of athletics, requires, and requires with justice, that the men who receive the direct benefit of their expenditure shall co-operate by raising the quality of the team by every means at their command.

In contrast with this, we have at the Institute no definite rules, nor even traditions, in the matter. If a football man chooses to smoke during the season, or if an athlete dissipates in any way during the training period, it is, of course, noticed, and cannot but lower the man somewhat in the opinion of his fellows, but there the matter stops. The coach, in all but exceptional cases, has no right to fire a man off the squad, nor even to suspend him, and there is neither written law nor tradition among the students whereby he is made to feel that he is disgraced.

There is no use in trying to legislate such a condition out of existence; the only way it can be remedied is by the development among the student body of a sentiment which shall operate to make impossible such breaches of training as are now tolerated.

The development of such a sentiment is, of necessity, slow, but the least the student body can do is to give the coach such authority as is given to him by other colleges. The coach may be trusted to do what is best for the team—that's his business and his recommendation—and a few summary dismissals from a squad would effectually check further violations of training regulations. In this way, a nucleus would be furnished around which the sentiment would gradually form, until at Tech the penalties of breaking training would be as effectual in keeping up the high standard of the athletic teams as they are in the large colleges.

FOR THE VACATION.

"So you do not know what you are going to do during the coming summer vacation? You cannot find a good job? Well, talk it over with me; I might be able to help you procure a good paying position."

H. Schmidt, '13.

JUNIOR PROM.

"My life is one demd horrid grind."
—Dickens.

This quotation from Dickens brings home the fact to every Tech man that the life of a grind is an unenviable existence. And still when you come to consider the matter seriously you'll find that the above quotation applies to very nearly every man in Tech. When you stop and recollect that there has been no social function at the school this year that has amounted to anything, then you see the necessity for a change, and a quick change at that. Well, this change is coming mighty soon and is to be effected by means of the Junior Prom. Seniors, remember that the Junior Prom will, in all probability, be your last chance to meet the rest of the classes at a social gathering. Juniors, remember, you are responsible for this prom. Make it a success. Put up your slide rule and drop that meek, resigned, martyred look that many of you affect. Remember that although you may be quite a shark at your lessons you are liable, in every-day life to be either a horrible bore or a sort of a hermit. There is probably no person in the world who is so insufferably stupid as a grind, who can't get away from it once in a while at least. Take this Junior Prom as your occasion to get away from it. Sophomores, if you want to have the best time you ever had in your life, loosen up and come to the Junior Prom. Freshmen, make a good beginning. Don't fall into the rut that many of the upper classmen have, but show that you at least are a bunch of live ones. The Junior Prom will take place Wednesday, April 20, and every live Tech man ought to be there. If you are doubtful see some member of the committee and talk it over. Let the committee know right away that you are going. The committee consists of the following men: Butler, chairman; Power, Cushing, Riordan, Frizzell, Clasen, Stewart.

WORCESTER CHEMICAL CLUB.

A public meeting of the Chemical Club was held Monday evening in the chemical lecture room of the Salisbury Laboratories, and Prof. W. H. Walker of the M. I. T. addressed those present on "The Corrosion of Iron and its Practical Applications." Professor Walker has devoted much time to the subject, and he spoke interestingly on the different phases of the question. He said that the old belief that Co₂ caused the rusting of iron is untenable and that the electrolytic theory obtains at the present time. He went into detail to prove the latter theory, exhibiting gelatinized cells to explain various points.

Freshman—Who is the smallest man mentioned in history?

Sophomore—I give it up.

Freshman—Why, the Roman soldier who slept on his watch.—University of Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

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On next week Tuesday night Oscar Hammerstein will send some of his Man-

hattan Theatre New York soloists for a concert. On Wednesday night David Belasco will present his roaring comedy, "Is Matrimony a Failure?" with all of the New York and Boston principals.

On Friday and Saturday, with Saturday matinee, Anna Held will make her first appearance in Worcester with her brilliant success, "Miss Innocence," with a company of 100 people, mostly girls.

CLASS NEWS.

'11. The following resolutions relating to the matter of training regulations were adopted by the Juniors at a meeting held March 29:

"As a class having the best interests of the school athletics at heart, and knowing that conditions which exist at the Institute at present are not conducive to the best development of candidates for the various athletic teams, we desire to put ourselves on record as against the present laxity in enforcing strict training by these candidates. We give the following reasons for our position in the matter:

"1. From investigation, it appears that at practically all the colleges in this part of the country, such as Harvard, Yale, Brown, Williams, Wesleyan and Syracuse, the athletic coaches have absolute power; that the student body invariably stands behind the coaches, and that a team candidate who threatens the success of his team is held in no respect by his team-mates and the student body.

"2. In this matter, the opinion of the alumni carries considerable weight, and their opinion, as it has been expressed in the various alumni gatherings, to our representatives there, is that present conditions at the Institute are not what they should be; that our standard of training is far inferior to that of other colleges of our grade; that school sentiment should be directed against such breaches of training as have been hitherto tolerated.

"3. It is not reasonable to expect that our teams can compete with teams observing strict training regulations as successfully as if our own teams were governed by such rules and traditions. "We as a class therefore recommend that the directors of the Athletic Association empower all coaches of athletic teams to enforce such training regulations as they shall deem for the best interests of the team, and that the student body stand back of the decisions and actions of the coaches."

Within the last two weeks all the classes have voted on the question in regard to the abolition of basketball. There was very little discussion in the meetings, the fact being that nearly all of the students appeared to have their own individual opinions on the subject, and had decided long ago how they would vote. This was due in a large measure to the manner in which the

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FARMERS FALL.

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River Club thought so, and Gleason and Rickett—well, they used to be able to play ball also. The only man to get a decent hit on the Franklin County

Club was "Dint" Halligan, who drove a fly to left, which was only about ten feet foul, and was allowed to pass for a fair one, as Umpire Higgins was busy borrowing some Bull Durham when the ball was hit, and lent his sympathies to the under dog.

As for the Fall River Club, too much praise cannot be bestowed upon them for the wonderful game they played. The big star was the one and only Scotty Campbell, who played in his old place at shortstop for the first time since 1907, when he performed in the class game. He equalled his fielding average of that occasion, only this time he made three errors instead of two. Incidentally, he wore the same famous trousers as on the other occasion, but either Scotty has grown awfully thin, or else—well, anyway, it was the pants which were to blame for his fielding. But maybe those pants didn't come in handy when Scotty got on base. The secret of aerial navigation was revealed when Scotty started to tear around the bases. The legs of the pantaloons filled out to a diameter of several feet, and maybe Scotty didn't fly—he didn't, but, anyway, he stole more bases than any one else, and if there is any one living who can make more work of making errors than Scotty, he's got to have about ten pairs of hands.

With the exception of Scotty, who, heaven be praised, had very little work to do, the Fall River infield played a magnificent game, and tore off some mid-season fielding stunts. The outfielders didn't make a misplay; of course, they might have, had the ball been knocked out there, but that is no ground for discounting their ability. Briefly, the winning team played a swell game.

Captain Brown of the 'Varsity, and Ned Higgins acted as umpires, and their work was satisfactory to all but the players on both clubs.

The score:

Fall River Club.

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Kennedy, I.,	4	2	2	11	1	0
Leary, J.,	4	3	2	3	3	4
McKenney, P.,	3	2	3	0	6	3
Campbell, ss.,	4	2	1	0	0	3
Gardiner, c.,	2	0	0	11	2	1
Bradford, 2.,	5	0	0	2	1	2
Davis, I.f.,	3	1	0	0	0	0
McGowan, m.,	4	0	0	0	0	0
Chase, r.,	4	0	0	0	0	0
Totals,	33	10	8	27	13	13

Franklin County Club.

B. Halligan, P.,	5	1	0	1	2	2
Gleason, I.,	5	1	1	5	0	1
Rickett, I.f.,	5	0	0	0	0	1
M. Halligan, c.,	3	4	1	17	1	0
Warren, 3.,	3	3	0	0	1	2
Gillette, ss.,	4	0	1	0	0	1
Frizzell, 2.,	4	0	0	3	1	1
Nims, m.,	3	0	0	0	1	1
Cronan, r.,	4	0	0	0	0	0
Totals,	36	9	3	26	6	9

*Kennedy out, hit by batted ball.

Score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Fall River Club,	4	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	—10
Frank. Co. Club,	0	1	4	0	2	0	2	0	—9

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FRESHMEN WIN.

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the winds, and it was a case of get the ball at any cost and try a shot. At this style of play, the Freshies proved superior, and at the close of the second twenty-minute period both fives had scored thirty points, and were working at top speed.

A five-minute over-time period was then agreed upon, and just before the whistle blew, with the tally 34 to 33 in favor of the Sophs, Tierney caged a pretty basket, which spelt victory for 1913.

The score:

1913.	1912.
Geer, r.f.	l.b., Perkins
Chick, r.f.	
Leonard, r.f.	
Tierney, l.f.	r.b., Beck, Walker
Howard, c.	c., Quinn
Friars, r.b.	l.f., Treadwell
Tuttle, l.b.	r.f., Kloss

Baskets from floor: Treadwell, 6; Kloss, 5; Friars, 5; Tierney, 5; Quinn, 4; Howard, 2; Tuttle, Beck, Geer. Goals from fouls: Tierney 7; Treadwell, Kloss. Free tries missed: Tierney, 9; Kloss, 4; Treadwell, 3; Tuttle. Fouls called on Kloss, 4; Treadwell, 4; Quinn, 3; Friars, 3; Howard, 3; Tierney, 3; Beck, 3; Walker, 2; Perkins. Referee: Fitzpatrick. Scorer: Leigh.

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CLASS NEWS.

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News gave a fair and complete analysis of both sides of the question by throwing open its columns to communications and editorials.

'10. The seniors, at their last class meeting, voted to see if work which they had at eleven o'clock Mondays in the different courses could be shifted over to some other time, so that that period could be given over regularly to class meetings. This is desired, because it is found necessary to have more time than can be obtained noons, on account of the continually increasing amount of business which is coming up in regard to the Aftermath, commencement, etc.

The four classes feel that they ought to be allowed a holiday on Monday, the day before Patriots' Day, and to accomplish this end they have circulated petitions for signatures. As far as is known, no one has refused to "sign the papers."

'13. W. J. Kelley of the freshman class, who was suddenly attacked with appendicitis, is reported as doing very well since an operation at St. Vincent Hospital.

Y. M. C. A. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS.

State Secretary Worman Addresses Meeting.

The annual business meeting of the W. P. I. Y. M. C. A. was held last Wednesday evening, March 23, when new officers were elected for the ensuing year, and reports of the past year's work were read. The election of officers was by ballot in accordance with the usual custom. The following is the list of officers as elected: President, P. C. Kneil, '11; Vice-president, L. H. Treadwell, '12; Treasurer, E. H. Keeler, '12; Recording Secretary, A. H. Gridley, '13; Corresponding Secretary, H. P. King, '12.

The reports show that the association has done some good work in several branches of activity. The treasurer reports that nearly \$600 was handled during the year. Appropriations to the total amount of \$25 were sent to the State and International Committees of Y. M. C. A., and the Student Volunteer Movement.

Delegates were sent to the conference for incoming officers of college associations at Harvard in April, 1909, to Northfield last July, to the first conference of the Boston Student Volunteer League last fall, and to Rochester Student Volunteer Convention in the Christmas holidays.

The handbook was published as usual, and the other regular activities kept up. The publication of a Tech calendar was a new venture for the association, which succeeded very well. It is expected that another one will be published next year with new views and cover design.

Franklin Square Theatre

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Next week the meeting will consist of the installation of the new officers.

During the last calendar year there were twenty sports in which championships were decided. By counting each championship as one point Yale finished the season with a score of 5 1/4, with the University of Pennsylvania in second place with 4 1/2. The standing of the other colleges was as follows: Cornell, 3; Columbia, 3; Harvard, 2 1/4; West Point, 1; George Washington, 1.

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