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THE EPIDEMIC AT POLY

A special assembly was called at 1 o'clock, March 11, on which occasion Mr. Ryder made a very important announcement. He said that the discussion as to the nature of the illness prevalent among the dormitory boys had been settled. A representative from the State Board of Health had diagnosed the malady and had pronounced it a mild type of smallpox. The state official said that all the students and teachers must either be vaccinated or quarantined. As guardian of the dormitory boys, Mr. Ryder chose vaccination for them.

Two physicians and two nurses were waiting in the ante-room. The students were called in by small groups and vaccinated. The supply of vaccine was exhausted before quite a number had been treated; and as it was necessary to order more from Los Angeles, those who remained had to wait until the next afternoon. A few chose quarantine.

The disease is so mild and the cases so few, that these drastic measures will undoubtedly effectively check the spread of the disease. All athletic events with other schools have been cancelled.

DR. JAMES' LECTURE

The fifth period of March 3rd, Dr. G. W. James, who has been in Europe working for the welfare of the animals used in the war, spoke to the assembly on the part dogs, cats and horses played in the war, and the intelligence they displayed while in service. His lecture was accompanied by slides from photographs he took while across the waters.

First he dealt with the horse, then the cat and the dog, telling of their service to humanity in war and in peace, and how they were cared for at the front. He told us that in the war zone, where their value

to humanity is appreciated, these animals are treated with the utmost kindness; there they are not beaten.

In his speech Dr. James emphasized the following facts: That these domesticated animals do not act solely upon instinct; that in them the traits of loyalty, faith, self-sacrifice, obedience and love for their friends are much better developed than in most human beings, and we should treat them with due respect. He gave instances to prove these statements.

His lecture was sprinkled with spicy witticisms. It was so interesting that at the end of the period the audience was loud in its petition that he continue and tell them all he had to say.

A TREAT TO THE BOYS

Monday, March 15th, proved to be a red letter day for the sick Dorm. boys. The Red Cross sent out a quantity of jams and jellies for them, the Junior cooking class made delicious peach sherbet, the Sophomore class surprised them with some wonderful buns and Mrs. Murphy contributed a phonograph and some records. There seems to be quite a few advantages in being ill. If this keeps up, the temptation is going to prove too great and we will expect to see the sick list grow—ill suddenly. All right, boys. Who is next? What's your complaint? Think up a good one this time.

FORMER PROFESSOR

IS APPOINTED

Chauncey T. Keefer, industrial engineer in San Francisco and president of the Pacific Coast Machinery and Engineering Company, was engaged today by Controller Almon Roth of Stanford University to take charge of the engineering work on the campus and to supervise construction in the reorganization work of the service department of the University.

THE ATASCADERO GAME

The Atascadero champion basketball players couldn't do it. No! They just simply couldn't get around our fellows in any form, shape or manner. If you don't know what I mean when I say they couldn't do it, I mean that they were badly beaten in a struggle for the long end of the score in a basketball game played at the Civic Club Friday evening, February 27, with Poly. Did you get that? A struggle? Well, that's what it was, but the Poly aggregation proved to be bad hombres for Atascadero, from the fact that they piled up a score of 54 to 23.

Lineup:

Poly	Atascadero
Mathison.....F.....	Chapman
Blake.....F.....	Hill
Van Schaick.....C.....	Dykes
Livernash.....G.....	Duncan
Sandercock.....G.....	Waterman

RAMONA A SUCCESS

The motion picture play, "Ramona," held March 6th by the High School and Polytechnic was very successful. The tickets had been placed in the hands of the different associations, and a reward of a ticket was promised to the member of each of the three clubs selling the most tickets. These associations that sold the largest number of tickets are: Mechanica, Francis Gardner; Agriculture, Edmund Burr; Amapola, Dorothy James. The amount realized by the Polytechnic Junior Red Cross was \$30.66. This with the other money in the fund will be sufficient to pay the membership fee for this year, which amounts to \$40.00. The performance to have been held April 9th at the Elmo Theater has been called off.

Many a live wire would be a dead one if it wasn't for his connections.

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PRACTICE GAME

A practice game of baseball was played on the Polytechnic grounds on Sunday before last.

Several of the teams in San Luis are anxious to begin their training for the coming season and each team is confident that its particular players are the best to be had in this county.

The W. O. W. was the first to feel out our Polytechnic projects, and although some of our most noted pill-twirlers were not present, the score was an example of what all Polytechnic scores should be in the coming season.

The W. O. W. shows prospects for a good team. It is thought that the Elks will have a team and it is known that the American Legion will have a team that will probably be our strongest opponent for the first place.

With these promising games even within San Luis the enthusiasm over the coming season should rank higher than for any other athletics this year.

Poly will have to get out and hustle to get the lead in this vicinity.

AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

On March 4th the assembly was entertained by the Agricultural Association. Considering the small number of the Agricultural Club, the program was exceedingly creditable. While of an instructive nature, it was very interesting to all.

Professor Watson spoke on the importance of improving live stock. He recited a humorous poem called "Teaching Dad," comparing the old methods of scrub hog-fattening with the new, with purebred stock. He said that this county needs more information on milk and milk products, and to impart more knowledge on that subject, Mr. Greene of the State Dairy Council would visit the county next week.

We then enjoyed a song by the Boys' Glee Club. Motion pictures of the various sizes of Avery tractors in action were shown. Mr. Burr presented William Tyler Page's motto, framed, the Agricultural Association's gift to the school, to Mr. Ryder, who accepted it for the school.

Mr. Greene Speaks

On March 10th Mr. Greene, a member of the State Dairy Council, spoke before the assembly about the importance of the dairy cow and the profit in dairying with purebred cows. A brief summary of his lecture follows:

Many city children are ignorant of the production of milk. Very few of us realize the importance of the dairy cow. Over half of the babies of the United States are raised on cows' milk from the date of birth. The nutritive value of the protein and fats in cows' milk is much higher than that of protein and fat obtained from any other food. The fat of cows' milk and the leaves of various greens contain a substance which is necessary to proper growth and promotes good health. The fat of cows' milk contains much more of this than the leaves of greens. Cows' milk, and milk products therefor, benefit the old and are necessary to the proper growth of the young. Cows, when pastured in an orchard, preserve its fertility better than it can be preserved by soiling. Milk is good for pigs and chickens. The demand for cows' milk is constantly increasing, as its value is recognized. Hence, there are great opportunities in the dairy business.

At the present time there are very few purebred cattle in the United States. The only profitable way to

dairy is with purebred cows, and to constantly work toward herd improvement. Purebred cows produce more at less expense, and the bull calves sell at a high price.

Modern Railroad Films

As the special assembly was called to have us vaccinated at the time when the Mechanics students were to see two reels on modern railroading, all the student body was able to see them.

The films showed some of the new features of railroading. Among them were remarkable trestles, arch bridges, curves, grades, and the best semaphore systems, ferries and train sheds. They also showed the moving of a large steel trestle from one foundation to another twenty feet away, during the fifteen-minute interval between trains. They showed the unloading of ore from a vessel by means of scoops holding three or four tons apiece, and the unloading of a coal-loaded gondola in four and a half minutes by hoisting it and overturning it, then replacing it on the track.

These pictures were much enjoyed by those who were not too excited by the news of smallpox and coming vaccination to notice them.

VISITORS FROM PALESTINE

Last Friday Mr. Wilkansky and Mr. Gottman from Palestine visited school. They have been sent to California to study the conditions in agriculture and in the schools, with a view to bettering the conditions in Palestine. Central and southern California are to be given special attention, as the climate and soil are much the same as those of Palestine.

They were also very much interested in the Household Arts Department and said that they would like to send some of their girls over to us. They have many girls with an equivalent to our high school education and some who are university graduates; but practically none who know anything about modern sanitary cooking and housekeeping.

Meetings of the Amapola, Mechanics, and Agriculture Associations were held March 4th. All of the meetings were held to discuss the selling of tickets for Ramona, the motion picture play given March 6th. The members of the different clubs are urged to advertise the benefit for the Junior Red Cross, and tickets were distributed among the students to sell.

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Freshman—Please, ma'am, I don't understand you.

Sophomore—Gimme the question again.

Junior—I don't get you.

Senior—Hur!

My Girl.

She is a blonde,
A nice slim blonde,
She measures six feet two.
Her eyes are brown,
Her hair is blue,
She thinks she's cute
And I do too.

One hundred years ago
When wilderness was here,
With powder in his gun, the man
Went out and got a deer;
But now the thing has changed,
And on another plan
With powder on her cheeks
The dear goes out and gets the man.

Prof. Hess—"Why don't you try to get a job in Frisco?"

G. Smith—"Well, employers prefer married men."

Hess—"Well, why don't you get married?"

Smith—"But a girl won't marry a fellow unless he has a job."
"I never thought of that."

Professor—I am going to speak on liars today. How many of you have read the twenty-fifth chapter of the text?

Nearly every student raised his hand.

Professor—Good! You are the very group to whom I wish to speak. There is no twenty-fifth chapter.—Ex.

He put his arm around her,
The color left her cheek;
But it stayed upon his overcoat
For just about a week.

I can't hab'o the espanol—
My poor old brains are punk;
Every period—miserable,
Every day—a funk.

You can talk of signs of the weather,
Of the winds in the air, how they sing,
But to seat oneself on the point of a tack
Is the sign of an early spring.

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School Notes

Mr. A. C. Oney from the State Board of Education visited the school last Saturday. He was very enthusiastic over our fine cattle.

Charles Flores entered in Special Mechanics on Monday, March 8, 1920. He comes from Santa Margarita.

The Polytechnic will give its annual grammar school track meet on May 15th. Notices are being sent to all the grammar schools over the county and a large list of entries is expected.

Mrs. Georgia Beals, formerly Miss Georgia Brown of this school, had a visitor on December 30, 1919, who is here to stay. It's a girl.

Miss Ethel Callon, a former Polyite, is visiting here from Coalinga, where she is employed.

Miss Barbara Marquart, class of '17, married H. W. Shepp of San Jose.

THE AMAPOLA ELECTION

A meeting of the Amapola Club was held March 10th in the girls' parlor. The meeting was called to elect new officers. Those elected were: President, Marguerite Tegmann; Vice-President, Phyllis Figue; Secretary, Marie Melnecke; Treasurer, Margaret Chapin; Sergeant-at-Arms, Anna Chavez. The subject of the adoption of girls' uniform was discussed, but as there was a great deal of opposition, nothing definite was decided.

KELVIN CLUB

The regular meeting of the Kelvin Club was held Tuesday evening, March 2, at the home of Miss Whiting, with Miss Howe and Miss Rumsey as hostesses. Mrs. Brand read a paper on "The New Philosophy." Games were then played. The evening's entertainment ended with delicious refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cake served by the hostesses. All members of the faculty had a most enjoyable evening.

Miss Whiting—"How is your family, Major?"

Major Liverpath (thinking of the mumps)—"Still swelling."

NORTH WIND

By Lo's Walker.

From his ice-bound home, the North,
he comes,

Whistling all the way.

He sweeps the hills and climbs the
trees

Until their branches away.

And in his arms he brings with him
A downy blanket white,
And spreads it on the valleys, when
He tucks them in at night.

And sometimes if you don't watch
out

He'll come and nip your nose,
Just when you are not looking, then
He'll come and hurt your toes.

But when we're off to Slumberland,
Far from the world of care,
We dream we visit Summer, for
North Wind can't catch us there.

TWICE BITTEN

The eagle-eyed examiner was sure Tomkins was cheating. Twenty times during the last hour that individual had pulled out his watch and examined it closely.

"Tomkins," suddenly roared the teacher, "bring your watch to me!" Tomkins reluctantly handed over the timepiece, but all the disgusted examiner found was a small slip pasted to the dial on which was written, "Fooled!"

Tomkins was allowed to resume his work, but he still referred to his watch so frequently that the examiner again grew suspicious. Suddenly an idea struck him.

"Tomkins," he shouted, "I'll see your watch again, please!"

Eagerly he seized the watch, but this time he devoted his attention to the back case. Sure enough, there was a scrap of paper inside. He read it. "Fooled again!"

DELUSIONS DISPELLED

Sentimental Youth: "Do you know, darling, I used to kiss the very stamps you sent me because I knew they had touched your sweet lips?"

Unsentimental Maid: "Oh, Jack, and I used to dampen them on dear old Fido's nose."

Brilliant Senior—Was Washington honest?

Dull Freshman—Yes.

B. S.—They why do they close the banks on his birthday?

RED CROSS

A meeting of the Red Cross Committee was held March 1. The meeting was held for the purpose of starting the sale of tickets for the motion picture play, "Ramona." Edmund Burr was elected chairman of the committee for selling tickets, and was given the tickets which the Polytechnic had for the benefit.

On March 8th the Red Cross Committee held a meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to decide upon what part of the proceeds of the moving picture, "Ramona," held on March 6th, should be accepted by the Polytechnic Junior Red Cross. It was decided that the High School and Polytechnic will divide the proceeds according to the amount of money taken in by each school by the sale of tickets.

MORE STUDENTS FOR POLY

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the school was held last Saturday in the parlor of the Household Arts Building to discuss the possibility of training two hundred of the disabled soldiers. It was finally decided that the two hundred soldiers would be sent here for training, providing that rooms and board could be found for them at different homes in town. A committee is hunting up rooms at present.

DISCIPLINE

A visitor, green about army life, walked interestedly to the soldier who was digging a hole.

"Digging a trench, my good man?"

"No," smiled the soldier, sadly; "I'm digging a grave. One of our rookies just passed away. We were on the rifle range and the captain told us to hold our breath while pulling the trigger on the rifle. This lad's rifle was old and rusty, and the trigger stuck, and there you have it."—The American Legion Weekly.

BAD ENVIRONMENT

Sam Darkton—"Dat turkey we had fo' dinner was hatched by an incubator, all right, Mose."

Mose Yellerby—"How does yo' know?"

Sam Darkton—"No turkey dat obah knowed a mothah's egg would 'a' turned out as tough as dat one was."