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OUR LAZY FRESHMEN

The Freshmen don't seem to realize that the dual meet with the Sophomores is to be held on April 9. 1913 has defeated the Sophs in everything but track athletics, and their lack of success in this line has been mainly due to inefficient training and preparation. The out-door meet with 1912 comes in less than two weeks, and as yet few Freshmen have reported for work at the Field.

Are we going to fall into the lax habits of the Sophomores? We have the material, but it is lazy material, so get into action you track-men and do what you can to show the Institute that we have not become so conceited by our victory over Lowell Textile that we can forget our defeat by the Sophomores at the Indoor Meet.

By hard and persistent work and by regular attendance at the Field you will not only have a better chance to help the class, but you will also derive some benefit personally. Medals and numerals are to be given to men who place. W. K. '13.

GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

WEATHER REPORT.

For Boston and Vicinity—Wednesday partly cloudy to cloudy; moderate southwest to south winds.

Boston, Mar. 30—An agricultural college on wheels, which will take to the farmer instruction and advice that he might not be able to obtain otherwise, is the novel agency to promote farming, which will be put into effect today when the "Better Farming Special" will begin a tour of the state over the Boston & Albany railroad.

Boston, Mar. 30—A wireless message was received yesterday that Alexander Agassiz, a generous benefactor of Harvard University, a noted scientist and holder of honors from many great scientific bodies, died on the Adriatic, due in New York today. Prof. Agassiz was also President of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Co.

Boston, March 30—While travelling forty miles an hour through West Lynn, the Portland express on the Eastern division of the Boston & Maine Railroad, due in Boston at 12.10 P. M., left the rails at 11.50 A. M. yesterday, and brought up with a shock with four cars off the rails and a number of passengers and train hands more or less injured.

Pittsburg, Mar. 30—A special astronomical camera has been set up at Honolulu which is expected to catch some interesting pictures of Halley's comet when, on the 18th of May it completes its 3,100,000,000 miles' trip around the

sun and begins a similar journey all over again.

Montgomery, Mar. 30—The aeroplane being used by the Wright brothers at the practice grounds near this city yesterday, came down suddenly from a height of 100 feet, but struck easily in soft ploughed ground. Orville Wright, who was up, was not hurt, nor the machine injured, the descent being in a measure under control. Engine troubles marred the day at the aviation camp of the Wright brothers. A descent was forced on each flight. The longest flight was made during the afternoon. Orville Wright remaining in the air for about fifteen minutes before trouble with the exhaust valve brought him to earth.

Sir Ernest Shackleton, who succeeded in getting within 111 miles of the South Pole, has arrived in this country. Although not an officer of the line, he has been knighted and given about \$100,000 by a grateful government.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 30—Two bills regulating the use of wireless telegraphy were favorably reported to the House yesterday. One, providing that Government messages shall have precedence over all others excepting distress signals from vessels was reported from the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. The bill would provide a form of Federal license for wireless stations. The Government would be granted a practical monopoly of the air for wireless uses, excepting in case of disaster.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 30—Commissioner of Patents Moore, yesterday made the statement that sixty per cent. of the patents which are being granted are practically worthless. He stated that the United States is behind other countries in this respect, both Great Britain and Germany having far better patent systems than we have.

FOREIGN.

Catania, Mar. 29.—The eruptions from Mt. Etna increased during the night, and as day dawned they had returned to their original violence. The lava which had formed in the craters was expelled with such force that the masses were broken into fragments and hurled to great distances.

Cherbourg, Mar. 29—M. Paulhan, the French aviator, who landed here tonight from the steamer President Grant expressed very bitter sentiments with reference to his trip to the United States. He said that enthusiasm was shown only in the cities where there was a large French colony. The Americans were unmoved despite his most daring feats. "It is the only public in the world," said Paulhan, "which is not interested in the man who flies. The Americans were jealous that a Frenchman could fly in a French machine."

A number of students of electrical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic are to make a trip of inspection to several railroad and power plants, going as far as New York. They have arranged to visit the N. Y., N. H. & H. power plant at Cos Cob, Conn.; Edison Company's power plants, Pennsylvania R. R. terminal, and tunnels and new terminal in New York City, and many other works. About twenty-five men are planning to take the trip, which is to be under the direction of Prof. A. S. Riekey.

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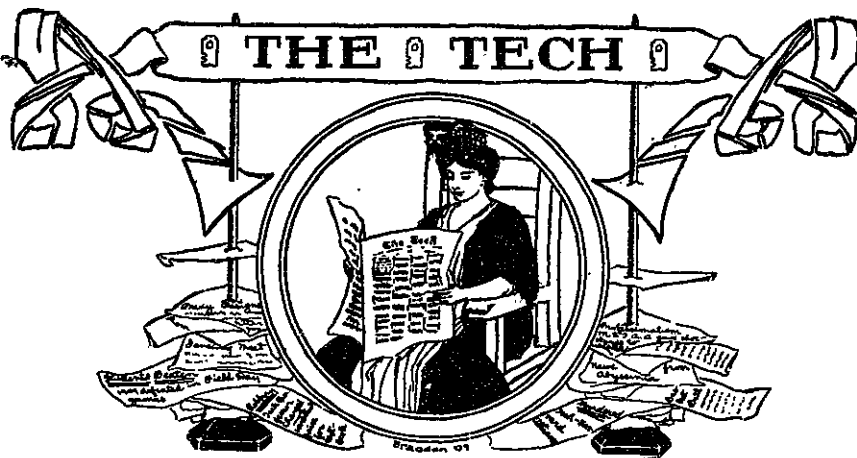
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