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BOSTON, MASS., APRIL 27, 1910.

The subject matter of one of our articles today discloses a disgraceful state of affairs among some of the members of the junior class. More than a score of men pledged support to the Junior Prom, and then refused to honor their own signatures by paying up the amount pledged.

Any man who pledges an amount of money under his signature, and then summarily and without a word of explanation refuses to meet such pledge, is certainly woefully lacking in one of the fundamental qualities which go to make a successful engineer—honesty.

Nor is this state of affairs present only in the junior class. It will no doubt surprise many to find that MORE than TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY men who signed up for Technique 1911, refuse to pay for them now. Among this appalling number are men from every class in the Institute.

Certain it is that a man who, in order not to be considered a "quitter" in the eyes of his fellows, signs a contract with absolutely not the remotest idea of ever redeeming it, is deserving of no respect at the hands of his classmates.

In publishing the names of the delinquents after giving them two weeks more in which to settle, the Prom Committee is certainly taking a step in the right direction. Perhaps in this way a few of the real "quitters" will be discovered, and taught a lesson which should stand them in good stead.

The article in question also states that sixty-five dance orders were wilfully stolen by students. This is a grave offence, and any of the offenders that are found out should be dealt with summarily.

Radical measures are not always the best policy in dealing with affairs of this nature, but when nearly three hundred Technology "men" back out of signed pledges, it is certainly time for the introduction of radical measures.

GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

WEATHER REPORT.

Forecast for Boston and Vicinity—Today clearing; tomorrow fair; easterly to southerly winds.

Boston, April 27—Harvard, Tufts and Massachusetts Institute of Technology Aero Clubs will all be represented at the big convention of college aviation societies to be held in Philadelphia, Friday and Saturday of this week. Many matters relating to aviation will be discussed and there will be addresses by some of the most eminent authorities in this country upon various phases of aerial navigation.

Worcester, April 27—The great arch which formed the entrance to the old Union station trainshed and which has stood for 35 years as a monument of engineering skill, was pulled over yesterday afternoon, in the presence of more than 2,000 spectators, and fell with a crash. With the fall of this arch the last vestige of the old trainshed has disappeared, and also one of the wonders of Worcester architecture. Measuring 120 feet across, with room for eight tracks, and 37 feet high at the keystone, the arch was said to be the largest span of masonry in the world. It was composed of 75 great cut stones each weighing over a ton and all held in place by a master stone twice the size of those forming the arch.

Boston, April 27—The B. A. A. is to have a new boathouse. It will be on the Charles river basin, between Pinckney and Mt. Vernon Sts.

The site has been chosen with the approval of the park commission. The new boathouse is to be of stone and will cost about $20,000. Bonds have been issued to raise the money and there is no doubt but that it will be subscribed quickly.

Gloucester, April 27—The earth rumbled and Gloucester quaked last night, as a flaming meteorite as large as a barrel passed over the city less than a quarter of a mile above the ground. The crimson rambler of the heavens appeared out of the northwest a few minutes after 9 o'clock. As it was traveling fast, it is presumed it passed out to sea.

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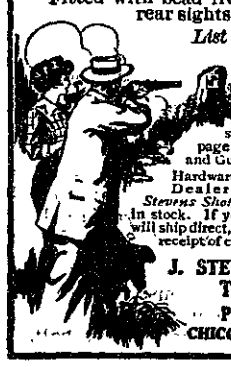
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