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CALENDAR.

Saturday, Feb. 19.
2 P. M.—Freshman Meet in Gym.
Monday, Feb. 21.
1.30 P. M.—C. E. Trip to Cambridge
Subway. Meet at Walker Steps
4.00 P. M.—Show Rehearsals.

A leader in point of time, the Architectural Department of the Institute has also been a recognized leader in efficiency in the education of the American Architect. This position has been maintained not only through the excellence of the instruction given but more through the steady adherence to the idea that architecture is not so much a science as it is an art. Connected with a technical school as it is, the Department has been thought to teach architecture namely on its technical side, and not as a fine art. But "a proper course in architecture can never be in so strict a science as a department of a scientific school. It may with great advantage be closely related to a scientific school, and, as in our own case, may draw much of its nourishment from the same sources as the other departments, but is real source of inspiration and ideals is not in science, but in art." The architect makes use most assuredly of the sciences, and would not be worthy for place in the profession without a proper knowledge of their principles and application; but the architect's knowledge of the technical side of his subject should be more general than specific, more to enable him to control and judge wisely the work of the specialist than for his own practice. All the science and all the engineering in the world will not make an architect. His most essential qualities are based upon something else, without which the engineer may still be a good engineer and the scientist a good scientist. The appreciation by the Institute of this necessary difference is what enables it to offer such a course as it here gives a suggestion of; for architecture is looked upon at the Institute not merely as a department of engineering but as a liberal and creative art. Hence the opportunities here for a broad, cultural, and aesthetic training in architecture are as great and of as high standard as in schools connected with universities.

Something of the spirit of the Department is indicated in the articles

which the Professors in Architecture have prepared for this issue of The Tech. It can easily be seen that the aim of the Department is to produce broad-minded men, trained in the fundamentals of their profession. The worth of the instruction is amply testified to by the continued success of graduates of the course, many of whom are leaders in the profession.

Several of the professional societies and classes are to meet soon. Those that will not should do so, even if only to consider the two important matters that the Institute Committee has recently proposed for general adoption. The plan first proposed some time ago, for a finance commission, has already been approved by several organizations. The other plan is the one giving the Institute Committee jurisdiction over the activities so that it may properly fulfill its purpose.

It is hardly possible that the purpose of the first plan will receive any opposition, as the possibility of having, when needed, the advice of a non-student board in financial matters, is one which readily appeals to every progressive activity in the Institute. The only questions that may come up are those in regard to the wording of certain provisions of the scheme.

The other measure, however, might meet with some opposition owing to the fact that it was not properly understood. The idea is to give the Institute Committee definite authority for that which it in theory possesses as the organization in which the students' powers of self-government are vested. The Committee, from its broad and general character, is one which is peculiarly fitted to consider matters of general interest entirely aside from the narrower point which prevails in a single class or course body. Any organization which refused to give the Institute Committee the judicial authority for general matters which it desires would show itself suspicious in nature; in large measure heedless of undergraduate welfare.

The Institute Committee would not concern itself with those matters of the activities in which the general student body was not vitally interested, any more than a State legislature interferes in private business. The Institute Committee, however, should have the right to take action in all matters that affect the best interests of the student body.

Give them this power; give it in such a manner that you show that you, too, are interested in undergraduate life at Technology.

An entertainment such as was given last night is bound to be a dubious affair, but the fact that it was very successful reflects great credit on the entertainment management. It is peculiar that more do not seem to care for a purely amusing evening without real educational value, as is usually given by the Friday evening lectures.

But after the success of last night, it seems that the news will be spread around and more confidence will be placed in the hands of the management. Although last night was a slight financial gain the committee is still a little behind in its status for the year, and it would be well for everyone to do his part henceforward to help the cause along.

Hook night comes March 18th. Keep the date open, and turn out in force that evening.

GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Forecast for Boston, and vicinity, fair and colder. Light to moderate northwest to westerly winds.

Boston, Feb. 19.—The mercury is expected to drop to within 10 degrees of zero in Boston, with good prospects of a farther drop before Sunday morning.

The storm passed over Boston without leaving any considerable amount of snow in its wake, but seven-tenths of an inch of rain fell, and froze, some of it, leaving the streets and sidewalks a glare of ice.

Zero temperature extend as far East as eastern Canada and South to Cincin-

nati, where it is minus two. The same reading was the record at Chicago, with more to come, for at St. Paul it was 14 below, at Winnipeg 32 below and at Bismarck, North Dakota, 34 below.

GENERAL.

Boston, Feb. 19.—Senator Tillman's condition is alarming. He is unconscious, and those close to the family have lost hope for his recovery. Senator Tillman was stricken on the White House steps Wednesday noon. He was picked up and carried inside. A doctor treated him and he was taken to his home where, yesterday, he showed improvement. Mr. Tillman has suffered several shocks in the last few years, but this is the most severe.

Boston, Feb. 19.—Boston paid tribute to Commander Robert E. Peary, when a representative audience of 3000 men, women and children made Symphony hall echo in the cheers and applause, for the explorer who had come from New York to tell them of the discovery of the North Pole.

The large audience at Symphony hall took a rising vote, calling upon congress to make adequate and appropriate recognition of the great achievement by Commander Peary.

Cairo, Ill., Feb. 19.—With one man dead and five wounded as the result of an attack on the jail by a mob which tried to lynch two negroes, who were arrested for snatching purses from women, this town is seething with disorder.

Gov. Dineen has ordered company K of Cairo to assemble at once and report to Sheriff Nellis, and Capt. W. D. Greaney and his men are now guarding the jail.

Gov. Dineen also ordered the militia.

Resignation from ten midshipmen of the U. S. Naval Academy who failed to pass their semi-annual examinations have been accepted by the Naval Department.

Syracuse allows two hours of college credit to any student who participates in a Varsity debate.

The first general call for spring athletics was issued at Harvard. Thirty-two new candidate appeared for base-ball at the cage on Soldiers' Field where twenty battery candidates have been working out since January first. A little later twenty-five of the experienced players will report. Four eights reported to the crew coach. These were put to work on the machines and the other will begin practice in the tank.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has completed a new laboratory for the department of mechanical electrical engineering at a cost of \$415,000.

The University of Toronto has a ladies' hockey team which has won three games this season and has not been defeated.

John White, an Indian, said to be the greatest lacross player in Canada, has been engaged to coach the Carlisle Indian lacross team this year. Lacross has been substituted for baseball at the Carlisle Indian School, and James Garlaw has been elected captain of the team.

Although the number of crew candidates at Columbia has gone up from thirty-four to fifty-one, prospects do not particularly encourage Coach Rice, as a number of the candidates have not the slightest chance for making the crew. Enthusiasm has been lacking all last fall. For a time the freshman crew was disbanded and then when the first year men pledged themselves to support crew, enthusiasm took a rise. Now again the situation has slipped back.

The first general spring call for candidates for crew and baseball at Harvard has been issued. Twenty battery candidates have been working out in the cage at Soldiers' Field since January and to these the recent call added thirty-two more. Those who have had previous experience will be called out in the near future.

Harvard crews have started practice yesterday.

New York, Feb. 19.—A writ of temporary injunction against Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, who has been making numerous flights in this country, was granted by United States Cir-

cuit Judge Hand yesterday on application of the Wright Company of Dayton, Ohio, which manufactures and handles the inventions of the Wright brothers.

Milford, Feb. 19.—When Miss Margaret Preston Draper, daughter of the late Gen. W. F. Draper, is 25, Atty. W. K. Richardson of Nahant is to pay over, as trustee, her share of the estate of more than \$12,000,000 disposed of in her father's will.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 18.—Word has been received here from San Lorenzo that the Trojent Powder Works has been wrecked by an explosion. Several persons are reported dead.

WASHINGTON.

Washington, Feb. 19.—All hope that the missing United States Navy tug Nina, which left Norfolk Feb. 6, bound to Boston with thirty-two souls on board, is still afloat, has been abandoned by the Navy Department, and today the warships which for five days have been searching for the Nina were ordered to discontinue their hunt.

Washington, Feb. 19.—There was a hearing before the House naval affairs committee on the bill of Representative Roberts authorizing the President to appoint a commission to adopt rules and regulations for the wireless telegraph business. The bill is favored by army and navy officers and wireless telegraph companies. It is opposed by various wireless apparatus manufacturers. A great army of amateur wireless experimenters throughout the country are up in arms against the bill and were represented at the hearing by counsel. D. R. W. Murdock of Chelsea, Mass., and Walter W. Massie of the Massie Wireless Company of Providence, attended the hearing.

FOREIGN.

London, Feb. 19.—Prof. Sir William Ramsay, the noted chemist, discussing polonium, says that Mme. Curie does not pretend to have done anything more than separate a larger quality of the metal than was ever previously separated. He was pleased at her success in obtaining the quantity she secured, but he feared that science would not be helped much owing to the rapidity with which polonium decays.

London, Feb. 19.—A manifesto of the Labor party, which has been sent to Premier Asquith, is generally accepted as an ultimatum; that in the event of this protest being disregarded, the Laborites will vote against the government, and coming on top of the evident difficulties which the ministers are encountering in their negotiations with the Nationalists, it created an almost panicky feeling among the Liberals in the lobbies of the House of Commons this afternoon.

Lima, Feb. 18.—Preparations for war continue on the part of both Peru and Ecuador. The trouble grows out of the boundary dispute between the two countries. The only hope of foreign merchants is that the United States will intervene and prevent hostilities, which would mean the absolute ruin of both Peru and Ecuador.

Gondokoro, Sudan, on the Upper Nile. Feb. 19.—Colonel Roosevelt, Kermit Roosevelt and the other members of the Smithsonian African Scientific expedition arrived here yesterday. All are well and enthusiastic over their experiences and the scientific results of their explorations.

Quellon, Chile, Feb. 19.—The Chilean tugboat Pisagua arriving here reports that the Chilean cruiser Ministro Zenteno has rescued the eighty-eight persons who had been left on the wreck of the British steamer Lima in the Huambin Passage, Strait of Magellan.

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 19.—Dr. Fredrick A. Cook has admitted his identity. He visited his old comrade, the Belgian engineer, Rysselberghe, and the two were together for some hours.

The two men were members of the Belgian Antarctic expedition of 1897-98, and the engineer recognized Cook when they were fellow-passengers on the steamer from Valdivia. Until now, however, Cook had refused to recognize his former companion.