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COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, WEDNESDAY, MAR. 17, 1915

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SENIOR PLAY NOW ASSURED SUCCESS FOR COMMENCEMENT

Every springtime Pacific is seized by a species of dramatic fever, and this spring is no exception. The air is full of it: Sophoclechia show, Rhizomia show, and last, but far from least, the Senior show, which will be staged during commencement week. This promises beyond a doubt to be the largest dramatic project that has been attempted here for many a semester. Just think, a two act play containing eighteen song hits with fifteen main leads and a chorus of twenty voices which bids fair even to eclipse the far-famed "Charge It to Father," whose charming portrayal of college life leaves a pleasant memory with all those who saw it.

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Charming Recital Given by Students of Mrs. Allen

Without a doubt the most delightful of all the student recitals was presented yesterday afternoon by the pupils of Mrs. Allen. To lovers of music the following program is self explanatory. The Boat Song sung by Verna Metcalf won the greatest applause of the afternoon. The quartette from Rigoletto was awarded the most charming and considering the difficult nature of the composition deserves especial mention.

The complete program was:

1. Thou art like a Flower, -----
-----Rubenstein
The Call -----Mark Andrews
Girls' Glee Club
2. If I Only Knew -----Liza Lohman
Marguerite Ritchie
3. If I love Dick -----Greig
Avyette Richardson
4. My love is like a Red Red Rose
-----Macdermid
Dorothy Carper
5. At Dawning -----Cadman
A Garden I Love -----Nutting
Reginald Ellis
Violin obligato, Marjory Fisher
6. Passing Bird's Farewell -----Hildach
Misses Carper and Richardson
7. a) Boat Song -----Harriet Ware
b) Villanelle -----Dell 'Acqua
Verna Metcalf
8. a) Requiem -----Rodney Homer
b) Will o' the Wisp -----Gilbert Grose
Mrs. C. O. Jewell
9. Quartette from Rigoletto -----Verdi
Miss Metcalf, Mrs. Jewell, Mr. Ellis
and Mr. Clark

ARTHUR MEESE MADE CAPTAIN OF 1916 BASKET TOSSERS

Arthur B. Meese, Rhizomian, '17, will direct the Pacific basket ball team for the 1916 season. Meese was elected captain by his team mates yesterday afternoon.

"Art" has played for the last two years on the varsity basket ball and football teams, and has truly earned the responsibility. He is a fast, heady player and a consistent point winner.

Although some of the players earlier in the season suggested H. Wells, a player who has equally distinguished himself, the choice finally went to Meese because of his two years' work against the one good year of Wells. The choice was unanimous, and the fact that the position has been earned is sufficient recommendation in itself.

MOVIES HELP PAY DEBT

The student council of the University of Kansas has decided to get the proceeds from two movie shows to apply on the payment of the Student Union Debt.

ZOELLNER QUARTETTE CANCEL ENGAGEMENT WITH ASSOCIATION

The Pacific Musical Association subscribers are notified that the third concert of the season, which was to have been given on Thursday evening, March 18th, has been indefinitely postponed.

It is further announced that the date for the recital to be given here by the great Dutch singer, Julia Culp, has been definitely set for Tuesday evening, April 20th, instead of the evening previously announced.

MUSICIANS COMING THIS SUMMER

Two American composers have recently been added to the California summer session faculty, Horatio Parker, who has won two \$10,000 prizes for writing grand operas, and Ernest Richard Kroeger, a concert pianist and organist and master of the musical programmes of the St. Louis Exposition, will give courses in the understanding and appreciation of music.

ARCHANIA'S SECOND SQUAD DEFEATS LYCEUM DEBATERS

Archania's second debating team, composed of W. Murphy and C. Talbott, defeated the Lyceum Debating Club's team at the Y. M. C. A. on Monday evening. The question debated was "Resolved, That labor unions are justified in insisting by all lawful means on the closed shop," Archania defending the negative position.

The Lyceum was represented by C. James and H. Simpkins, both gentlemen showing considerable ability in the forensic art.

Murphy and Talbott did their society credit, and their conduct on the floor clearly revealed the systematic and faithful training in address for which the society is famed.

An enthusiastic group of rooters in the negative division of the house enlivened the occasion and helped the second team bring home the bacon.

"The Sophomore" To Be Staged By Rhizomia

Plans for the staging of the Rhizomia show are rapidly being completed, and from all indications, the presentation will be one of the most amusing seen at Pacific for several seasons. The college comedy, "The Sophomore," by Edwin Bateman Morris has been selected as being very appropriate for presentation at Pacific. The play is a sequel to "The Freshman," which scored such a hit when presented here several years ago.

The characters are the same, and those who saw the other play will remember "Bob" Stewart, "Owl Griggs," and the other fellows; characters who made the staging of "The Freshman" such a success. The play is only one of several college plays by this brilliant author, but is generally recognized as one of his best.

There are several attractive ladies parts in the dramatic personae, and a cast is being prepared that will do justice to the play. A list of the cast as well as further details will appear later.

PACIFIC QUARTETTE WORKING

The Pacific Quartette, composed of R. A. Ellis 1st Tenor, O. H. Jurgensmeyer 2nd Tenor, F. Watters 2nd Bass and G. Wettach 1st Bass are working hard preparing to give a concert in the chapel in the near future.

TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS BEGIN WORK FOR TOURNAMENTS

With the coming of spring the tennis enthusiasts begin to prepare for the annual spring tournament and tryouts for the Ojhi Valley meet.

The courts are very slow about drying off this season, but some of the more faithful racquet wielders have gone over the surface with rakes and brushes and it is rapidly rounding into shape during the warm days. If present weather conditions prevail and some of the men who intend to use the courts this spring will get out and hoe the weeds from the borders and smooth and roll the surface, the courts should be in shape for use during the week's vacation.

The spring program in this branch of athletics is somewhat as follows: A tournament will be played on the courts here at school. A team in doubles and singles will compete with the schools near by. Some of the matches will be played on these courts and some on outside courts. A team will be chosen to represent Pacific at the Ojhi Valley tournament, in which all of the colleges of the coast will participate. Two men will be sent from Pacific, and each will have an opportunity in singles and they will have one match in doubles.

There is no reason why we cannot make an excellent showing in all of these matches with the material we have here.

Once more let's get busy on the courts. They are ready for work now and the season is growing shorter every day. A few hours of consistent work will put them in excellent shape.

EMENDIA AND ARCHANIA

The Emendian and Archanian Literary Societies will hold a joint St. Patrick party this evening in the Conservatory parlors. A good short Irish program is planned. Irish eats and a genuine Irish good time. The good old saint has some ardent admirers in each of the Societies and his colors will wave "blarneyingly" to-night. The Men's Quartette will sing. There will be a spirited St. Patrick debate by George Colliver and Irene Wilkins, and all of the other numbers promise to be quite as interesting. The quotations are to be Irish yarns so all good Emendians and Archanians are reminded to find a Pat and Mike story.

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THE SPRING EDITORIAL

We were asked the other day when we were going to write that little "Spring Fever" editorial, as though it was an annual institution and custom, appearing in these columns as regularly as the blossoms break forth on the trees. Well perhaps it is. Perhaps we do have an editorial every year about the time the outdoors begins to get inviting, commenting on the prevalence of the malady, and the effort required to 'concentrate' on any thing. Mayhap we do issue a little warning anent the danger attached to a slack up so late in the semester. Frankly, we were sort of thinking along this line and it is possible that some mention might have been made of such a subject here. Any comment was entirely uncalled for, however, which would insinuate that we were in the habit of using "old stuff" in our editorials.

But, anyhow, why not? Spring is the time of joyousness in living, of freedom, of bursting buds, and blooming flowers, of soft green turf, and blue skies, and an all-pervading languor that conquers us and makes any sort of study an unbearable burden. It is then that the secluded nooks become popular and the campus is deserted(?) immediately after supper. Breakfast becomes an unpopular meal, and the attendance at classes drops about fifty per cent. And all this because of an earth covered with green grass, trees covered with new leaves, and pink and white blossoms, and days and nights that are as perfect as it is given us to see.

So don't be alarmed if you find yourself becoming abominably lazy, without ambition except to lie around in the sunshine. You are not the victim of any serious disease, but are merely having a touch of the prevalent spring fever, and as long as you come to in time for the festivities that mark the close of a semester's work, you may let the disease take its course and enjoy life as much as possible.

ON ORATORY

Pacific has a large number of activities for such a small college. Included in the list are football, basketball, tennis, some baseball, track, many literary gatherings, a few social functions, some so called dramatics, and an attempt at debating, but nowhere do we find an active interest in the annual oratorical contest. Why does this condition exist?

It cannot be for the lack of a reward. A beautiful silver loving cup is offered the winner of the contest. It cannot be the lack of material, for there are members of every society who are not engaged in any other activity. It is not due to a paucity of ability. The practice given in all the literary societies and the benefits realized from the department of elocution afford sufficient talent. Where then does the difficulty lie?

Is it a lack of interest, of incentive? Then let this arouse your interest; let these few words be an incentive. Talk for a few minutes with Miss Macomber and learn the details of the contest. It is a great opportunity the value of which has too long been underestimated. Let us place the oratorical contest in its proper place. If we can not debate with another university we can do the better and more difficult thing of holding an oratorical contest. See Miss Macomber. What are you going to do?

STUDENTS

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**SENIOR PLAY NOW
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(Continued from page 1)

From "Charge It to Father" comes one of our most popular songs, "Oh You Lady Tiger," and the new play, which also features the campus life of Pacific, will more than likely add to the song lore of the college.

As announced in the Weekly in an earlier issue, Mr. and Mrs. Richards—we used to call them Don and Bess—are writing the new production with all the speed their genius will permit, so that the material will be on hand for rehearsal when school opens after spring vacation. In the mean time the Senior committee is laboring diligently to select the best cast Pacific is capable of producing, and this selection will unquestionably be of a very high standard, as the school is full of excellent dramatic ability.

Especially fortunate is the Senior class in having an experienced manager at the helm in the person of Harold Noble. Noble was largely responsible for piloting the advertising scheme which netted full houses two successive nights for "Charge It to Father." The class is looking to Ernest Hansen for the scenic effects, as his experience too will prove very valuable.

Now's the chance to place Pacific before the people of San Jose. Boost the play for all you're worth. Tell your friends it's to be a real college play right up to the moment and then tell them that Don and Bess are writing it.—Nuf ced!

FROTH**PSYCHOLOGICAL**

There has been some complaint that this column was becoming rather frivolous. Nothing of the sort. We have always striven to make this the most instructive part of the paper. This week we are going to discuss Psychology. Wonderful study, psychology! Most interesting. Deals with the phenomena of the grey matter supposed to be concealed (well concealed, at that) in the upper recesses of our anatomy.

And there's nothing like studying it at first hand. Last week there was a series of very instructive lectures at the Victory Theater by one, Alexander. In the course of the experiments a party from the audience was requested to step to the stage. The head of the psychology department at the College of the Pacific, together with a resolute little group of investigators from Elm Street grabbed prominent positions. Alexander proceeded to "kid" them. After doing about as he pleased with them for half an hour Alexander allowed them to retire, baffled. But a more exciting sequel follows.

The next night the same bunch of rising young psychologists having their residence on Elm Street made their way to the stage at the first call, bent on solving the mystery. One, styling himself Dyche, of demure mein and raspberry blond locks, made himself conspicuous to the experimenter by appearing the second time. The two were placed on chairs, bound there with ropes, and placed together in a canvas booth. He of the auburn locks proved himself unable even to defend himself against a man with ropes on his arms, and the plight in which he was taken from the tent after a period of pistol shots, ringing bells and unearthly shouts was most pitiable.

Trousers rolled to the knees, coat and vest hanging down the back, collar and tie undone, and a tin bucket over his head, he made a most ludicrous sight. Needless to say the active interest in psychology has dropped to a very low ebb. Psychology is a strenuous subject.

If you are dancing with a delightful little girly, and suddenly glance down and notice a sparkling drop under her eyelids, don't pull out your manly bandanna and tenderly inquire the cause of the tears. Look closely and you'll discover it is only a wee glittering diamond pasted there. They glimmer at every dance nowadays.

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Rhizomia held a meeting Monday
night with twenty-six of the thirty
Rhizomians now attending Pacific
present and all taking an active part
in the snappy business meeting and
finest literary program of the year.
After the business meeting, in which
even the question as to whether the
United States should remain neutral
or not, was discussed and duly set-
tled, the literary program started.

Quotations from Milton came from
every corner of the room. Next Har-
ris gave a real address on Redwood
timber-falling in California. Then
James rendered a declamation on
"Push" which seemed to put vim and
life into the meeting. The Rho Lam-
bda Phi orchestra lightened the strain
by a classical piece and encore. But
we really haven't started yet. Sper-
ry entertained with a short reading
on "Crosses," following which Meese
told in two minutes "Why Queening
Is a Profitable Occupation in Col-
lege." "Dinger" played a cornet so-
lo.

Current events were gotten away
with so well by Crowell that every-
body clapped, a phenomenon extra-
ordinary for current events.

Many were heard to say that they
could have listened all evening to the
guitar so ably handled by Lloyd Sha-
fer.

The debate on top of all this was,
Resolved, That the United States
Government is unfair to railroads in
not allowing them to weigh United
States mail.

The affirmative was upheld by
MacChesney and Wright, the nega-
tive by Winning and Marriott. The
question proved to be one-sided when
one of the speakers showed that the
railroads do weigh the United States
mail.

The meeting adjourned and the
members tripped the light fantastic
to the music of the orchestra and
later joined before the "Doves' Nest"
to sing "Rhizomia Booms," woke the
angels, and put them to sleep with
the new version of the Doxology.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS VISIT ARCHANIA

When the last motion had been put
and the last aye had died away in Ar-
chania's business meeting, a gentle
rapping was heard at the door. The
sergeant-at-arms opened the door
and found three young ladies stand-
ing before him.

"Are you ready?" one of them
asked.

"In a minute," was the reply.

The minute which followed was a
short one, for every orator and de-
bater remembered that two hours had
passed away since supper time. The
Camp Fire girls entered with their
"gentle" repast which they offered
for a large sum of money. Very lit-

tle cake remained at nine o'clock and
nearly every Archite cent had
changed hands.

The girls were invited to attend the
literary program.

They stayed.

Mr. White read a poem which de-
scribed in very picturesque style the
freezing up and the thawing out of
the human body. Every man began
to feel the cake in his stomach.

Mr. Winter surprised his audience
by reading an original story on Bill
and his lady love and the old horse
trough by the road. "It was an ex-
cellent autobiography," said the crit-
ic at the close of the meeting.

"The Trouble with Modern Life"
was ably discussed by Mr. Nicholls.

Mr. Bailey was called to the floor
by the president. He described an
after-supper dream in which he was
troubled with the question "What
would happen if Murphy should cut
Freeman out?" The dream closed
with a trial in which Colliver and
Malloch were up for murder.

Even some of the great Alexan-
der's genius crept into the meeting
through Mr. Talbot, who set forth
in homogeneous terms some of his
empirical knowledge.

Horridge, an old Archania and
formerly instructor in gym at the col-
lege, presented the critic's report.
Nobody escaped except Horridge.

FORMER STUDENT VISITS PACIFIC

Miss Felice Pyers of Fresno is vis-
iting Miss Jessie Wood for the week.
Miss Pyers belonged to the 1916
class, held an office in Emendia, was
a member of the Weekly Staff and was
interested in all college activities.
Miss Pyers has spent the greater
part of the past two years in Alaska,
and is now attending the Fresno State
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**EMENDIA INTERRUPTED
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Emendia held a very interesting meeting last Friday. The program was devoted to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and interesting reports and experiences were given by the girls. The following program was given:

1. Piano Solo—Harriett Tidmarsh
3. Paper "The Value of the Panama Canal"—Ada Learned
3. Reading—Mirium Burton
4. Paper "Ideas from the Exposition"—Pearl Willson
5. Exposition Song—Irene Wilkins
6. Short Story on the Exposition—Jessie Wood
7. Emendia Song.

A snappy business meeting followed the program. While the girls were deciding whether they should give a pie or sandwich sale, a loud knock was heard in the hall, and at President Wood's request Sargeant-at-Arms Richter unlocked the door. A piercing scream arose and Sargeant-at-Arms Richter fell into the arms of the girls who had rushed to her assistance, while President Wood fled behind the door. The cause of the turmoil was soon learned. Some mischievous Rhizites who, being well prepared in all their subjects, found time heavy on their hands, had led the old white horse that usually grazes peacefully by the football field into the hall of the Conservatory as a joke on the girls. The results were all that could be imagined or wished for. It was with difficulty that President Wood restored order and the society decided on pie instead of sandwiches. Save your nickels, all ye Weekly readers. An Emendian Pie Sale is coming!

**PREPARATION FOR PACIFIC
DAY MATURING RAPIDLY**

Dean Allen and his chorus at Pacific are straining every nerve in preparation for the presentation of the Creation at the P. P. I. E. on April tenth. Efforts are being made to make the production larger, and more nearly perfect even than the presentation at the May Festival of Music given here last May, in itself one of the greatest musical events heard at Pacific in many years.

There seems but little doubt that this presentation will far surpass even that production, and the Dean is very anxious that as large a delegation from the Pacific Choral Society as possible be on hand to participate in the event. It is quite a concession for the administration to allow the society to present this ora-

torio to such an audience, and every one should strive to make it as successful as possible.

**JOINT MEETING ATTRACTS
MANY ACADEMY STUDENTS**

Cartesia and Adelpia met in Adelpia Hall last Friday evening for their annual joint meeting. A large number were present and took part in the program. The meeting opened with short story quotations, to which all responded. Waldo Telfer read an essay on the development of plays. It was very well prepared, showing a good knowledge of the subject. Adams exposed some of the members in his campus notes. An impromptu by Appel was well given. A quartette composed of Ellis, Don MacChesney, Telfer and Wright rendered two excellent numbers. The oracle by Richards had a very humorous aspect, and created much laughter. Don MacChesney successfully answered the question Appel asked Alexander. (Appel will be successful in his final undertaking.) After such good news Appel gave a discussion on the part Catholicism plays in the present war. An original short story by Don MacChesney was very interesting. The debate was "Resolved, That a good looking wife with a bad temper is better than a homely looking wife with a good temper." Ellis and Hoytt upheld the affirmative, Warren Telfer and Truscott the negative. Many strong arguments were brought in on both sides, but the rebuttal Ellis gave scattered all arguments to the winds. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative. James Hestwood gave the critic's report. Following came a most fitting climax to a pleasant evening, when refreshments were served and enjoyed by all.

EMENDIA PIE SALE

Tomorrow, Thursday, Emendia will hold a P. P. I. E. (Pacific Pie) Sale.

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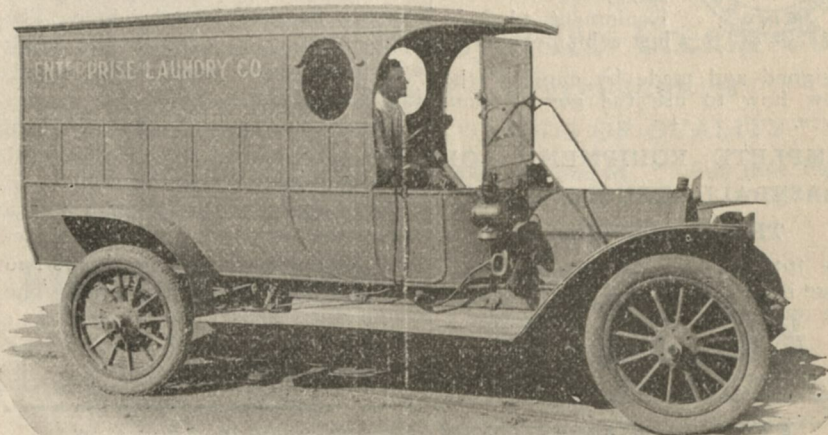
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