

THE POLYTECHNIC WINS

Judges Decide That Argument for Suppression of Nihilists is Strongest—Loving Cup is Trophy

The yell of the San Luis Obispo High School students died in their mouths last night as they mistakenly started to celebrate a victory over the California Polytechnic School in debate. Judge Unangst had arisen to announce the decision and had made the statement that a year ago he had been chosen by the Polytechnic School when the judges had seen fit to award the decision to that school, but this year he had been chosen by the High school—and here the High School boys thinking they had won the beautiful cup started a monster demonstration and their yell. They had little more than started when a signal from the judge warned them of their mistake, and they were quickly awed into silence. The Judge finished his sentence by saying that this year his two colleagues were against him and that the decision had again gone to the Polytechnic School. The other side then burst forth in applause which was deafening. To win its first intellectual battle is a feat of which the new institution may well be proud.

The subject of the debate was "Resolved, that the efforts of the Nihilists are for the best interests of Russia." Goodrich opened for the High School and recited the suppressed condition of the Russian masses and advocated as right anything that would overthrow the bureaucracy. Tout replied giving the vital interest of Russia as lying in the control of Port Arthur and the Trans Siberian Railroad and the people must be united to do this. Otherwise as a nation they must lose prestige.

Patten spoke of the intelligence and natural ability of the Russian masses could they once throw off unjust oppression. Wade contended that the Russian masses could not govern even though they gained control, owing to lack of experience and that they must lapse into some form of autocracy.

Lind perhaps made the strongest talk for the High School side going into the merits of the case from the Nihilist's standpoint quite thoroughly. Emmert made a good summing up for the nega-

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live. Goodrich closed in three minutes and had scarcely begun, it seemed, when time was called on him while he was in the middle of a sentence.

F. C. Murgotten presided. The judges were—Attorney W. H. Spencer, Superior Judge E. P. Unangst and Chief Dispatcher G. J. Walters. The trophy won by the California Polytechnic School is a loving cup offered last year by the High School Alumni. It is now permanently the property of the California Polytechnic School.

The hall was crowded and the event much enjoyed. After the debate the floor was cleared for dancing.

CLAIMS ARE SATISFIED.

The goods of the Rockaway restaurant sold by Constable W. F. Cook yesterday at auction brought good prices and sufficient money was realized to meet the judgments so far obtained against Mr. Burford. It is probable that the goods remaining will be re-advertised as soon as other demands are put in the form of judgments.

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A Day of Pleasure and One of Profit at the California Polytechnic School

It was a great day at the California Polytechnic School, a day of enthusiasm. The crowd was large, composed of farmers and business men, their wives and children, and they all entered enthusiastically into the spirit of the day.

It was the second annual Institute and basket picnic. The first year's crowd was a mere handful to that of yesterday. The assembly room at the school was filled. The music and the speeches were listened to and applauded, the lunch in the dormitory building was all that could be asked for and in the spare moments the people viewed the work in progress in the various departments of the school.

It was 11 o'clock when Dr. Anderson called the assemblage to order. His remarks were in the form of a welcome and sincere and gracious as it was, it made all feel decidedly at home. The Choral Society of the school sang and then Rev. Geo. Willett delivered the invocation.

The speakers of the forenoon were Assemblyman Warren M. John, C. A. Black, J. E. Roadhouse and Rev. Harry Hillard. They were called upon to discuss the question, "What is most needed to develop the resources of our County?"

Mr. John would not single out any one industry as the paramount industry, but urged a united effort upon the part of the citizens to build up every industry and every section. Mr. Black argued in favor of publicity, the making known of our splendid resources to the outside world. Mr. Roadhouse said that irrigation would make untold progress and cause the county to blossom as the rose. Rev. Hillard said it was a question of men; that where you have educated men in special lines they will overcome all obstacles. He said that the Polytechnic school would solve the problem by producing the men and women qualified to do the work.

At the noon hour there was an old fashioned basket picnic, the school supplying all with fine coffee.

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