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THE WHISTLE

"Grace I wish you would keep Ned quiet. That noise gets on my nerves," complained a man's voice.

At that moment master Ned was parading up and down the hall of a Harlem flat, dressed as a policeman. This in itself would not have mattered if he had not persisted in rapping on the walls with his nightstick, and blowing his whistle for imaginary assistance.

In response to her husband's request for peace, Mrs. Gordon darted into the hall.

"Oh, daddy, mama is hurting me!" exclaimed the boy.

"Well sir, you come right here to me. I want to have a talk with you," replied his father.

In came the lord and master of the household. Tears were on the point of rolling down his fat little cheeks as he marched up to his father.

"Now daddy wants you to give him that whistle," taking the instrument of torture and putting it in his vest pocket. "He will keep it for you."

"Shall I get it back?" questioned the youngster.

"Certainly, Daddy wants to play with it."

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John Gordon was the most trusted employee of the firm of Spencer, My-

ers & Co., otherwise he would not have been given a package that day containing five thousand dollars to carry to the express office.

The quickest way to the express office was down a narrow, back street but little frequented. The first man he met on his way was a policeman.

"He looks good to me," the young man told himself, as he thought of the large sum of money he carried.

He had nearly reached his destination when he became conscious of the fact that he was being followed by two men. The next second there was a man on either side of him and a dirty hand was clasped over his mouth. He began to struggle, but was held firmly by each elbow.

"Take it easy son. Times are hard. We know you have the yellow-backs, so trot 'em out. We don't want to hurt you, but— well you understand."

Gordon did understand. The odds were against him. What could he do? As the other had said, times were hard, and he knew the thugs would stop at nothing. The street was little better than a blind-alley with the backs of large office buildings abutting it.

Then came the grand mix-up and Gordon nearly had the clothes torn

from off his back. The men realized that they were not going to get the money as easily as they expected and so proceeded to handle their victim without gloves. Gordon knew that he was being worsted and the blackest of despair came over him as he felt a hand slipped inside his coat. His mouth was kept constantly covered by one of the assailants.

"Now, then, Bill, slip the rag between his ivories and we'll be on our way."

"Right you are pard. I guess he won't mind much now. He's pretty well winded."

Gordon ground his teeth together. He would die rather than have that dirty thing put in his mouth. He wrenched himself around until he was face downward and as he did it his eye caught the glitter of something

that lay on the pavement. He freed one hand and the next second three long blasts pierced the air.

The effect was electric. The two thugs left their prey, and broke into a run, only to be brought up standing at the muzzle of two revolvers held by a burly policeman.

It did not take the policeman long to get the spoil from the thugs and hear Gordon's story. When Mr. Spencer heard it, he said:

"Young man your salary is raised from this week."

As for master Ned, that policeman's whistle was promptly restored to him. It was this article that during the scuffle had fallen out of his father's pocket and lay there on the sidewalk to save him in the hour of need.

J. ANSON JACKSON.

A VALUABLE RECIPE

The following recipe for "Kisses, Ellipticle" was found in the cooking note book of some of the students of domestic science. It was one of a group of recipes for "Candy Kisses," "Cookie Kisses," and other table delicacies. If Miss Secrest teaches such things as this, some of the boys would like to join her class.

"Ingredients—A spoony pair. Sift some soft moonlight and a dark shady corner together until well blended.

Add slowly a few low words, nod the

head, and set the combination in the hammock. Color, if necessary, with a few blushes, and flavor with a squeeze of——. Place eyes to eyes, and nose to nose, and pop into the oven with a smack. Cook slowly until the lips separate naturally. Take from the oven and set aside until a little later."

"These are very delicious when served with ice cream, sherbet, etc., but are also very nice served alone. (Nothing present except the necessary ingredients, of course.)"

SEATTLE EXHIBIT

In the educational exhibit made by California at the Alaska-Yukon Exposition to be held in Seattle this coming summer the State Polytechnic school will be well represented. The greater part of the exhibit has just been shipped by the school to the California commission in San Francisco, which is collecting the various articles of exhibit sent in from all parts of the State.

One of the principal articles sent from the Polytechnic school is a case or cabinet about eight feet long and five feet high. This cabinet, which has glass doors, is the work of regular students in carpentry. The case was built some time ago and was on exhibition at the University of California. The case when installed for exhibition purposes will contain a sewing exhibit and sloyd exhibit. In addition to a display of sewing models, illustrating the work done in the several complete garments made by the girls of the domestic art department under the direction of Miss Harriet Howell. The sloyd work, also to be installed in the large case, is the work of girls under the direction of Instructor L. E. Pearson. There has also been sent a board of iron models, illustrating the work done in the forge shop. The two dozen models sent include chains, hooks, tongs, machine tools, etc.

The exposition authorities will make photographs a prominent feature of the educational department, and the Polytechnic will display a fine set of two dozen excellent photo-

graphs. The senior students in mechanics, under the direction of Instructor F. L. Tavenner, are now at work on a small gas engine, and it is hoped to ship the engine to Seattle in May to be placed with other articles to be exhibited by the school. The work of the departments of agriculture and domestic science will be illustrated by photographs.



Who am i

Do You
Know Him?

Social Happening

A pretty Polytechnic romance culminated a few weeks ago in the marriage of Miss Naomi M. Lake to Mr. Henry M. Wade, '06. Mr. Wade was a member of the pioneer graduating class and was in the school at the

time Miss Lake was the school's clerk and librarian. Their acquaintances thought then that the two were pretty good friends, but now they know fit and wish them a full store of happiness and prosperity.

SCHOOL NOTES

During the spring vacation the dairy class was divided into two sections, each section spending three days in the new creamery, making cheese.

Every few days the students in dairying turn out a batch of butter. Other lines of work are being actively carried on.

The second floor of the creamery consists of an office, class rooms, and two bed rooms for employes. During the vacation, Mr. Rubel moved his office apparatus into this building and now meets all his classes there.

In Thursday morning's assembly, April 8th, Miss Ethel Bancroft Richardson gave an interesting and vivid account of her trip to Italy about a year ago. Miss Richardson was English instructor at the Polytechnic School when her brother took her away for a European tour. At 11:40 Friday morning Miss Richardson told about her impressions of Switzerland.

April 9th, the assembly period and part of the first recitation period were occupied with an address on "Woman's Suffrage," by Mrs. Clara

B. Colby of Portland, Oregon, who has attended woman's suffrage conventions, observed at first hand the agitation in England, and is a most fluent and logical speaker.

About April 17th, the Junior class expects to give to the entire school a barbecue and a social hour in the Polytechnic Canyon. This is an innovation in the social life of our school and is being looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure.

Last term, the Senior girls completed their sloyd course and they are now taking up sewing again under the direction of Miss Howell. They are devoting their time to making their graduation dresses. They are also taking up the study of laundry work this term.

The Agricultural Club continues to hold interesting and helpful meetings every two weeks.

Mr. Pearson's special class in copper work is proving a complete success. Not only are a number of regular students taking the work, but a large number of city residents are also following the course.



In History, Prof. B.—“What led the advance to the West?”

O. B. J.—“The invention of the Gin Mill.”

Prof. B.—“Who were some of the poets of the time of Jackson’s administration?”

Knudsen—“Homer.”

“Ask H. H. if the Junior Girls can bite.”

“Ask R. R. how to play bridge.”
One that knows. J. L. M.

“Don’t you think it is a terrible thing for a young girl like that to spend all her time playing bridge?”
“Can’t tell, she almost won.”

H. Matase!—“Close the window before you catch cold.” He has had a hair cut.

Mr. Coleman to McCabe—“Did your head ring when the can hit it?”

M McCabe—“No.”

Mr. Coleman—“Well, it is cracked then.”

Mr. Edwards to Junior Girls—“If girls would use your thinkers in proportion to your talkers, your standing would be raised.”

Proven, that electricity is the next fastest thing to Red Sheppard.

Wanted to know?—“Where two heads are better than one.”

An overheard conversation—“Say you’ve got red hair, too, ain’t you?”

“Yes, so have you, ain’t you, jes’ like mine?”

“Do they ever call you ‘Red’?”

“You bet, and ‘Bricktop’ too.” “Yes and ‘Sorreltop’.”

“Do they ever call you beets?”

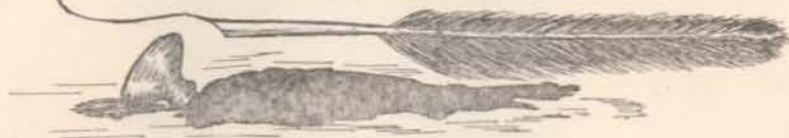
“No but they call me ‘carrots’ sometimes, ‘cause I’ve got freckles, too, see?”

“Have you got a sister?”

“What do they call her?”

“An auburn haired beauty.” Ex.

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The third and last term of the school year has opened, replete with possibilities and radiant with promise. Shall we acquit ourselves like men and women and live up to our opportunities? The editor hopes so.

There is always a great deal of

work to be done during the last term but it is relieved by an unusual number of pleasant social functions.

The Seniors are especially busy at this time preparing for a reception, planning the class day exercises, choosing a class pin and a class tree and other similar affairs.

The drawings shown in this number of the Journal were made by staff artist Jessie Methvin. We wish to call special attention to his sketch of the youthful cigarette smoker, which we consider an excellent portrayal of the habit. Educators everywhere testify that cigarette smoking is one of the greatest drawbacks to a high standard of scholarship.

For various reasons, it was decided to postpone until next month the Agricultural edition of the Journal. However, it will be good when it comes and you had better get your orders in early for extra copies. The issue following that will be the commencement number.

In order that the mechanics department may not feel slighted we are inserting in this issue several views of the shops. While these shops are used chiefly by the mechanics, most of them are also used in a part of the agricultural course.

FROM THE CHEMISTRY CLASS

Choice information from the chemistry class:

"A saturated solution is a solution with the proper part of each part, so that none is left over."

"Nitrogen deludes the oxygen in the atmosphere."

"Standard temperature is the temperature of the sea, which is about 100 degrees."

"Oxygen is used for persons who cannot breathe."

"An element is something that has nothing united with it."

"An oxidizing agent is anything that acts chemically by breaking up an element into other elements."

EXCHANGES.

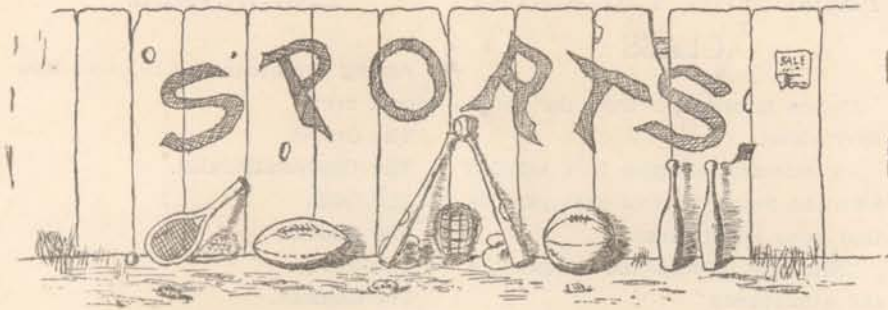
Among the exchanges received this month are:

The Oracle.
The Conversationalist.
The Quill.
The Clarion.
The Tocsin.
The Cardinal.
Polytechnic.
The Oriole.
Town and Gown
The Herald.
The Argus.
Comus.
El Gabilan.

Our exchanges are, on the whole, very good. We are glad to see several new exchanges.



Some Freshmen's Idea of Being a Man



Novice Meet.

Track season has come and the evidence of a strong team is very certain. The first meet took place in March, when the Novice Meet was held. Ralph Pease was the star, taking eight first places. Those who entered this meet were only those who had won no points in previous meets.

Inter-Class Meet

Excitement ran high at the class meet on April 10th, when the Seniors took the Juniors and Freshmen into camp, by the scores standing 49, 20, 47. The Freshmen came out second best.

All through the meet there was one rough house after another, as someone tried to steal somebody else's colors. There were a few assaults made on the Freshman pennant, but the Senior pennant waved in safety, flying from a gum tree pole wrapped with barbed wire and guarded by a valiant bunch of Seniors. The Juniors could not find their pennant when the time came for a showing of colors and hence they had no colors to show.

Two records were broken. Reilly stretched the broad jump to 20.2 ft., and Pezzoni, the shot-put to 40.1 ft. The rest of the events were as follows:—

50-yard dash—Cox, '10, first; Hays, '11, second; Tilton, '09, third.

Discus—McDowell, '09, first; Pearce, '11, second; Dixon, '10, third.

Half Mile—Pease, '11, first; Davis, '09, second; Adams, '09, third.

100-Yard Dash—Cox, '10, first; Hayes, '11, second; Tilton, '09, third;

Shot-Put—Pezzoni, '09, first; Swerdfeger, '11, second; Stone, '09, third.

440-Yard Dash—Beck, '09, first; Reilly, '10, second; Adams, '09, third;

Mile Run—Davis, '11, first; Kaudsen, '09, second; Davis, '09, third.

220-Yard Dash—Beck, '09, first; Pease, '11, second; Cox, '10, third.

Pole Vault—Tilton, '09, first; Reilly, '10, second; Swerdfeger, '11, third.

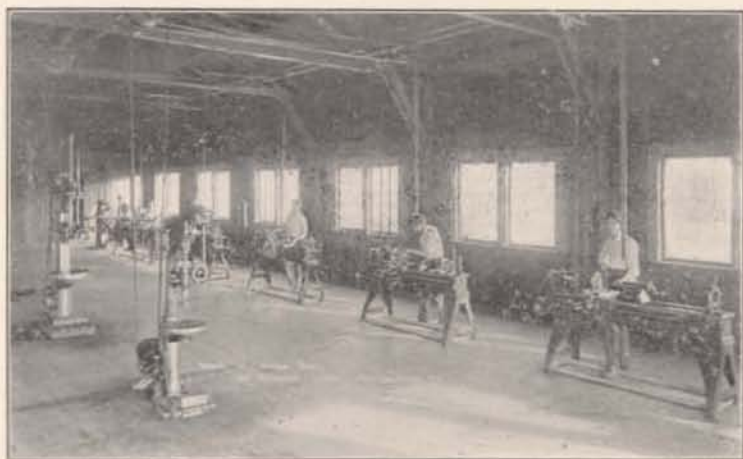
Hammer Throw—Briggs, '11, first; Matasci, '10, second; Murphy, '09, third.

220-Yard Hurdles—Beck, '09, first; Hayes, '11, second; Tilton, '09, third.

High Jump—Swerdfeger, '11, first; Stone, '09, and McDowell, '09, tied for second.

Broad Jump—Reilly, '10, first; Swerdfeger, '11, second; Tilton, '09, third.

The mile relay was won by the Seniors. After the meet the Seniors and Freshmen marched around the track with their pennants flying, while Juniors looked on.



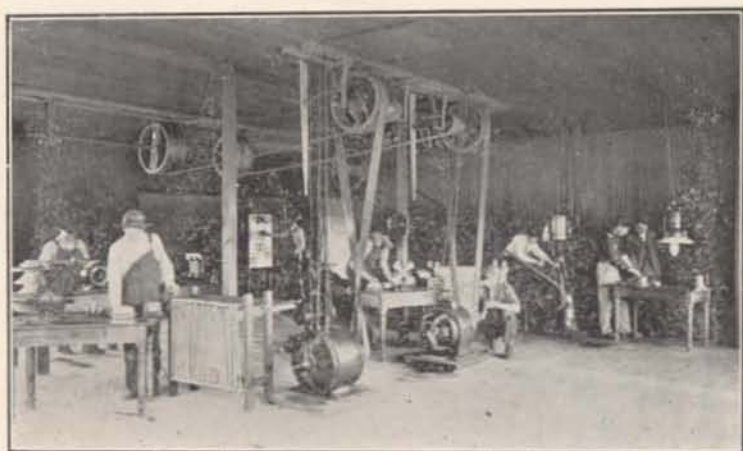
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Baseball.

The baseball season ended with the game played at Santa Maria on March 20th, when Santa Maria won; 2 to 1.

The second game was played with Santa Maria at Polytechnic, the 13th of March, Santa Maria winning; 13 to 8. Arroyo Grande did not play this year, and but one game was played with San Luis High, and three with Santa Maria.

Track.

The track team will meet the Alameda High School team on Saturday,

April 17th, at Polytechnic. The Alameda team is composed of good men and a very exciting meet is promised.

The team will go to Santa Barbara on the 24th of April to enter the meet with Santa Paula, Ventura, Oxnard and Santa Barbara. Medals will be given to the point winners the same as last year: gold medals for first places, silver for second, and bronze for third.

On April 31st, the track team will go to Santa Maria to contest for the championship of the San Luis Bay Athletic League.



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