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MUSICAL CLUBS

PLAY IN SONOMA.

FIVE CONCERTS GIVEN.

Trip for First Time a Financial Success.

The result of the trip of the Musical Clubs through Sonoma county was entirely satisfactory both from a musical and financial point of view. Five concerts were given, and it is estimated that the clubs played before 1500 people during the trip. The best houses were at Petaluma and Santa Rosa. From Petaluma, where the first concert was given, the Clubs went to Cloverdale and from there to Healdsburg. During Saturday afternoon a concert was given in Sebastopol, and on Saturday night a crowded house greeted the Clubs at Santa Rosa.

In all twenty-eight men from the Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs, together with the specialty men, went upon the trip. The advance work was done by Thomas '99, and as a result of the thorough advertising which the concerts received the trip resulted in financial success. This is the first trip of the Musical Clubs in which they have gone any distance from Berkeley which has not resulted in financial loss. Manager Tully reports that the excess of receipts over expenditures is \$43 90.

Tully, Schwartz and Harris gave specialties at each concert. A "Rough House" Sextet composed of Hart, Woodburn, Block, Schwartz, Tully and Smith sang at the four concerts. That the concerts were a complete musical success is evidenced by the fact that the Petaluma Argus speaks of the Musical Clubs as being "ahead of any of the University that have so far visited Petaluma. There is more musical talent in the U. C. Clubs than in a half-a-dozen musical organizations."

Captain Sidney A. Cloman of the 23rd Infantry, recently Professor of Military Science and Tactics in the University of California, is now stationed on a little group of islands near Borneo, seven hundred miles from Manila. He is in command of the military forces and is also civil governor of the islands. As the natives are Mohammedans and polygamists and practice slavery, the cases coming before him for consideration are often very peculiar and amusing. The Captain expects to be ordered to San Francisco during the coming summer.

PROF. LE CONTE'S BIRTHDAY.

Students Present Him With an Engraving.

The students of the University met yesterday in Professor Le Conte's class room and extended to him their congratulations and good wishes upon his seventy-seventh birthday. The room had been beautifully decorated with flowers. An engraving of "The Prophets" was presented on behalf of the student body to Professor Le Conte by President Dorey of the Associated Students.

Dr. Le Conte gave a birthday talk to the students. He said that his debt has always been great to his students, that every good thought which he has ever had has come to him while he was lecturing, or preparing to lecture, and that every scientific or philosophical article that he has ever written has sprung from some germinative thought which was first of all given forth in the class-room. He said that teaching and research work are indissolubly married and should never be divorced. Facts can be collected without teaching, but in order that they may be vivified and made of real worth to the world, these facts must be given forth to ones fellow men. Teaching without research, he declared, ends always in drudgery and barren routine.

"I have tried to give you the true spirit of science," he said, "and more that, the true spirit of learning. You have said to me that every year I am growing five years younger. I sometimes feel as if that were really true, for my sympathy with young people continually increases and I look upon you with reverence." When Professor Le Conte's little talk was over several hundred students personally extended birthday greetings to him.

The committee in charge of the affair was composed of Misses Wenzelburger '02, Wilkinson '01 and Jewett '02.

Baseball To-morrow.

A baseball game will be held on the Campus this afternoon between the Varsity and a picked Berkeley nine. Henry Spenser will captain the town nine. The game will be called at 3:30 p. m.

Hooper '99 has secured a position in the Independent Electric Light and Power Company of San Francisco.

SENIORS ARRANGE

FOR CLASS DAY.

COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED.

Baccalaureate Sermon to Be Delivered on May 13th.

The Class Day of the Senior Class will be held this year on May 10th. President Martin has appointed on the committee of arrangements for that event the following persons: Committee on the Morning Program, Miss Lena M. Macaulay, chairman; Misses Meininger, Richard and Wiltshire; Messrs. Clausen, Miller, Nathan and Parsons. Committee on the Afternoon Program, Mr. F. W. Aitken, chairman. Messrs. Cloud, McCollough and Robinson; Misses Bessie French, Gertrude Jewett, E. Wagner and Minnie Wilson.

The Committee on the Senior Ball is composed of the following persons: Percival Dolman, chairman, Messrs. Haseltine, E. L. Oliver, Sauer, White; Misses Bottomes, Lamont and Voorsanger.

The members of the Central or Budget Committee are H. W. Hill, chairman, Miss Macaulay, Messrs. Aitken, Dolman and De Laveaga.

A committee to thank Mrs. Hearst for the kindness that she has shown the class was also appointed. On this committee Mr. R. S. Haseltine was appointed chairman and Miss L. Nathan and Mr. Fred Athearn members of the committee.

The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on May 13th. It has not been definitely decided as to who shall be asked to deliver this sermon.

Civil Service Examination.

The Agricultural Department has received notice of the annual examination on April 17th for positions as assistants in the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington. The appointment of assistants in this department is under civil service rules, and the United States Civil Service Commission will have charge. The examination for those in California deserving positions, will be held in San Francisco, April 17th. This opens opportunities to the students in Agriculture, and many of them will doubtless avail themselves of the chance to take the examination. All those desiring to take the examination should write at once to the Civil Service Commission at Washington.

The entertainment presented at Stiles Hall Friday evening by the Y. W. C. A. was in every way a success and netted the society about \$30.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

Professor Bacon Discusses Crisis in the Transvaal.

Yesterday afternoon Professor Bacon delivered a lecture upon the present war in South Africa. He dwelt upon the subject from a strictly non-partisan point of view, declaring that both parties were in the wrong, and that he would not attempt to settle the difficult question as to which erred to the greatest extent. The Boer war is an unequal contest. The two republics have a total population of 130,000 and the British have sent 200,000 soldiers into Africa.

South Africa was first settled in a desultory manner by the Portuguese. The only territory now remaining to the Portuguese is Delagoa Bay. Cape Town was founded in 1642, but made no great progress till 1815. The transfer of the Cape to England was made peaceably, but England did some bungling work and incurred to a certain extent the hostility of the Boers. The Boers believed that they had a right to hold slaves and often treated them brutally. In 1834 slavery was abolished and an appropriation was made to indemnify the slave-holders for their loss. The Boers received a very small proportion of this appropriation. Hence, they have two grievances: first, the abolition of slavery, and second, the insufficient compensation which they received. At this time the Boers made an exodus to the North. Great Britain was contented with the extent of her possessions from 1825 to 1870 and the Boers were allowed to migrate. The Boer Republic of Natal had a varied existence, and as a matter of self-defense was annexed to England in 1843. The Boers were in constant strife with the natives.

In 1869 diamonds were discovered between the Vaal and Modder rivers. The Americans and English rushed in and settled in Kimberley. England paid 90,000 pounds to the Orange Free State for claims in these diamond fields.

In 1880 the Boers declared their independence. A small English force tried to prevent this but was routed at Majuba Hill. Gladstone investigated the circumstances and decided to recognize the independence of the Boers. In 1884 a more specific agreement was made in regard to England's right to control the foreign relations of the Transvaal. In 1855 Kruger visited England and extended an invitation to

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The CALIFORNIAN is ready to be delivered at the Co-op each day at 8:30 a. m.

COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Today, February 27.

11:15 a.m.—In the Students' Observatory. Lecture. Astronomer R. H. Tucker, of the Lick Astronomical Department: The Meridian Circle.

7:30 p.m.—In Stiles Hall, meeting of Students Congress. Election of officers and regular debate.

7:30 p.m.—In Stiles Hall, meeting of Athletic Committee A. S. U. C.

The Athletic Committee meets tonight to decide finally the question of sending the track team East. The financial question will be the crucial one. Unfortunately the fiscal condition of the Associated Students will be a hindrance instead of a help to the trip. The committee must base their decision on their estimate of the financial backing the team will receive from student's and alumni. As students and as binding ourselves by this same utterance to render the aid that will be required of us, shall we not issue the mandate "Send the team"? Let us face the question squarely: the whole cost of the trip must be guaranteed before the team ever boards the east-bound overland. We have had too many deficits and our credit cannot face another. It will doubtless be a burden which will carry with it self-denial to furnish the required means. We have already this year subscribed for tennis courts. They are a permanent possession, but an Eastern trip, though not embodied in a material form, will be none the less permanent. It will mean, at this auspicious moment when our star is on the bright ascendant among the Universities, that we rise up and claim our own in the world of athletics. We have made one trip East that was meteoric in its success. To repeat that now will give us a permanent standing. Track men, trainers and managers are all showing unprecedented enthusiasm in their work. Shall the student body, when every other department of the University is sharing in a glorious expansion, fail to rise to this call? Shall we own

that a destiny so large has presented itself that we lacked the courage to embrace it? No! let us throw ourselves into this opportunity to do for California! And having put our hand to the plough, let us not turn back.

In yesterday's simple commemoration of Professor Le Conte's birthday occurred one of the most delightful events of the college year. Not many of us are now privileged to listen to his instruction, but the affection for him is all the more universal. His Fountain of Youth, as he says, from which he draws both rejuvenation and inspiration, is the succession of incoming classes. Of a truth he draws each new one by some invisible bond to himself. May we often again enjoy this privilege, which gives added pleasure with each passing year, of remembering with a small token and great affection this anniversary. May his long remain the silver locks among the gold.

Newman Club Meets.

The Newman Club had its first social meeting Friday evening in the parlors of the German Club. Doctor Reinbach gave a selection on the piano with Mrs. Seekamp as accompanist and a violin obligato by Mr. Centner. Songs were rendered by Miss Byne and Miss Baegalupi. During the course of the evening Mr. Costa gave a piano solo.

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

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foreigners to come and exploit his country.

The condition of the foreigners were very burdensome. Chief among their grievances were these: First, ninety per cent of the taxes were paid by the foreigners; second, the latter were tried by Boer juries; third, freedom of speech was denied them; fourth, the police service of Johannesburg was flagrantly inefficient; fifth, there was general mismanagement and lack of regulation in the government; sixth, the taxes on the mining implements were exorbitant; and seventh, nothing but a poor quality of Dutch would be taught in the schools.

The Uitlanders came in numbers and developed the land. Five-sixths of them were English, one sixth American. The Uitlanders tired of delay arranged a revolution. Jamieson, the South African agent of the British government, did an ill-timed raid against the Boers. The raid was unsuccessful and Jamieson was taken to England and heavily fined. Cecil Rhodes secured a charter for a company in the diamond fields. Cecil Rhodes seems to be the instigator of the war, and it seemingly is in his interests that Chamberlain is prosecuting the war so vigorously. But, perhaps the loss of 20,000 men and the giant financial drain is not too great a price to pay for the retirement of Chamberlain. It cannot result in anything else but an English victory as the destiny of England's colonial system depends on her success in this war. She cannot afford to lose her present prestige.

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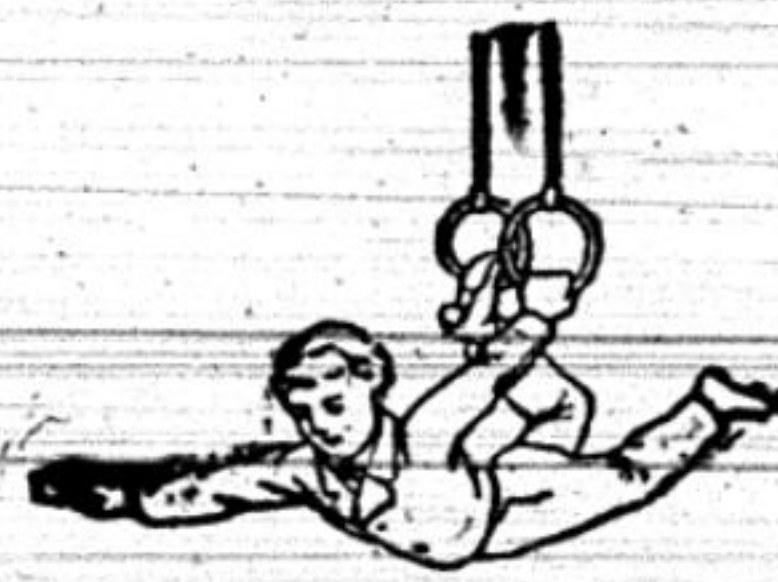
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