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The Princeton Radio Club has arranged with amateurs throughout the United States and Canada to relay messages free of charge. Students may thus send home for money without cost to themselves or their parents. This is headlined in a New York paper under the title, "Pa now sends son cash by radio."—Princeton News-Letter.

The new engineering building of the University of Montana has been named after William Milnor Roberts, the man who located the Northern Pacific Railroad, from Lake Superior to Puget Sound. A worthy tribute to a worthy engineer.—The Colorado Engineer.

Out at California they must be interested in wine. They print the following:

The origin of wine dates back a few years B. C., when the young Roman, Antonius Marinus became interested in a small vine growing on the wayside. The vine attracted Antonius, so he determined to take it home and cultivate it.

It was a hot day, so the vine was carefully packed in the skull of a bird, which was lying close at hand. The skull was a trifle small, however, so Antonius placed the vine and bird skull into the bleached skull of a lion that he found. This was hardly large enough and it finally became necessary to use an ass's skull to transport the other skulls and the vine.

In due time the vine was planted and soon after grapes matured in abundance. But the drink that was made from these grapes was found to contain the qualities of the three skulls that were used in transplanting the vine.

If one drank a little of the beverage one wanted to sing like a bird; if a little more, one became as ferocious as a lion; and if still more was consumed, one became as stupid as an ass.—California Engineer.

Why is it that students hope that an instructor will not meet his class and feel that they are putting something over if he fails to show up? You pay good money to the college for the privilege of attending classes. To be consistent, you should go to the corner cigar store, put down 20 cents and ask for a pack of Camels and then hope you won't get any cigarettes! Funny, isn't it?—The Michigan Technic.

At Minnesota, St. Patrick's day is celebrated quite extensively. They must all be Irish up there. The day's program was something like this:

10 to 12:30 A. M., Open House. All departments exhibited samples of their work.
12:30 P. M., Parade.
2:30 to 3:30 P. M., Knighting Ceremony.
3:30 to 6 P. M., Green Tea Dansant.
9 P. M., Engineers' Day Ball.—Minnesota Techno-Log.

Seventy miles from the Arctic Circle, at Fairbanks, Alaska, a college with courses in Mining, Civil and Electrical Engineering has been started. This is another proof that practical engineering is ever expanding.—The Colorado Engineer.

The Massachusetts Tech. publication has an interesting item in their issue. It is a list of interesting articles in the current magazines of the day. Their last list of articles is as follows:

"Seaplanes—Present Status of the Question" (Aviation, March 12, 1923.)

"Combustion Control of Steam Boilers" (Power, March 6, 1923).

"Salt Water in Suspension" (Motorship, March 6, 1923).

"Ventilation of Ships, with Special Consideration to Air Supply of Fire Rooms" (Journal of the American Society of Naval Engineers, February, 1923).

"Rivalry for United States Gliding Meet" (Aviation, March 12, 1923).

"The Highways of Pennsylvania" (Engineers and Engineering, January, 1923).

"Mean Effective Pressure of Internal Combustion Engines" (Power, March 13, 1923).

"Rubber Production Possibilities in the Philippines" (Rubber Age, February 25, 1923).

A code of ethics recently adopted by A. S. M. E. is broad enough to be of interest to groups other than those of a strictly engineering nature. In certain cities it has been printed and distributed to members of civic organizations and to leading business men. At Johns Hopkins University it has been used as a model for a code of ethics to acquaint the freshmen with the honor system.—Princeton News-Letter.

Dr. Wilder Bancroft, professor of Physical Chemistry at Cornell, has invented a method to produce rain and dispel clouds and fogs by spraying electrically charged sand over the top of the fog or cloud bank from an aeroplane. The method has been tried out by the military authorities with astonishingly successful results. It is said that by this method one plane with 1½ tons of sand could clear up a fog over the entire city of London in 35 minutes. The army and navy are interested from the standpoint of harbor clearance, cutting a path through fog for a fleet of ships, discovering hidden enemy ships, etc.—Princeton News-Letter.

Iowa State College engineers distinguished themselves by taking first prize in the engineering competition at the R. O. T. C. camp at Battle Creek, Michigan, last summer. Railroads were located, pontoon bridges were built and trenches were excavated.—Iowa Engineer.