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Welcome Back!

Lincoln Memorial Convocation tomorrow afternoon.

Have you ever been behind the footlights? A chance for all at the first tryout for the show chorus.

Technique 1910 is well on its way to completion. Still time, however, for you to get in those grinds, histories, and headings. Do it today!

The Tech takes pleasure in announcing the appointments of Wellesley Joseph Seligman, 1911, and Edward Burke Moore, 1912, to the news staff. Merton W. Hopkins, 1911, has left the institute to enter business, and has, therefore, resigned his position as assistant business manager. Norman DeForest has been elected to fill his position.

The second term contest for positions on the staff of the Tech is now open to all men interested. This competition will give those men who have a taste for developing their business ability a splendid opportunity to work along that line without endangering their studies, as a recent rearrangement has divided the business staff into three working units, one for each issue in the week. For those more inclined to literary work, the news staff offers excellent chances. This also is so organized that its members do active work on but one issue in each week. The division not only increases the desirability of the positions, but is expected to improve the quality of the work.

It should be remembered that inclination counts for a great deal in each work, and that experience is quickly enough acquired, so that no one need hesitate about offering his services, because he has never tried before.

The managing editor will be in the Tech office, 30 Eng. C., every noon from 1:15 to 1:45, and will be glad to meet contestants at that time.

The Graduate School of Applied Science of Harvard University is to be congratulated upon obtaining for positions at the head of two of its courses men so eminently fitted as Professor C. F. Swain of the civil engineering course and Professor H. E. Clifford of the electrical course of the institute. The development in these courses at the institute are due in great part to the work of these two men and they will undoubtedly do much at Harvard toward the shaping of the standard and conduct of the new school.

That these appointments, however, will be the means of bringing up again the discussion of a merger with Harvard must be emphatically denied. The Harvard Tech merger is understood as a dead issue, and the representatives of both institutions have been firm in their denials of any rumors of a renewal of the question.

Following the announcement of the appointments there appeared in the Boston Transcript an article, unfortunately reproduced in "Science,"—implying that the change would prove the crippling of the institute. The institute will, however, stand secure in its own strength; its educational policy is too well defined for the loss of any individual to affect its efficiency seriously. Dr. Noyes said in regard to the appointments:—

"In justice to these two professors and to the two institutions it should be understood that neither of these two men has made the change because of the offer of a higher salary. It is rather because they feel that to them as individuals there is offered a greater opportunity for service in connection with the development of the new school. The past history of the institute has shown that even its best professors are seldom lured away merely by financial inducements. Nor is it likely that the income of the much-talked-of McKay millions will be more attractive than similar inducements elsewhere. With few exceptions members of the institute's faculty do not believe that the form of engineering education represented by the imperfectly co-ordinated undergraduate and graduated courses of the university has as much future promise of success and effectiveness as the institute's system."

Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, of the Chemical Department, recently returned from a trip in the Middle West, where she has been making addresses to various colleges and alumni organizations.

She spoke in Lincoln Neb., at the dedication of a new building of the University of Nebraska, and in Milwaukee, Rockford, Ill., Chicago, Grand Rapids, and Ann Arbor.

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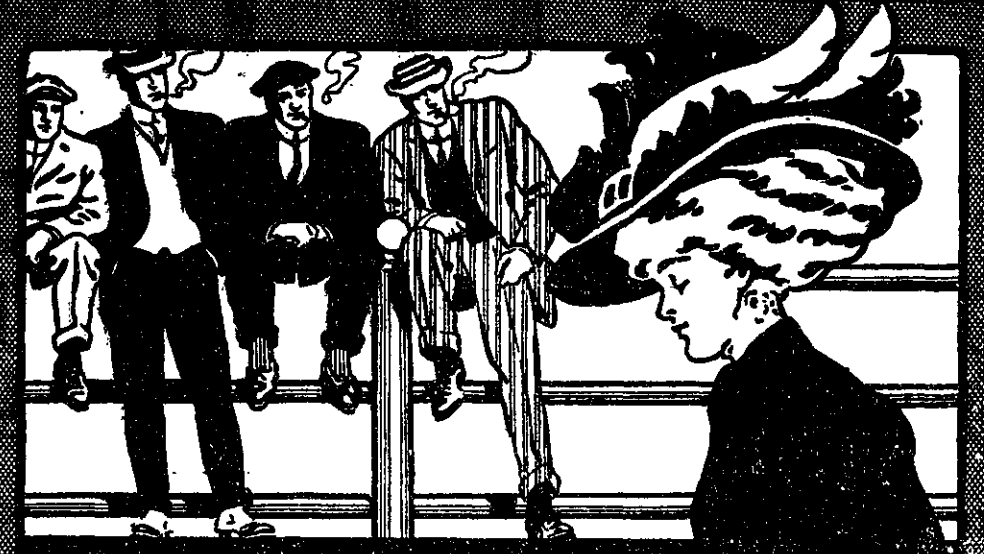
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