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Monday, December 21, 1908.

The Tech takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of Charles Edward Green 1910, to the news staff.

The Tech finds it necessary to repeat that it cannot publish unsigned communications. A letter has been received from one signing himself "Observer," and The Tech requests that the writer leave his name with the editor-in-chief, that it may be printed with his communication.

On the ballots for the election of the senior portfolio committee there is put before the members of the class the question as to whether or not they will back the committee financially. This matter should receive careful and serious consideration. It seems only just that a class when choosing representatives to act for it should back them as its agents. At any rate there seems to be no reason for the existence of the present system of responsibility of the individual members of the portfolio committee. Would it not be fairer and make the portfolio more distinctly a class production if any losses incurred were to be made good from the class treasury and any profit turned to the class?

Arrangements for the engraving, printing, and binding of the portfolio are made through contract. If the class is to take upon itself the financial responsibility of the book these contracts should be made subject to the approval of its executive committee. This body has had in the past little to do; here is opportunity for it to give valuable service. The portfolio question is one of the most important of the senior year. Think it over.

ELECTS OFFICERS

The Institute Orchestra was formally organized Saturday afternoon at a business meeting, held in the Union. Officers—General manager, A. F. Thode 1908; secretary and treasurer, D. Belcher 1909; leader, M. K. Sweet 1909. The Executive Committee consists of the officers and L. C. Shaw 1909. At the meeting it was voted to tax each man twenty-five cents to purchase new music. Further taxes and fees to be left to the Executive Committee.

The orchestra comprises the following men:—First violins, M. K. Sweet, A. M. Eisenberg, A. D. Gringe, Jr., H. W. Dawser, R. Exsergian; second violins, R. E. Morse, G. E. Batchelder, H. S. Schaffer; piano, A. F. Thode; saxophone, W. N. Drew; cornets, S. L. Burgher, C. H. Lovejoy, R. O. Wood, H. L. Robinson, A. T. Freedman; flute, R. L. Devine; clarinet, D. Belcher; drum, T. Martin; cello, R. Inglee and L. C. Shaw.

It has been stated upon good authority that should the Institute move from its present site in the near future the Waltham Watch Company will occupy the Pierce, Lowell, Engineering A B and C buildings. Whether the watch company intends to buy or rent the property has not been stated.

BOLTWOOD LECTURES

Talks on Recent Developments in Radioactivity

Dr. Bertram B. Boltwood, assistant professor of physics at Yale University, gave a talk to students in Courses V and X on Thursday afternoon on "Recent Developments in Radioactivity." Dr. Boltwood has to his credit the discovery of a new radioactive element which he has named ionium, which appears to be the parent of the interesting element radium. Uranium X and uranium are the only known ancestors of ionium. Dr. Boltwood sketched the development of our knowledge of the radioactive elements, and discussed the recent experimental work which seems to disprove the earlier assertions of Prof. Ramsay regarding the degradation of copper to lithium, sodium, and potassium when exposed to radium emanation, with the simultaneous production of argon, which recently attracted so much notice.

COURSE X CHALLENGES

Senior Chemical Engineers Want Relay Race Jan. 2

Course X seniors think they can put out a relay team that will beat a similar aggregation from any course of any one year at the Institute. The idea of a course relay race was developed at the Gym Saturday afternoon, and Coach Kanaly thinks it a good chance for the men to do a little racing before the indoor meet. The challenge is thus formally issued to the students at Technology for a relay race to be run at the Gym Saturday, Jan. 2, at 4 P. M. The distance is 24 laps, approximately 11.4 miles, and is to be run in relays of three, five, seven and nine laps. Other courses are asked to send in acceptances as soon as possible to Course X team in care of the Cage.

TECH CLUB LECTURE

Mr. William Lyman Underwood will deliver his lecture "Hunting Big Game in New Brunswick with Canoe and Camera" before the Technology Club next Tuesday evening. He will show his splendid collection of colored slides.

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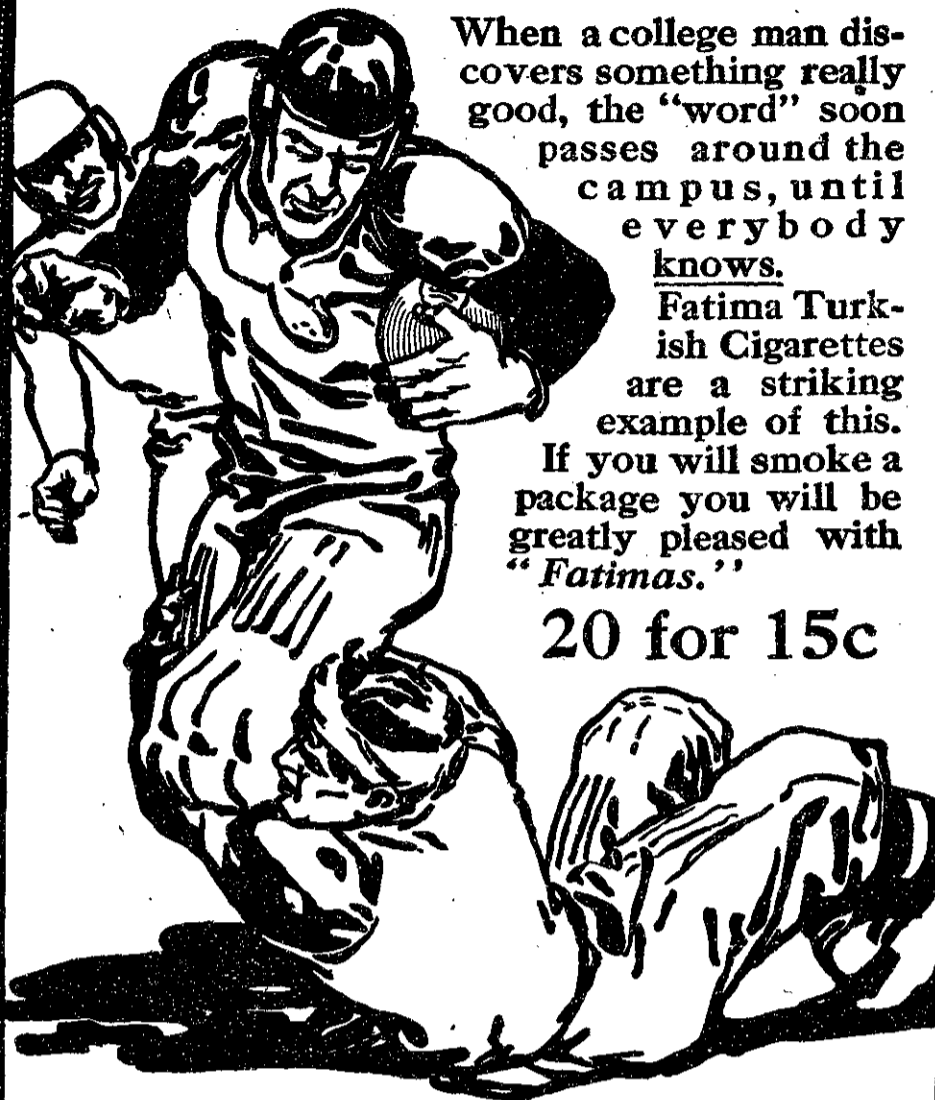
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