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DEFINITE NEWS ABOUT 'FRISCO

ASHBURN GETS LETTER FROM
MILITARY AUTHORITIES
STATING CONDITIONS.

ONE BATTALION NEEDED

Ike Ashburn has received the following letter from the military authorities at San Francisco. A meeting of the corps will be called in a few days to decide finally whether the corps or any part of it shall go as a body. Ashburn figures that the trip can be made very cheaply, and he sees no reason for being discouraged. The letter follows:

Cadets from agricultural colleges invited to San Francisco by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition may have the privilege of occupying a cantonment provided by the Exposition, and situated very conveniently just outside the Exposition grounds at the foot of Van Ness Avenue. This cantonment will be supplied with running water, showers for the men, and bathtubs for the officers; rooms will be provided for field officers and a club room for the men; double deck bunks with mattresses and pillows will also be provided for the men, single bunks, mattresses and pillows for the officers. The cantonment will be lighted and heated. Blankets, towels, sheets and pillow cases must be supplied by organizations. A mess hall will be maintained, at which board may be had at the rate of 75c per man per day. No kitchen nor dining room facilities for the maintenance of separate organization messes can be provided.

In addition to the above arrangements there will probably be available after August 1st a model camp which may be occupied by those organizations which would rather be in camp than in cantonment. This camp, if constructed, will be on the Fort Scott Military Reservation about a mile and a half from the western entrance to the Exposition grounds; it will be a strictly model camp, with running water and all necessary conveniences, except blankets, towels, sheets and pillow cases.

We will be in position to care for at least 2,500 men in the cantonment, and if the camp becomes available, we will have room for 1,400 additional, or 3,900 altogether; therefore, by arranging dates in advance, we expect to be able to accommodate every organization which desires to attend the Exposition in this way. You are therefore invited to send as many companies as you will.

As to the most convenient time to come, you are requested to notify this office at the earliest possible date the period you would like reserved for your troops, also you might state your second choice, and if possible, your wishes in the matter will be respected.

Cadets from agricultural colleges will be entitled to free admission to the

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THE CIVIL ENGINEERS HOLD ANNUAL RECEPTION

Music and Meriment Reign Thruout the Occasion—Delicious Refreshments are Served to all Members

TASTEFUL DECORATIONS

One of the most enjoyable social treats of this year to the corps and campus people was the annual reception given by the Civil Engineering department Saturday evening, March 13, in the Civil Engineering building.

Promptly at 8:30 the receiving line, headed by Mr. Denton, president of the C. E. Society, was formed in room 22, which the Senior Civil Engineering students had decorated very appropriately with pennants, banners, Cupid's hearts, transits, levels and various insignia of their military ranks. The line was composed of the C. E. faculty and their wives, President and Mrs. Bizzell, Lieutenant and Mrs. Hill, the Senior civil engineers and their visiting lady friends.

After leaving the reception room the guests were ushered into the punch room, which the Junior civil engineers had decorated most artistically. Misses Spence and Love ably presided over the punch bowls. From here the guests went into room 28, where they observed a most appropriate scheme of decoration which the Juniors had carried out.

From the Junior room some of the

guests retired to the Sophomore room, where they were pleasantly entertained by piano music and by studying the scheme of decoration that the Sophomores had followed out. Others went to the third floor and there awaited the most appreciated event of the evening. It was a solo by Mrs. Marshall, accompanied by Miss Park at the piano, and a reading by Miss Park. Following this brick cream and cake were served.

The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing on both the second and third floors. The college orchestra furnished music for the dancers on the third floor.

A very unique as well as an artistic exhibition was found on the blackboard in the dancing room on the third floor. From the turns used and the designs it was evident that some Senior C. E. was the artist.

When "Home, Sweet Home" was played at 11:30 o'clock, the many guests, as they departed, declared that they had spent a most enjoyable evening and that the civil engineers were indeed hospitable hosts.

AUSTIN LITERARY SOCIETY REVIVES

OLD-TIME MEMBERS MEET, REORGANIZE, AND START WITH ENTHUSIASM.

OLDEST CORPS INSTITUTION

The Austin Literary Society, which tradition says was founded the year the college opened, has been reorganized. The permanent organization was completed Monday night, following the temporary organization which was effected Wednesday at noon as the result of a call meeting, at both of which meetings A. E. Burges acted as chairman.

G. A. Saper was elected president; S. K. Mason, vice-president; M. C. Crisp, secretary-treasurer; R. R. Allen, critic, and B. H. Dickie, sergeant-at-arms. J. C. Collins, W. P. Martin, and A. E. Burges are the remaining three of the eight members who were members when the society suspended operations in 1912. The necessary ar-

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E. E. DEPARTMENT GETS MACHINERY

A 90-H. P. SYNCHRONOUS MOTOR-2 30-KILOWATT DIRECT CURRENT GENERATORS.

DEPT. NOW WELL EQUIPT

Last week the E. E. department received a 90-horse power synchronous motor coupled to two 30-kilowatt direct current 250-volt generators. The new machinery is to be used in running tests on railway motor equipment, which consist of all working parts of a street car except the body.

With this new equipment added the E. E. laboratory ranks among the best equipt laboratories in the United States, not excepting those of Boston Tech. and Purdue.

In a short time the elevator and the necessary machinery for its operation will be installed in the E. E. building. A former A. and M. student, who is now with the Otis Elevator Company of Houston, will be in charge of the

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JUNIOR BANQUET EXCITING AFFAIR

SOPHOMORES STEAL TOASTMASTER, BUT JUNIORS RECAPTURE HIM.

CLASS SPIRIT RUNS HIGH

The Junior banquet, staged last Friday evening in Sbisa Hall, can be said to have been, in every respect, a glorious success and a creditable tribute to the men who planned it. The service was well appointed, the speakers were exceptionally well suited to their various subjects, and class spirit and good fellowship ran thru the assemblage with Niagara Falls magnitude. At no moment during the history of the '16 class was the spirit of unity so paramount. Petty differences were forgotten and a feeling of fraternal love filled the hearts of all present.

It may be said, by way of paraphrase, that the Juniors enjoyed the "ultimate giggle" over the '17 class.

After successfully capturing and abducting the toastmaster and all speakers on the program save two, they were unlucky enough to allow them all to fall back into the hands of the Juniors. What mattered a seven-mile stroll into the jungles east of College to Nick Braumiller, Clyde Slay, Lefty McGilberry, Alex. Dickie, Captain Johnnie and others, when as the result of their creditable efforts the illustrious "Runt" presided at the head of the board! Little did a three-mile jaunt phase Jennings of "M" Company when he was able to return and enlighten his less fortunate class-mates on the finer points of the society game! All speakers were present at the opening of the banquet and all enjoyed the evening better for the experiences of the several hours preceding.

To the alluring strains of Spanish music, rendered by Villa's Orchestra, the banqueters filed into the west end of Sbisa Hall and took their seats at tables arranged in U-shape, and tastily decorated with ferns and other potted plants. Fluent speech told of the numerous adventures of the afternoon and early evening, but failed to defer the assiduous attention being paid to the bounties of the board.

With the bringing on of the chicken, the speeches of the evening were begun. P. H. Olson spoke of the '16 class, its honors and achievements, both academic and athletic, of its past, present and future, and of its aims and inspirations. Following him at intervals were J. P. Garrity, championing the cause and object of athletics; W. J. Crocker, revealing A. and M. Society; C. D. Stoner, eulogizing the temperate man; G. C. Moffett, predicting in a mysteriously accurate manner the futures of several individuals and proclaiming the future pos-

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