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Out of a feeling of sympathy The Lounger assisted at the obsequies of the Institute Committee the other day. He had from time to time heard, in a spasmodic way, that a dark and secretive legislative body was carrying on its activities in the very lap of the Institute; after years of impunity The Lounger harbored a lurking suspicion that perhaps his mendacious musings were coming under "bell, book, and candle" even as he unwitting scribbled. Not only were his suspicions unfounded, but The Lounger had opportunity to observe proceedings of such interest as to make him forget even his vast Loungarian domain.

Upon entering the Institute's Chamber of Deputies, The Lounger looked for the evidences of a live legislative body on the point of session. He was not disappointed. The whispering groups with heads bent in sage sophistication, the wigwagging of signals from corner to corner, bespoke a powerful Machine greasing the rails upon which would slide the day's business. The Lobby, essential to the success of a well-ordered political machine, was much in evidence. All activities centered about the stalwart figure of the Wielder of the Mallet, otherwise He of the famous Hat. Presently several members strolled into the midst of the deliberations, and before the crowd became too thick order was called (in other words, the No Smoking rule took effect).

As The Lounger made the mistake of dozing off in the midst of the proceedings for five minutes or so, he missed most of the real legislation which transpired with the smoothness and dispatch characteristic of reciprocal measures. The last words The Lounger can be sure of were—"doggone poor spirit if we can't get the house as full as some of the small colleges"—and while he was sleepily wondering whether they were trying to pass a liquor bill, he awoke to hear the agonized wail of the Professional Society in danger of losing its dearest privilege of Multiple Representation. Here there was a real scrimmage, resulting in a tie score and "game called on account of darkness." After this unexpected obstacle to the "machine legislation" of the day, the meeting broke up and by an inverse process of consultation and signalling slowly filtered away, carrying The Lounger along in its current.

**NEW STUDENT DIES**

J. A. Shepard, New Graduate Student, Dies of Typhoid Fever

J. A. Shepard of Salt Lake City, Utah, died October 16 of typhoid fever at the Homeopathic Hospital after an illness of three weeks. Mr. Shepard was a graduate of the University of Utah and the Leland Stanford, Jr., University, and intended entering the Institute as a graduate student in Electrical Engineering. The funeral took place on October 18, at the Forest Hills Crematory. The fever was probably caught before coming to Boston.



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