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BOSTON, MASS., FEBRUARY 9, 1910.

Now is the time for the sophomore class to get busy on Technique 1912. This annual event is something that usually makes or breaks the reputation of the class, and much time, thought, and energy is necessary at the start. The Electoral Committee consists of twenty-five men chosen by ballot from the full list of class members. The 1912 Electoral Committee faces a big proposition. Upon their shoulders rests the responsibility of framing the board of Technique 1912 and the election of the editorial and business staffs. It cannot be impressed too strongly that popularity and politics should not be tolerated in this undertaking. The men elected to the board must be men of ability, men who have had some experience in work pertaining to their department. As the board is made up largely from the Electoral Committee, it is obvious that the right men should be placed on the committee. There is a long, tedious process ahead and the election of this committee should be started at once. Get busy, 1912.

There are many so-called clubs and societies here at Technology whose "raison d'être" apparently seems to be solely to get an insert in the annual Technique which will contain the names of the various members. Now that is all very fine for Technique, but after all, is it a good thing for the Institute? Should any group of fellows be permitted to get together and, using the name Technology as a handle, form a society that does absolutely no good and benefits the members neither from a social nor from an educational standpoint? There are several societies here that answer this description,—to mention their names would be odious,—and they should either drop out of existence or do something worth while.

The press received word yesterday from Yerkes Observatory that the spectra of Halley's comet contained lines of cyanogen. Cyanogen is perhaps the deadliest poison known, a grain of its potassium salt touched to the tongue being sufficient to cause instant death. Can it be that April 1st, when the comet is nearest to the earth, is going to be the end of all things?

The pledges for Technique 1911 have just appeared and are being circulated by the members of the Technique Board. Let every fellow who intends to buy a copy of this annual student publication sign up right now, so that the Board will know just where they stand and how they are coming out. Obey that impulse.

GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Wednesday cloudy, probably followed by rain in afternoon or night, light to moderate northwest winds.

East Greenwich, R. I., Feb. 8.—While the strike of students at East Greenwich Academy, resulting from the discharge of an instructor, was still in force today, the president of the institution, Rev. C. A. Stenhouse, claimed that more pupils were in attendance on their classes today than yesterday. All the day students whose tuition is paid by the town were absent, but several of the other town students and all the boarding pupils were present.

Three firemen were nearly drowned in a fire last evening in the building occupied by the W. H. Thomas Co., 725-727 Boylston St., opposite Hotel Lenox. Defective wiring is said to have been the cause of the fire. Damage is estimated at \$50,000, most of which is sustained by the Thomas Co.

Suncook, N. H., Feb. 8.—The Hayes opera house building was destroyed by fire early this morning, entailing a loss of between \$30,000 and \$35,000. The fire was first discovered in the piano warehouses of E. E. Greer and spread fiercely and with rapidity until the entire block was destroyed.

Assistant Surgeon Robnett, U. S. N., under court martial at the Charlestown Navy Yard, was found guilty yesterday on all counts. He will be reduced to the ranks.

New Haven, Feb. 9.—In the vote of the senior class on all kinds of questions Ted Coy, the football captain, has, in the opinion of his classmates, done more for Yale during his college course than any other man in his class.

Coy gets second place as versatile man in the class. Stephen Philbin, the halfback on Coy's football team last fall, wins first place in this contest with 55 votes to 48 for Coy.

Mayor Fitzgerald announces that his administration will carry to completion plans of the new East Boston bridge. The proposed bridge will cost \$15,000,000 and the mayor plans to apply to the legislature to raise money by loan outside the debt limit.

Pres. Hamilton of Tufts College favors the establishment of a women's college which would bear the same relation to Tufts that Radcliffe bears to Harvard.

One of the most daring efforts at salvage ever performed off this coast came to end late yesterday afternoon when the study little steamship Erika towed into quarantine the big German steamship Varzin, with a cargo of wool valued at \$2,500,000. It is figured that the Erika has earned \$100,000 salvage by her remarkable feat. The Erika was bound from New York to Fayal and Terceira, when she fell in with the big East Indian freighter in a storm 400 miles off this coast.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The Republican Club of New York City is planning a national reception for Roosevelt upon his arrival in the latter part of June.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The necessity for the passage the present session of Congress of good laws for the protection of natural resources of the United States, is the keynote of a report made to the National conservation association by Gifford Pinchot, its recently chosen president.

Mr. Pinchot takes up in what he calls a "spirit of constructive criticism" the nine bills relating to conservation.

Washington, Feb. 9.—After several conferences at the White House, Wade H. Ellis of Ohio resigned as assistant to the attorney-general. He will become chairman of the Republican executive committee of Ohio and assume charge of the Ohio campaign this fall.

FOREIGN.

London, Feb. 9.—A dispatch from Constantinople to a London news agency says that the powers will propose that Turkey sell Crete to Greece as the best solution of the present difficulty.

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