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THE ASSEMBLY OF APRIL 7

On April the 7th the students of this school were favored with a lecture on Alaska by Mr. L. H. Lutrel. Mr. Lutrel has been prospecting in Alaska for the last four years and has taken up a mining claim there to which he expects to return soon. His address was preceded by "De Coppah Moon," sung by the Girls' Glee Club.

Mr. Lutrel told us that when people haven't money they must "rough it"; that he has "roughed it" more than most men his age. Shortly before the Spanish-American War he went to the Philippine Islands. From there he went to Alaska, where he has been until a short time ago.

The Japan Sea is noted for its beautiful ocean scenery, but its scenery does not rival that of the coast and islands between Seattle and Skagway.

The United States bought Alaska for eight million dollars, and Seward, who negotiated the purchase, was thought a spendthrift for so doing, but it has proven a very profitable investment. Alaska is rich in gold, silver, copper, game and fish.

From Juneau north he likes the climate very well, but south of Juneau it rains excessively. The climate of Alaska is very healthful.

Railroads are being built to aid mining, the most profitable industry of this undeveloped land. Near Seward there are extensive beds of high-grade bituminous coal. These beds are being developed. The coal is shipped from Seward, a port that is frozen over half the year.

The Alaskan pioneers found they could successfully grow vegetables, small grains, and some hay, although the hay does not cure well. Then, however, there was no demand for these products and they could not hold their own in foreign

markets. Even now there is little demand, because of the yet scanty population.

Alaska can claim the highest peak in North America, Mt. McKinley. The gold mining industry has been slowed down by the decrease in the value of gold. Unless a premium is placed on this metal, gold mining will cease.

Alaska is a land of great risks and thrilling adventures. The spirit of the woods makes men strong, fierce and bold. Alaskans will cross the swiftest rivers on rafts made with the saw, hammer and spikes they always carry for this purpose. Between April 1st and May 1st is the best time to travel in these wilds. Mail is distributed in the interior almost wholly by dog teams. It is planned to use aeroplanes for this in the near future.

What Alaska needs is young men willing to bear hardships, brave dangers and work hard.

On Kodiak Island live the largest brown bears in existence. The mainland east of Kodiak is the best game country of Alaska with the exception of the caribou grounds in the north. Some caribou weigh five hundred pounds, having antlers whose spread is three feet two inches and whose width is at the tips three feet three inches. Alaska peaks are more rugged than ours.

The vegetation of this country grows rapidly during the long summer days. In the Yukon valley are stately forests of birch, spruce and cottonwood. A thick carpet of moss covers the ground under the trees. On the north side of the range topped by Mt. McKinley the ground is frozen many feet deep in winter, whereas on the south side the surface is frozen in spots only.

Having completed his interesting lecture, Mr. Lutrel passed around some photographs he had taken in Alaska.

THE HONOR ROLL

The honor roll for February is as follows:

Perry Martinsen	91.73
Margaret Meinecke	91.3
Dorothy Prewitt	90.75
John Brown	90.56
Fanny Tiklob	89.5
Sam Wright	88.8
Orrin Klamroth	88.1
Peter Boysen	88.46
Margaret Baker	88.62
Marie Meinecke	87.5

Others having over 85 per cent were M. Tognazzi, F. Mankins, G. Truesdale, T. Ruter, H. Louis, P. Figge, M. Chapin, A. Davis, and W. Leishman.

THE FRESHMAN PROGRAM

On Wednesday, the 17th, the Freshmen gave a very amusing program. They began their entertainment by singing "A Call to Arms." We then enjoyed a piano solo by Miss Alta Mayhall. A humorous scene between eight freshmen and an educated Sophomore was then presented. It was intended to show that the Sophomores lacked the dignity they should have. Mr. Prewitt read a theme written by himself on the rubber industry. A pantomime called "The Flirt" closed this interesting program.

On Wednesday, the 24th, we enjoyed a musical program. The selections rendered were as follows: "Flag of Truce and Falling Leaves," by the orchestra; "O Lovely Night and de Coppah Moon," by the Girls' Glee Club; two cornet solos, "The Secret and Resignation," by William Corbin, and "A Warrior Bold," by the Boys' Glee Club; and "The Star Spangled Banner" by the orchestra and assembly.

The sickness at the dorm is practically all over. Eugene Wegin is the only student ill. Taylor Ames and Harold Newman are convalescing.

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A UNIFORM FOR GIRLS

Shall the girls of the Polytechnic School adopt a uniform?

Since the boys are required to wear uniforms, some of the girls think they should also conform to these regulations. Uniforms are supposedly easier to take care of than our regular clothing. But are they? By talking among the girls it was found that over half of those favoring uniforms want white middies with blue collars and cuffs. That necessitates taking the collars and cuffs off every time the middy is washed, or trying to hold the collar and cuffs out of the water with one hand while you wash the middy with the other.

Skirts have been sifted down to two styles, pleated and plain; and those favoring uniforms can not agree on which style they should use. And of course they can't, for pleated skirts are not becoming to all types of girls and narrow skirts are even more trying to others.

And then there are the accessories to be considered. There are so many pretty colored ties that it would be hard to never have but one color to wear. The greatest difficulty would probably arise over the shoes and stockings. With brown, gray, white and black shoes, with stockings to match in cotton, lisle and

alk, could we ever come to a sensible agreement? And the hats! It would necessarily be either a white or a black straw sailor. How would we like it?

A girl of high school age should be learning to dress modishly, sensibly and becomingly, within the means furnished for that purpose. If she does not learn it during this training period of her life, she will probably find it very difficult to learn later.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

The recent additions to the library are sure to be very interesting. Among these recently acquired books are three which will be of great value to the students who are writing book reviews. These books tell of the life and works of the living poets and novelists.

Sixteen volumes of George Wharton James' books are also in the library. These books will appeal to everyone and be of great interest. The student body heard this author speak recently. All agreed that he was unusually interesting and the books are probably equally good.

The Review of Reviews, Literary Digest, Independent, School Arts, National Geographic, and World's Work have all been received in bound form. There are 101 volumes altogether. These books are valuable for reference, since they contain articles concerning almost any subject a student is interested in. One of these 101 volumes is Field.

Our library also has the latest edition of The Reader's Guide, showing where to find any article you may wish to find in the magazines, and the librarian is also ready and willing at any time to help you find the article you are hunting for.

VACATIONS

An enjoyable house party was held at Miss Hoover's summer home in Seabright during Easter week. Her guests were Misses Whiting, Wooddell and Howe. Other guests were Miss Hoover's sister and her husband, who is a teacher at Stanford. All others who went north are Messrs. Bendel and Saunders.

Others going south were Misses Rumsey, Chase and Williams, and Messrs. Hess, Nord, Yeary and Whitlock.

Those who spent their vacations here are Messrs. Jenkins, Watson, Hudspeth and Figge.

MR. SADDINGTON AT POLY

Mr. E. J. Saddington, the Co-ordinator for the Federal Board for Vocational Education, in the Division of Rehabilitation, is now stationed here. An office is being made for him in the Administration building and as more of the boys arrive he will have some assistants to help him in his office.

In October, 1918, Mr. Saddington was called to Washington, D. C., from New York to assist in working out the various problems in connection with the rehabilitation program of the disabled soldiers, sailors and marines provided for by the Smith-Scars act of Congress. In December he came out to Denver, Colorado, to establish the Denver office for the Federal Board for Vocational Education and after its establishment he took up further work in connection with the San Francisco office and was assigned the position of organizing the Vocational Guidance School at the California Polytechnic School.

Three of the instructors who are to assist in carrying on this work are here. They are: Miss B. M. Butler, who is to teach English, and F. D. Dull, who is to teach Mathematics. Miss Butler comes from Los Angeles, where she has taught in the city schools of that city, and Mr. Vine, who is to instruct in the machine shop. Mr. Vine comes from Los Angeles, where he was a teacher of a machine shop practice.

Eleven of the ex-service men have already arrived and are taking up their work. They are: Earl Cobb, Charles Flores, Charles Gibbs, Lyle Mahoney, Astor W. McDermott, John P. Olson, George Shackleton, Abe Solberg, Walter C. White, Frank L. Jones, Robert A. Thompson and Bernice L. Jones.

Many of the Federal Board students are expected to arrive and will be coming in small groups for a considerable time. It is expected that from 100 to 150 Federal Board students will be taking up various studies here in a very short time.

JOURNAL MEETING

A meeting of the Journal staff was held Thursday, March 25th. It was decided to have the Journal printed at the Tribune office in San Luis Obispo; also that the classes and associations should hold meetings in the near future for the purpose of planning upon having their pictures taken for the Annual of 1920.

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JOKEs

Prof. Nord—"Mr. Hatfield, did you bring that dog in?"

Mr. Hatfield—"No, sir. He walked in."

Prof. Nord—"Take him out; one dog at a time is enough."

John Cann—"What are your last teeth called?"

Edna—"Wisdom teeth."

John Cann—"No, your last teeth are called false teeth."

Miss Howe—"What smells most in the General Science Room?"

Anna—"My nose does."

Freshman—"What is always behind time?"

Sophomore—"You folks are."

Freshman—"No, the back of the clock is."

Anna—"Who ate the first apple?"

Edna—"The first pair (pear)."

Sophomore—"What is a kiss?"

Wise Freshman—"Nothing divided by two people."

Senior—"Don't you think my mustache is becoming?"

Seniress—"It certainly may be coming, but it hasn't arrived yet."

Though women didn't have to register, the uniforms some of them wear make them subject to draft.—
Ex.

He thought he'd surely made a hit, When for his photograph she prayed.

"Out when this calls," she wrote on it,

And gave it to her maid.

First Spirit—"How do you know this is heaven?"

Second Spirit—"Because my robe isn't covered with laundry marks."—
Ex.

"Don't you think the colleges turn out the best men?"

"Yes; they turned me out in my freshman year."

The boys who have been taking the girls' powder puffs are requested to return them and purchase their own.

"You can't preserve your health by getting pickled."

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MR. GREEN'S LECTURE

On Monday, the 22nd, Mr. Green of Monterey County gave an interesting lecture, mainly upon how to grow plants without hotbeds, greenhouses and such propagating equipment. A synopsis of his lecture follows:

When planting seeds it is very important not to cover them too deeply, as they rot. If the seedbed be in clay soil, mix humous secured in the woods, with the soil. Cover the small seeds with clean sand. When broadcasting, mix the seeds with clean sand. Shade the seedbed with burlap-covered frames. Trees may be started in tin cans.

Plants may be disseminated by rivers, glaciers and artificial transportation, as was the rosemary. Junipero Serra introduced the burr clover and wild oats into California. Plants are much influenced by environment. The oldest species of tree existing is the ginko, which dates back to the Mesozoic era. The rarest is the Catalina Iron Wood.

Since firewood is rapidly becoming scarce, it behooves us to grow trees for that purpose.

Very few of us know that there is a ginko tree on the campus.

THE AG. ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Agriculture Association was held Thursday, March 11. The meeting was called to order by President Cook and all business was brought up before the club and disposed of. The meeting was then turned over to Veterinary Surgeon Eastman. He gave a very interesting talk to the boys on the different diseases of cattle and how they may be cured. The talk was greatly appreciated.

THE CONVALESCENTS

Everyone will be pleased to know that the sick boys are rapidly improving. Tuley and Curtis have gone to their homes. Radke, Tibbs and Pattison are going home for the Easter vacation. Those convalescing are Chatten, Burr, Hathaway, Newman and White.

The boys would like to have it known that the phonograph was very much appreciated.

The only thing the matter with Burr is "heart trouble" (?).

"Were you out after ten last night?"

"No; I was out after one."

School Notes

In the next past three years there has been little activity in track meets. This has been due to the low enrollment. This year considerable new equipment has been purchased and the field has been put in first-class condition and now the field is ready for all field sports.

Since we heard the lecture given in assembly by Dr. George Wharton James many of us have changed our opinions about cats and dogs.

Elsbeth Meinecke and Ethel Van Gorden have recovered from their illness and are back at school.

Cecil May and Ross Sargent have left Poly.

Claude Tubbs left school last Tuesday. He is going east with his mother to visit a sick relative.

A meeting of the Sophomore class was held Thursday, March 11th. The meeting was held to plan for the assembly to be held April 21st by the second year students.

Miss Mildred Bookinger, a former Polyte, has discontinued her studies at Poly. She left on Sunday, March 21, for San Jose, where she will reside in the future.

Those students whose vaccination did not take the first time were re-vaccinated Friday, March 19th.

A bit of excitement was aroused during the noon period last Wednesday. A cat was found near the girls' lawn with a broken back. After a few prayers and sympathetic words over the suffering cat, it was chloroformed, by Miss Wooddell, with the assistance of several boys.

A FISHING TRIP

Fishing season opened at a very convenient date this year, so it wasn't necessary to play hockey. Some of the students took advantage of this and went fishing. Fred Ward, John Cann and Eugene Van Schaick went over to Lopez Canyon a day before the season opened.

The next day Elsworth Hoye and a couple of local town boys went over to Lopez Canyon on a fishing and camping trip. The two fishing parties camped together, "Foszy" Boys being chief cook and general entertainer.

Both parties returned Saturday night after camping out four days. They report fishing very good and also a good time in general.

Olander—"What shape is a kiss?"
Marjorie—"Elliptical."

KELVIN CLUB

On Tuesday evening, March 16th, the Kelvin Club was entertained by Mr. Bendel, Mr. Hudspith, and Mr. Hess at the home of Miss Whiting, on the corner of Peach and Tore streets. Mr. Yeary read a very interesting paper on "Spanish Names in California." The remainder of the evening was devoted to games, each member of the club receiving an aeroplane ride, which proved to be novel sport and most enjoyable. Delicious refreshments were then served, and the guests departed, agreeing that the hosts of the evening were excellent entertainers.

AMBITIOUS

I'd rather be a Could Be,
If I could not be an Are;
For a Could Be is a May Be,
With a chance of touching par.

I'd rather be a Has Been
Than a Might Have Been by far,
For a Might Have Been has never been,
But a Has was—once an Are.
—Ex.

"LIGHT OCCUPATIONS"

1. Trying to make a breakwater for wireless waves.
2. Watering an electric light plant.
3. Trying to weigh a fish by his own scales.
4. Sowing grass with a needle and thread.
5. Looking for cavities in a porcelain tooth.

LET'S SEE HER FIRST

A southern Illinois woman got a judgment for one cent against a man who kissed her, and this leads us to consider what a heap of fun one could have for a dollar and forty-eight cents.—Ex.

A CALAMITY

Back Street
Banana Peel
Fat Man
Virginia Reel.

Two things that will take one swimmingly through Poly—

1. The faculty of working.
2. Working the faculty.

Sandercock—"Oh, I got an idea."
Nord—"Treat it kindly, old boy; it's all alone in a strange place."