

# THE TECH

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## FRESHMAN CORRECTED BALLOTS APPEAR

Added to Institute Committee Instead of A. A.—Due December 4.

Yesterday noon the corrected 1916 ballots were placed at the Cage for distribution to all Freshmen who have not paid their dues. All those who have not paid their dues may have them to the temporary treasurer, Wm. Shakespeare, who will be in the Union daily from 1.00 to 2.00 P. M. to any class officer. Dues may be enclosed with the ballot. All must be handed in at the Cage by 5.00 P. M., December 4. A mistake in the printing has caused the reprinting. The name L. Graves was placed under the Institute Association instead of under the Institute Committee, where it has been placed.

The corrected ballot follows: For president, C. T. Guething, W. D. K. M. Sully; for vice-president, Bickford, Robert R. Desmond, Norris; for secretary, B. E. Adair, G. Jewett, W. V. Reed; for treasurer, D. F. Callahan, Wm. Shakespeare, Charles Woolley; for five Committee, Robert E. Deane, J. F. C. Hyde, H. M. Warren; Institute Committee, P. George L. Besly, E. H. Clarkson, Wm. Graves, T. C. Jewett, R. Mills; Athletic Association, P. H. Buxton, Wm. L. T. Hill, Charles Leeper, Lieber, D. B. Webster. All nominations must be addressed to 6 Ballot Committee, The Cage.

## THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Thirty years ago this fall A. Edison opened the first light station in New York. The initial plant, which was the beginning of a mighty industry, was in an old warehouse in New York on Pearl street. The single lamp, now preserved as a curiosity, was lit by a steam engine and carried current to about four lamps distributed over a territory of a mile square. The wires were laid underground. The news was dubious about the success of the new lamps, although they had that they gave plenty of light. Edison himself, coatless and bareheaded as he watched the machinery, was thrilled with success. The growth of electric lighting at that eventful day, thirty years ago, has been truly wonderful until now. Every world is illuminated with millions of electric lights. The electric motor was connected to electric light wires in 1884. Six months, it is recorded, before the motor lay around collecting dust before the company could be induced to try the new producer. Today, in New York alone, nearly 350,000 horse power is produced by electric motors.

At Harvard, Yale and elsewhere, who now occupy the rooms used by Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson form a club. Only future members of these rooms will be eligible for membership.

The advisability of changing the grading is being considered by the faculty of the University of

## U. S. BROAD-MINDED IN CHINESE POLICY

Success of American Manoeuvres Hampered by Misdirected Diplomacy.

That the United States has pursued the most broad-minded and fair policy toward the Chinese nation of all the other world powers that have been concerned with that country was the essence of the complimentary remarks made by J. P. O. Eland in his lecture yesterday on "American Policy in China," in the series he is giving before the Lowell Institute. The tone of his remarks was tempered somewhat by the statement that while America had tried to live up to her pledges she had partially failed because of the fact that the diplomatic policy pursued by the Washington departments had been lacking in fact and direction.

Mr. Eland outlined the appearance of America as a world power and the consequent enlargement of the Monroe Doctrine following the Spanish War, and he pointed out that in his famous San Francisco speech in 1903, Mr. Roosevelt declared that America must maintain a peaceful domination of the Pacific—a domination that the new world power, Japan, was little likely to permit, needing as it does room for expansion of its already crowded country.

Tracing the diplomatic advances that led America to become one of the factors in Chinese development, Mr. Eland showed that the reasons that led to a loss of prestige was the scheme of Secretary P. C. Knox, for the neutralization of the Chinese railroads. This scheme was broached to the powers without having first consulted the two countries most concerned, that is, Russia and Japan, which are now the controlling factors in the railroads of northern China and Manchuria. The result of this failure to appreciate the fineness of world diplomacy, and the subsequent proposition to make the railroads neutral, whether or no the two countries were willing, by means of a competing road, caused Russia and Japan both to

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## PROGRAM FOR CONCERT.

Musical Numbers For Next Friday Announced.

The program for the annual Winter Concert of the combined Musical Clubs has just been announced. Many of the same selections will be given as were rendered at the Wellesley Hills concert last night. Besides the following there may be some extra numbers introduced as surprises.

- The program is as follows:
1. Glee Club—"The Chase."
  2. Mandolin Club—"Spanish Dance." By M. Moszkowski.
  3. Quartet—Selected.
  4. Banjo Club—"White Crow." By Erro.
  5. Reader—Selected.
  6. Glee Club—"Wanted a Wife." By Lynes.
  7. Mandolin Club—"Potpourri Italiana." Arr. by Lansing.
  8. Quartet—Selected.
  9. Banjo Club—"Indian War Dance." By Pelletadt.
  10. Glee Club—"Dear Old M. I. T." By Wonson.

## SUCCESSFUL CONCERT BY MUSICAL CLUBS.

Entertainment at Wellesley Hills Was Followed by Dancing—Large Audience.

Before a large and enthusiastic society audience at the Wellesley Tennis Club in Wellesley Hills, last night, the Combined Musical Clubs gave their first concert of the year. The musical numbers by the clubs were given successfully.

Applause for encores was frequent, the quartette especially making a favorable impression. The quartette consisted of K. C. Robinson, '12; V. M. Tallman, '14; G. A. Swenson, '13, and R. C. Doremus, '14. Fifty-six men went from Trinity Place in a private car for the concert, among whom was H. D. Hill, '16, who acted as reader.

Following the concert there was a dance, the floor being well filled by the number of couples present. An orchestra was present to furnish music for the dancing, which was enjoyed until the last train for Boston, at 11.54.

## ATHLETIC MEETING.

Monday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, a very important athletic meeting will be held in the Union. All former track men are expected to be present, and all Freshmen substituting track work for Gym are required to be there. Attendance at this meeting will be counted as one day of track work. The candidates may then cut any one of their regular days of practice.

At this meeting Coach Kanaly will be present and will give a talk describing the entire indoor track season. Several of the Alumni who were prominent athletes while at the Institute will also be present to address the meeting.

## THE FILES OF THE TECH.

25 Years Ago—Technology was a member of the Eastern Intercollegiate Football Association, which numbered the following colleges: Trinity, Stevens, Dartmouth, Amherst and Technology. For the first time since being in a league the Institute that year won the championship. In championship games the Institute scored 172 points to 15. Harvard and Exeter were the only teams that defeated our team during the season, and Dartmouth was the only other team that scored on them. A big torchlight parade was held in honor of the event.

The number of students enrolled in 1887 was 818, an increase of 71 over the previous year.

10 Years Ago—An all-round indoor athletic contest was planned for the gymnasium, from which "T" men were to be barred.

A standard Technology stein was adopted bearing the Institute seal and "Technology" on a buff-colored clay. The seal was in black and the word in red.

The plans for a new home of the Harvard Club of Boston have been completed. The building, which is to be finished by next spring, will be erected on Commonwealth avenue, just west of Massachusetts avenue.

## HANDICAP RACE AT WAKEFIELD TODAY

Only Eight Entries Received Yet—More Desired—May Enter En Route.

This year's fall cross-country handicap race will be held over the Wakefield course today. A first and second prize is awarded to the first two to finish, and there is also a time prize to the one making the fastest time. The start is made at the Wakefield Y. M. C. A., the first part of the course being level. After the first half-mile the course leads up a hill and over the golf links. From then on there is level running at times, also marshes and hills to be covered. The course is between seven and eight miles long and is of such a nature as gives good opportunity for cross-country running.

As but few have as yet signed up for this run entries may be made this afternoon on the train. Very generous handicaps will be given, and it is hoped that a large number will be out, especially in the Freshman class. This class has had an unusually large number out on cross-country work and is expected to turn out a number of men to enter the race.

The snow storm of Thanksgiving Day will probably have no effect on the course as all signs of the snow will very likely have disappeared, and the ground be in good condition.

Only eight men have entered as yet, but Coach Kanaly has made out the following list of those he expects to enter, with their handicaps. He hopes that all these and as many more as possible will enter, and make the run a success. Entries may be made on the train this afternoon. The list is:

H. S. Benson, '16, scratch; A. F. Nye, '14, scratch; F. J. Wall, '15, 1 min.; R. E. Palmer, '13, 1 min.; R. D. Bonney, '13, 1 min. 15 sec.; C. H. Wilkins, '14, 1 min. 45 sec.; M. E. Hill, '15, 2 min.; C. S. Lee, '14, 2 min. 15 sec.; C. T. Guething, '16, 3 min.; E. W. Gurney, '15, 4 min.; C. W. Lovell, '15, 4 min.; R. H. White, '15, 4 min.; E. M. Loveland, '15, 4 min. 30 sec.; Murdough, '16, 5 min.; Freethy, '16, 5 min.; Porter, '16, 5 min.; Getchell, '16, 5 min. 15 sec.; Allen, '16, 5 min. 30 sec.; Gray, '16, 5 min. 30 sec.; Hastie, '16, 5 min. 45 sec.; Norris, '16, 6 min.

It is claimed that few students at Pennsylvania are interested in religion, and a campaign will be waged to secure better church attendance on Sundays.

Journalistic "W's" are awarded the editors-in-chief and managing editors of the eight student publications of the University of Wisconsin.

## CALENDAR.

Saturday, November 30, 1912.  
2.14—Annual Handicap Cross-Country—North Station.  
8.00—Cosmopolitan Club Dance—Hotel Tailleries.  
Monday, December 2, 1912.  
4.00—Athletic Meeting—Union.  
5.00—Baseball Practice—Gym.  
Tuesday, December 3, 1912.  
7.15—Sophomore Class Dinner—Union.  
Wednesday, December 4, 1912.  
6.00—Catholic Club Meeting—Union.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1912

Mr. Sidney Gunn, until recently a member of the English Department at M. I. T., lately made a very successful triple rhyme translation of Dante's "Divine Comedy." The translation was originally printed in the Sewanee Review at the University of the South. Sewanee, but has not been gotten out in pamphlet form by the University Press. The translation of Italian "terza rima" into English is an especially hard task, owing to the fact that the English language is so poor in rhymes, and Mr. Gunn is to be heartily congratulated on the excellent translation of Dante's work which he has accomplished.

## MORE SPIRIT.

We most heartily agree with the attitude taken by the fraternities at the Institute in regard to publishing pictures of their various groups in Technique.

It is indeed a very worthy example of true Technology spirit, and one which cannot help but tie all Technology men more closely together. The general feeling among the fraternities has been that Technique should be left exclusively for the recognition of men who have done things for Technology.

## COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of THE TECH:  
Dear Sir:—Recently I had occasion to show a visitor about Technology. In time we entered the Union and lounged about. The Victrola was played, and only a short time intervened before he asked me to play a few of our Tech songs. I was rather put out at the time when I had to answer that there were no such records. He thought that it was rather unusual to have other college songs and none of our own.

It is the idea of this communication to ask if there is no way in which these records can be supplied. As a suggestion only, I should think that the excellent quartette of the present Glee Club would be willing to sing for the Victrola Company. I should think also this company would only be too glad to give such accommodation and enable them to place these songs on their files. The opportunity to obtain fine records with the aid of the Glee Club singers seems excellent, and I for one would be willing to donate a certain sum for the purpose of establishing such records in the collection already received. S. T., '14.

## GREAT DEMAND FOR MOTION PICTURE PLOTS

### Good Scenarios for Motion Picture Plays Bought at High Figures.

To the minds of most of us the words "moving pictures" suggest nothing but a cheap form of entertainment, designed particularly for those who can neither afford nor appreciate the "better" things in the show line. We sneer at the crowds going and coming from the nickel-dromes and kindred places, although we must confess that we are often compelled to sit up and take notice at the "motion plays" that are presented after the acts at the high-class vaudeville theatres.

That anything higher than mechanical art enters into the production of the films that make these "plays" possible we little dream, although it is a fact that a considerable portion of the literary folk of the country are daily taxing their imagination in efforts to make good films and, incidentally, to enlarge their bank accounts.

Despite the cry against motion picture houses, the business of film production is progressing, and the rivalry among the dozen or more concerns in this country engaged in such work is so great that no expense is spared in endeavors to put out superior films. "New ideas! new ideas!" is the constant cry, and, naturally, the manufacturers turn to the literary folk for assistance. At least ten firms are buying ideas to be worked out on the screen, and the dearth of good ideas is such that a few concerns are advertising that they will pay high prices for the kind of suggestions they want. Ideas put into workable form are called "scenarios," and for acceptable "scenarios" the advertising manufacturers agree to pay from ten dollars to one hundred dollars.

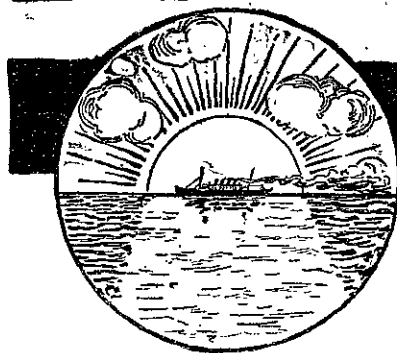
All of the big companies maintain literary departments, the business of which is to pass upon "scenarios" and work up ideas submitted. Persons of recognized literary ability are at the heads of most of these departments, and this fact, it is generally agreed, is tending more to raise the standard of the moving picture than all the legislation and censorship that the public reformers are bringing about. As to the writing of "picture plays," one of the large firms has issued a booklet, which contains the following:

"That the motion picture, in recent years has taken its place in the amusement world is clearly established. Briefly, it bears to the stage production the same relation the short story bears to the full volume novel. It differs chiefly from the stage play in that no lines are introduced. Despite this limitation and despite the brevity and low price at which this entertainment is offered to the public, film manufacturers require that their product must qualify with the ever ascending standards, dramatically, artistically and morally. To this end the manufacturers are spending thou-

## COMMUNICATION.

To the Editors of THE TECH:  
Will you kindly print the following notice to the class of 1916?

Freshman:—Are you aware of the fact that there is a Basketball Team representing your class? Are we going to allow the Sophomore class to make a clean sweep, when you can make your class numerals by simply defeating the Sophomores two out of three games? Do you know of the various small trips the team makes? All men making the team and reporting regularly for practice three times a week will be excused from Gym work. So all the Freshmen should report for practice Monday, December 2, at 5 o'clock, at the Gym. Mgr. Freshman Basketball Team.



## The Future

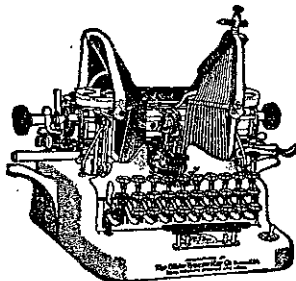
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**AMERICA IN CHINA.**

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look on the offers of this country with suspicion.

Other powers have been looking on treaties recognizing the protection and development of China merely as manifestos to be followed, or not at the option of the stronger power. "Treaties," said Mr. Bland, ironically, "bind only the weaker nation." While America has done her best for China circumstances have opposed much progress, and the lecturer said that in a way this failure had been a blessing in disguise. Japan, despite protestations of friendship, still resents the slight paid by the incident of expulsion of children from the San Francisco schools, and resents the enlargement of the Monroe Doctrine to include the Asiatic coast of the Pacific. That country is now overcrowded and requires room for expansion. "It is best," said Mr. Bland, "for world peace and Anglo-Saxon civilization that Japan should have Mongolia and Northern China to expand into rather than South America. In Manchuria the Japanese will first come into contact with the Russian Empire."

In conclusion the lecturer showed a number of photographs of American workers in China, and also some of American marines on the walls of Peking.

**DEMAND FOR PLAYS.**

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sands of dollars each year to obtain the most skillful producers, the best dramatic talent and the most effective stage devices in the production of the pictures. The same is true of the story which the picture portrays.

"The writing of stories or plays for modern picture production is practically a new profession. Writers of successful motion picture plays find their work constantly in demand and at good prices. The field is not crowded with successful authors and many who are able to produce available plays have not yet grasped the first principles of the moving picture drama, nor do they seem to have any inkling of what the manufacturers require. Many of these have the qualities, imagination, talent and ingenuity which make for success in this line, some of them having won success in the magazine field.

"In the writing of motion picture plays anyone who is capable of evolving an interesting plot adapted to motion picture presentation may win success. The proposition is the germ of the plot. It consists of a condition or situation from which the details of the story are developed. The success of a comedy composition lies in the novelty of the plots, or some new and interesting phase of an old proposition, in its interest-holding qualities, logic and probability and the humor of the individual scenes and situations. There is a wide difference between the 'comedy' and 'comic' pictures, and this difference lies chiefly in that the comedy depends largely for its humor in the cleverness and wit of the plot, where the comic is usually merely a series of situations arising from one incident or situation. In the comic film there is little plot and the scenes are loosely connected, while the success of the picture usually depends upon the fun obtained from each scene. Good comedy stories are hard to obtain, are hard to conceive and are necessarily, on account of their rarity, much in demand. It seems hard for most writers to differentiate the wit and clever ingenuity of the good comedy scenario with the trivial and frivolous one which is not."

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**ADDITION TO CAGE.**

Next week the new addition to the Cage will probably be opened. This additional space was needed because of the increased trade in candy and cigars. The two long windows will be filled with low display cases. The space under the show cases will be used for storage, as the Cage is already crowded. The addition will be stained to match the rest of the Union, so that it will not be so prominent a feature there.

**SAILS ON CARS.**

In Chile there are several remarkable short railways which utilize the trade winds as motive power, the cars being equipped with sails. Impressed with the fact that a stiff breeze could be depended on for several hours every morning and evening, an engineer built several cars, providing each of them with a square sail. The idea proved so practical that it was put to use at once, its cheapness and utility making a strong appeal, says the Minneapolis Journal. The speed attained is said to be as high as 35 miles an hour. This may be checked to any extent desired by a manipulation of brakes. The trains are even able to make a regularly scheduled time, as the trade winds blow with clock-like reliability.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

Thursday of next week the Finance Committee will hold its third monthly meeting and dinner in the Union. Notices have been sent to the treasurers of the various activities, in which the attention of the members is called to a ruling made at the first of the year. This states that any member who is absent from the dinner will be fined fifty cents unless he notifies the Student Secretary, C. W. Brett, before Thursday noon, that he will not be present. The meeting will be preceded by the usual dinner, at 6 o'clock, and the meeting itself will start at seven.

The Track Association of Williams College, in its annual report, announced that there was a balance of six hundred dollars for the year.

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