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## A Few Random Thoughts.

The University of Oregon brings more trade and life to the city of Eugene than any other single influence. Most of the merchants recognize this. They advertise in the college papers not because the advertising itself brings trade but because they want to help the students. Why not patronize them?

Some business men refuse to stand by the University because they know that it must bring them trade whether they advertise in the student papers or not. Why patronize them?

The Emerald and Monthly are having difficulty with their finances because of inability to secure advertisements. Why not help them by showing merchants that such advertising pays?

Most business men advertise in the commercial as well as the college papers and have no way of telling what advertising brings the best results. Why not show that student trade comes from supporting student enterprise by mentioning that you "saw the ad in the Emerald?"

Just why the faculty insist on keeping compulsory thesis writing in the curriculum is hard to understand. The practice and practical work of preparing a thesis is undoubtedly the best kind of training for students in many departments but there are some subjects in which it seems almost like a waste of time—a mere formality. Why not make it optional with each professor and in some departments, perhaps, optional with the students? Surely nothing is gained by insisting upon the same absolute rule in all courses.

The idea of regular afternoons for the rooters to occupy the bleachers, watch the team work, and get together in some good rooting practice is a good one. It will cause more to be out at one time and arouse interest in the work. Perhaps secret practice will have a good effect after all besides helping the coaches. Every one get out Wednesday afternoon now and learn to yell.

Whitman College certainly has the right kind of spirit—no boasting or knocking, just good, loyal grit. We wish Oregon would compete more with the Missionaries.

Coach Dobbie of Washington and Coach Grogan of Idaho formerly coached rival colleges in the same town. No wonder Washington beat Idaho 50 to 0. There was evidently no such influence in the Whitman game, so perhaps Dobbie instructed his poor squad of "second team cripples" to take it easy.

At last the Oregon girls are to be allowed to debate. This is a matter that has dragged along enough and should now be taken up in earnest. Co-education may be a mistake, but as long as it is attempted it should be made so in fact as well as in name.

## News Letter.

University of Washington, Nov. 6.  
 Last night the students gave their annual shirt tail parade through the business streets, in order to advertise the Washington-Whitman game to be played today on Denny Field. Torches were carried, cowbells rung, and the varsity yells and songs given at all the principal corners in the business districts. Another will be held just before the Thanksgiving game with Oregon.

Washington's half century score against Idaho last Saturday came as a distinct shock to the students, for, although most of them expected the team to win, not even the most sanguine looked for anywhere near so large a score. Comparing this with W. S. C.'s 17-0 score of Friday, on paper at least, Washington is somewhat the stronger of the two.

There is still a chance of W. S. C.-Washington game, although the football men are not strongly in favor of it, on account of the congested state of the schedule. Student sentiment, on the whole is strongly in favor of the game, provided it is not postponed too far into December.

Any chance of a game with the Iowa State College team has been effectually killed by the inability of the easterners to get to the Coast until late in December, or possibly not till New Year's. The football candidates flatly refuse to keep in training for such a length of time for only one game.

At present there is a strong agitation in favor of establishing a university common dining table at which all students will be required to take their noon meal. A committee has been appointed by the board of control to investigate the matter, and it is probable that the department of domestic science will superintend the feeding of the hungry students, should the proposition be favorably passed upon.

Thursday four sophomores were ducked in Lake Union by their fellow classmates for not participating in the class fight, and four freshmen, who had come down to see the fun were similarly treated for not wearing the regulation freshman cap.

At an election held on Wednesday the name of the official paper at Washington was changed from "The Daily Pacific Wave" to "The University of Washington Daily." Last Saturday the daily's staff got out a football extra, containing news of all the games played in the Northwest, and telegraph news of all the big eastern games.

## Oil or Hot Air?

In spite of their overwhelming defeat by the University of Washington the University of Idaho Argonaut has a keen sense of humor. Commenting on the game last week it said, "We had read our rival's 'bear stories' and expected to have only a few crippled members of the second team to deal with. \* \* But we had not considered the wonderful effect which the moist breezes from Puget Sound have on charley horses, wrenched hips and sprained ankles. We are sorry that these men were so miraculously healed."

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The November number of the Bulletin is on the subject of Ancient Coins and the December number will be devoted to the School of Music.

## Dr. Carson Popular

Word comes from Dr. Luella Clay Carson, president of Mills College, California, that she is being royally received by the neighboring state. She says that the past two weeks has been a continual round of receptions in her honor. She still retains tender affections for the University of Oregon. Dr. Carson says that she longs for some sympathetic emblem of the beautiful farewell of Oregon on the one side, and the generous welcome of California on the other. She will be installed as president on December 11, 1909.

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