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PROF. JAGGAR AT VESUVIUS.

Obtains Interesting Photographs and Specimens at Scene of Recent Disaster.

On the 7th of April Prof. Jaggar was occupied with his duties as teacher of Géology at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. News came by wire that Mount Vesuvius had been in active eruption since the fourth of April. On the 8th it appeared that the eruption was one of those extraordinary ones which take place at Naples about once in thirty-five years. Disaster and loss of life were reported. It seemed desirable to gather information at the center of the disturbance and to collect specimens. This was especially needed by way of comparison with the phenomena which Prof. Jaggar had studied in Martinique and St. Vincent in 1902. Prof. Jaggar sailed on the "Lorraine" April 12th, and arrived at Paris on the 20th, where he was greeted with the heartrending news of the San Francisco disaster. He proceeded to Naples by way of Marseilles, Nice, Pisa, and Rome, arriving on April 23rd. On April 24th, in company with Dr. Tempest Anderson and two other members of the Alpine Club, he went to the volcano and the party remained for several days on the high slopes of the mountain. They lodged at Cook's Hermitage Hotel adjoining the Royal Observatory, where Dr. Matteuci cordially greeted them.

On Wednesday, April 25th, the party climbed to the edge of the crater, and had the good fortune to obtain photographs and a partial view of the interior of the new cauldron. On the day preceding, Dr. Matteuci, accompanied by Mr. Perret, an American who is honorary assistant at the station, had made an ascent, and to them justly belongs the honor of being the first to reach the edge of the crater and to measure the loss of height which the mountain has suffered. On the 26th Prof. Jaggar, in company with Mr. John Brigg, climbed Monte Somma, the outer ridge of Vesuvius. There a still better view of the new cone and crater was had, and it was possible to gain a comprehensive view of the scene of ruin and desolation at Ottajano and San Giuseppe northeast of the volcano. On the 27th collections were made of fallen lapilli and ash between the Observatory and Naples. On the 29th the lava streams south of the cone were studied, and on the 30th an expedition was made to Pozzuoli and Baia. On May 2 Prof. Jaggar sailed from Naples on the "Canopic."

BASKETBALL TEAM MEETS.

The Basketball Team held a meeting in 33 Rogers yesterday for the purpose of electing officers for the coming season. C. R. Lamont, '07, was elected captain, and C. W. Whitmore, '08, manager.

RESULTS ARE DOUBTFUL.

Five Colleges Seem Almost Equal, and Close Scores are Expected.

The New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association, for the first time in the Association's history, comes to Boston for its annual championship track and field meet, and tomorrow afternoon on Tech Field the pick of all the college athletes of New England, barring only Harvard and Yale, will participate for the individual medals and for the championship cup that goes to the college scoring the greatest number of points in the meet.

The contest has narrowed down to Amherst, Brown, Dartmouth, Technology and Williams. On form shown throughout the year these teams are about evenly matched, though Amherst and Dartmouth seem to have slightly stronger teams. Dartmouth will be in an entirely different class than when it was beaten in the dual meet with Harvard. Swazey and Jordan, who won first and second places in both dashes last year, are again entered, while the men entered in the distance runs are expected to win points. Dartmouth is weak in the field events, excepting the pole vault, and will hardly score.

The Amherst athletes have for the past four years carried off team honors, but now, however, Amherst finds herself in far less favorable circumstances. Her captain has been down with diphtheria; others of her star athletes are back in their studies, and altogether Amherst is, at best, slightly disorganized. Most of her points will come from the dashes, hurdles and field events.

Brown, which finished third a year ago, many points back of Amherst and Dartmouth, is generally considered stronger this year, and may be the dark horse of the meet. Most of its strength will be mustered in the distance runs, which Captain Wright is certain to win. Brown supporters claim that the Providence College has a well-balanced team and are backing it for at least third place again.

Although Williams won the dual meet from Tech last Saturday, it failed to show the team of past years, and will hardly be strong enough to put up even the fight it has in past years. Although Technology was defeated last Saturday, the home team was shown to be easily one of the best balanced of those that will compete tomorrow. A comparison of results made last Saturday with those made by other colleges this year, shows that Tech ought to land first in at least three events and enough seconds and thirds to make up a winning score.

The meet will not be a walk away for any of the college teams and will be one of the closest and hardest fought ever held by the Association. The track is in excellent condition, and, if there is no wind, records ought to be broken.

COMPETITIVE DRILL.

Freshman Battalion to Hold Annual Event at South Armory Tonight.

The annual competitive drill of the Freshman battalion will be held at South Armory tonight at 7.30. The idea of holding the competition at night instead of on a Wednesday afternoon is new this year, and it is hoped that the result will be more wide-spread interest and a larger attendance than ever before. As formerly, the Institute will give a dinner to the winning company, and to stimulate rivalry in the individual drill, Major Wheeler has provided a handsome medal for the winner.

The exercises will commence promptly at 7.30 with the appearance on the floor of Company C. The drill will consist of a series of exercises in the manual of arms, and of various company and platoon movements. The other companies will follow in order determined by lot. The judges are A. Macomber, '07, B. Nichols, '07, and H. S. Wonson, '07.

The same judges will award the decision in the individual competitive drill, which is to follow the company drill. So general was the interest shown in this event, that it was found necessary to limit the number of men entering; hence, eight men have been picked from each company by the captains, and these will make up the first squad competing.

The individual drill will be followed by a battalion drill, during which the battalion will be reviewed by Prof. Merrill. The exercises will conclude with dress parade, the announcement of the decisions of the judges and the awarding of prizes, and the presentation of commissions and warrants to the officers and non-commissioned officers of the battalion.

TECHNIQUE '08 OFFERS PRIZES.

The meeting of the 1908 *Technique* Board Thursday evening was taken up largely with a discussion of the various prizes to be offered for literary and artistic contributions. It was finally decided to give \$10 for the best cover design turned in; \$10 for the best drawing or set of drawings; \$5 for the five best grinds and quotations; \$5 for the best short, humorous contribution, either prose or poetry; and \$5 each to the authors of the four class histories accepted. The next meeting of the Board will be held in 26 Rogers Wednesday afternoon at 5 P.M.

The University of Minnesota and Carlisle Indian School football teams are to play at Minneapolis, Minn., November 17. Minnesota is the heaviest and slowest playing team in the middle West, and its work against the fast and light Indians will be closely watched by all lovers of the game.

CALENDAR.

FRIDAY, MAY 18.

- 3.00 P.M. Trials in N. E. I. A. A. Meet at Tech Field.
- 4.00 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.
- 7.30 P.M. Competitive Drill at South Armory, Irvington Street.

SATURDAY, MAY 19.

- 2.00 P.M. Finals in N. E. I. A. A. Meet at Tech Field.
- 7.00 P.M. Annual Banquet of Architectural Society at the American House.

MONDAY, MAY 21.

- 9.00 A.M. Annual Examinations begin.
- 1.00 P.M. 1908 Baseball Picture at Notman's Studio.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23.

- 5.00 P.M. *Technique* '08 Meeting in 26 Rogers.

THURSDAY, MAY 31.

- 6.30 P.M. Senior Class Dinner at the American House.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1.

- 4.00 P.M. Alumni Reception.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2.

- 8.00 P.M. Musical Clubs' Concert to Senior Class in Huntington Hall.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3.

- 4.00 P.M. Baccalaureate Sermon at Trinity Church.

MONDAY, JUNE 4.

- 2.00 P.M. Class Day Exercises and Spread.
- 8.00 P.M. Senior Dance at Copley Hall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5.

- 2.00 P.M. Commencement Exercises.
- 4.30 P.M. President's Reception.
- 8.00 P.M. Pop Concert, Symphony Hall.

FACULTY NOTICE.

Physical Laboratory.—The laboratory will close for third year students on Friday, May 18, and for second year students on Thursday, May 24. Reports on all work performed during the year will be returned on or before Saturday, May 19, on the tables in Room 16. After that date they may be obtained in the hall in the basement. Reports remaining unclaimed after June 2 will be confiscated. Students should verify reports handed in by reference to their posted records in Room 16. No reports will be accepted after Thursday, May 31.

NOTICES.

Physical Exam.—All students who took a physical examination in the fall are requested to make an appointment for a second examination, if they have not already done so, as soon as possible.

Keys.—All students are requested to leave their locker, gymnasium, and other keys issued by the Institute, at the Bursar's office before leaving at the end of the year. It would be a favor to Mr. Rand if students would kindly comply with this request.