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Saturday, November 13, 1909.

A Happy Ending

The dispute between Manager Geary of the Glee Club and the Eugene Theatre is settled at last. Whatever opinions have been held as to the merits of either side, it must be admitted by all that this is a happy ending of a very disagreeable affair.

Naturally, we consider it a victory for Mr. Geary, for the Glee Club, and in general for all the students in the University. It has proved that there is some power in concerted action. It has shown that the students can make their influence effective. True, the reduction is not as much as was first demanded. It is not as much as we believe it should be, but it is a step in the right direction, and opens the way for further improvements along the same line.

Mr. Geary, by his firm stand for the right as he saw it, has done much for the students whose interests he represents. There are those who criticised his wisdom in undertaking what he did, but none could deny the righteousness of his cause. And now, even his wisdom has been splendidly vindicated.

Manager Smith has done much toward re-opening amicable relations between the students and him. By showing himself amenable to reason in considering their demands, he has won many friends, and sentiments of approval on his action are being freely expressed. We sincerely hope that it may lead to a lasting friendship such as should exist between the University of Oregon and the people among whom it is happy to be maintained.

We regret the unpleasant circumstances of this dispute and wish to see it forgotten as soon as possible. Any personalities it may have caused, we are ready to reconsider in the light of subsequent events, and, unless the subject is forced upon us, we will not engage in its discussion further.

Accommodating Visitors

Next Friday Eugene will be filled to overflowing with visitors to the O. A. C. game—probably the largest crowd that has ever sought food and shelter in the city. How are they going to be accommodated?

That some special method must be devised is evident to all who have seen the same conditions in former years. The regular hotels and restaurants will be swamped. The crowd couldn't be taken care of if they stood in line all

day. Besides, should the people of Eugene depend on private restaurants to treat their visitors fairly when such excellent opportunities for extortion are presented?

The best, in fact, the only way to solve this problem is for the various charitable or other organizations to set up temporary lunch tables in some public hall or church. By this method, not only would the visitors be well taken care of, but the organizations themselves could do much toward furthering their charitable work.

If the students and people of Eugene expect to keep the O. A. C. game on the campus, it is up to them to take some steps of this kind to decently provide for their guests.

The moral boycott to begin Monday is right in line with the Emerald's suggestion a few weeks ago for guiding the freshmen. We think, however, that the actual boycott will be unnecessary—the threat of it will suffice. Moreover, the cap rule is not the only place where the upper classmen should use their influence on the freshmen. There are many things done by the freshmen that could be corrected by a sharp but well meant word of criticism. All that is necessary is for everyone to do his duty.

Wednesday's class hour was evidently a success. Let each class give one during the year and much will be done toward renewing the lost class spirit. Freshmen, can you beat the sophomores?

1911 beats 1912 at football and 1912 beats 1913. That proves it—the University of Oregon is certainly retrograding.

Correspondence

Portland, Ore., Nov. 9, 1909. (To the Editor.)—A lapse of years has not lessened my loyalty nor allowed my interest to abate in affairs concerning the University, and it is with a feeling of pride and admiration that I watch her, "every onward step." Among her advancements is the "Oregon Emerald," in which I hope may see fit to express my views, views that I assure you are warmly seconded by many of the alumni, and which I know will call for much more than passing interest among the young men and women now in Oregon. But to be "Carsonian" and get down to my subject: I understand that the growth of the University demands the use of Kincaid Field for a building, and that the students will have to seek other grounds on which to add laurels to their glorious record in athletics. But what one thing would inspire her men more, what one thing would make her athletes fight harder, what one thing would make their victories more sacred, and their defeat more impossible, than to name the dust beneath their feet "Friendly Field."

For more than thirty years Hon. S. H. Friendly has dedicated his heart and pocketbook to a loyal and unselfish interest and love for the University. The people of the state know of his work and accomplishments for the college end of the institution, which they know he has done without any hope or desire for pecuniary gain or political advancement. The students of today seem wreathed in smiles and swelled with pride at their rallies and games, but only the old grads know of his work for their teams, and of his lifting hand to the men in the days of defeat. If the students could have known him then, seen him with tears in his eyes after a day of disaster, yet with a strong heart and a word of encouragement, coupled with an invitation to a banquet and to bring

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