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POLITICAL PARTIES AT TECHNOLOGY

THE formation of a Republican Club at Technology is a step in the right direction. During the past few months we have several times pointed out the opportunities which await the engineer in the broad field of politics if he but assume an active interest in that direction. Without casting too great a reflection upon the character of modern politics it is safe to say that there are a good many men who refuse to become politicians because they nurture the belief that "politics is dirty." Whether or not this is the reason why engineers have held themselves so aloof from this field of activity in the past cannot be determined offhand. It may be because of a belief that a politician is a different sort of a man than a business man. Or it may only be because business men have enough on their hands without devoting their spare hours to this separate field.

Regardless of the factors which have tended to separate the politician from other types of men in the past, there is every reason why all men should take an active interest in politics. Scientific methods introduced into this expansive field would do much to wipe out the corruption and practical defects of the present system. At present the results of any efficient and careful investigation may too easily be lost sight of and even totally ignored through the effective medium of a so-called "bloc" or some other similar weapon.

GOVERNMENT is something more than the mere thinking up laws and putting them into force. It is something which should not fall to someone simply through the designs of fate. True government is a science, and like all other sciences it must be studied conscientiously and minutely from its fundamental precepts down through to the effective working out of its statutes. Just what constitutes a perfect government is still a problem on which there is considerable divergence of opinion. And although there may be some unanimity as to the essential characteristics of an ideal government, the practical realization of such on a large scale presents new causes for lack of agreement. The engineer can do much toward the establishment of a new profession on a practical basis and with all chances of corruption and spoils reduced to a minimum.

A Republican Club here will stimulate our interest in politics. If the Democrats form a rival club the result will be even better. As the Brown Daily Herald puts it:

"The organization of a college man's party is, of course, not advisable, and it would be impractical, perhaps. Yet he might well enter the existing parties, and contribute his share of common sense. If there are anything American which need enthusiastic reformers, they are the political machines, with their ancient organizations and outworn issues. Republican and Democratic clubs on the campus give us that opportunity."

INTERCOLLEGIATE

LITERATURE REVEALS BILL SHAKESPEARE AS SNAPPY SPORT CRITIC

Back in 1600, in the days of wine and song, Shakespeare, renowned over the whole globe for his writings, presaged the advent of the present game of football as he viewed the sport of the knights and kings. And he, writer that he was, preserved his vision for us in his immortal works.

"Down! Down!—Henry VI.

"Well placed"—Henry VI.

"A touch, a touch, I do confess."—Hamlet.

"I do commend you to their backs."—Macbeth.

"I'll catch it ere it reaches the ground."—Macbeth.

"We must have bloody noses and cracked crowns."—Henry VI.

"It's the first time that ever I heard breaking of ribs was sport."—As you Like It.

—The Syracuse Daily Orange

MICHIGAN CO-EDS ORGANIZE RIFLE TEAM

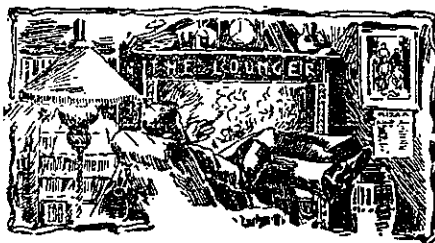
The co-ed rifle team of the Michigan Agricultural College has arranged matches with thirteen college teams, including Cornell, Vermont, Texas and far-west universities. This is by far the most ambitious schedule ever undertaken by a group of college women and indicates the increasing interest in inter-collegiate sporting events between women.

IS IT PROFITABLE?

A co-ed at the University of Kansas has started a date-making agency as an aid to paying her expenses through college. For twenty-five cents she will arrange a date from any girl, satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

POLO AT HARVARD

A polo team has been organized at Harvard with adequate equipment for the first time. The Commonwealth Riding Hall is being used to practice in, and the team is getting a good start with a West Point coach and specially trained ponies. Matches have been arranged during Christmas holidays with Yale, Princeton, and West Point. The team will also proceed to North Carolina for several matches.



Pride is one of the seven capital sins, according to the Lounger's recollection of the eighteen best ways of making a sin a sin, and not beating it around the bush. But then there's an institution like the Institute Committee which naturally must have a certain amount of pride as well as dignity, and the Lounger is willing to concede it a reasonable corner off this particular point. Herefore the Lounger and the Institute Committee have always lived in blissful repugnance toward each other, with the benefit of the doubt on the side of the Lounger. But what happened this week has almost lead to the Lounger's shedding of big salty tears in sympathy with his friends who still haunt the Faculty and Alumni Room every other Thursday.

Can you blame the Institute Committee if it gets peeved at the results of a scientific investigation conducted by the English Department? This Department has undergone a remarkable evolution during the past term, which is one less reason why the Lounger should exist any longer. It granted options to the would-be journalists of the freshman class and to those Sophomores who would rather have a liberal arts course. But the triumphant coup d'état by which the Department gained a lap on the English Departments of other colleges came in the exam in the Sophomore option this week, when without warning it sprang a perfectly legitimate question about the Institute Committee.

The results are more dramatic in character than might have been expected. Last year THE TECH and the old Institute Committee had a very comfortable long war, and the latter was taught a few of the principles of newspaper ethics. But now the English Department has almost shown that the Committee is a government imposed by a few upon the ignorant masses. For very few of the Sophomores knew anything about the workings of the government and not a few were totally unaware of its existence. Perhaps a majority knew that such a thing as the Institute Committee existed, or at least that Technology had a form of student government, but as to its details they knew nothing.

The Lounger can readily picture the old Deacon of the Committee when the facts are related to him. Humbled for life, mentally crippled from the viciousness of such a stunning blow, his head drooping on his chest, his eyes filled with mingled despair and unbelief, his voice weakened from desolation—thus will Deacon Robinson face his faithful crew and sadly inform them that their existence and achievements are known only to a few.

And the Committee—the Lounger can see a hasty pudding conglomeration of tears and bitterly curled lips, dedicated to revenge and "la vendette." He can visualize the Deacon's loyalest curfew ringer and most adept passer of the collection plate, aside from being the secretary of the organization—the Lounger can see this impressive individual undergo a brief but varied system of physiological contortions and then suddenly rise with clenched fists and glassed eyes, and calmly address the crew in emphatic tones something akin to the following:

"Fellow Boatswanes, Stokers, Pilots, Captains of special committees, and Mr. Rare-Admiral (the Deacon's other role).—

We are selected by those of the student body who are interested in the Government of Technology, and who make use of their balloting privilege. Is it any fault of our own that everyone does not interest himself in this Government? Are we responsible for the stagnation and indifference which seems to pollute the minds of many of the citizens of our beloved realm, as evidenced by their ignorance of our existence? Are not conditions fair as they stand? So long as those who do not vote or who do not know of the Institute Committee's existence are satisfied with its decrees and abide by its dictates without complaint, is there not sufficient harmony? Let well enough alone. The Government is all right as it stands."

And then a speech by one of the crew: "If these citizens of our realms are not apprised of our existence, it is our solemn and majestic duty to teach them and educate them as to our reasons and methods."

To which a well known firstmate adds: "By advertising in the corridors, on the blackboards, through THE TECH, and printing out our constitution on the frosted windows during the cold months."

These speeches are wholly imaginary, of course. They are not meant to incriminate any of the players of the drama. But they have a meaning which it would be well for the unknowing student to look for. The Lounger suggests that a Constitution to take home and study over Christmas wouldn't be a bad idea.

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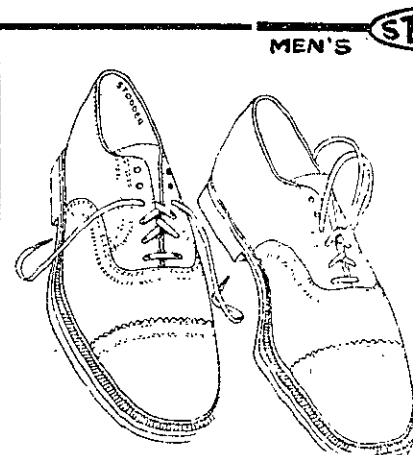
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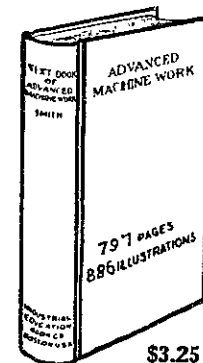
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