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## A MISTAKE

MAJOR COLE'S communication in regard to the injudicious and inaccurate quotation of his personal opinions concerning the presidential straw election appeared in last Friday's issue. The Tech is very sorry to have caused the Major, by the overzealousness of one of its staff, any discomfiture due to his having been placed in a false position. The Tech, moreover, welcomes the opportunity, by virtue of the prompt action of Major Cole, to recite the true condition of affairs so that any erroneous impression may be suppressed at once.

## THE SENIORS ENTERTAIN

CLASS smokers vie with each other in attempting to attract large crowds by novel methods. The Smoker Committee in charge of Tuesday's affair for the Senior Class, judging from the whispered conferences occasionally overheard, has succeeded in arranging a unique program. Even the most sophisticated superman of the Class of 1917 should be attracted.

According to statistics there are about four hundred and fifty Seniors at Technology this year, of which number only forty-three per cent, or about two hundred voted. And two hundred men seems to be the maximum number that may be assembled on a single night. The Committee hopes to induce at least three hundred men to lay aside their books for two hours next Tuesday night, and to bring about this end the Governing Board of the Class has given the Committee full power to put over a good night's fun. Although the Cafeteria will accommodate nearly a thousand men the Committee has been criticised already for selecting the place!

## FRESHMAN TUG-O-WAR

Thorough Practice Held Regularly in Preparation For Field Day

No possible chance for a Freshman victory in the tug-o-war on Field Day is being neglected by Coach Burton. Saturday afternoon he had his charges out for a long practice, and the squad was divided into two teams which pulled against each other. This was essentially the acid test for the team which is to be picked on the showing made in these trials. The names of the members of the team will be published in Friday's issue of The Tech.

## RIFLE TEAM

Shooting Twice a Week—Report Goes to Washington Soon

Prospects for the Rifle Team look good for this year according to A. E. Tuttle, president of the Rifle Club. Outdoor practice is being held regularly twice a week. When the weather gets too disagreeable for this, the indoor practice will be started. From now on the number of men to take the trips will be limited to twenty, eight of whom are to be picked from the men who have never shot before and the other twelve from the men who have had experience. Those who have shot the least number of strings will be given the precedence and, in case of any question, those who signed up first will have the benefit of the doubt. Any number of men may sign up for a trip and the names of those selected will be posted on the morning previous to the day of the trip.

The annual fall report of the club goes to Washington very soon and for this reason it is requested that all men desiring to join the club do so at once in order that their names may go in with the list. The secretary will be ready to take orders for ordnance supplies by the first of the week, when a list of supplies that the members may purchase will be posted.

## M. I. T. FORUM

There will be a meeting of the M. I. T. Forum committee in Room 4-108 at 1.30 P. M. tomorrow. This meeting is called in order that plans for the coming year may be discussed. It is the first meeting this year and all of the members of the committee are expected to be present.

## WIRELESS SOCIETY MEETING

A meeting of the Wireless Society was held last Thursday in Room 1-150. P. A. Demars, '17, the president of the club, presided. Six new members were elected into the club, and plans for the year were discussed.

The Society will have the use of a room in the Service Building next to the Power House. The antenna, which will be suspended from the stack of the Power House will have four wires and a two hundred stretch. The advisability of using hemp or wire centered rope for the rigging was discussed at the meeting, and it was decided that cord with a center of phosphor bronze is the most advisable; but the Society will not be able to meet the extra expense unless all members pay their dues to Treasurer G. D. Spear, '17, within the next few weeks.

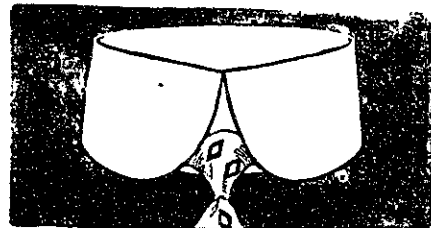
## ENGINEER CORPS

Men to Fill Out Cards Giving Available Hours

All those men who have signified their intention of joining the Engineer Corps, and those who have handed in their names, are requested to fill in a card with their name and all the days that they are available from 3.00 to 4.00 and from 4.00 to 5.00 P. M. during the week. Men are urged to state all the hours they would be able to report, and not simply those that would suit their own convenience. After a study of the times sent in, a further notice will be given of the day and hour selected for the practical as well as the class work.

For the present there will be one afternoon a week when the whole corps will meet at 4.00 P. M. for practical work, while the theoretical work will be given on another afternoon for one hour only. The latter work will probably be given in small sections.

Signing up as requested in this notice does not entail any future army service. Information on that point will be furnished later but for the present sign-ups will be considered as on the old basis in force last year. All notices should be left with H. B. Lather or Professor Howard in Room 1-251.

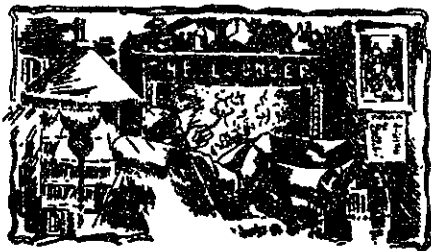


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The Lounger notices that he of late rubs elbows with a more or less impertinent rival calling himself the Tack (the term probably being used with some vague idea of sharpness). The individual thus cloaked, instead of disseminating real wisdom upon a single subject from time to time, thus providing as The Lounger does a valuable extension course in Institute Statics and Dynamics, works upon the "scattergun" principle of devoting a paragraph to everyone and satisfying no one. In fact the tone of his comment is such that no class politician can read it without impairing his moral self-control. Even the column heading is of a profane order, though The Lounger is bound to admit it a very lifelike representation. It is to be hoped that those for whom The Lounger's remarks are too subtle will turn with greater appreciation to the light and irresponsible lines of The Tack, whose purpose is rather to amuse than to instruct or to warn; the latter being better effected by the weighty deliberations which The Lounger's reflective leisure permits him, as well as better suited to the classical design of The Lounger's signatorial smudge.

Perhaps those whose majestic dictum comprised the recent Straw Vote for President have forgotten the incident, but it still remains in The Lounger's mind as a political expression of some importance. He understands from Republican sources that most of the vote cast for the Republican candidate in this and other informal ballots as well as a majority of the popular vote expected for him in the real election is that of the Hughes Democrats. It is stated that this composite and flexible creature is in force at the Institute as well as other centres of political activity. As to whether this shift of Democratic suffrage occurs to compensate for fast disappearing Republican electorate, The Lounger awaits further developments before expressing an opinion.

## LATIN-AMERICAN CLUB

There will be a meeting of the Latin-American Club next Saturday, November 4, after a dinner in the Caf. The report of the Constitution Committee, which has been working on a constitution for the club, will be read and discussed. All Latin-Americans at the Institute should attend this meeting in order that a representative vote may be obtained on the question of the new constitution.



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