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### Baseball Will Start Soon

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1911, the baseball squad met in the gym to discuss plans for this season's games. Manager Kennedy stated that three games had been scheduled, as follows: Berkeley, Stanford, St. Mary's. All these games are to be played in California.

The timber for a team this year is excellent and already there are rumors of class games. In all probability three teams will be organized and as soon as the snow is off the Mackay field active practice will begin.

Many of last year's team are here this year and under Coach

Knight startling results are expected. As yet, however, there are many vacant positions on the team and every man who gets into a suit stands an even chance for a position on the 'Varsity nine.

Captain E. R. Bennett has plans for several practice games in and near Reno, as well as interclass. With the "kid" at the head we can expect only the most promising results from the nine of 1911.

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### Senator Tallman's Bill

#### MAY THE LEGISLATURE SEE THIS AS WE DO

On January 26th, 1911, a bill was introduced into the State Senate by Senator Tallman to appropriate \$40,000 to establish an electrical and mechanical laboratory at the State University. This is the most needed addition to the engineering school. It is not intended to add either to the number of courses or to the teaching force, but to strengthen and make more effective the courses now given. Of 25 men secured positions by the department during the past few years, 60 per cent

are following electrical work. The opportunities in that line are becoming more numerous as electric power developments are constantly increasing. Nearly all industries are dependent on electricity for economical operation. Factories, mines, railways and machine shops all require the services of electrical and mechanical experts and the number demanded is yearly increasing.

The management of a number of industrial concerns have agreed to employ one or more of our graduates each year when business conditions permit. With the equipment asked for our graduates will readily find employment on equal terms with those from the large institutions of this country and abroad. Industrial competition grows keener each year and a technical education is now almost an absolute essential to those who would fill the higher positions in electrical and mechanical engineering. The General Electric Co. of New York have recently put a force of experts in the field to push the use of electric power on the farms and ranches. This is considered to be one of the greatest fields for progress in electrical application. If the appropriation asked for is granted by the legislature the Board of Regents plan to erect a building adjoining the present shop which will contain an electrical and mechanical laboratory, class-rooms, drafting-rooms and storeroom. It is intended to have the building as nearly fireproof as possible and contain only those pieces of mechanism essential for instruction. The laboratory will contain examples of direct and alternating dynamos and motors with interchangeable connections. The motive power will be largely derived from gasoline and steam engines, although one or two typical forms of water wheels will be installed. The civil engineering department will co-operate in the instruction in hydraulics and strength of materials. The theory of construction and operation of electrical machinery and lighting apparatus, gasoline engines, water wheels, etc., will be given a practical application and their economical management will be studied. An air compressor and a number of types of pumps will be installed and their costs and efficiencies will be brought out in detail. The development of electricity from water falls will be given special attention and its application in mining and electrolytic work will receive consideration. One steam boiler will be purchased and the proper combustion of fuel for best economy can be studied first hand. Telephony and wireless telegraphy will also receive some attention as students frequently desire to specialize in this work. With the knowledge thus gained our students will be in a position to hold their own in any engineering field and to assist materially in the development work of the state. Although the present legislature is an unusually conservative one, it is thought that they will not fail to see the necessity for the appropriation asked for and the resulting benefit to the state.

### GIRLS' BASKET-BALL TOURNAMENT A GRAND SUCCESS

Never in the history of the gymnasium was its capacity so taxed as on Saturday afternoon, January 28th, when a crowd gathered to witness the contest for state championship in girls' basketball.

Amid the waving banners and loud cheers of the spectators the Reno High School and Sparks High School teams led off with the first game at 2 p. m.

From the first the Reno girls had the advantage, not only because of their greater size and strength, but also because of their skill. The game ended with a score of 48 to 2 in favor of Reno High.

One could easily tell by the spirit displayed that the next two teams to take the floor were our own college girls. The contest was one wherein the Freshmen-Sophomore girls tried their strength against the Junior-Senior girls, and the skill displayed was enough to satisfy the most exacting basketball enthusiast.

The game started with a score for the upper class and continued all the way through to be snappy and interesting.

The fact that the upper class scored oftener than the lower class was due partly to the fine goal-throwing of May Porter and the skillful guarding of "B" Bray. Cora Cleator surprised everyone with her goal-throwing, for she had practiced but a few days. Lydia Collier, Matilda Jepsen and Effie Mack played a good game considering the short time they have practiced.

The lower class goals did fine work. Martha Noble played a "noble" game. Lena Hauss played well and would have thrown more baskets had she not been guarded by "B" Bray. Lillian Davey, Bertha Jones, Grace Mahan and Elda Orr played well and consistently. The game ended with a score of 31 to 12, in favor of the upper-class girls.

Judging from the skill and spirit it displayed, it will be easy with a picked team of nine to defeat the University of California on March 11th.

The Preps then came onto the floor to meet the Elko girls. The Preps had a slight advantage, in that they were playing on their home ground, but in team work and in star playing they outshone the Elko High all the way. So sure were the goals, Fraeecs Smith

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## "HE JINKS" RUIN DIGNITY"

One of the most enthusiastic general assemblies was pulled off at the "He-Jinks." Everybody applauded the speech of prexie, and entered the musical contest as is regularly given by Prof. Sawvelle. But the purpose of the general assembly was to give an exhibition of the great world-renowned doper Arzulla. He had everything outlashed between here and India, and rendered true statements to the miserable ones.

After the assembly was over, the audience gave itself up to the sacred dance from Egypt, and it certainly was "squeeze me, honey," etc. But no ragging was allowed, as Mrs. Kaye would have none of this improper conduct, among ladies.

Did you see the pie-eating race? Well, I guess. "Tuffy was there" and was declared winner by one mouthful, and after that the great flour cyclone came off, the dust of which extended to the farthermost depths of the earth. "Red"

Harbaugh was the winner by having one more square inch of face covered than his opponent "Dutch."

"Little Jeff" was winner of the bullet race by three steps and a jump, although "corn-belt" came in with an exhibition by bull-dog tenacity and true sportsmanship. He ran a fine run. But this was not the end, for after the great cyclone act, "Little Jeff" and "Corn Belt" went at each other with flour and paste. "Corn Belt" won this time.

Henriques (Fwed) demonstrated Demosthenes by his experiences as the 50-cent kid. This was spread in between the grand and last world's championship fighters.

The preliminaries were a draw between the "Bantam Kid" and "Kid Cottontop." It was a gory duel, but highly satisfactory to the crowd, as each blow was laid erringly and hesitatingly on the coveted spot. Second deck and first deck of Lincoln hall are both

satisfied with the results.

Harriman, the wild man, and Grayson, the twin, went at each other in a glorious, spectacular, and scientific crawling bout.

"Gosh, I never struck a man so quick on his feet," said the wild man, but he won the first fall. The "Twin" now went in for blood and in the short space of one minute, by Seaton's clock, had Harriman on his back. The honors were declared even. Second and third deck are both satisfied over the result.

The climax of the bloodshed came when "Humpty-Dumpty" and "Kid Jack" fought for the featherweight championship honors. The 15 long and mauling rounds it lasted until "Humpty-Dumpty" gave "Kid Jack" a hyperbolic straight upper in the torso. "Kid Jack" tried his best not to take the count, but his adversary would not permit any more unladylike roughness. Mother Hubbard challenged the winner, and then ran—not because he was

afraid, but because he is a firm believer in self-preservation.

After a series of amusements as pussy-wants-a-corner, hide the thimble, and other dare-devil games, the grand march was formed and the multitude fed by seven weinies and six biscuits, and a "pool of mud."

The faculty was well represented. Mrs. Kaye was there and designated many of the stunts as highly improper, but she bore the "ragging" as becomes a chaperon—this being her official capacity.

Both Camille and Daisy were there in "fitting" costumes. Of course "Weary Willie" Breeding and "Pat" Layman had to come and see them. Rowe, the queener, tried to entice "Grouch" Spencer, like Tyler, having lately joined the purity league, refused to be seduced. "Ornery" Yami-Yami and "Mother Yami-Yami" brought joy and pure thoughts to the entire crowd.

Tyler had the moving picture concession

### 1912 to Give Prom

The big event is now close at hand. At nine o'clock next Friday night, February 3d, the grand march of the Junior Prom. will be played by the best orchestra in Reno. Charles Helphenstine and Harold Fletcher, as chairmen of the music and the decorating and program committees, respectively, have been indefatigable in their efforts, not only to make this affair the prettiest ball given this year at the University of Nevada, to provide the most select musical talent, and to furnish distinctly new designs in programs and decorations, but they have gone even farther and it is not too much to predict that reminiscences of this Junior ball will go down in the history of the university as a lasting tribute to the energy and perseverance of the Mackay Pioneer Class.

The Junior Prom. is unquestionably the most brilliant social event of the year in every university of the United States. The custom of giving the dance is so ancient that it's a tradition in many of the older institutions. Hence at Harvard and Yale quite a number of students are able to tell of the

dance as it was in their grandfather's days. Every loyal student owes to his lady love, his posterity and himself this social treat.

True it is, that after we leave college we have ample opportunity of attending dances and more dances, but the privilege of attending a Junior Prom. comes only four times in a college life—fortunately at a time when we most enjoy and are most benefited by such functions.

This is the first Junior Prom. to which tickets have ever been sold at the reasonable rate of one dollar. Come, and bring all your friends.

#### NOTICE TO STUDENTS

The editors of The Sagebrush are desirous of increasing their staff of reporters. In order to do this we should like to give every one a fair chance for a position. Any student who would like to gain some practical knowledge in that line may have a chance by speaking to the editor.

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### Students Hypnotized

Most everyone will remember that at the Majestic theatre last week a most sincere and spiritually gifted man with his attractive and superfluously haired wife as assistant was entertaining the general public with some genuine uncanny hypnotic acts. On Saturday night the unsuspecting man accepted a number of perfectly innocent and unsophisticated looking boys who offered themselves as willing subjects.

The man was jubilant to see such a crowd of easy subjects and was even more delighted to see them one by one succumb easily to the gentle and soothing test after each one had fallen forward in his turn, intentionally almost annihilating the hypnotist. He bravely attempted to put them to sleep and as he thought did it very easily. Then realizing that they did not know very much about anything except football he ordered them to show the ever-interested, easily gulled audience how to play the game.

Immediately they all jumped for the sofa-cushion football, overturning chairs, tables, and the proud but unsuspecting hypnotist.

Then confusion reigned supreme. Boys upon boys, boys upon sofa-cushion and whenever opportunity offered boys upon hypnotist.

The Reno audience, thrilled with the excitement of the game, rose to its feet.

Seeing that they were becoming dangerously wild in their enthusiasm, the now much frightened hypnotist, thinking that by accident he might have hypnotized them, made vain and doging endeavors to bring them out of the spell. At his approach each one dived at him, and it was all the poor little man could do to keep his feet.

After repeatedly bringing each one out, and forgetting immediately that he had done so, he finally, with the agitated aid of his entire company, succeeded in waking them. It was a very subdued looking bunch that filed off behind the wings, merely stopping to obtain their fee from the so-called hypnotist.

They then made for town and rewarded their labors by a sumptuous 15c repast.

Moral—College students should not burst into hypnotism.

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## Editorial

The student body meeting last Friday brought forth some facts heretofore not revealed to any except a few favored students. Also the condition previously referred to in the columns of The Sagebrush that the students are altogether too prone to vote upon any measure brought up without understanding its full import. In the meeting last Friday the students by an almost unanimous vote passed a measure referring to the disposition of funds that nobody knew existed.

The students do not mean to do this, but nevertheless each student body meeting is one grand

wrangle from open to close, by about six or eight students who have ideas which are immediately opposed by others.

These meetings have a definite purpose: that of discussing student interests, and the students ought to discuss them and not allow a few to express the ideas of the majority, and after the meeting to start a discussion that really brings forth their sentiments while motions are carried and business transacted that they are not in favor of. The only way to remedy this is to attend the meetings with purpose of thinking and then voting intelligently.

### EVOLUTION COURSE

#### Outline of Lectures

The department of Biology is giving a course of popular lectures on Evolution which should be of some general interest because of the wide application of the principles discussed. The following outline of the principal subjects included will indicate the scope and purpose of the course:

1. The first series of seven or eight lectures deals with Organic Evolution or the Doctrine of Descent and the evidence upon which it is based. It includes an account of some of the forms of life of past geological ages and some features of Geological Evolution.

2. Then follows eight lectures on the causes which have led to the formation of new organic species, including such subjects as: The Struggle for Existence; Adaptation of Organisms to Environment; Variation and Its Causes; Geographical and Physiological Isolation; Heredity, including recent experiments which have led to a better understanding of the mechanism of heredity and the establishment of such laws as Mendel's, which have an important bearing upon practical animal and plant breeding. Another lecture discusses the important question of the Inheritance of Acquired Characters.

3. The next two or three lectures take up the modern theories of Organic Evolution with special reference to the work of DeVries and others and the conflict between the newer schools and the Natural Selection theory of Darwin.

4. The Origin of Life, Spontaneous Generation, and the recent bio-chemical discoveries of Loeb and others will be considered with reference to the general evolution theory and our present day understanding of the nature of the life processes.

5. This will be followed by two lectures on sub-organic and Stellar Evolution, including the Nebular Hypothesis as at present understood.

6. Special attention will be given to some questions concerning man's line of descent, fossil human remains, and the main steps in the development of the human social organism.

7. Four or five meetings will then be devoted to questions pertaining to the main topic of Mental Evolution and the development of spoken and written language.

7. Then will follow a series of six lectures on the Evolution of Tools and Instruments, of Indus-

tries, of some of the Arts and Sciences, and of Religious Beliefs.

8. The course will be concluded by one or more lectures dealing with the general influences of evolutionary principles upon present day thought, method of study, and attitude toward life—its purpose, and problems.

The first two lectures on the "Meaning and Scope of Evolution" have already been given. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 in room 301 on the top floor of Hatch Station. There will be lantern slides or other illustrations of most of the talks. A cordial invitation is extended to any one who wishes to attend the course as a whole or such parts of it as may be of special interest to him.

The subjects for the next three lectures on January 31st, February 2d and February 7th, will be "Evidences of Fossils," "Life of Past Geological Ages," "Evidences of Embryology."

### FORESTRY COURSE

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Practical Course for Coming Agriculturists

The year 1911 sees an advancement in the horticultural department of the U. of N. that promises great returns in the way of direct and indirect benefits to this and other states. Professor A. A. Heller has established a course in forestry, which deals with the elementary principles which govern the growth of forests as agents in conserving moisture and furnishing fuel and lumber.

The forests of the western states are rapidly becoming burned off or cut down without regard to the future. The forestry department of the U. S. government spends thousands of dollars annually in attempts to preserve our national forests, but no attempts at private forestry have ever been carried out.

This course consists of lectures and laboratory in field work, planting, thinning and methods of firefighting. With the development of this course the agricultural students constantly gain knowledge of the essential and profitable means of preserving our future hope in the way of reservoirs—forests.

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### STUDENT BODY MEETING

The First Meeting Proves an Interesting One  
Last Friday saw a real student body meeting at U. of N. The baseball schedule for this year was announced by Manager Kennedy. Three games will be played in California in March, as follows: U. C., March 11th; Stanford, March 9th.

Manager Kennedy also said that he would take a track team to Berkeley in April, provided that enough men were training.

The treasurer reported that a balance of about \$2.00 remained from last semester, and that approximately \$950 would be available for this semester's athletics. Mr. Kennedy said that \$500 would be enough for baseball and track.

Women's basketball was discussed, and Miss White announced that U. P. and Berkeley would play in Reno on March 4th and 11th, respectively. Two bills of \$8.00 and \$50 were given to the executive committee from 1910 baseball season. These bills should have been paid by Manager Standewick, but are not paid as yet. This shows a discrepancy somewhere in the "higher-ups" which should be looked after more carefully.

The old subject of college song books was again brought up, but nothing definite was decided.

### SENIOR CLASS MEETING

The class of 1911 met on January 24, 1911, and elected the following officers:

President — Ellsworth R. Bennett.  
Vice-president — Claude R. Teele.

Secretary—Vera E. Hasch.  
Treasurer—Walter J. Harris.  
Following the election plans were laid for the 1911 farce. Class pins were selected and a committee was appointed to order them.

### CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

Unwritten Laws  
1. Skull caps shall cover the Freshmen's heads the first semester.  
2. In case the fire in Lincoln hall needs wood, Freshmen shall carry same.  
3. Whenever possible Freshmen shall post dummies under the direction of the Juniors.  
4. Freshmen are usually seen queening off the campus.  
5. In case the Freshmen win the canerush they are not granted any more privileges.

### COLLEGE WOMAN'S OUTLOOK CLUB

The art program, given at the last meeting of the College Woman's Outlook Club was very much enjoyed by the co-eds. Miss Lewers and Nell Morrow read papers on the life and work of two famous women portrait painters. copies of some of the artists' most noted pictures were passed around. This program aroused such an interest among the girls to learn more of what woman has done in the world of art that it was decided to have the next program on "What Woman Has Done in the Field of Music." Three different papers are to be prepared and some of the best pieces of the women composers are to be rendered at the meeting.

Owing to the fact that Professor Frandsen's lecture and basket-ball practice came at the same hour with the meeting, a number of the girls were unable to be present. So it was decided that future meetings would be held on the second Wednesday of each month.

The constitution is to be taken up and discussed thoroughly at the next meeting, so all members are requested to be present. There will be no new election as the officers of this club are elected for the year.

The paper read by Miss Lewers was so interesting that it is printed here, so that every one may have a chance to enjoy it.

Following are the officers of the club:  
Ethel R. Thompson—President.  
Agnes Mead—Vice-president.  
Helen Hobbins—Secretary.

### AGRICULTURE CLUB

There will be a meeting of the Agric Club in Morrill hall, on Monday evening, January 30th. Important business is to be discussed so that all members ought to be present. By order of  
CECIL W. CREEL, Pres.  
L. B. PATRICK, Acting Secy.

### COMING EVENTS

February 3, 1911—Junior Prom.  
February 10th and 11th, 1911 — Reception to legislators.  
February 11th—Lincoln memorial.  
February 17th—Social (maybe).  
February 21st—Military ball.  
February 22d — Washington's birthday.

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### NEW BULLETIN BOARD IN MORRILL HALL

There is a new bulletin board in Morrill hall, just opposite the dummy editor. This bulletin board is the gift of Melvin E. Jepsen, president. On this board will be found notices of meetings of the various branches of recognized student activities.

There is a glass door on this board that prevents the usual brainy or conceited wit from making puns on all names, dates, and in fact everything that might seem at all ridiculous.

Heretofore there has been no place that students could obtain accurate notice of the student body meetings, and this bulletin board will fill that place. The students are urged to heed the various bulletins in order to keep in touch with all the college activities, and come to classes the next day without knowing all the inside news.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

On Wednesday, January 26th, the executive committee of the student body met for the first time this semester. The financial condition of the student body was reported on the right side.

The resignation of August Holmes as editor-in-chief of The Sagebrush was read and accepted.

The committee then appointed Lloyd B. Patrick to fill the vacancy at the head of the college paper.

Mr. Patrick had considerable experience on the paper last semester, and has been acting editor since January 1st.

For the first time in several years there is a decrease in the number of freshmen at Cornell. Enrollment figures, completed up to the first day of the term, indicate a drop of 10 per cent from the number in last year's entering class. An increase in the number of returning upper classmen more than makes up for the freshmen deficit, however, making an increase of 180 students over the same period of 1909.

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# Capt. Leavitt's Experience

(Continued from last issue)

We left Lyttleton for Wellington on the night of the 23rd and got there at noon the next day. Many of us were asked out to different places. Bennett and I went riding with the secretary of the N. Z. R. U. and saw quite a bit of the city. Wellington has a population of 70,000 and is situated on the side of a steep hill overlooking a narrow bay. The city is electric lighted and has a very good street car system. The power is derived from water power. In Wellington is the ruins of an amusement park patterned after the S. F. chutes. It was not a success and has gone to ruin. From Wellington we went to Wanganui, a small city of about 20,000 people. We were taken around the country on a sight-seeing trip and enjoyed the scenery of the Wanganui river very much. We lost the game there on the 26th, 18 to 6. We left Wanganui on the 27th, for Rotorua. The first day we traveled about 90 miles to a place called Tamarui, where we stopped for the night. Early the next morning we continued our journey, arriving at Rotorua, about seven that evening. The weather was very cold and we arrived in a snow storm. Ori maidens and escorted to the Geyser hotel, at Whakarewarewa. Our stay in Rotorua lasted only three days, but I cannot pass over it without telling you about the sights we saw there, for they were the most beautiful and interesting of all our trip.

Rotorua and the vicinity is termed by the traveler as Geyserland, and if ever a place deserved a name, Rotorua deserves the name of Geyserland. I am told that our own Yellowstone Park is prettier and has objects of interest, but I have never seen Yellowstone Park, so I am going to rave about Rotorua. Picture to yourself huge columns of water and spray, mounting a thousand feet into the air, boiling and steaming springs, beautiful terraces of strange colors, blue, green and white lakes, all of which is true, with the exception of the column of water, for the famous Waimangu has ceased his action and now for four years has not sent his huge columns of water and mud a thousand feet into the air. In his last outburst he claimed a dreadful toll for his play. Three people were struck by the avalanche of mud and water thrown out by Waimangu and were swept into eternity.

It seems that two lady visitors had desired to get a close picture of the eruption and had persuaded their guide to take them a little closer than tourists are permitted to approach. When the eruption took place, from some freak of nature, the column shot out one side, instead of straight up, as usual, and the guide and the two ladies were swept off into the ravine below. The springs of Whakarewarewa and Rotorua are the best known of all the thermal phenomena in this region. The whole district teems with strange sights and marvelous examples of the effects produced by volcanic, thermal and chemical action. I will take up each point of interest as I visited them.

Before I proceed further perhaps I had better tell you about the eruption that took place there in June, 1886. Twelve miles south of Rotorua lies a crater mountain known as Mt. Tarawera. On the afternoon of June 9, 1886, this mountain began to belch forth rock and ashes accompanied with violent earthquakes. At the foot of the mountain lay a small lake about 300 feet deep and a quarter of a mile square. The earthquakes opened up the ground through this lake and let this body of water down on the molten lava and the explosion that followed blew out the top of the mountain for ten miles. The rent averaging over a quarter of a mile wide, and from 500 to 1000 feet in depth. This immense body of dirt and stones

was scattered over the island for a radius of 200 miles, covering everything with mud to a depth of from 3 to 100 feet.

Several villages were destroyed and 154 Moaries and 7 Europeans lost their lives. All the vegetation for miles around was killed. The crater was dry for seven years and then began to fill with water for some unknown source and now is a beautiful white lake for five miles in length, a quarter to a half mile wide and 500 feet deep. The lake is called Rotomahana, meaning hot lake.

On the 29th day of July we were provided with a couple of coaches, drags as they call them, and the party divided, each going over the same ground but by a different route and passing each other on the way. The guide of our party was the brother of the man who so unfortunately lost his life at Waimangu. We left the hotel at 9 o'clock and drove up a deep, narrow canyon, the sides of which were covered with luxuriant vegetation. The tree ferns have grown through the gray soil that covered them, and now along with the tikitapu bush forms the only vegetation in this region. The hills are dotted with the broken and decaying stumps of trees, whose broken limbs are still covered with gray mud. We skirted the shores of the pretty turquoise colored lake Tikitapu and the green lake Rotokahki, through the buried village of Wairoa on the highland overlooking the south end of lake Tarawera. This village was the headquarters of the Tuhourangi tribe and was buried in 90 feet of mud and ash ejected by Tarawera eruption. It was here that the seven Europeans lost their lives along with 100 natives. In the buried village

of Te Arihi can still be seen the ruins of the hotels, some of the Moari wharves, the old mission church of Te Mu. As we passed each one of these places our guide, a tall, stalwart fellow, told us tales of the eruption; how this and that person escaped, and the efforts of the natives to get aid for their stricken villages, and other incidents of the time. His pose and method of relating the tales was a treat in itself, and I can close my eyes now and see him, as he stood there that afternoon, telling us of the buried village of Te Arihi. A launch provided by the government tourist bureau conveys you eight miles across Lake Tarawera, and after a short walk over the portage at the head of the Ariki arm another launch is boarded for the Rotomahana cruise.

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### Capt. Leavitt's Experience

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The greater part of Rotomahana is cold like the other lakes in that district, but along its northern and western shore line there is a belt of tremendous hydrothermal activity extending for some distance out into the lake. For two miles the launch skirts the geyser pitted cliffs, tinted with rainbow colors by chemical action. From water line to sky line the cliffs are steaming and emitting countless vaporous jets and wreaths and spirals soaring into the sky like smoke. As we neared the geyser cliffs the air grew close and steamy. We felt hot blasts of air from the geysers and could hardly see through the canopy of steam that veiled the cliffs. A breath of air lifted the steam and we saw innumerable boiling jets and fountains, pouring their boiling water into the lake. The roaring and hissing of steam almost deafens you. The lake grows warmer and warmer until it is boiling hot and bubbles and hisses like a kettle of boiling water. As you pass from this place a series of cold chills run up and down your back.

This place has been termed fairyland but it reminds me of a place far different from any picture of fairyland I had seen in my childish fancies. A short walk from Rotomahana is the great crater of Waimangu geyser, 100 feet in diameter, of which I have spoken before. Even here one does not escape the weird scenery for he is surrounded by boiling sulphur and mud springs and the crater lakes of extinct volcanoes. A little farther on and past Waimangu is the half-way house, where the weary traveler can refresh himself with eat, etc. We remained here about half an hour and got into the coach vacated by the other party and rode back to the hotel through a beautiful country. After dinner we attended a dance given by the natives for our benefit and had a very pleasant time until 11 o'clock, and then went to bed after a day of wonderful and weird sights.

The next day being Saturday, and the day on which we were to play a match, we were not taken on any long trips, but were escorted through the famous Whakarewarewa. We were divided into parties of five and put under the native guides. At Whakarewarewa there is a wonderful geyser valley. A considerable portion of this is a government reserve, and is controlled by the government tourist bureau. Here are the "puias" or spouters, Pohutu, Whihite, Wairoa Waikorihiki and others. A particularly beautiful sight is Waikite geyser, which spouts away on a large terraced cone of gleaming white silica. Smaller jets and fountains are constantly working away and building beautiful terraces. Pretty walks have been laid out through the belt past boiling pools and mud springs, through a model of a native village with its tawers and moat. The "devil's reception" is the most famous of the mud volcanoes. It is a small pool 15 feet in diameter and is continually shooting up small jets of mud three or four feet with a loud report. The odor of sulphur is very strong and at times one feels nauseated from it. The Wairoa geyser is the largest of the active geysers, but we did not get a chance to see it play when we were there. The village of the Tuhourangi tribe, the same that were routed from their homes in Te Wairoa, is built over even. A boiling kettle or caldron whose enormous steam forces find their escape through innumerable crevices. This is a weird hamlet, where there are no fires nor ovens in the houses. The natives do their cooking and washing in hot springs, which bubble at their very doors. The cooking ovens are clear boiling pools and square boxed in steam holes.

That afternoon we played the native team of Rotorua, and won 6 to 3. In this game the backs and forward divisions changed

places, and it was a very amusing game. In the evening we attended a native harka, held in one of the holls. I am sorry I lost my program, so I cannot give you an accurate description of their stunts, but there are two of them which I quite well remember. The harka was opened by what is known as the dance of welcome. Ten men and as many women appeared on the stage in a crouching position. They were armed with spears and axes and dressed in kiwi skins decorated with feathers. At the word from their leader they all sprang into astonishingly savage life. With enormous bounds they leaped, a compact company, three or four feet into the air, their axes held over their heads, tongues protruding like the grinning, grotesque figures carved on their own houses. The next instant they faced in another direction and continued their leaping, while the leader shouted the opening lines of their song of welcome, which sounds like U-U-uki-mai-le-waero and the dancers answer, Weku-weku-weku-ma-te-whiore. Jumping from one side to the other, they continue their dancing and shouting, thrusting out their weapons and making hideous faces and with one final blood-curdling they drop to their knees. The other dance that I remember is the Poi dance of the women and girls. The Poi is a very pretty song and action dance. There are a number of different dances or figures varying in movement and time. The dancing girls filed on the stage and arranged themselves into rows of six in a row. Their black flowing hair was plumed with albatross and boson bird feathers and their robes were made of kiwi skins and dyed in bright colors. A very pretty young girl of about 18 stepped out in front and set up a low sweet chant, swinging her poi balls to the chant. The other girls join her and there is before your eyes a vision of waving brown arms, swinging the elastic taupo balls from side to side, twirling them cleverly in the air and striking them in perfect unison on their heads, arms and bodies, all the time swaying their bodies in a graceful motion. At a word from their leader they change chant or the swinging of the balls. In their canoe poi in which they imitate the action of paddling a canoe and swinging their poi balls in perfect unison to the accompaniment of a lively chant. They imitate the soaring of the hawk and other birds and I never saw such perfect acting in action dancing anywhere. I have not time to go into a description of the natives, but they are very pleasant people, and although the old types and tribes are dying out, they make very good and intelligent citizens. They have many beautiful legends and their customs are very peculiar. The older types have their faces tattooed in figures that show their rank and to what tribe they belong.

The next day we were taken on what is known as the six-lake trip. We left the hotel at 8 in the morning and taking our lunch with us, drove up the valley skirting lakes Rotorua, Rotoitoti, Okataina, Tarawera, Rotekahi and Tikitapu. On this trip we divided into two parties as before, one party going up the lake in a launch and the other driving up and returning by launch. The trip around these lakes and through the forests along their shores is certainly a beautiful trip. We crossed streams in which were swimming the most beautiful speckled and rainbow trout I have ever seen. I am told that soon it will be necessary to blast the trout in these lakes, in order to thin them out. Trout were transplanted in New Zealand from the United States several years ago.

On arriving at the north end of the lake we ate our lunch and boarded the launch as soon as it arrived. The trip back by water surpasses any trip I have ever taken—it is beyond description. The west shores are thickly timbered and very pretty. The best thing I saw on the trip was the

Hamarura spring, which is a veritable underground river. Five million gallons of water flow from this spring daily. The spring is about ten feet in diameter and you can see down it for nearly 50 feet. You reach the head of this spring in small rowboats, carrying about 10 or 12 passengers.

We got back to the hotel about 3:30, and spent the rest of the evening wandering around and visiting the baths and mud springs. The next morning at 9 we left for Auckland, where we arrived about 4 p. m., and in the evening we were entertained by the Rugby union.

The next day we were received by the mayor and taken on a ride around the country. Auckland has the same population as Wellington, and is very pretty. It is built on an isthmus ten miles wide and is very mountainous. The mountains are all volcanic and the houses look very picturesque, built on the natural terraces around these cone-shaped mountains. There is a great rivalry between Auckland and Wellington, and each city tries to outdo the other, consequently these two cities are better kept up than any of the others. Our last game was played with the Auckland Repts, and was a draw, 13 to 13. We left on the Moura that evening for Suva, there to take the Zealandia for home.

The Moura was not a very good sailing vessel and tossed about like a cork. Even the captain of the boat was sick for the first three days. The cabins were stuffy, so most of us slept on the deck. We arrived at Suva on the morning of the 8th and the Zealandia came in soon after and we boarded her for the last lap of our ocean trip. There was a good passenger list on board and we had a very pleasant trip home. At Honolulu Bennett and I were fortunate enough to get in on a trip and native dinner given to the Stanford men by an ex-native student and saw part of the island and spent a very pleasant afternoon. We were here about 12

hours, and came on board at midnight loaded down—with flowers and fruit.

I am not able to make a comparison between Australia and New Zealand for I did not see as much of Australia as I did of New Zealand. I can say, however, that the train service in both countries is very poor—in fact rotten. The railroads are owned by the government and there is no competition or incentive to improve the conditions. The only city in which I saw up-to-date electrical work was in Auckland. The power company here is controlled by an American firm and an American is at the head of the work. They use the G. E. installation altogether. The team got off at Victoria, and caught a boat for Seattle, and began to break up from then on, some leaving at every station and taking the shortest cut for home, American football team, after having traveled over 20,000 miles on land and sea.

You will ask if the trip was a success for us, and I can say it was decidedly so. We all learned many things that will prove of value to us later on and as far as the rugby part of it goes, I think that the team put out by the U. and thus ended the tour of the All-C. this fall, of which ten were All-American players, is a sufficient proof that that end of it was far from being a failure.

I can say, in conclusion, that I am glad I went, and I had a good time, but no matter where you are or how good you are being treated, there is no place like home, and I was glad to get back.

Note.—With the conclusion of this article, which was begun in the December issue, we desire to express our sincere appreciation for Mr. Leavitt's effort in preparing so graphically and thoroughly this well-written account of his trip. The entire article may be had from the editor for 10 cents.—Editor.)

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