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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

G. H. Southard, III, '23.....W. F. McMeans '23

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1920.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE VS. THE PEOPLE'S WISH

ONCE again we find it necessary to call attention to the dangerous condition of the street leading to Kendall square. Anyone who is accustomed to use this thoroughfare on a stormy night well realizes that he puts life and limb in jeopardy. There has never been any side walk paving laid here, or any road constructed. In dry weather pedestrians can venture to go through it with some measure of safety, provided they keep their eyes on the ground. Automobilists are not so fortunate, the unevenness of the road causes them to jolt up and down to such an extent that many of them wonder whether they are making as much progress along the road as they are in a direction perpendicular to it.

These inconveniences, however, are slight as compared with the conditions which prevail after a rainstorm. It is no mean accomplishment for man, beast, or motor to get through then. The only thing that is indicative of a street is the curbing, which is used by those sprightly persons who are able to walk along it without slipping off into the quagmire on either side. In the inky blackness which prevails on moonless nights, no one can be sure but that the next step will case him to slip in the soft mud, or to fall with a splash into a pool of water. Further, the conditions are ideal for robbers and thieves, who will find this a very good place to practice their profession.

The last time the subject was broached to the city officials, they replied that no improvement could be made because the street was not "accepted." So this is the reason that the City of Cambridge offers for the deplorable state of affairs that exist there. We wonder if the city would refuse to put out a fire, or mend a burst water main, or prosecute a criminal for murder, simply because the accidents occurred on a street which was not "accepted." We are indeed very much indebted to the city for giving us such an excellent reason for the continuance of such a dangerous state of affairs.

It has been suggested that an organized protest be carried to the city hall in the form of a petition, which should contain signatures of all Institute students, and residents in the vicinity of the street in question. But what good will such a petition do, when the city is all ready prepared to explain that the street is not "accepted?" We are very loath to suggest that there is any politics connected with the matter; in fact, it would be expedient for the politicians (if there be any such in Cambridge) to hasten improvement of the street, in view of the commendation and support that they would undoubtedly get from the Institute student body and faculty.

The City of Cambridge must act. The people concerned wish a certain thing done, and it is the city's duty to have it done, regardless of the irrefragable reason, which only a politician's mind is able to form, that the street is not "accepted." Otherwise the next city election may show that those responsible are also not "accepted."

ALL-AMERICAN APATHY

Thousands of male adult citizens of this country who have palpably watched the pennant races and neglected the presidential candidates, right now, will be howling against the administration—within a year from now. It is a curious failing we Americans have of diverting our senses from things of importance to those that are of almost no account at all. Full many a citizen who feels he is abreast of events can name you the world's series winners of the past 10 years, the season's leading major league batters and all the important football coaches, but he can't tell the cabinet members by name. Indeed, he

will do well even to enumerate the cabinet offices! Yet cabinet members administer affairs in which he is concerned and help shape the government of which he is a stockholder. Why such apathy? The answer is hazy. Why men forget their government to follow baseball is as easy to explain as why persons know the lyrics of Dardanella and not the words of the Star Spangled Banner. Why a man knows Mary Pickford's exact age and forgets his own wife's birthday. Why a man knows the nearest billiard parlor, but not the nearest fire alarm box. You can search us for the answer. In fact, you can search the U. S. and still be in the dark.—Connor Advertising.

BAUER MARRIED

Has Been Prominent Figure in Institute Activities

The marriage of M. M. Bauer '22 to Miss Sara Tucker of Kibi, Michigan, took place in Boston on Wednesday, December 22. Miss Tucker has been residing in Boston for several years and was spending the Winter in Palm Beach, Florida from which place she came to Boston for the wedding.

Bauer is a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and during his time at the Institute has been very active in student affairs. He was one of the original founders of the Woop Garoo which later developed into the Voo Doo. He was also News Editor of THE TECH.

While at Camp Machias last Summer Bauer was on the student council, grinds editor of Benchmark, and business manager of the show.

GIVE PRELIMINARY FIGURES ON MINING

U. S. Geological Survey Issues Annual Report on Mining Resources and Production for 1920 of Alaskan Mines

DECADE'S PRODUCTION BIG

The annual report on mineral resources and production in Alaska for 1920 is now in preparation under the direction of Alfred H. Brooks, of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior. Some of the important features of this report relating to mining development during the year are subtracted in the following statement. Complete statistics of the mineral production of Alaska can not be collected within less than four or five months after the close of the year, but meanwhile it appears advisable to give prompt publication to preliminary estimates which, based on past experience, are believed to be within 5 per cent of the actual figures.

General Conditions

Mining in Alaska began in 1880 and up to the close of 1920 had produced minerals to the value of \$460,240,000, over half of which is to be credited to the last decade. About 75 per cent of this mineral wealth has come from the small, but rich deposits termed "bonanzas." Such deposits can be profitably exploited even under the most adverse conditions of isolation and transportation, because they

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perhaps, it brought us a smile and the opportunity for much speculation.

The biographical sketches impress us with the importance of our making good once out of the Institute. Some of the facts included in the sketches, as for example the political faith, the height, and weight, are not usually found in such a description.

The department of statistics displays proof of the thoroughness with which the editors did their work and shows a good deal of time was spent in their compilation. To reprint many parts of the book would be our sincerest desire, were space enough ours for so doing. Here we can but hint at the contents of the book and again extend to the editors and those who conceived the idea our compliments on their success.

NOTICES

for Undergraduates

The officers of the M. I. T. A. A., will meet in the Walker Library at 5 o'clock today.

Advisory Council on Athletics will meet Wednesday at the Engineers' Club at 7.30 o'clock.

The officers of the T. A. C. will meet at the Phi Gamma Delta house, 39 Bay State Road, at 7.30 today.

Courses in Mechanism 200 and 202 are being given by Professor Merrill. The first exercise will be held Friday in room 4-213.

Freshman candidates for assistant crew manager are asked to report to L. B. Davis '21, Thursday at 5 o'clock in the M. I. T. A. A. office.

DECORATE OFFICE

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Voo Doo office on the top floor of Walker Memorial, so that the mural decorations of our alleged humorous sheet are now second to none. What caused all the trouble in the nether regions was his selection of a subject for the series. He took "The Quest of the Holy Cocktail," as the motif, with Sir Hadagal starring in the title role.

When the representative of THE TECH dropped in at the Voo Doo office to inspect the work and to offer his invaluable criticism he found the well-known artist of the late impressionist school hard at work painting with much unction and great gusto. While it is reported that Kiko's unc-



TEODORICO QUIROS
Kiko Wielded the Nasty Brush on Voo Doo's Walls

tion is not inferior to that of any staff artist of the intercollegiate humorous world, his gusto is said not to be quite so finished as that of several others.

The paintings are in a series which compass the walls of the office and consist of a fresco work which extends about a foot down from the ceiling. Many and wondrous are the colors used, a number of which it is said by the Voo Doo staff, were discovered solely for that work. The story tells pictorially of the vices and vicissitudes that beset Sir Hadagal as he shimmies through four reels and the city of Boston in search of the Holy Cocktail.

Having found the city of Boston he discovers the startling and provoking fact that it is deceased, and promptly starts to bring it back to life with home brew, which is excuse enough for any town being dead. But he finally turns from Home Brew as being crass and artificial, and continues his quest of the Holy Cocktail. Being beset on the way by Bevo, Near Beer, and others he shuns them all, and finally finds the object of his quest in Cuba.

After having written the story the writer is told that the original "Quest of the Holy Grail" was painted by one Charles B. Chaplin and that the artist is not dead at all as intimated in the lead paragraph of this story. However, it's a good lead.

Next Issue Out Today

Voo Doo came out today. The cover is by Wiggs '22, who is one of the recent "fnds" of Voo Doo. He did a number of cartoons during the war which caused a great deal of comment in New York.

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The cover itself depicts a Tech student at work with books, slide rule, log tables and all of the things necessary to make up a real student. The expression on his face convinces one that he is filled with the real old Tech Spirit—97% proof.

There are numerous lines by Mr. Cue, and Nesbit and drawings by Kane, Pierce, Elmer and Quiros.

Work on the next issue, which has been named after Edgar Allen Poe is progressing rapidly. It will contain gruesome stories and paintings of the Poe type and the raven has not been forgotten. The cover is by Kane.

NEW MANAGEMENT MAKE ADVENT IN WALKER

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the menu met with general satisfaction and Mr. Smith plans to continue this idea. He is strong in the belief that a wide variety on display on the counters is the attraction which has been lacking in the past.

The kitchen force was augmented by a few additional men to help in the preparation of the larger number of foods.