

Convention of the Debating League of California

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Hurrah! Let us give six big rahs! The Stockton High School Debating Society has been admitted to membership in the Debating League of California. The iron shackles that bound the Society to local existence have been broken! The road to expansion and fame is now open to us. Now can we go out and win honors and glory for the school as well as can the representatives of other school activities. Our **active** membership will not commence until the first of next term, but at that time there is no question in my mind but that our teams will carry off many honors—honors symbolized by medals for the individual debaters and trophies for the school. I say there is **no question** because of the fact that the large percentage of our most promising debaters are under-graduates. They have had valuable training this year which will better prepare them to go forth next term and win new honors for themselves and for their school. We are going to have a chance to meet our old and ancient enemy, Lodi, on a new field of battle. Will we be able to defeat representatives of that school in the field of debate and thus open up the way for final debates with the winners in the other districts of the League? We hope and expect that the answer will prove to be in the affirmative. At any rate the S. H. S. D. S. will make all other schools fight every inch of the way.

But now to the 32nd convention of the Debating League of California, held at the Lodi Union High School on the 4th of April. Our school was represented by Agler Ellis and the writer. Arriving in Lodi at about 9:45 a. m. we were met by a delegation of Lodi students and escorted to the spacious High School building. After inspecting the building, we were invited to attend the business session of the League. When Stockton, by unanimous vote, was admitted to membership, six loud HOO-RAYS went up for the Hub City, all of the fifty delegates present joining in the yell. The meeting lasted until 12:00 m., at which time all present adjourned to the splendidly equipped cafeteria of the school, where a splendid banquet was served the visitors. Toasts and speeches were made by representatives of the Lodi, Humboldt, Lick, Lowell and Stockton Debating Societies. And the oratory would have done justice to descendents of Lincoln or of Webster.

At 2 p. m. an extemporaneous debate was held on the subject, "Resolved, That all municipalities of the United States of a population of 5,000 or over should adopt the commission form of government." The medal offered for the best individual speaker was won by Miss Limbaugh, the Lodi representative.

The Senior play, "Trelawney of the Wells," was produced for the entertainment of the visitors in the evening. While waiting between the first and second acts, I was startled by loud noises from the gallery. Suddenly I awakened to the realization that the famous Stee-O-C-K-T-O-N yell was being given with all the vim and "pep" of the Stockton rooters. I whirled around in my seat and looked up in the gallery. There was my old friend "Scotty" Hyde leading a large Lodi rooting section, gesticulating as wildly as ever. After the splendid performance was over, I went up to him and said, "Scotty, the 'sodas' are on me."

The next convention of the League will be held at Lick High School in San Francisco, at which time it is hoped Stockton will be represented by a large delegation.

—Emil Gumpert, '14.

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JUNIOR.

Dear Merle: Your letters are few and far between, but when they do get here they're welcome. Yes, our regular elections are over and this year Carleton Davis is president; Marie Schneider, vice president; Russell Payne, secretary and treasurer, and Clarence Buthenuth, sergeant-at-arms. We've started up the Debating Club again and many are taking active parts in debates in Miss Howell's room. If this can be kept up we expect to produce some famous orators. Emil Gumpert bids fair, as well as many others of our classmen. It's a good thing and the more we get started the better off the school will be, but of course we can't be always doing strictly beneficial things like that. The other night the Seniors gave a jolly-up and some of us Junior fellows made a rush on them. Girls' shrieks and masculine commands mingled very harmoniously in our ears, and after some pranks we vanished. I won't mention the next week's events in the vicinity of the office, as you can well imagine.

Parker and Grunsky have won for our class and themselves many athletic honors by coming out first in the Stanford and U. C. meets and by their excellent showing at Chicago, where they took fourth place.

Speaking of dances, your imagination will have to be elastic to picture the fun we had at Oak Park. The Seniors were our guests and sufficient to say the moonlight was equal to any Shelley ever saw. Our assessment for a class pennant was used to pay some of the expense, but we can get more from where that came from. This will have to be enough news for this time, as you realize how busy a Junior is. Wishing you were here, I remain,

Yours,

 SENIOR.

Dear Merle: Did you ever hear of such a thing as the girls having a club, the name of which they won't tell the boys? Surely girls are odd. Our girls call themselves Q. E. D. and they do a lot in the way of having good times. First of all, and most important to us, was the feed they gave the Senior boys. The speeches were passing fair, but I paid more attention to the "eats." They were "swell." They gave a nursery party in the gym for the Freshmen girls. We boys don't know anything about what they did, but the reports are cheerful. They had a jolly-up, a reception for the parents and teachers, and a five-mile hike, too, besides a picnic at Oak Park for the children of the home. At Christmas each girl had a doll to dress and a stocking to fill for the home. They undertook to give one afternoon a week to the children in sewing, music and stories, and their efforts have been a success according to all accounts.

Now, I don't think I have broken my vows to bachelorship, but when a fellow sees girls that do things he can't help mentioning it.

Talk about "pep." S. H. S. has its share this year. I think it's because we have some good leaders where they belong. Charles Cloudsley is Senior president; Germaine Stewart, vice president; Lloyd Drury, secretary and treasurer; Willard Walker, sergeant-at-arms. Bob Travis is yell leader, and the new system has simply made everybody Yell, with a capital letter. The girls do their share, too; honestly they are of some use after all, I do believe,

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Athletics have taken a big boost this year. We will never forget the trainload that turned out to the Oakdale basket ball game and the crowd that went to Modesto. Our track star, George Parker, went to Australia, winning for us, our state and our nation many honors.

Quoting from Emil Gumpert, "There is one thing I can't forget because it stays in my memory," and that is our Senior year of United States history. Mr. Goodwin knows how to make his students dig up volume after volume of history from every library in town, private or public, until we wished all historians had died in infancy. But we certainly did enjoy our Congress and I think we got more good out of it than we ever could by just studying about it. We all like Mr. Goodwin, but the words, historical essay or charts, make us start like a frightened deer. Quite poetical? That's Miss Howell's influence.

If you want to see something grand in the line of a class pennant, just step inside our assembly hall. The class of '14 leads them all in everything, and I confess this with all modesty.

We have received a rounded education indeed, what with United States history, athletics, Debating Club, big "S" vaudeville, "The Chimes of Normandy," the band and last, but not least, art, art manifested along the lines of sign painting, as some of us fellows can testify.

Say, I hope you can get off to come to our Senior play. It promises to be the best ever given by this High. Miss Howell, the cast and Mrs. Edwards, the coach, are sparing neither work nor time in order to perfect it. If you can't get a week off, quit. There's plenty more jobs for a fellow like you and you won't be sorry you came. Luck is against me. I have to give a speech in English, but that's nothing when you get used to it. I'll see you at the play.

Yours,

LEFT BEHIND.

It has always been the custom to weep at commencement exercises, and one may be sure that weeping will be copious, about June 18th of this year. Why mothers, sisters, brothers and teachers should cry and thereby enter into a spirit of sadness on that occasion is not known, nor is it debated or questioned by the multitude. But after all have toiled to bring their offspring to a full state of manhood or womanhood—and then when they see those young people about to exercise that power they have striven so long to possess, it seems that the whole family bursts out into a spirit of damp passion and wish Jimmie and Jane were babies—just common, innocent babies once more!

This is not, however, the spirit of the fellows you left behind. You, the Senior class of 1914, have accomplished much, not only as individuals but as a class. Your ideas, achievements and honors which you leave behind you remain for us to fulfill and to sustain. We, therefore, envy you because of the things which you have accomplished and seem so capable of accomplishing in the near future.

This high school grows and will continue to grow, but neither buildings nor individuals make any difference, it is still "Stockton High," and in order to show that we, the class of 1917, have profited by your examples, we want to bid you success. But, remember also, that we did it with a healthy smile upon our lips and not with a moistened cheek.

—Tom H. Louttit, '17.

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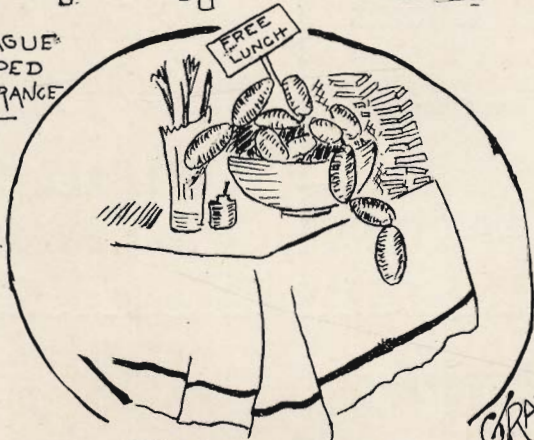


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And often wake you in the midst of night.
There was a ship, in which three men did sail,
Myself, a Jew, a cook just out of jail.
We sought the southern seas and treasure old,
That which the Spaniards lost, silver and gold.
From San Francisco bay we started out,
A most entrancing place without a doubt,
And as the Golden Gate was lost to view,
We each and every one of us well knew
That we would spend full many a weary day,
Ere our good ship should rest upon that bay.
We sailed and sailed and sailed and still we sailed,
Until we thought that surely we had failed,
And though the sun shone brightly on the wave,
Both cook and Jew did shriek and yell and rave
And wring their hands and weep and walk the deck,
So that our ship did nearly have a wreck.
And then one morn, the sun came up to show
An island just across our windward bow.
It was a pretty place, so fresh and green,
I thought it was the nicest spot I'd seen.
We dropped our anchor in the little bay
And, disembarking, on the sands did pray.
But while we stood there talking on the beach,
We heard within the woods a fearful screech.
It seemed to freeze us as we stood, and then
Came rushing forth a horde of savage men.
Before we could escape, they seized us three
And quickly bound us to the nearest tree.
Then while we watched, some swam out to our boat
And scuttled her so she'd no longer float.
When this was done, they all surrounded us
And danced around and made an awful fuss,
Until at last when dusk was coming on,
His sword and shield and spear each one did don.
We were unloosed and forced to stand upright
And then we marched away into the night.
Just as the sun was peeping o'er the trees
There came an odor wafted by the breeze,
Which to our jaded senses seemed to be
The smell of cooking bacon and hot tea.
As we advanced, a village came to view
And then we saw our bacon was a stew
Which two big men were stirring with a stick,
And many times the biggest one would lick
The stick to see if it was of the right
Consistency. We were now all affright,
And shook. But then to our surprise the chief
Did lead us forward and a piece of beef

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He gave to each of us with signs to eat,
When we had done, he led us to a seat
Within a hut, and tied us there with ropes.
A week we languished there, and all our hopes
Had vanished in the air, when one bright day
Two men came in and took the cook away.
We never saw him more, but late that night
We were awaked by awful screams of fright.
It was the cook. He went to make a meal
For all the tribe. And then we both did kneel
Upon the ground and pray for help and aid.
The Jew was next to go. He also made
A feast for all that tribe. At last one morn
From that dark hut with struggles I was torn.
They took me to an open space where men
Had placed a cauldron o'er a fire, and then
They bound me to a stake where I could see
Them as they worked. At last they set me free,
And led me to the kettle, seething hot.
They were about to place me in the pot,
When suddenly the men their necks did crane,
And looking up I saw a monoplane.
It circled high above us in the air,
And throwing into all the crowd a scare,
Came swiftly swooping down upon the ground.
The natives scattered, running all around,
But I, in joy, ran towards the gray machine,
Which now stood still upon the verdant green.
Out of the 'plane the aviator stepped,
And on his neck I threw myself and wept.
A few well chosen words revealed my plight.
At once the monoplane resumed its flight,
And as we flew along, he told me why
He was thus flying through the trackless sky.
"To San Francisco I was on my way
To see if I could cut the time a day
From old New Zealand to the western coast
Of California. It's been my boast
That I could do it. But you see, my friend,
As o'er that island I my course did wend,
I saw that crowd of savage men, and so
I drifted down and saved your life, you know."
He ceased, and nothing more was said until
The heavens all with stars began to fill;
The lights of San Francisco pointed out
And said that we were there without a doubt.
So I came back, unharmed from my long trip,
But not the cook or Jew or our old ship,
For out in the Pacific there's an isle
That'll hold their bones, I think, for quite a while.

—Aglar B. Ellis.

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BASEBALL.

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S. H. S. 10; M. H. S. 2.

Against Modesto the team played a fine game, all hit well and fielded their positions like big leaguers. It was a walk-away.

Battery—Fanning and Vogelsang.

S. H. S. 11; All Stars 6.

S. H. S. next played the "All Stars" and won 11-6. This was a big feather in our cap. The "All Stars" line-up was composed of many big leaguers.

Battery—Whitney, Wilson, Vogelsang.

S. H. S. 0; State League 6.

The State Leaguers beat us 6-0. It was a good game. Such pitchers as Andrada, Piarcy and Rogers were too much for us.

Battery—Curley and Vogelsang.

S. H. S. 2; Davis State College 6.

Next Saturday the team journeyed to Davis with somewhat of a collapsed line-up, Wilson, Alley and Colestock being absent. The game was hotly contested and interesting at all times.

Battery—Fanning and Vogelsang.

S. H. S. 22; L. H. S. 7.

"Gee, I'm tired running" was the slang used by the team. We just simply walked away. Every man pounded the ball. Fanning and Wilson pitched good ball. It could have been a shut-out game.

S. H. S. 17; Lodi 15.

Next game too much confidence and result was close. A hard wind blew that day, which took a lot of "pep" out of them. Alley and Colestock made home runs in this game.

Battery—Fanning, Wilson and Alley.

S. H. S. 25; Ripon H. S. 1.

Mr. Warren of the board arranged a game between Ripon Hi and S. H. S. for the May Day picnic. (It sure was a picnic). They got two hits off Fanning. Only one fly came out on the field and that was grabbed by Colestock.

Battery—Fanning and Vogelsang.

S. H. S. 1; Keio University of Japan 5.

The "Japs" beat us. What do you know about that? But they should not have. Error after error was made behind Fanning and every one of them counted for runs. Sprague got the only hits on the S. H. S. side, coming in in the last inning.

Batteries—Fanning, Vogelsang and MacKenzie; Iskikawa, Ishka and Hirai.

S. H. S. 3; Davis 6.

Beaten twice by the same team hurt us. It would have been another victory had not errors occurred. Wilson pitched a fine game, allowing seven hits.

Battery—Wilson and MacKenzie.

S. H. S. 4; Turlock H. S. 2—Semi-Final.

A big crowd witnessed the game at Modesto. It was a good game throughout. S. H. S. backed their pitcher all the time. This game gave the ball players their "S." The talk given the team by Mr. Ellis sure helped.

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S. H. S.; Lowell Hi.

This team was the best produced in this high school for many years and it looks as if it would be many years to come before another one will equal it. Working under the difficulties, they have yet reached a high position in athletic circles. Not a bit of support, no interest taken whatsoever, and still they won. There were games played when not a teacher came out, but still they won. I wonder how many games the football and basket ball teams would have won?

SEMI-FINAL.

Stockton 6; Napa 2.

One of the best games played this year. No wonder! Look at the "co-eds" who were rooting. It put a lot of "pep" in the game. Fanning pitched a masterful game, and was backed by his team.

The Napa team played well, but their "big league" pitcher was not there and S. H. S. pounded him all over the lot. Colestock stole five bases. Not a man stole on Vogelsang, who caught a wonderful game.

Batteries—Napa, Hennessy, Wassum; Stockton, Fanning, Vogelsang.

S. H. S. 5; Lowell 9—State Title.

The dirtiest team in the state is Lowell. There is not one ball player in the team. It was the easiest nine we played this year but errors and dirty playing won the game for them. Fanning pitched good ball until the seventh inning, when he was replaced by Nelson, who had them guessing the rest of the game. At last reports a protest was before the A. A. L.

Batteries—S. H. S., Fanning, Wilson, MacKenzie; L. H. S., Cole, Emery, Mitchell.

—DeWitt Colestock, '15.

 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN."

'Tis better to have loved and lost
 Than never to have loved at all.
 'Tis better to have swung and missed
 Than never to have seen the ball.

It takes a sport to stand the gaff,
 To take a panning with a grin.
 That's why you choke when you reflect
 On what you think you might have been.

So give released recruits a thought
 Remember they are just like you.
 They tried and failed, their hearts are sore,
 They weep, they're feeling mighty blue.

But when you've lost a luscious job
 You'll swat a moralizing guy
 Who says 'tis better to have failed
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C. M., '16.

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SENIOR HISTORY.

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The next year we spent in teaching the mere Freshmen their proper place, and grappling hard with the mysteries of isosceles triangles. Our officers were, Charles Whitney, president; Geraldine Parker, vice president, and Harriet Post, Student Control.

Our Junior year marked quite a change in our usual routine. As soon as we stepped into the hall on the 14th of September, we felt an odd stir in the air. "What is it?" we whispered to each other with bated breath. We found out when we held our election. The study was crowded with all the members of the Junior class, and a spirited and close election was held. It was the formal introduction of class spirit to the class of '15. The results of the election were: Herbert Waite, president; Doris Patton, vice president; Grace Harper, secretary, June Young, Buteau Lundy, Student Control.

And that class spirit didn't die out in one grand burst, either. The W. W. W.'s were an important aid to its remaining alive. The girls showed more get-together spirit in their club than has been seen in a long while. They gave a great many delightful affairs, too, besides accomplishing a lot of good at the Children's Home with their birthday system.

In athletics also, our class has been most prominent. What kind of a basket ball team could we have had without Captain Comfort, Cy Hickinbotham, McKay and McKenzie—all Juniors?

After reading this article I'm sure you all wish you'd been lucky enough to belong to the '15 Juniors, but just wait till we come back grave and reverend seniors! Next year we shall surpass all our past records, all that have been made by any previous Senior class.

 ON LEAVING HIGH SCHOOL.

Our high school days are numbered,
 The end is drawing near,
 But tho' with knowledge 'cumbered,
 We find no cheer.
 This time last year
 Found school a hated foe;
 But now a parting friend
 It seems; how little do we know
 What course our fortunes blend:
 Our school at end.

When other years have rolled around,
 We'll know the school of life,
 We'll look back at a happier day
 Without sad strife.
 But a new life
 May bring to every man a share;
 To him who does his best,
 For the school of life lays every virtue bare,
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 With fortune blest.

—Charles Cloudsley.

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