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CHAMPIONSHIPS

Yes, Oregon has several championships to win this year. The football championship is one and it looks as though she might get it.

But how about the championships that are hers to be kept? They are just as important and, what's more, one of them at least is very doubtful—track.

For the last four years Oregon has not been defeated in a track meet. In the triangular contest she has won more points than Washington and Idaho combined. Shall this phenomenal record be not upheld?

Unless there is soon a radical change in the situation Oregon will be defeated this year. Trainer Hayward says that it makes him faint at heart to think of the coming season because of the discouraging lack of material. His old point winners are gone. To his call for recruits, the freshmen seem deaf.

What's the matter with you freshmen? You have the chance of a life time. A depleted track team calls for you. One of the greatest trainers in the world offers you his services. He has trained world beaters, many of them coming to him without the slightest apparent ability. He should have fifty freshmen on the track every night.

Two weeks from tonight the first track meet of the year will take place. The freshmen should win; they have the largest class. But present indications are that they will not.

This is not an annual hard luck story. It is a fact. Unless the freshmen furnish some first class point winners, Oregon's prestige is doomed. Many seem to think that nothing is needed but a trainer. There never was a more foolish thought. Hayward can't win without men. Get out and support him.

A Corvallis newspaper correspondent recently made a strange allusion to Bergman, the O. A. C. hurdler, as the champion high and low hurdler of the Northwest. Our Corvallis friends have evidently forgotten the fact that during last season Bergman was three times defeated by Martin H. Hawkins of the University of Oregon in the high hurdles. And in two of those instances it was a positive walk away for the Oregon man.

The Emerald has had some difficulty in making arrangements for the delivery of the first issues of the paper. The

manager now has the matter well in hand and will hereafter get a copy to every subscriber the same day it is printed. Subscribers who are missed will confer a favor on the editor by reporting the oversight immediately to the Emerald office. The manager gets the blame.

Last night's rally showed the proper spirit. The freshmen are getting it—we knew they would. The Oregon spirit, however, is not an end. It is only the means to an end. It brings results that rivals marvel at. After the spirit shown last night we expect to see the freshmen turning part of it into useful channels by doing something themselves for their college.

MINISTERS SHOULD HELP THEIR WIVES

Ministers should help their wives with the house work, both as a recompense for the intellectual aid and inspiration they receive from their wives, and as a means of recreation. Such was the decision of the Eutaxian society, last Wednesday night, after hearing a spirited extempore debate on the subject between Essie Sechrist, Birdie Wise, and Alice Larsen for the affirmative, and Naomi Williamson, Lilah Clark and Frances Young for the negative.

Two minute impromptu speeches were given by Jessie Calkins, Jennie Lilley and Ethel Johnson on the respective subjects: "A College Girl's Ideal Man," "The Eutaxians," "The Mill Race."

NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE ALUMNI

Walter Eaton, '09, is deputy county surveyor for Lane County.

Nellie McNeill, '09, is taking post graduate work in the University.

Mae Barzee, '09, is teaching mathematics in the Eugene High School.

A. S. Trew, '09, has a position at the Southern Pacific depot in Eugene.

Mary Watson, '09, is assistant in the English department of the University.

Oscar Prosser, '08, is studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Cornelius Beebe, '09, is studying theology in a large Eastern divinity school.

Ray D. Fisher, '09, and Felix Moore, '07, are teaching in the Eugene High School.

Bob Hickson, '09, is working for the government engineering department in the custom house at Portland.

George Talbert, '09, is in the thick of the fight between Hill and Harriman in the Deschutes Canyon in Eastern Oregon.

Ray "Ike" Fountain, '07, was married during the summer. He is now completing his medical course at the University of Chicago.

Harold Merryman, '09, has been reading law in his brother's office at Hillsboro during the summer. He expects to complete his course at the University of Oregon Law Department in Portland.

Paul Bond is taking post graduate work in chemistry at the University this year. He is also acting as instructor in the science department, taking the place of Andrew W. Jackson, who has gone East.

Joe Barber who graduated from the University of Oregon in 1907 is back again. Barber went from Oregon to Rush Medical Institute, where he spent a year. Since that time he has been in the mines of Canada. He liked the work so well that he is going to prepare himself for that profession. Accordingly he has re-entered college as a freshman in the engineering department.

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DEBATE WITH UTAH IS PROBABLE THIS YEAR

University of Utah and O. A. C. have both written for a debate with Oregon during this year. Monday afternoon at four o'clock the debate committee will meet and decide what action to take.

It is very probable that the Utah debate will be undertaken; but if the rule laid down four years ago to debate only state universities is followed, the challenge from O. A. C. cannot be accepted.

Debate prospects this year are by far the brightest they have been since the championship team of 1907. Coach Buchen has been hard at work with the old material and the men enrolled in the debating course are laying a firm foundation for any question that is liable to come up, though it is practically certain that "National Incorporation" will be selected for the interstate debate.

When interviewed in the matter, Coach Buchen said, "There seems to be a host of freshman material, but whether they will get out and work or lay back as they have in football I am unable to say. One thing is certain, however, whether old men or new, those who turn out for debate this year will have to work. There will be no slipshod methods tolerated."

TEN DOLLAR FIRE; NO INSURANCE

Fire in the home of the Hood River boys' club at 1180 Woodcock Ave., last Wednesday night destroyed laundry to the value of ten dollars, none of which was insured. Only the timely arrival of the city marshal saved the entire building. The members blame freshman carelessness for the catastrophe.

The next few weeks will see great strides made in the progress of the Oregon.

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COMMITTEE WANTS A HAZING SUBSTITUTE

Plans for a substitute for hazing, such as class rushes, or games, were discussed at the regular meeting of the executive committee of the Associated Students Thursday afternoon.

The committee finally decided to make inquiries of other colleges as to prevailing customs. In this way it is hoped to combine the best parts in the customs of other colleges and incorporate them at Oregon.

When the executive committee receives its answers, the matter may be taken up by the student affairs committee.

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