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THE JUNIOR ANNUAL

The story of the financial failure of last year's Oregonian, reported in this issue of the Emerald, is neither new nor surprising, however sensational it may seem. The Junior Annual has never been a success at the University of Oregon, and with a possible exception in widely scattered years, we venture the opinion that it never will.

The class of 1911 could get a valuable lesson from the experience of Manager Loosley but they will not. Filled with the enthusiasm of youth, they are rushing madly on without thought of the end. C. W. Robison is an able editor. He may put out an exceptional book and it may pay expenses. But the year will then be like the book, an exception.

The fact is that the students of the University of Oregon do not want the ordinary Annual every year. They will not buy it. Probably one-third of them get a single copy. This is not a lack of college spirit but an indication that few students want four copies—one every year—of a book, every copy of which deals with and contains the same essential material. One, or at least two, copies is all they want as souvenirs of their college life.

Does not this fact itself suggest a solution of the problem? Consider! Each student aims to buy one or two Annuals during his course at college as something to remember in college life. Some buy one every year, but manifestly the majority do not. Then why publish one every year?

The practical solution of the problem is simple. Let the Oregonian be published every other year by the combined junior and senior classes. Let one class furnish the editor and the other the manager. Let the assistants be apportioned fairly among them, and give each class equal attention in the book itself.

This plan has many independent advantages. Coming only once in two years, the students will not be surfeited with an overstock. By interesting two classes in its behalf, the sale will be approximately doubled from this cause alone. These are the financial benefits.

But this is not all. A first class editor is the exception. Not more than one class in two possesses one. The same fact holds in regard to the manager. It is safe to say that not one class in four has the good fortune to find both a good manager and a good editor in its number. How much would the chances improve if two classes united!

We know this is wasting words. Every class thinks that it has exceptional talent and can put out the greatest book on record. No junior can be convinced that their Annual will fail, but any senior can. A five dollar class tax is a persuasive argument.

ALUMNI

Last year, the manager of the Weekly undertook to give 300 copies to the Alumni Association at a club rate of fifty cents per copy. The said association is never very prompt in the payment of its debts and in this case it paid nothing.

The Emerald, being a semi-weekly publication, is absolutely unable as a matter of business to supply papers at the price that the Weekly did. But as a matter of college spirit we have decided that we will do it at a slight loss.

Our reasons for this are many. We know that most of the old timers want the paper. Daily letters from them are conclusive proof.

The only way we can determine just who wants it and who does not, is to send it to all and see if they pay for it. It will be necessary, therefore, for those who want the paper to forward us the money at once. If they do not, the paper will be discontinued.

The price of the paper alone will be fifty cents. By special arrangements with the Alumni treasurer, we have arranged to collect the fifty cents for dues at the same time and turn it over to the Alumni association.

Alumni who wish the paper will therefore please send to us at once one dollar—half for subscription to the paper and half for association dues. Those who do not receive their paper will be doing us a favor if they notify us of the fact.

SOL. METZGER IS BOSS AT CORVALLIS

CORVALLIS, Oct. 14.—(Special to the Emerald)—Carl Wolff, Oregon Agricultural College's great half-back and punter was summarily dismissed from the football squad on Thursday by Coach Metzger, for disobeying orders and breaking training. Wolff has always been a hard man to handle and has had much his own way at the Agricultural college until this season. When at the beginning of training Wolff showed a tendency to be stubborn, he was warned several times by Metzger. On several occasions, he disobeyed the coach's orders, and when he cut practice yesterday without giving any reasons, his dismissal followed.

Metzger says that although a good man, Wolff had a demoralizing influence on the other men and that the team is better off without him. The students and football men are supporting Metzger and it is believed that by his decided stand he has broken up the ring formed to buck him. At any rate Metzger has shown that he means business and that the men who represent the Oregon Agricultural College this year, at least, have earned their positions.

RECITATIONS ON TEXT BOOKS IN SHOP WORK

Text books will be used henceforth in all shop courses. Such is the decision of C. W. Converse, who believes that by this means more theory can be learned in the limited time allowed for shop work. "Pamphlets of the International Correspondence School will be used," says he. "There will be two recitations or possibly written quizzes a month, time for these being taken out of the regular shop period. The studying will have to be done outside, for the time is too limited to admit of giving over a whole period. "There should be no complaint on this score," he continued, "for it is generally considered that engineering students are taking these courses for what they can get out of them, not for the credit."

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Literary Societies

The Philologian society held its regular meeting last night instead of tonight, as had been scheduled, the feature of the evening being two sensational lectures on "sparking" by L. E. McCoy and Ferdinand Struck. (The latter was prepared on his subject, describing minutely and by suggestion the kind pertaining to individuals. McCoy, however, being an electrical engineer, was chiefly impressed by the "sparking" of an electric dynamo and confined his remarks to the field he had specialized in.

An entire freshman program is scheduled for the Laureau meeting tonight. Gore, McFarland, Warner and Beorly will make extempore speeches, after which the question of "A State Prohibition Law" will be debated. Roberts, Brosius and Cash will argue for the law, and Ed. Baily, Collier and Kuykendall will oppose it. Several amendments to the constitution will be taken up at the business meeting.

Coach Buchen spoke before the Eutaxians last Wednesday evening, taking as his subject "an Easterner's Impression of the West." He said that what Oregon lacked in number of students she made up in spirit. As to debating, he declared that prospects were bright, encouraged the girls in the formation of a women's debate league, and offered his services as coach.

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