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Not only the Dean, but also the heads of several departments have expressed themselves in favor of an organization of upper-classmen, whose basis shall be excellence in scholarship. If such an organization is really desirable at the Institute it would add greatly to the prestige of the present senior class to be the initiators of a movement to start the society. The matter is of sufficient importance to warrant a thorough investigation, and it is assuredly to be hoped that the seniors will at their next class meeting appoint a committee to obtain for the class the necessary information for action on the question.

The discussion about Commander Robert E. Peary still continues at Washington. From all press reports it appears that certain naval authorities are trying to balk the bill to make Peary a Rear Admiral. This bickering over his reward does not have its foundation in popular opinion. Its source seems to be the jealousy of certain members of the navy. It has been the fate of the world's greatest discoverers to be sufficiently honored only after death. Newton, Galileo, Darwin, et al—none of these men received the praise that was their due until long years had passed after their achievements. It is hoped that popular opinion—arising from all the nations of the earth, which give full credit to this great accomplishment—will induce Congress to lay aside for the moment prejudice and bestow the rank of Rear Admiral upon Commander Robert E. Peary, U.S.N., a man well worthy of the honor.

In the last minutes before the convocations in Huntington Hall come to order, there is a great influx of late-comers. These men, if they do not see seats close to the door, stand in the outside aisle and block the passage. In a short time the aisle is completely packed. Seats are plentiful in the center sections and especially towards the front.

There are two solutions of this situation, either let the men come earlier or let those who come early leave space for the late-comers.

For the first solution: Many come at the last moment from necessity, but the greater part, by far, might easily have arrived three minutes earlier. This would aid materially.

The second solution calls for almost too much thought and care on the part of the timely ones. It is, in brief, leave the seats about the doors free, take a seat near the center of the hall. There are always plenty of seats there. They are easily found in groups of two or three.

Go to convocations early. Leave room for the other man who will come as near late as he can.

London, Feb. 20.—A fierce gale has swept over the British isles, doing an immense amount of damage. The harbors are all crowded with shipping, seeking shelter. Incoming vessels report extremely rough passages.

GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

WEATHER REPORT.
FORECAST FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

New England and Eastern New York—Rain in south, rain or snow in north portion Monday. Tuesday, partly cloudy and cooler; moderate south and southeast winds.

For Boston and Vicinity—Rain Monday. Tuesday, partly cloudy but probably fair weather and colder; moderate southerly winds.

Boston, Feb. 21.—Washington's Birthday will be generally observed in this city to-morrow by many patriotic and military societies. Governor Eben J. Draper will give a reception at the State House from 10.30 A. M. until 12.30 P. M. Invitations have been sent out to all organizations to appear in their uniform or with sashes of their respective societies. Memorial exercises will be conducted today throughout all the grammar and high schools of the city.

Boston, Feb. 20.—Heavy overcoats and furs will be in demand all over the country during the present week, according to forecast made tonight by the weather bureau. Unusually stormy and cold weather is the indication in practically all of the districts from the Rockies to the Atlantic coast and from the Rockies over the north Pacific states.

A storm area tomorrow and Tuesday will cross the central valleys, the great lakes and the Atlantic seaboard, attended by heavy snows in the northern, rain or snow in the middle and rain in the southern parts of the country.

Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—Rioting in every section of this city followed the attempt of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to operate its lines here today. Passengers and crews were driven from the cars by infuriated mobs of strike sympathizers, and in nearly a score of instances the abandoned cars were burned or otherwise destroyed. At nightfall every car was withdrawn from service.

Boston, Feb. 21.—Weather conditions permitting, Boston will for the first time witness bi-plane trials next Friday when Victor W. Page and Oliver Li... of Providence will attempt a flight on Boston Common or Franklin Field.

Miss Alice Nielsen, prima donna of the Boston Opera House, will christen the machine now on exhibition in Mechanics' building.

Miss Nielson, who is a member of the Paris and Milan Aero Clubs, will also make a flight. She will be the first woman in New England to fly in an aeroplane.

Needham, Feb. 20.—Three well-known young men risked their lives this afternoon in the icy waters of the Charles River to rescue a dog that had broken through the thin ice and was unable to get out.

Chester Cook, owner of a valuable hunting dog, had been out walking with the animal along the bank of the river.

The dog was running along the thin ice when an especially thin stretch let the dog through into the water.

New York, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, president of the George Washington Memorial Association, announced tonight that contributions sufficient to practically assure the construction of the (Continued on page 3.)

Hands off cheap gloves if you want well-gloved hands. Hand out

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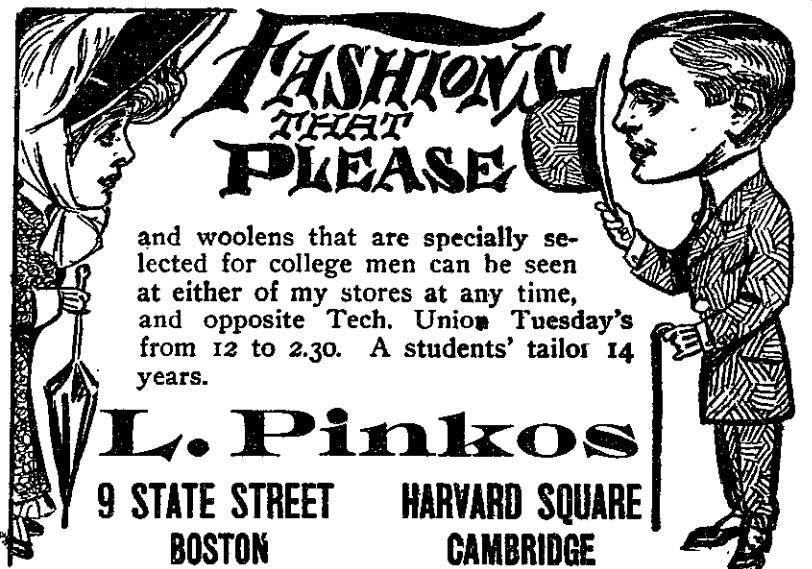
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THE ARENA

Harvard shut out Yale in the hockey game Saturday. Hicks, Harvard's captain, shot all three goals.

It seemed a shame to run against Tufts Saturday. Every Institute runner clearly out-classed his opponent.

Sophomores, you had better look out or the meet next Saturday will go to the 1913 men. They have shown much interest in track work and are out to win.

Carl Gram is doing as good work for the B. A. A. as he used to do for Tech. He was on the relay team which won at the B. A. A. meet and at the Lawrence Light Guard meet. In the 35-yard dash he placed in both meets.

Another for the basketball team. Williams tonight will also add to the list.

Paris, Feb. 20.—The French aeroplane constructors have decided jointly to send a lawyer to the United States to defend French interests in the suits brought by the Wright brothers.

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