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BOSTON, MASS., MARCH 10, 1910.

Advice but not control is the desire of the members of the activities that gathered yesterday to determine the methods to be used in bettering activities finances.

No matter how perfect the scheme or how true the theory, no attempt at control will get any here that is not willingly given by the consent of the governed. The Institute Committee has, therefore, gotten after the finance commission in the proper manner by putting it up to the direct representatives of each activity. The representatives showed their appreciation of this method by the manner in which they unanimously went at the idea in their joint meeting yesterday afternoon.

The questions now up before the joint committee are who shall compose this group of three non-students on the finance committee, just how far they are to enter into the financial work, and how there can be real force behind the provisions of the scheme without removing too much from the province of the activity itself.

As members of the committee, men must be secured who have first of all a deep interest in Technology, and who will carry this far enough for them to be glad to give the time for carrying out the work properly.

The question of how much power shall the committee have is a much more serious one. In order to determine this it is necessary to determine what the committee shall do. If it is to be purely advisory obviously it needs no power, but if it is to do that very much needed work of preventing the contracting of bills for which there are no actual or possible resources they should have some sort of a control that will enable them either to prevent the contracting of excessive bills or to have the assurance that they will be met out of the pockets of the members of the activities themselves if need be.

A curious fact to be noted from the way the representatives agreed almost unanimously on the idea of having some sort of a committee shows that the need is real, theory or no theory, and that they alone await the scheme that will give the desired benefits without encroaching too much on the field of the activities themselves.

Now is the time for everyone who has been finding fault with all the proposed plans of the Institute Committee to get their constructive ideas together and work up something that besides pleasing themselves will please three-fourths of the rest of the activities.

The Tech will be very willing to publish all communications drawn up along these lines. Those who take the time to draw them up will be doing a lasting service to the Institute.

GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, D. C., March 10.—Fair and somewhat colder; light west to northwest winds.

Boston, March 10, 1910.—Governor Draper today nominated the Massachusetts commission on the cost of living and under a suspension of the rules the nominations were confirmed by the executive council.

Boston, March 10.—George W. Coleman, bookkeeper of the National City Bank of Cambridge, was to be the first witness called before the grand jury this afternoon, when the so-called faro bank cases are to be presented.

Several summonses were issued from the office of District Attorney Pelletier yesterday afternoon calling in persons who are expected to testify in cases which have been under investigation for a week.

Today is "society day" at the big automobile show in Mechanics Building. The price of admission is doubled in hopes of lessening the throng. The inauguration of "dollar day" was brought about to give the dealers and salesmen one day in the week in which they will have an opportunity to explain fully the advantages of their cars to persons directly interested.

About \$2,000,000 represents the approximate grand total of sales of automobiles to be made during the week of the Boston show, according to reasonably authentic figures collected by the management in conjunction with one of the manufacturers.

New Castle, Pa., March 10.—The ninth annual convention of the State Federation of Labor, in session here, yesterday unanimously passed a resolution asking that in the event of an arbitration of the Philadelphia strike question failing, the A. F. of L. call a nationwide strike of organized and unorganized workmen.

Chicago, March 10.—That the wireless may be used for a tenderer purpose than summoning help to a disabled ship became known when the engagement of Miss Louise Gaylord to Walter F. Dillingham, a Harvard graduate of Honolulu, was announced. Mr. Dillingham proposed and was accepted in Honolulu, while Miss Gaylord was miles away in mid-ocean.

Washington, March 10.—Commander Robert E. Peary's claim to have discovered the North Pole received a terrific jolt yesterday when the subcommittee of the House, by a practically unanimous vote, decided against bestowing any reward upon Peary until he had furnished further proofs that he discovered the Pole.

Washington, March 10.—The State Department has received, through the United States consul at Bluefields, a communication from Estrada asking for the intervention of a provisional president of Nicaragua other than himself or Madriz, and also looking to an agreement between the two factions for an early election.

Washington, March 10.—Several members of the House Committee on Ways and Means predict that the bill providing for the issuance of \$30,000,000 worth of certificates of indebtedness to complete irrigation projects would die in committee. This measure already has passed the Senate and has the support of the President.

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