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## In Charge This Issue

W. B. Purinton '22.....Stevens Bromley '23

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## TO THE FACULTY

BREATHES there a Professor with soul so dead, that he cannot appreciate the disadvantages under which a student labors in trying to prepare his lessons for the day following a vacation? Surely, there are such specimens about the Institute if one is to judge by the number of quizzes which were "sprung" on the Tuesday following Junior Week. Some of the more merciful instructors, it must be granted, laid aside their instruments of torture until the morning had nearly passed, but in many cases the quizzes came in nine or ten o'clock sections. The dismayed expressions, quickly supplanted by looks of righteous indignation, might have caused even the most merciless preceptor to desist from his purpose, had he not been so pre-occupied in giving out the hateful sheets of white paper.

This incident is but another manifestation of the high school spirit which has crept into the practices of the Institute. College instructors should be capable of understanding the non-scholastic side of a student's life well enough to realize that in nearly every case it was impossible to do justice to one's work on Tuesday. The disappointing results of these quizzes, if nothing else, should warn the offenders not to make any further ventures along this line.

## THEODORE N. VAIL

IT is with the most sincere regret that we learn of the death of one of our beloved Corporation members and benefactors, Theodore Newton Vail. THE TECH extends the sympathy of the entire Institute to Mrs. Vail in her bereavement.

Technology has lost a great friend who not only acted as a member of the Corporation but who most generously bought and presented to the Institute the famous Dering collection of books concerning electricity and electrical engineering. He also added many new volumes to the collection and gave liberally of his wealth for an endowment of the library which bears his name. He was a man of initiative, of great business acumen, of vigor and confidence.

Mr. Vail's attainments in the realm of science are known throughout the world. The Buenos Ayres Tramways and the development of the Bell Telephone System will stand as an everlasting monument to his name.

## OLD CLOTHES IN VOGUE

THE action taken by the Institute Committee regarding the Old Clothes Club is a step in the right direction and keenly apace with the times. The formation and support of such a club voices a popular protest on the part of its members regarding the prevailing high prices. It will also be an actual economy for the members of the club. Similar movements started elsewhere have been received enthusiastically and are meeting with success. Such a movement at Technology is wholly commendable and deserves the active support of everyone connected with the Institute.

## COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE TECH:  
May we bring to the attention of the freshmen, through the columns of THE TECH, the following:—

The formation of Hoover and Wood Clubs, the interest shown in General Wood's visit and the recent coup of Course X men all goes to show that Technology men are interested in things political.

The Republican National Convention is to take place in June. At this time the Republican nominee for president will be chosen. Why not nominate the president at Technology? Let's anticipate the decision of the national convention and make the nomination as Technology would have it.

A convention of Technology freshmen at Walker Memorial to take place about the middle of May, might well be put over in true political style.

As loyal freshmen and American citizens we are of the opinion that such a plan should be put through.

(Signed) C. C. Taylor,  
H. R. Harris.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Having noticed with interest an account in your columns of a proposed plan to organize a Hoover Club here at Technology, I at once thought I would like to try to add a little lift to the proposition.

It strikes me as a very good idea, indeed. Mr. Hoover is certainly a representative of the type of American engineer Technology is striving to produce year after year. Judging from some of his achievements, it is safe to say that his future record will be reasonably creditable.

As has been pointed out by certain newspapers, we have not had an engineer for president since Washington, and he was not such a conspicuous failure that we might not well try another one. The engineering profession is for Hoover for president, "teeth and toe nails," whether Democrat or Republican, as manifested by several engineering magazines. These journals are special technical publications and make it a rule not to discuss politics. However, in this particular instance, some of them



Tech Show 1920 has come and gone—bearing with it four dollars and forty cents worth of the Lounger's most highly valued legal tender. The thought is a bit discouraging and puts the Lounger in excellent spirit to deal summarily with the perpetrators of "Patsy." His spirit of utter depression is even such as to make him deaf to the plaintive howling of Epaminondas, the Lounger's tame pet cow, who is at the moment curled lazily in the copy basket bidding for the attention she craves.

The first thing about the Show that strikes the Lounger is the lack of able management, a delinquency so apparent as to be appalling, since it is a fact of actual record that the management neglected to leave the customary pair of tickets for the Lounger and friend. Such absence of forethought deserves punishment.

For Schmitz's interpretation of the part of Mark Antony Keezer, the Lounger has nothing but praise. He was superb. His technique—but it is sacrilegious to use the term Technique in connection with anything so absolutely perfect, so let us say his artistry—was of a type rarely seen outside of L. Derr's lecture hall. Much wonder has been expressed regarding how he happened to make the Show.

Besides living in Dorchester the author of the Show, C. C. Carven '21, is a member of the 1921 Technique Board and Frieze and Cornice. He was also a member of the Show chorus in 1918 and 1919.

It is not known whether he has yet received his number ten.

P. D. Appel '22, took the part of Cleofan—he has such a taking way. He also took the collapsible brown derby when on Monday night he got off the joke of the season, "You tell him goldfish—you've been around the world." Otherwise he was excellent.

Cleopatra or "Patsy" was played by W. J. Hamburger '21, the despair of W. L. Douglas. He is said to stand very well in his studies.

The Lounger did not see Fuller Pale at the show so he decided to write a criticism himself just to show his brother kolumist that he was not too stingy to pay four dollars and forty cents for the privilege of writing something about Technology's biggest activity.

(Electrical World and Power) come out openly for Mr. Hoover.

The editor of Power gives a whole page to this distinguished mining engineer and food administrator in that paper of April 13.

Taking these things into consideration, it therefore, seems that Technology men will do well to lend their aid to boost Herbert C. Hoover for the twenty-eighth President of the United States of America. Success to the movement!

(Signed) Benjamin West.

## Alumni Notes

### CLAPP '19—NIELL

Dudley Clapp '19, was married in Buffalo on April 15 to Miss Elizabeth Niell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barns Niell of Buffalo. Mr. Clapp was Consulting Engineer with the Municipal Service Co. of Philadelphia until recently but is now making his home in Buffalo.

### DEBELL '17—DEWEY

It has been recently announced that John Milton DeBell '17 is to marry Emma E. Dewey June 26, 1920 at the home of Miss Dewey in Great Barrington, Mass. Mr. DeBell is a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and while he was in the Institute he was a member of Orisis and the Mechanical Engineering and Chemical Societies, was editor-in-chief of Technique 1917, Institute Editor of THE TECH, and president of his class and chairman of the Institute Committee during his senior year. He graduated from the course in chemical engineering with the School of Engineering Practice. Mr. DeBell is now at the Institute with the Division of Industrial Co-operation and Research.

### '89 MAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF INSURANCE COMPANY

E. V. French '89, has been elected president of the Arkwright Mutual Insurance Co. He has been vice-president and engineer since 1906. Mr. French joined the inspection department of the Mutual Companies in 1892 and was active in many of the engineering and inspection difficulties in the department of that company from that time until coming to the Arkwright Company. During the war he spent a year in France as chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention, applying such methods as were possible to safeguard the enormous stocks of war materials, the shops, hospitals and other properties which were of such vital importance to our armies.

## COLLEGE NOTES

Radcliffe defeated Smith College in intercollegiate debate on the topic—Resolved: That the recognition of the labor unions by employers is essential to successful collective bargaining.

Williams College—Cap and bells, presenting "Stop Thief," played in six cities, including North Adams, Boston, and Fall River. This is the first trip taken by Cap and Bells since 1917, when it presented "Green Stockings."

University of Texas—The first Collegiate Unit of the Treasury Savings Organization, has been formed at the University of Texas. The object of the organization is to promote careful spending, regular saving, and sound investment in government securities.

Harvard University—Professor H. W. Holmes, formerly professor of education at Harvard, has been elected dean of the new Graduate School of Education, which will open its doors in the fall.

"Barnum was Right," the Hasty Pudding Club's annual production, had its first performance last Thursday in the Hasty Pudding Theatre, only graduate members of the club being admitted. The first performance took place last night and every seat in the house was reserved for members of the University.

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