

CURRENT EVENTS

The Hudson-Fulton celebration practically concluded yesterday, when the Half Moon and the Claremont sailed up the Hudson to participate in the events planned in honor of the seventeenth century heroes by the cities and towns along the famous river.

Detroit practically clinched the American league pennant yesterday, when the team won both games of the double-Philadelphia, the runner-up was forced to split a double-header with the Chicago White Sox. Pittsburg is the winner of the National league this year.

Radelife College yesterday opened its 81st year, with a large entering class.

At the automobile races at Riverhead, L. I., yesterday, Louis Chrevolet in a Buick car covered 113 miles in 97m 36 3-10s, with an average speed of seventy miles an hour, a new American road race record.

Cholera has become epidemic in Seoul, Korea, more than five hundred cases having been reported since the disease made its appearance in that vicinity.

Members of the editorial staff and the mechanical force of the Mexican Government opposition paper, Anti Reeleccionista, were put in prison this week and the publishers charged with inciting sedition.

"Why are high tariff and the stork such pals?"

"Give it up."

"They both keep up the infant industry."—The Coyote.

At the University of California campus improvements are in order of the day. A \$200,000 chemistry building, three new tennis courts, an ornamental drinking fountain and a memorial gate are in the process of construction.

The Westinghouse Electric Co. is building for the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. an electric freight locomotive, capable of hauling a freight train having a maximum weight of 1500 tons at a speed of 35 miles per hour. It will be placed in regular freight service and given a thorough test with a view of eventually handling all freight trains electrically.

Trains are despatched by telephone over about 1100 miles of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway at the present time, and 1200 miles additional are under construction.

A use for the telephone in fishing has been discovered in Norway. A microphone for amplifying submarine sounds is shut up in a thin, water-tight steel box and connected by metallic wires with a telephone receiver on the fishing boat. It is stated that with this apparatus the fisherman is always warned of the approach of fish.—Electrical Review.

A new detector for Hertzian waves has been found in a crystal of iron pyrite upon which rests a conducting point. This device works without a cell and is impaired by heavy discharges or atmospheric disturbances, and with micrometer adjustment gives displacement in two directions at right angles, so that contact may be made at the points of maximum sensibility. The conducting point is mounted at one side of a lever, which has a movable counterpoise to regulate the contact.

The University of Minnesota co-eds, being dissatisfied with the existing arrangement of athletics for girls, struck, and have organized an athletic association for their own selves. One of the aims of the association is to work for a girls gymnasium.

Which reminds us, altho' the North Pole has been found; there isn't any ice on the Styx, so the Tech is still with you and for you.—The Virginia Tech.

The attempt of the Boston Elevated to buy up controlling interest in the stock of connecting lines is being opposed by the Public Franchise League, which is advocating improvements on the city lines.

PRESIDENT MACLAURIN

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will be likewise. At the same time you are entering on a very critical period when opportunities will be presented to you which you must make the most of.

"Some of you are some what more mature than others, but all of you are new to the environments of the Institute. One of the first tests of ability is the capability of adapting oneself to surroundings. You have come to a place which will make heavy demands on you in this way, and where you must play the part of a man. Here stands the first test of your adaptability. Some of you have come from schools where you have been treated more like boys than like men, but here you will be considered as gentlemen with all the consideration and courtesy which the same implies.

"You have come here I hope with the serious purpose of fitting yourself for life and preparing to play important parts in its larger affairs. Power and all that power means is passing and must pass more and more into the hands of the man who has real knowledge. In this country especially, nothing is denied the man of brains and energy.

"Tech is essentially a workshop with eminent men over it who know what the world demands. I hope you will take the full advantage of the knowledge of your instructors. In preparatory schools there is a tendency to consider the instructor as a natural enemy where attempts to thwart and fool him are considered legitimate. This should cease to exist. A certain measure of trust is essential in all walks of life, especially in those being educated. You will find included in the curriculum a large number of studies which have no direct bearing on your professional work such as languages, history, and economics. Many may think these useless, but the man who is wise will keep these views to himself and bow to the superior knowledge of men of the world. Above all I want you to be intelligent men who can take an active part in the problems going on around you.

"Your first problem will be the choice of a course. This is a critical decision which is unfortunately made without due consideration. It is a problem which your own father can not decide for you. Part of your education is to enable you to settle important problems wisely and your preparatory education and the education you will get here in your first year should make it possible for you to decide wisely.

"This matter is admirably set forth by Dr. Arthur A. Noyes, in his contribution to "Concerning the Institute" to which I refer you. You should take an interest in learning the various branches of sport and student activities which are going on here and take a moderate part in them.

"There has been a foolish tradition here in the past. I am told, concerning military drill. The undergraduates have treated it with levity and shirked it wherever possible. Military drill is held at the Institute under the Act of Congress. You come here to be men, and no serious sensible, patriotic man would fail to fulfill military duty when called upon as you are.

"Apart from the demands on the side of patriotic duty, there can be no doubt that the drill will be of great physical benefit to you. I remember in my college days in the European Universities drill was taken up by the students voluntarily for the fun of it. I feel confident that if you approach it in the right spirit much fun and good can be gained.

"There has recently been detailed to the Institute a distinguished officer of the service. In the past the detail here has been frequently isksome for the officers on account of the foolish tradition of aversion. I hope this class will be the one to break down that tradition through loyal service.

"I hope to have lots of opportunities of making individual acquaintance during the next four years.

Directors of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. have announced officially that they have entered into an agreement with the Boston Railroad Holding Company to purchase all the stock and bonds it will issue to pay for the controlling interest in the B. & M. R. R., now held by John Billard of Meriden, Conn.

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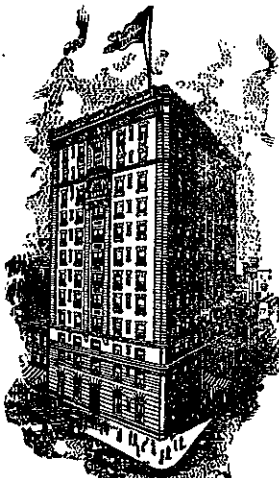
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