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## "WAS IST LOS?"



### HOCH.

Hurrah! Let joy be unconfined! Our many anxious hours will soon be over. Eright and early Monday morning the greatest mystery of the ages will be unfolded before the eyes of the awe-struck people. We have it on very good authority that on this auspicious day the world shall know "Was Ist Los?" The perpetrators of the awful crime promise a full and frank confession of their dastardly deeds and purposes.

Can anyone imagine with what anxiety, what fear and trembling, the citizens of Boston and the vicinity will await this startling expose? Can they picture the relief that will shine forth on every brow? Can they comprehend how many of the fair sex will be invited by their husbands, their sweethearts, or their sons, to partake of an intellectual treat? I say they cannot.

Arrangements are being made with the Chief of Police to handle the enormous crowds, and he promises to have ample of "the finest" on hand. The good citizens will be inclined to push and squirm through the crowd for fear they will miss the best thing of the age. Have no fear; there will be plenty for all.

Throw dull care away, and at night sleep the deep sleep of the unjust, for Monday you shall know "WAS IST LOS?"

## COMMUNICATION.

To the Editors of THE TECH:  
I notice that the person or persons concerned with the mysterious "Was Ist Los?" have posted four (4) (count them) posters on the bulletin board in the Union. Now a ruling of the Institute Committee clearly states that only one poster shall be placed on a bulletin board for each organization or activity. These slinking fighters in the dark, I refer to the "Was Ist Los'ers," are violating the rules made by that admirable and most excellent body, the Institute Committee. Should this discrimination be allowed? Should these "nobody-knows-who's" be permitted to post such nonsensical notices when above board activities are only allowed room for one poster? No! decidedly no! they should not. But what is to be done? Nobody knows who it is, or who they are, and nobody has even seen who put them (the posters) up, so the only thing to do is to save up our pennies till we have fifty cents and wait until the 19th, when they shall surely reckon for their sins.  
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## FIRST WEEKLY INDOOR MEET TODAY AT GYM

Favorites Are Well Handicapped And New Men Have Good Chances.

The first of the series of weekly indoor handicap meets will be held at the Gym today at 3 o'clock sharp. A large number of entries have been received and everything points to a season as successful as the fall season at the "Field." The object of Captain Germain's plan in holding these meets frequently is to give the "green" men a chance to find out how they are improving or falling off from week to week, when put up against men of first-class caliber. It also gives the men the opportunity to wear off that nervousness which bothers most beginners before their first half dozen or more meets.

In the 30-yard dash, Wilkins and Wilson will be on scratch. This combination has been pretty hard to beat in the past, and as both men are in good condition it seems to look all their way. The hurdles will bring out another combination, i. e., Huff and Curtis, which, although a later one, is proving to be as effectual as the former. The four-lap race will be for the benefit of the mile relay men, so that Guething, Bolton, Munch and Thompson, all of last year's team, ought to pull off a hair-raising race. The eight-lap race, likewise, is for the benefit of the two-mile team, which includes the veterans Bylund, Guething and Captain Germain. The 1350-yard run ought to bring out the new milers. In the high jump, Tesson looks like a winner. Besides the above events there will be the shot-put and pole vault. All the entries will be handicapped according to past performances, so that unless the handicaps are too heavy the favorites should come out well. Although the entries closed last night, anyone who wishes to enter may do so today by giving his name to the assistant manager before the meet.

## COURSE IV MEN MEET.

Favor New Members in Union—Sophomores in Society.

At the meeting of the Architectural Society, which was held in the Pierce Building yesterday, the Course IV men voted unanimously in favor of the applications for membership of the University of Michigan and the Carnegie School of Technology to the Intercollegiate Architectural Federation. Besides the Institute, the Federation is composed of the Architectural Departments at Harvard, Princeton, Cornell and Columbia.

During this session the Sophomores of Option one of Course IV, who had signified their desire to be associated with the society, were admitted to regular membership. After a brief discussion the meeting was adjourned.

## PROF. RICHARDS ILL.

Professor R. H. Richards, in charge of the department of Mining Engineering, was operated on last night at his home at 32 Elliot street, Jamaica Plain.

## COSMOPOLITAN CLUB CHINESE ENTERTAIN

Function Will Be Given in Union Tonight—Many Unique Features.

The Chinese night of the Cosmopolitan Club promises to be one of the most unique of the many delightful affairs given by the society. Everything will be carried out along Oriental lines. The function will be entirely different from the one given last year. A very pretty cover has been designed in colors for the program. This social is one of the few given during the year by the club to which ladies are invited. It will take place tomorrow evening in the Union, and is strictly informal. The last function of the society was the Arabian night, which was one of the most successful evenings ever given by the club, two hundred guests being present.

The Chinese night is the fourth of a series of national entertainments which the club has undertaken this winter. Each nation presents a program typical of that country.

All the members of the Faculty, the club members and their friends, and all the Chinese students at the Institute have been invited.

## COMPETITIONS TO OPEN.

Tech Show Poster and Music Competition Opens Monday.

The music and poster competition for the Tech Show will open on Monday. In the poster competition there are certain regulations that must be carried out or the drawing will not be considered. The size of the drawing must be 20 by 40 inches and contain the words "TECH SHOW" and the title, "Money in Sight." A space is to be left at the bottom for the insertion of the date and place of the performance. The poster should deal with the title of the play only, so knowledge of the book is unnecessary. The competition is open to everybody in the Institute and is not confined to merely architects. This competition does not close until after mid-year.

The music competition for the accepted lyrics offers a great variety of choice. There are three or four that must be rags, thus giving opportunity for the latest up-to-date dances. Besides a couple of sentimental moon songs there are two songs that, if accompanied by exceptionally good music, may be immortalized as Institute songs.

Stage Manager Charles Fiske and the authors of the play, J. Murray Hastings and Edgar Menderson, will be in the Union at 4 P. M. next Monday to meet candidates and give out revised and corrected copies of the lyrics, giving suggestions of what is wanted. Any man may submit as many songs as he desires, and for every one accepted there will be a remuneration in the shape of tickets to the Show. This competition will close after the Christmas holidays.

Friday, the thirteenth, was not such a bad day after all.

Detective Burns is still hot on the trail of "Was Ist Los?"

## TECHNOLOGY HOCKEY TEAM TO PLAY HARVARD

Men Are Practicing Hard at Arena and Expect to Make Good Showing.

At the Arena, on Wednesday, December 18, Tech will meet Harvard in the first college game of the season. Both teams are practicing faithfully and are showing the results of their ante-season games with the Boston club teams. Tech has twice defeated the Pilgrim A. A., and was in turn defeated by the B. A. A., while Harvard met defeat in its first game at the hands of the latter.

The Tech team feels that its defeat by the B. A. A., although the latter team won strictly on its merits, is by no means an indication of the strength of our team. Last season both of the earlier games, which were lost to club teams, served more than anything else to awaken a fighting spirit in our men which won a victory over Harvard shortly afterwards. The most apparent fault in the team's work Wednesday night was the lack of team play among the forwards. Individual work will never win games against first-class teams, and with this in mind, Captain Ranney will devote the next two practice sessions to drilling the men in passing. The shooting is also far from satisfactory, and a great deal of attention will be paid to correcting this fault.

Tickets for Wednesday night's game in the Tech section can be obtained from members of the team.

## SOPH SEVEN ORGANIZED.

Few But Promising Candidates—K. Roy Elected Captain.

Only eight men reported at the meeting in the Union yesterday noon to start the Sophomore class hockey team, but some of these have had considerable experience. K. Roy was elected manager, and will start at once to arrange a schedule and to find a rink to practice in.

As soon as some ice has been located he will call out the men. At this time a captain will be elected, and therefore it is hoped that all the candidates, also those who have been out for the varsity squad, will report. The following men attended the meeting yesterday: A. W. Mack, G. G. Haslam, H. C. Thomas, F. P. Scully, C. W. Howlett, J. N. McDevitt, K. Roy and H. J. Murphy.

Fan is going to start a sewing circle. Fan who? Cleofan.

## THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair and warmer Saturday; moderate west to southwest winds.

## CALENDAR.

Saturday, December 14, 1912.  
3.00—Indoor Handicap Meet—Gym.  
8.00—Wrestling, Tech vs. Clapp Memorial A. A.—Weymouth.  
8.00—Cosmopolitan Club Meeting—Union.  
8.15—Harvard Dramatic Club—Jordan Hall.

# TECHNIQUE STATISTICS DUE TODAY

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## THOSE DRY LECTURES.

"That was certainly a dry lecture. Nothing but theoretical dope, and no experiments." You think this a reasonable statement of your enjoyment in the lecture, but it is only a glaring portrayal of your narrow state of mind. Do you mean to say that you have come to Technology before you graduated from the kindergarten, where they teach children always by visible methods? Can you not comprehend an idea without having a working model of it before you? Did you ever stop to consider how hard our professors are continually endeavoring to make their lectures interesting by experiments and diagrams? Do you know that some of the professors spend their own money for apparatus which is donated to the Institute? Just consider what this means.

It is impossible to show the molecular structure of chemicals or exhibit a whole hydraulic plant on the lecture table, and in a technical school like ours there is necessarily much theory that must be mastered if we are going to be successful in our professions. The next time you think a lecture "dry" consider how much worse it might have been but for the professor's endeavors, and give at least your sincere attention. You will find little that is really "dry" in it.

## WRESTLING TONIGHT.

### Team Goes to Weymouth for Clash With Clapp Memorial.

This evening the wrestling team goes to East Weymouth for a meet with the Clapp Memorial A. A. The opponents have a fast team and have been wrestling all the year. They have also had several bouts in and about New England. All the Tech wrestlers will do their best and hope for a good outcome. Captain Treat is about the best man and will probably win his bout.

The men are entered as follows: 135-lb. class, C. A. Blodgett and J. C. Kelly; 145-lb. class, R. Smyth-Martin; 158-lb. class, Captain H. W. Treat and E. P. Alexander; 175-lb. class, R. Sayer, '16. Dr. W. F. Provan, N. E. welterweight champion, an instructor at Harvard Dental School, will referee.

The rest of the team shows up well and hopes for an even break. The team wants a good bunch of rooters to go along with them. The Freshman wrestling class has been requested to go, in order that they may gain points by watching the wrestlers. The train leaves the South Station at 6.20 P. M., and will arrive in East Weymouth at about 7 o'clock. The round trip fare is thirty-five cents, and the admission to the bouts is twenty-five cents.

## PROFESSOR SEDGWICK TAKES TRIP WESTWARD

### Visits Oberlin College and Talks On Phases of Sanitary Question.

Professor Sedgwick has recently returned from a visit to Oberlin, Ohio. He visited the Oberlin College and gave an address to the Oberlin Improvement Society, which was well attended. His lecture was on Village Sanitation and the Public Health. In dealing with the sanitation of a village, Professor Sedgwick covered its different phases and treated of its vital importance to the community. He spoke also in detail on the common supplies, such as water, milk, etc., and the sewage disposal. He tried to show the relation of Village Sanitation to Public Health.

While Professor Sedgwick was in Oberlin he inspected their sewage disposal works, a system which has proved very successful in operation. What proved to him to be the most interesting was the plant for the softening of the town water supply. This was especially interesting since it was the first softening plant for municipal purposes built in the United States. This plant not only softens the water (which is so hard that the people formerly had to resort to rain water), but also yields a supply for domestic and other purposes practically free from microbes.

## COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Dear Sir:—So many men have said to me already that Dr. O. P. Gifford ought to speak again this year, that I have decided, if possible, to find a place for him on the program next semester. It is evident that, as usual, Dr. Gifford "made a hit." Men always enjoy hearing him.

What I have said above seems to imply that all I have to do is to say that Dr. Gifford will speak, and he will. That is really the case, for he is glad to come at any time. He enjoys the meetings. In fact, in the year and a half that these talks have been given only one man has expressed anything but the heartiest praise of the meetings and of the spirit which is back of them. All of the others have been very enthusiastic and more than one has, like Dr. Gifford, told me that he would like to come again. They enjoy the opportunity of meeting and addressing a large crowd of young men.

Now I have a request to make. It is this: If you (meaning any individual reader who attends these meetings), like a speaker, tell me so. If you think he's worth hearing again let me know. And if you do not like him, say so, as well, although I think you will agree that we have never had a single really poor speaker. The T. C. A. wants to secure the men you want to hear, if possible.

We plan to have at least two talks in January before examination, on the second and the ninth. The speakers have not been secured yet. Are there any men among those you heard last year that you would like to hear on these days? If so, let me know. We try to have men you want, and let's make the attendance bigger than ever before.

Yours very truly,  
L. R. Talbot.

## THE TECH EXTRA.

The Monday edition of THE TECH promises to be a starter. Besides containing the remarkable disclosure of "Was Ist Los?" it will be unexcelled in actual news value that is of concern to Tech men. Next week, one edition will contain an item of very great importance, perhaps of greater importance than any other this year.

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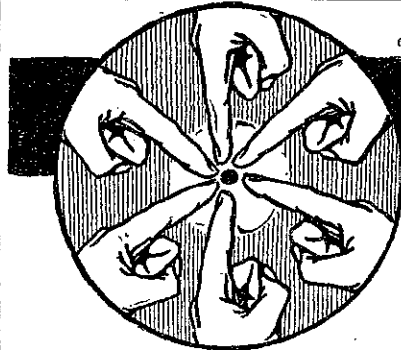
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#### TECHNIQUE STATISTICS.

The statistic sheets distributed by 1914 Technique are due today at the Cage. Statistics always form an interesting and unique feature of the book, and it has been asked that answers to the questions be as humorous as possible. The questions this year all give opportunity for witty remarks and are peculiarly original.

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