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A Good Idea

In order that students might be aided in identifying players in last Thanksgiving's football game with O. A. C. we urged that large numbers be placed on their backs, as is done in the track meets. The suggestion did not meet with any response at the time. We are still convinced, however, that the innovation would make the game better from the spectator's point of view and we hope the experiment will be tried this season.

Right in line with the suggestion comes a similar plea from "Herbert" a sporting writer in the New York Tribune. He says:

"There is an easier way than a loud voice and a giant megaphone to inject a personal touch to a contest on the gridiron and thus make the game far more attractive and popular than it is now. A year ago I made a strong plea that the players should be numbered, as is the case at athletic games and bicycle races.

"For some reason hard to explain there appears to be an aversion to doing this, and in all probability this paragraph will be scoffed at. The fact remains that there is a crying need of properly identifying the players in a sport which holds such a high place in popular esteem. There is so much loose formation work, and the players are dressed so much alike that even those who know the men personally find it difficult to recognize them on the field.

"Coy wore a white bandage around his head in the Princeton game and thereby earned the good will of all newspaper men, for the reason that he could be followed in every play. Men with some distinguishing mark, like a heavy pad, a bandage or possibly red hair, get credit for doing more than men who are deserving perhaps of greater consideration for the reason that they can be identified readily. This works a hardship oftentimes that could be easily avoided. The football rules committee would do well to give this question some consideration at its next meeting.—University of Washington Daily.

R. E. Fay, editor of the comic publication of the University of California, "The Pelican", has been suspended for the remainder of this year. The action

was taken upon recommendation of the Undergraduate Student Affairs committee for alleged publication of matter that would bring discredit upon the university.

Pat McArthur is spending a few days with his fraternity brothers at the Sigma Nu house. Pat is just returning from an extended trip through Eastern Oregon.

Jim Overturf, a former student at the University of Oregon, is now secretary of the Pilot Butte Irrigation Co. at Bend, Oregon.

Francis Nelson, '09, is teaching in the Albany High School.

College News

One hundred and twenty-five are out for the freshman crew at Cornell.

Fencing is becoming a popular sport at Cornell. A large number of men have joined the squad and several intercollegiate matches will be held this year. A fencing team consists of five regulars and two substitutes.

The faculty of Ohio Wesleyan University propose prohibiting the college Glee Club making any engagements away from the college. The students are indignant and hope to influence the faculty to take other action.

A "Wireless" club has been organized at the University of Pennsylvania. The club hopes to connect with wireless stations at Princeton, Columbia and Cornell.

A cross-country club has been organized at O. A. C. for the purpose of developing distance runners for next season's track team. Training will begin at once for an inter-class cross-country run which will take place Thanksgiving

REGULAR VARSITY BAND IS ORGANIZED

The Varsity Band, started last year by R. Burns Powell, was regenerated last Thursday night and made a permanent organization under the direction of Mr. E. R. Shraeder, a musician from Colorado, who has recently located in Eugene.

The band will be composed of Varsity players and young men from the High School and town who are anxious to become musicians. Mr. Shraeder wishes to develop a concert band, composed of students and young men, that will have no peer in the country. He is a man of wide experience as an instructor of amateur bands and begins this work with enthusiasm that prophecies success.

The organization has twelve members but it will eventually be augmented to twenty or twenty-five members. The instrumentation is complete with the exception of clarinets, but Mr. Shraeder, who is a clarinetist himself, will immediately start a number of young men in the study of the clarinet and will give them private instruction. The band will rehearse in Villard Hall and be present at all games and rallies.

In speaking of the band one prominent member said: "We think we have a band started now that will live. The boys are enthusiastic over it as well as Mr. Shraeder. I don't see why Oregon can't have a permanent band as well as O. A. C., Whitman, Pacific University and the other colleges of the Northwest. If you once get a band well organized with a competent instructor at its head it is a comparatively easy matter to maintain it, for the fellows who are musically inclined will recognize its efficiency and be anxious to become a member. Mr. Shraeder seems to be a competent instructor and with conscientious work on the part of the members of the band and the support of the students this band should be a success."

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Owing to the demands of his college work and outside duties, C. A. Osterholm has been obliged to resign from his position as treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. of the University of Oregon. He will be succeeded by C. A. Steele, who has been an active and influential member in the association for a number of years.

Dean H. Hayes, ex-'11, is teaching in the English department at Hills Military Academy.

Miss Sue Hayes, '09, is teaching school at Fossil, Oregon.

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