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STORKE TO LEAD THE SOPHS' BASEBALL TEAM

Another Meeting Will Be Held On Friday for the Candidates.

At yesterday's meeting the Sophomore baseball team unanimously elected H. G. Storke captain on a second vote, the first having resulted in a tie between he and C. R. Gardiner.

It was decided by the men to hold another meeting on Friday noon, the twenty-second, for the purpose of getting the candidates together for a talk concerning the positions desirable by each man and to determine the days in the week which would be the most convenient to the majority. Practice will be held at least three times a week, beginning with the thirtieth, at the Field, and a mid-week game with the M. A. H. S. team will give the squad further chance to play the game.

The following men have already signed up with the manager: Pitchers, Morrison and Swift, last year's box holders; Harris and Blakeley. Infielders: Comber, Stewart, Long, Price, Sauer, Langdon, Williams, Mitchell, Whitcomb, Sampson, Pearly and Gardiner. The outfield consists of Hardy, Dunn, Van Etten, Page and Collins. Captain Storke and Tirrill are trying out for the catcher's position.

BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ORCHESTRA

Important Affairs to Be Decided Upon Thursday Afternoon at 4 O'clock.

The Orchestra is to meet on Thursday afternoon at 4 P. M., for a rehearsal and important business meeting.

Since this is the first business meeting of the term all men are particularly requested to appear. Action is to be taken upon the decision of the management of the Musical Clubs to shut out the Orchestra from participation in the Spring concert. Since the Orchestra was organized it has regularly played in the Spring and Winter concerts, and they are sorry to be cut out now.

The advisability of giving a concert apart from the Musical Clubs will be discussed. All men who have the welfare of the organization at heart are urged by the leaders to come out.

The leader and concert master have decided upon some new music which is to be rehearsed. One of the numbers is "The Meditation," from "Thais."

INST. COM. MEETING.

At 4.15 o'clock today the Institute Committee will have a meeting in Room 8, Engineering C. Several matters of importance will be discussed.

A secretary will be elected to fill the vacancy which was made by the resignation of G. B. Perkins. Reports from the Point System Committee and from the committee which is in charge of the undergraduate dinner are to be read. The date on which this banquet will be held is to be decided definitely upon at today's meeting.

LOYALTY TO FRIENDS APPLIED TO ENGINEERS

Mechanicals Elect—Annual Banquet at City Club—Membership in A. S. M. E.

After a rousing "long M. I. T." and a flashlight photograph, a large crowd of Mechanical Engineering Society members sat down to their annual banquet at the Boston City Club last evening, following which came speeches by the guests from the A. S. M. E., and the announcement of the society's elections for the next year.

Menu.

The fellows enjoyed a very good dinner from the following menu:
Oyster Cocktail on the Half Shell.
Olives, Radishes, Pickles.
Puree of Tomato aux Croutons.
Baked Filler of Halibut.
Sauce Perigueux.
Parisienne Potatoes.
Punch Kirsch.
Roast Sirloin of Beef.
Mushroom Sauce.
String Beans, Risolee Potatoes.
Asparagus Salad.
Country Club Ice Cream. Cake.
Erie Cheese, Toasted Crackers.
Demi Tasse.

Russell, New Chairman.

During the intermission, while the ballots were being counted, Lehmann, 1912, presided at the piano and Tech songs were mixed with Course and Institute cheers. Then Chairman J. A. Noyes announced that J. G. Russell, 1913, was elected chairman for the year 1912-13; H. D. Peck, 1913, Theta Xi, is the new vice-chairman; J. B. Farwell, 1913, Theta Delta Chi, secretary; L. L. Custer, 1913, treasurer, with M. L. Waterman, 1913, Phi Beta Epsilon, E. W. Brewster, 1913, and W. H. Brotherton, 1914, Phi Gamma Delta, as members of the Governing Committee.

Loyalty to Friends.

The first speaker of the evening, Professor Ira N. Hollis, of Harvard, first extended to the Institute through the society the congratulations of the University and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, of which he is Vice-President, on the gift which will make the rapid growth of Technology so much easier. He then continued with a description of the qualities which have made possible the great engineering career of Rear Admiral George W. Melville, recently deceased.

Professor Hollis was for a long time an assistant of the former Chief Engineer of the U. S. Navy, and he showed how the man had worked his way from a most humble and unpromising start to the heights of success. He said that the one big characteristic of the man was his loyalty—to his friends, the service, and above all, to the men who were working under him. He was ever frank with them and he was never known to throw any mistake in the face of the man who had made it—he took the responsibility for everything he had ordered done. He kept himself young almost to his last days by ever keeping at his work, and he himself said that he was busier in his days of retirement than he had been while actively at work. Professor Hollis recommended that

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CIVIL ENGINEERS HAVE BIG DINNER

Sixty Members Hear Mr. Rollins Explain Construction of Foundations.

The Civil Engineering Society had a most interesting meeting last night in the Union, when Mr. J. W. Rollins, '78, addressed the members on "Foundations." The talk was preceded by an excellent dinner, the last one that the society plans to hold before its annual banquet.

Mr. Rollins, president of the Alumni Association, and a member of Holbrook, Cabot & Rollins, first gave a short talk on the various kinds of soil encountered in foundation work. He then went into the details of underwater construction. In regard to piles he said that when they are driven into clay they are very little affected by vibration, while those in hard gravel are seriously loosened.

After this general outline he showed a series of views of various constructions that his firm has completed in the last few years. Each slide was explained in a very interesting manner, so that the points of his outline were clinched.

RUN OVER COURSE.

Everyone Expected Out for First Trip Over Course This Year.

The cross-country men will take the first trip of the season over the course this afternoon. The fine weather of the past four days has dried up a lot of the mud and the ground should be in fairly good condition. As the Intercourse race will come in two weeks and the Freshman-Sophomore race one week later, all the squad is expected to go. These who have not been over the course should especially take in this trip, as the pace will be slow, and they will have an excellent opportunity to learn the country.

All track men will find it to their advantage to take in this run as it will help a lot towards getting in condition for the outdoor season. Anyone in the Institute will be welcome on the run, whether he is a track man or not. The train will leave the Back Bay Station for Highland at 4.02, and the fare will be twenty cents.

MASONS TO MEET AGAIN.

On Friday, at 1 P. M., the Masons are to be called together again in Room 11, Engineering B. This meeting is for organization.

The Golf Club seems to be starting their season with a lot of activity, which will ensure success to the club if the interest is sustained through the spring.

The T. C. A. speaker this week has had much experience with unfortunate people in various parts of the city; he should be well fitted to give an interesting talk here.

The track men can get their track in shape sooner than the tennis players can their courts, though soon both will be at the field every good day.

WILLIAM J. BURNS TO SPEAK AT CONVOCATION

"Some Recent Detective Work and Its Lessons"—Huntington Hall At 4.00 P. M.

Today, at 4 o'clock, there will be a Convocation in Huntington Hall, at which the most famous detective of the times, William J. Burns, will tell of his work. His subject is to be: "Some Recent Detective Work, and Its Lessons."

Burns came prominently before the public three or four years ago when he and his detective agency were so spectacular in the San Francisco graft revelations, which resulted in the arrest and conviction of the "boss" of the local politics, Abe Ruef, and the clean-up of the city. This work is by no means finished yet, and San Francisco must see a great deal more cleaning up before she will be held up to the rest of the world for her civic righteousness and honest politics. But after the publication of Burns' discoveries, and the conviction of one of the leaders in the wholesale corruption, the rest will come more easily than it ever would have without this start as a lever. There we know him as a tireless searcher for the men "higher up" who were furnishing the money.

This year we find him doing the same work, searching rather for the high and responsible officials of corruption, blackmail and dynamiting, instead of being satisfied with the capture of the local mercenary tools, whose guilt is no greater than that of the people managing and financing the campaign of destruction. He got Ortie McManigal early in connection with the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building and proved his guilt. Instead of quitting the job at that it was not long before the world learned that two more men had been discovered who had helped, the MacNamaras, and Burns' case was so perfect that they had to confess; there was no hope and they knew it. Within the last month there have been developments in connection with this same case that, to say the least, indicate that the great detective sees the trail much farther along than most people suspected at the time of the Los Angeles confessions. The only outcome that seems to be ex-

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CALENDAR.

In Charge of S. H. Taylor, 1914.

Wednesday, March 20.

1.00—Golf Club Meeting—Rogers 21.
4.00—Convocation—Detective Burns—Huntington Hall.

4.00—Tech Show Cast Rehearsal—Union.

4.15—Institute Committee Meeting—8 Eng. C.

4.15—Banjo Club Rehearsal—Union.
7.30—Chemicals' Meeting—Union.

Thursday, March 21.

1.00—Managing Board, THE TECH—Upper Office.

1.30—T. C. A. Meeting—Union.
5.00—Lowell Lecture—Huntington Hall.

Friday, March 22.

4.15—Glee Club Rehearsal with Coach—Union.

HUNT. HALL--DETECTIVE BURNS---4.00 P. M.

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Thursday Editor—M. B. Lewis, 1914.
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LOYALTY.

The men who gave their time and energy to address the Mechanical Engineering Society at its annual banquet last evening laid great stress on a quality which is many times lost sight of by the busy modern engineer—loyalty.

They took great pains to show by the lives of many real engineers what a tremendous influence this had on their work. How they were compelled to have and hold the confidence of their subordinates in order to accomplish the larger things of life, and this confidence will come if the "man lower down" knows that his superior is loyal and will stand back of him.

This was an idea that struck the men who were fortunate enough to hear the talks as something new and something good. There is a lesson in it for every one of us—stand back of your comrades, back them to the limit in every little detail of your undergraduate life, and you will have done a great deal toward the development of this valuable trait.

Loyalty seems but another way stating what might be called the watchwords of Technology—"Co-operation" and "Efficiency."

ENGINEERING SOCIETIES.

Another fact which was clearly established was the value of the undergraduate engineering societies. One of the speakers even said that dues to these societies could be counted as a man's best use for the money.

There are a great many men here in the Institute who have never joined these societies for one or another reason, but it would seem that their reasons were futile now that the Faculty and the engineers at large have allied themselves so strongly with professional societies. Let us hope for an increased membership and activity by the various engineering societies of the Institute now, and more especially when THE NEW TECHNOLOGY is a thing of reality.

GOLF CLUB MEETING.

All Men Interested Should Attend Meeting This Noon.

The most important meeting that has yet been held by the Golf Club will take place today at 1 o'clock, in 21 Rogers, and it is hoped that all of the men who have signed as members of the club, and those who are interested, will be present, for upon the action of this meeting will depend the future of the club.

The several reports on links, tournaments, players and the like will be given and the general outlook discussed, which seems at present to be most promising.

President Howlett has stated particularly that every one who is interested in golf may come to this meeting and urges them to do so.

MECHANICALS' DINNER.

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The men read and study the life of Melville as the best type of the men who can handle great engineering problems.

Mr. Moulthrop was then introduced and he gave the men a demonstration of the requirements for, and the advantages of, membership in the A. S. M. E. He said that a man must have a degree, a good character and the price of admission to become a junior member after graduation. He also stated that the Tech membership in the society was smaller than in many other engineering schools, and emphasized the fact that it would be well for them to get up to the place where they belong in this ranking because of the small cost and many advantages of belonging to this student branch. He said that the best example of the aid was shown in the way the members helped each other when they were up against a difficult problem.

Rogers, the Old Institute.

R. E. Curtis, 1887, of the Edison Company, and the secretary of the Boston Society, A. S. M. E., told of life at the Institute as he knew it twenty-five years ago in a very interesting manner. He showed how thoroughly the old men regarded Rogers as the Institute, and he expressed a wish that in some way it might be preserved on the new site. Then he showed how little there was in the line of student activities and social life at that time, and told many spicy stories of the student days of some of our Faculty. He brought up the autobiography of John Fritz, the iron manufacturer, and read a lesson from the things he has accomplished in the world of engineers, and showed that his success was due to the same qualities as that of Melville, namely, loyalty and humanity.

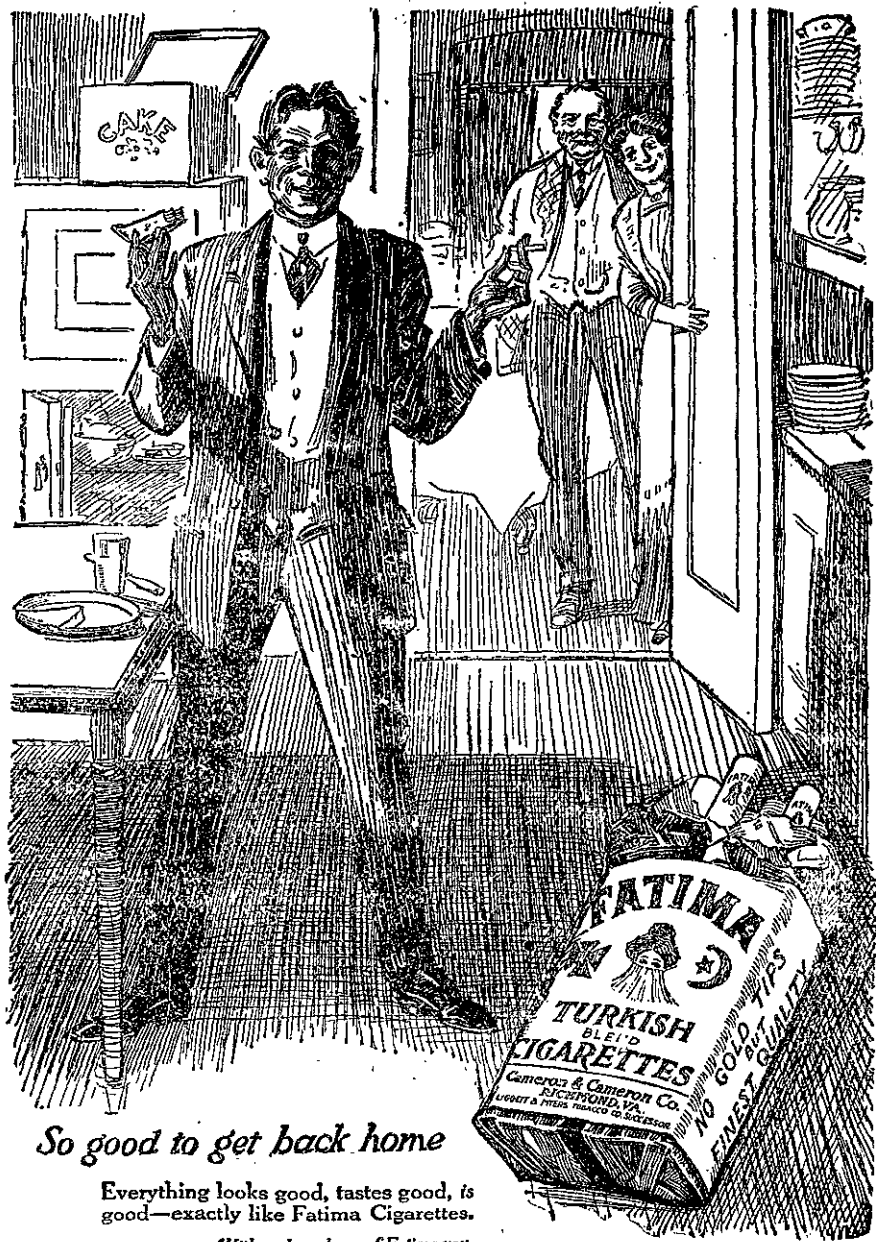
Mr. Richard H. Rice told of the work of the committee on research, showing clearly how the society was helping the world by investigating the many big problems, such as the railroad man's trouble, "the broken rail," the condenser problem, the use of exhaust steam for heating, the total power used in turning and planing metals as compared to that actually used in separating the two parts of the metal.

Tribute to Miller.

Professor H. W. Hayward, '96, of the department, said simply and effectively that the Department of Mechanical Engineering had at its head a man who could give any man points in the line of loyalty to friends and subordinates.

Professor Miller, 1886, spoke with great warmth of the work done by Professor Lanza while in the Institute, and the regard which he had for the Institute. He said that Lanza was also loyal, even to the extent of turning back his salary to the Bursar when the Institute was in need of money. He said that Lanza put absolute confidence in his staff and backed them in all that they did.

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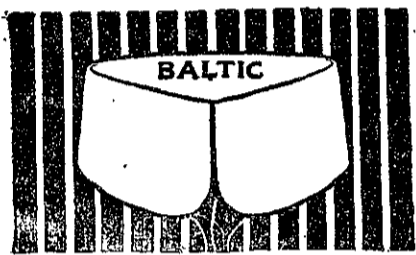
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ELECTRICALS HEAR OF STATION ECONOMICS

Alex. Macomber, Institute Graduate, Gives Valuable Talk Before Society.

The members of the Electrical Engineering Society who attended the talk by Mr. Alexander Macomber, '07, on "Central Station Economics," yesterday afternoon, heard one of the most interesting and instructive lectures that has ever been given before that society.

Mr. Macomber is eminently well fitted to speak on such a subject, having had much experience of a broad and practical nature in setting up and equipping large central station plants. He urged the men to become familiar with the business end of establishing the various types of necessary machinery, and said that each should have a well defined idea of the costs of the equipment they are installing, for their efficiency as engineers is thereby greatly increased.

Many slides were used which showed several of the more recent types of machines and motors, and included several transparencies of comparative tables which gave the costs of installing the average plant and tabulated individual items for labor, buildings, electrical and steam equipment, and the like. Mr. Macomber laid particular stress on these tabular costs and told the men that they would find them invaluable in their work.

The talk was thoroughly interesting and gave just the points which are most necessary to the embryo electrical engineer.

TECH SHOW PLANS.

It was expected by the Tech Show management that they would be able to announce today whether or not the Show would make the Trip to New York this year. However, due to unforeseen conditions, no definite announcement can be made at this time, but it is expected that in the course of a day or two the final decision will be made.

BURNS TO SPEAK.

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pected is that the Agency's evidence against the guilty men will be so overwhelming that most, if not all of them, will save the State's money by confessing and avoiding a trial.

Today, then, we are to have the opportunity to hear this man tell of his work, and probably to tell something of his "plant" method of trapping man into showing his guilt.

As O'Higgins explains in McClure's Magazine for this month: "That is the term for it—'plant.' When a detective has to find a man that can not be trailed or hunted, he lays a plant and traps his game; and it is by the devising of successful plants that Burns has made himself the figure of dread that he is to the criminals of our day. It is here that his shrewdness becomes abnormal. It is by means of his plants that he forces most of the confessions in which his cases end, as, for example, in the San Francisco graft prosecutions, where he made a circumstantial plant to catch the Board of Supervisors and then built a psychological plant for Ruef and talked him into it. It is by this means that he is doing his work today."

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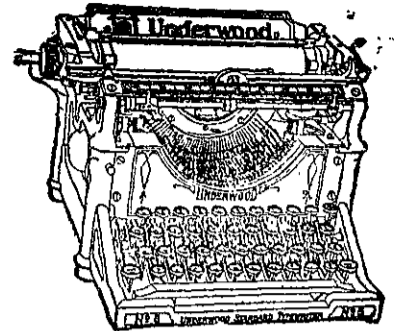
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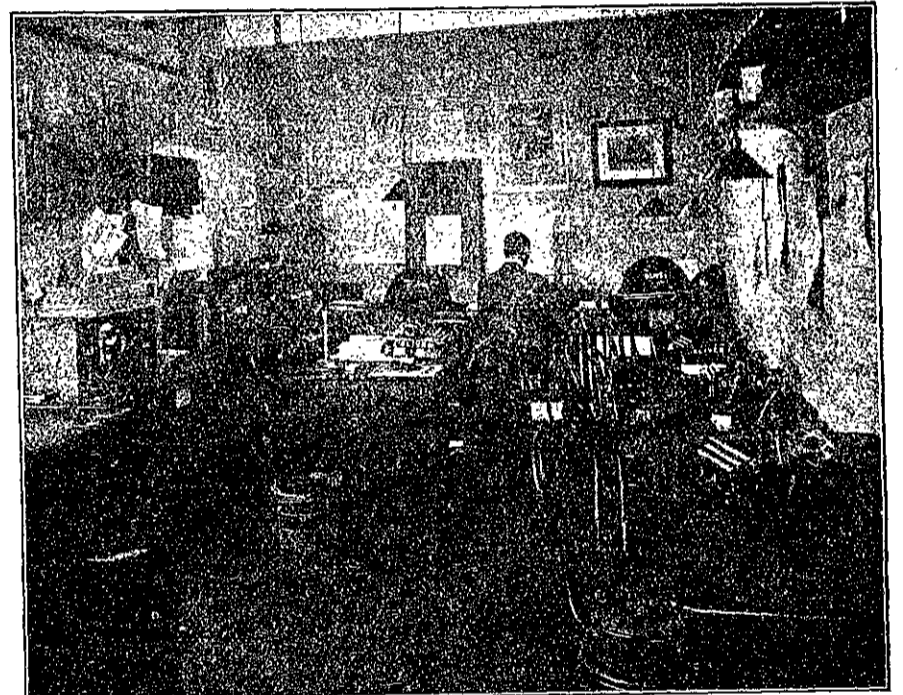
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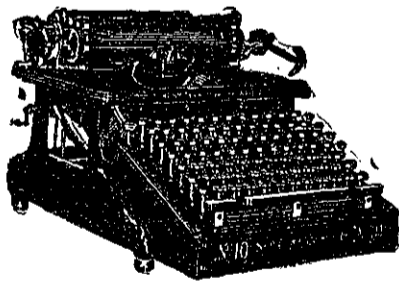
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