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San Luis Obispo, Calif.
Our first two buildings as the architect saw them before erection.
It was one of those dreamy Sunday mornings when a person lays around, reading or listening to the humming of insects and songs of birds.

Some of the men who worked on the section were washing, others were reading, or telling stories, the listeners watching the smoke from their pipes as it rose and slowly disappeared. Ted Lawrence, who's father was section boss, had the "Go Devil" or gasoline speeder out on the siding, cleaning and overhauling it. Ted had just learned to run it, and his father had given him permission to run it, when not in use, if he would keep it in repair. Ted was just going to run it back into the shed when he stopped and listened, his face pale as he heard a well known rumble.

"Runaway," he yelled, "Oh Dad! a runaway on the grade." In an instant every man was outside, listening to the noise of a runaway car.

Ted's father rushed out of the house just as the runaway went around the curve on the hill above. It was a flat car loaded with lumber. Just then a faint but unmistakable whistle was heard far down in the valley.

"The Overland!" gasped Ted's mother, who had joined the excited group.

The father remembered the derail switch, and started on the run for it, but the runaway car was already coming around the curve above the house, and before he had gone twenty yards, the car had shot past them and out of sight. Before anyone could speak, Ted had run the speeder down the siding and past the switch where he began speeding the car up.

If anyone had asked him what he was going to do, he could not have told them. Already he was running faster than he had ever done before, but he bent over the dial and shoved the lever over another notch. His head was bare, and his hair was plastered back from his forehead by the wind. He was now traveling at a terrific pace, and several times he thought he was gone, as the small wheel left the other rail, the car running on two wheels. Ted could only tell by instinct and his knowledge of the road, which way to lean to balance the flying car, for he could hardly see through his half-closed, tear-dimmed eyes. He dashed them away and looked farther ahead. There was the car. He knew it would not be long till the Overland with its hundreds of passengers would meet it and all shuddered as he saw in his mind the maimed and dead. The runaway dis-
appeared in a black spot in the side of a hill, and Ted shoved the lever over another notch. Around a hill, out over a high trestle, with ever increasing speed, into the black hole, the little car chased the runaway. Once again in the sunlight Ted saw he was gaining, but Oh so slowly, it seemed to him, and the car was almost at its limit of speed, and he was nearly suffocated by the rush of the wind. Desperately he shoved the lever over, yet another notch. He was just a few yards behind now, but his heart nearly failed him as he glanced at the swaying, tumbling mass of lumber before him, but his jaws set as he thought of the Overland only a few miles away. Ted shoved the lever home to the last notch, steadied himself, crept over the dial to the front seat, maintaining the balance of the car as best he could. He steadied himself, glanced at the heaving lumber, then at the brakewheel of the flatcar, so near he could have touched it at any other time, but now there was only one chance in a thousand that he could carry out the plan in his mind. Yet he never hesitated or faltered, but gathered himself up, crouched, then leaped, and caught the wheel of the brake and pulled himself up onto the car. He stopped a moment to clear his eyes and get his breath, then he made his way over the shaking and sliding timber. He reached the forward end of the car and grasped one of the timbers in his arms and swung it around at right angles with the car. There was the Overland only a little more than a mile away.

With almost superhuman strength he hurled the timber in front of the car. There was a crash and a crunching of wood. The air was filled with flying timbers. Ted was thrown over the side of the bluff and landed in a fir tree, unconscious and bleeding from a score of wounds. The place where the car was ditched was torn up as though there had never been any track there. Not a piece of timber of over two feet long could be found, even the wheels were smashed to bits. The "Go Devil" was smashed, only an oil can and wrench remaining intact.

The Overland stopped just below the wreck and a party of searchers found Ted and carried him back to the train.

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THE AGRICULTURAL CLUB.

The last meeting of the Agricultural Club in the fall term was held on December 10, 1908, in the Assembly Hall. This last meeting was one of the most interesting and instructive ones that the club has ever had. The program was as follows:

The Evolution of the Turkey, by Mr. Coleman.

Experiences with Bees by Fletcher Hayward.

Selection by Mr. Condit.

Outline of Proposed Short Course in Dairying, by Mr. Rubel.

Mr. Coleman told some interesting things about the turkey, its habits and its origin.

Mr. Hayward next told of some of his experiences with bees; their
handling and care, and the different breeds and their respective characteristics.

The selection read by Mr. Condit was very comical and kept those present in continuous laughter.

The program was closed by a short talk on the proposed short course in dairying, in which Mr. Rubel pointed out the need of such a course and the benefits that should come from it, and also told of the methods that would be followed out.

After the program, a business meeting was called and after the business matters were over, the members present adjourned to the drawing room where hot tamales and coffee were served.

Y. M. C. A. STUDENT CONFERENCE AT PACIFIC GROVE

The conference of students which is held each year at Pacific Grove during the Xmas holidays is one of several which meet in different parts of the United States at the same time: Ruston, Louisiana, and Washington.

Men from the leading schools of the country meet and discuss life problems, listen to addresses upon vital subjects by consecrated men, attend Mission and Bible study classes, and receive inspiration which goes with them throughout the remainder of their lives.

One of the first things which impresses the delegate at the Conference is the character of the men who attend, they have a purpose in life and show earnestness and enthusiasm. The leaders, too, of the Conference are men who rank high in educational and religious circles, men who have been tested and found capable, men who have a message to deliver and are not afraid to speak their convictions, who know from experience what they are talking about, and can point a man onward, forward and upward.

The institutions having delegations at the Conference this year were as follows: University of California, Stanford University, University of the Pacific, Pomona College, Occidental College, University of Southern California, Whittier College, University of Nevada, and last but not least, California Polytechnic School. Large delegations were present from the State University and Stanford, much friendly rivalry between the two schools being indulged in, both with songs and college yells. The “Ows-ki-wow-wow” of the State University is a very effective yell and the California delegation showed themselves adepts in the art of yelling, making the halls ring again and again and drowning out any attempt on the part of other delegations to.

Although the main purpose of the Conference is to gratify the longing of men’s hearts for the deeper things of life and to quiet the moral and spiritual unrest which prevades the college of today, still the physical side of the student’s nature is well provided for, as the entire afternoon is left open for the individual to use
as he pleases. In fact, so exuberant was the spirit in some of the cottages that athletic festivities continued until a late hour, the result being that participants in the night’s revelry found it a difficult matter to keep awake during the meetings of the following morning. A delegate soon learns the wisdom of investigating his bed thoroughly before retiring, else he may find himself bedfellow with a couple of lively crabs, a slimy clam, a bat, or something equally terrifying.

The annual contest for baseball supremacy resulted first in a victory for Stanford over the University of California; Pomona College then played the victorious team, winning an easy victory. California, however, took first place in tennis doubles against Stanford. One afternoon was spent in a “hike” to Del Monte and Monterey, visiting the hotel, the famous cypress maze, the San Carlos Mission, Colton Hall the first Capitol Building of California and other interesting places. Another afternoon we enjoyed the famous seventeen mile drive along the beautiful rock-bound coast, through stretches of cool, shady forest of Monterey pines and cypress trees and back over the ridge from the top of which can be seen in one direction the blue waters of El Carmel bay, in the other the broad expanse of the Bay of Monterey.

One of the evenings towards which the delegates look with special interest is “stunt” night when each delegation is expected to furnish some feature which will amuse the rest of the audience; needless to say, that everyone spent a most enjoyable evening, “stunts being furnished by nearly all the schools as well as one by the faculty.

The meetings were in charge of Mr. Gale Seaman who is the Y. M. C. A. Secretary for the Pacific Coast. They began at 7:30 a.m. with a series of talks by President Guth of the University of the Pacific to leaders and prospective leaders. Following this, were Bible classes on different subjects and by various leaders as follows: Bosworth’s Acts and Epistles, led by Prof. Paterson of San Anselmo Theological Seminary; Bosworth’s Life of Christ, led by Mr. West, Secretary of the Stanford Y. M. C. A.; Jenk’s Social Significance of the Teachings of Jesus, by Pres. Macurda of California College; Kent and Smith’s Earlier Prophets, by Mr. Reedy, Secretary of the University of California Y. M. C. A.; and Bosworth’s Teachings of Jesus and His Apostles, led by Mr. Sprunger, State Field Secretary.

At 9:10 o’clock each morning a conference was held to discuss methods of work, of organization, committee plans, Bible and Mission study classes, and different forms of Y. M. C. A. work carried on in the various schools. Following this from ten until eleven, came the Mission study classes, one by Mr. Carter of New York, on India; one on China by Mr. Moran, a Rhodes scholar from Stanford; one on Islam by Prof. Knowles of the University of Southern California; one by our own Director, Mr. Smith on the City Problem; and one by Pres Macurda on the Unfinished Task. Mr. Carter was for several years National Y. M. C. A. Secretary for the Indian Empire and is thoroughly acquainted with the economic and religious needs of that vast country; he is now traveling for the National Committee, rousing enthusiasm wherever he goes. Mr. Hugh Moran, who spent his boyhood days
In San Luis Obispo, and who has recently returned from Oxford University, England, where he was a Rhodes scholar, will leave in March for Hankow, China, a city the size of greater New York; he will serve there as a Y. M. C. A. Secretary. China's interest in Western Christianity is well shown by the following anecdote told by Mr. Moran. "An X-ray machine had been sent into one of the provinces to be exhibited before the Viceroy but the machine could not be made to work. Mr.— who had been a professor of engineering in America and was then a Y. M. C. A. Secretary in that province was called in. By turning a few screws, he soon had the machine in perfect working order. This pleased the Viceroy so much that he promised Mr.— anything in reason which he might ask. In reply, he said, "My friend, the Great Teacher, (meaning John R. Mott,) will be here shortly and would like an audience with the mandarins of your province." 'He shall have it,' the Viceroy replied and immediately sent out, not an invitation, but an edict, commanding the mandarins to assemble. John R. Mott, the International Y. M. C. A. leader spoke for three hours to this company of over one thousand influential men who listened with the most intense interest, and God alone can tell the changes for good which resulted from that meeting." China is fast awakening and throwing off the black mantle of Confucianism which has held it in darkness for centuries. Unless Christian truths and teachings are introduced soon the nation will fall into a spirit of agnosticism and atheism as bad as if not worse than their former condition.

Another convincing speaker at the Conference was E. C. Mercer, who talked on the college man's battle. Mr. Mercer is a member of one of the most prominent families in Georgia and has the advantages of refined birth and breeding. During his college days he fell in with a set of fast fraternity men, fell through drink, was disowned by his father. Later drunk and in rags, he was kicked out of a Wall street office into the street by a former college chum. He was converted in the Jerry Macauley Mission of New York City and is now spending his life in an earnest effort to save other college men from the same downward course.

Space forbids a further account of some of the other prominent speakers and their sincere appeals to the better side of student nature. We earnestly hope that each student will consider the matter seriously and plan carefully so that California Polytechnic School may have a large and enthusiastic delegation at Pacific Grove next year.

I. J. C.
A BACHELOR'S CHRISTMAS EVE.

Among the most enjoyable evenings of the winter, can be numbered the event which took place the night of December 12, in the assembly hall, where so many happy evenings have been spent and are now only a memory to those students that have gone away from here in the years past.

This pleasant social function was suggested by some member of the student body and with the help of Miss Richardson, Mr. Berringer and those who took part, proved to be a brilliant affair.

The stage was arranged so as to represent a southern dining room. This was carried out to the full extent by Harvey Hall and his assistants.

A program was rendered before the tableaux and was greatly appreciated by the audience.

At the last hand-clap after Mr. Tavenner's solo, the curtain was drawn aside on the stage and showed the two darkies placing the dishes upon the table. The colonel entered the room and explained his plan for the evening. Before leaving, the servants removed a screen from the opening in which the dream girls were to appear.

Mr. Berrington read the parts as they were acted out by each character.

The colonel seated himself at the head of the table and waited for the visions to appear. Colored lights were flashed upon them as they appeared behind the gauze screen in the opening. Music appropriate to each character was played by Mrs. Tavenner.

In the second scene, the visions were grouped around the table in the attitude of drinking a toast. The colonel was standing with his glass raised, while all were looking at him. "Auld Lang Syne" was sung behind the scene by the male quartet.

At the close of the tableaux, dainty refreshments were served in the drawing room, while music was played for the lovers of dancing.

Program.

1. Chorus—By Glee Club.
3. Vocal Solo—Mr. I. J. Condit.
5. Trio for Violin, Piano and Mandolin—Mr. and Miss Shoemaker and Mrs. Tavenner.
6. Vocal Duet—Rachael Ramage and Diana Kendall.
7. Piano Solo—Mrs. C. W. Rubel.
8. Reading—Mr. I. J. Condit.
9. Vocal Solo—Mr. F. L. Tavenner.

Pantomime and Tableaux—Characters.
Col. Carroll ...........Mr. Shoemaker.
School Girl ..........Bessie Holloway.
School Teacher ........Glen Piercy
Actress .............Alma Mossi
Lady of Daisies ........Dora Bergh.
Nurse ..............Rachael Ramage.
Summer Girl ........Cora Schulze.
Widow ..............Rachael Gould.
Athletic Girl .........Livia Storni.
Gypsy ..............Clara Palva.
American Girl ........Hazel Griffith.
Artist ..............Diana Kendall.
Spanish Dancer ......Belle Rutherford.
Russian Noblewoman. Amalia Huchting.
Japanese Girl .......Beulah Watson.

The baseball season has arrived to the joy of every one and hard practice has begun. A much stronger team will be put on the field than we had last year, owing to the increase in material brought in by the Freshman class. There is to be a double series of games this season, two games with each school.

November 5, representatives from the different schools met and drew up the following baseball schedule for the year 1909:

Jan. 23, Polytechnic vs. Santa Maria, at Santa Maria.
Jan. 30, San Luis Obispo High School vs. Polytechnic at Polytechnic.
Feb. 6, Arroyo Grande vs. Polytechnic at Polytechnic.
Feb. 13, Santa Maria vs. San Luis Obispo at San Luis Obispo.
Feb. 27, Arroyo Grande vs. Santa Maria at Santa Maria.
Feb. 27, Polytechnic vs. San Luis Obispo at San Luis Obispo.
March 6, Polytechnic vs. Arroyo Grande at Arroyo Grande.
March 6, San Luis Obispo vs. Santa Maria at Santa Maria.
March 13, Santa Maria vs. Polytechnic at Polytechnic.
March 20, Arroyo Grande vs. San Luis Obispo at San Luis Obispo.

On the morning of Dec. 8th, in the Assembly hall the yellow block letters "P" were awarded to all those who had taken part in the league games of football and basketball during the year 1908.
As we enter upon the activities of the second term of our school year, we take a new lease on the work. The victories and defeats of last term are all past beyond recall; the future is before us to make of it what we will.

Messrs. Campbell and Gibbons, State Senator and Assemblyman elect from this district, have personally and in their party platform pledged themselves to a hearty support of the Polytechnic School. We appreciate their words of promise and know that they will do the best they can by our institution.

Now is the time to train for next year's debating season. If material is not trained this year it will be a marvel if a winning team can be trained for next year. Where is our debating society? Let its officers and members show that it is alive and worth something.

In conducting the business of the various organizations of the school the students should get considerable training in parliamentary law; but do they? Our experience has been that proper usage has frequently been entirely ignored and trodden under foot, rough shod. If persons are allowed to do so now, what will they do when they get into the world of real politics and public organization?

Take every opportunity you can get to speak in public. It may be hard now, but will be a great blessing when you are called on in the future to speak in social, religious or political gatherings, or otherwise speak to a group of your fellow men.
The question has arisen in the Agricultural Club, "Why do not more students take the agricultural course in our school." The editor would like to receive written answer to this question from any student or instructor who thinks he or she can shed any light on the subject.

THE DECEMBER ISSUE.

We suppose that being editor of the Journal is not much different from being editor of any other great publication, for we get our share of knocks. Take for example, the morning that the last issue of the Journal was distributed.

On that morning, when the editor approached the school, he was greeted with a volley of left handed compliments, of which the following are a few mild specimens: "Gee, the issue is bum," "Bummest issue ever put out by the school," "What did you do with the joshes?" "There isn't anything in it this time," etc., etc., etc.

The Journal is printed by the best printing house in this part of the country, but the December issue seemed to be hoodooed. The man who arranged the type in the forms must have been asleep or having a pipe dream. In his preoccupation "The Man" dropped the form and dislocated several lines of type on the Athletics page. These lines were very carefully replaced in the form—in the wrong places—and the merry work rolled on, The josh page was entirely omitted and many minor errors crept in.

A special josh supplement was then issued for insertion in the Journal. If any one who received a Journal, did not receive a copy of this supplement, he may obtain one by applying to the circulation manager.

SCHOOL NOTES

Eugene Steinbeck, '07, is working for an electrical company in one of the bay cities.

Valentine Drougard, '08, is working on a dredger in the northern part of the state.

The families of the gardner and ranch foreman are now enjoying the cottages recently erected for them on the school grounds.

Mr. Condit is doing a very valuable piece of work in having placed beside each tree and plant on the grounds a green stake with the plant's name painted on it. This greatly multiplies the value of the plantings for the study and observation of the students and the visitors as well.

Eucalyptus, pine and other trees are being planted on the hills of the Polytechnic ranch, but the gardener needs larger funds at his disposal for this purpose. The foresting of our hills is an important matter.

After spending the holidays with his parents near San Jose, Avery B. Kennedy, '08, visited C. P. S. on his way back to Betteravia where he has a position as foreman of some of the field work of the sugar beet factory.

Mr. O. L. Heald, a former Poly instructor, and his wife, spent the holidays with his parents in this city. Mr. Heald is now taking a course in mechanical engineering at Stanford.

Reuben L. Sebastian, '08, is attending the Los Angeles High School, preparatory to going to college.

Eizo Kondo, '08, is now in San Jose. He seems to be in considerable demand as a court interpreter.
The "Journal" extends a hearty wish to all for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Our old friend, the "Comus," is here again. Your paper is excellent in every respect. Your cover design is very clever and your headings show artistic talent put to good use. Your exchange list is well written and your criticisms good and helpful. Short stories are a feature of great importance in making a paper interesting and show that the student body is back of the editorial staff.

Here is the "Argus." We are always glad to see you on our exchange list. You are a neat little journal and must be as welcome everywhere as at the "Poly," judging by the length of your exchange list.

"O. A. C. Barometer," we are glad to welcome you and hope to see you often. It might be suggested that your paper would be more attractive if published in pamphlet form. Your article on football is very good.

The "Gazette," another of our old time friends, has arrived. Your paper is, as usual, very good, although your exchange list is short. Your josh column is excellent, in fact one of the best among our exchanges. Perhaps another short story would be advisable, although "Jim's Thanksgiving " is very good.

The "Oak" comes to us in the commencement number. It is an excellent paper and is large and well arranged. Your cuts help your paper wonderfully. We are glad to see such a long list of school songs and yells. Your "Class Poem" and "Horoscope" are well written. This issue of the paper is lacking in joshes but this is probably due to the presence of more important material.

The "Farnium Tatler" is a neat journal. An absence of cuts is a drawback. You have some excellent short stories and the students evidently take an interest in the paper.

The "High School Folio" is here again. You have several good stories but headings are lacking. Evidently interest is most lacking in athletics.

"Review" We wish to comment on the excellent paper and good print of your journal. There is evidently a cartoonist at work in the interest of this paper.

The "Herald" again reaches us from Holyoke, N. Y. This is an attractive paper. Perhaps one of the reasons for this is the excellent arrangement of the material. It contains several good stories, "The New Coach," being particularly interesting. The headings are also original and amusing.

Our exchange list this time is rather short, but we sincerely hope that it will be lengthened in the near future. Although our exchanges are not numerous yet at the same time better than ever before. Any new exchange would be welcomed. Therefore, "Please Exchange."
Mr. Waters, to a bunch of fellows who were rough-housing—"You had better throw away your razor and get kilts."

One day when an instructor was late to class, the following notice appeared on the bulletin board:

"Lost, strayed or stolen, an English instructor answering to the name of Toodles."

Prelude to Antony's Speech.

Friends, faculty and fellow students lend me your ears;

"I came to duck Bessie, not humor her.

The evil little kids do, lives after them, the good is left out.

So let it be with Bessie.

The noble Velma hath told you Bessie gets fresh now and then, and previously she must answer for it.

Here under leave of Velma, for Velma is an honorable girl, I come to speak at the scene of action."

AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

The Josh of Joshes.

The josh, the josh, the dear old josh,
The josh of long ago,
The josh that Adams heard when he took Ida to the show.

Then there's the josh on Storni when The lights they flickered out
And the one about George H. as he's calling there locked out.
The josh, George B as he shivering dreams
Two month ago he pawned his coat To purchase Hazel pink ice cream.
Then, too, on poor Clara S.
The new wife and her cake That never in the world is like What mother used to make.

There are other Joshes I can't name: On others, too, but not of fame But in years to come and years to go We'll sit and smile and laugh again As we read them o'er and o'er.
The Joshes on Joshes or long ago.

They'll bring to mind rich memories, They never die you know

Those poor make up affairs

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