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Student Body Dances.

The students of the University have at present no informal social functions. The class dances which constituted the sum total of college affairs are still formal, notwithstanding the movement on foot to make them less so. Unless there are some dances during the year at which the students may get together and enjoy themselves on equal terms, there is bound to be a tendency toward the formation of social castes and cliques. That such a condition would be highly undesirable is evident, and it is for the prevention of such a tendency that the executive committee of the associated students has outlined a plan whereby a number of informal student body dances will be held during the remainder of the year in the new gymnasium.

It is to be hoped that this plan will be carried out. Student society seems to be dull this year because of the cessation of roller skating among other things. Students coming here from other colleges complain that the University does not have nearly so many college functions as other schools. Again the dances held in the gymnasium would do away with the after dance suppers down town which are generally admitted to be one of the besetting sins of Varsity society, and against which student and faculty sentiment has so far been powerless. And finally more than all they would provide what is so badly needed at the University—college functions where there would be no social distinctions.

Hold German Christmas

The Christmas entertainment of the German Club was held at the Dormitory last night, the program being prepared and carried out in true German spirit. A Christmas tree was laden with gifts, each accompanied by an appropriate German verse composed by the giver. The presents were distributed by numbers, each person coming forward when their number was called and reading the verse upon the package before they received their gift from the hands of Dr. Koehler, who acted the part of St. Nicholas.

One of the prettiest features of the program, was a German dance by a number of the young women of the Club, who had been drilled under the direction of Dr. Stewart. After the close of the program refreshments were served and an impromptu dance occupied the remainder of the evening.

The Dormitory Club will give an informal dance in their reception room Friday night. They expect to follow it with several enjoyable evenings during the coming holidays.

A. S. Trew, '09, has returned to Eugene and is visiting at the Tawah Club.

RECLAIM LAND ALONG COLUMBIA BY DIKES

At the Engineering Club last Saturday evening, Geo. Poysky, president of the club, gave a lecture on the reclamation of water covered lands. He first took up the dike system of Holland, explaining in detail how it worked. Proceeding to the United States he told how five million acres of land was reclaimed at the Mississippi river delta, and one million in the Sacramento valley.

According to Mr. Poysky several thousand acres along the Columbia River have already been reclaimed by dikes and levees, and propositions are on foot to reclaim many more. The method of procedure is to build dikes to the head and foot of an island, and pump out the water between. These dikes are usually built by dipper dredges.

Dr. Leonard presented another of his series of lectures on mathematical puzzles. He first took up the problem of how much a man loses who takes a counterfeit bill in exchange for merchandise. Next he presented a solution of the old problem of how old is Ann. He found that according to one wording of the problem she is 16 years old; according to another she will be born in 44 years. Several other problems of like nature were presented. The next lecture of this series will be given in the near future.

MONTHLY OUT TODAY —HAS GOOD ARTICLES

The December number of the Oregon Monthly, which comes out today, contains a pleasing variety of reading matter. The high standard set in the first issue is maintained with new features to interest its readers.

From now on the Monthly will be divided into two main divisions: stories and scientific articles. Aside from these, this issue contains a number of excellent short poems by various contributors. Also a cartoon on the result of the O. A. C.-Oregon football game, by Luckey, '12.

The most interesting articles are as follows:

LITERARY DEPARTMENT	
Shorty—A Story.....	Paul Correll
A Vacation	Isolene Shaver
"And the Call Came Not".....	
.....	Frances Luckey
The "Rooter" Song.....	Dean Collins
The County Fair.....	Blanche Hughes
Healthy Bread.....	Alfred Powers
The Country Postoffice.....	Donna Todd
An Unfortunate Promise.....	Donna Todd
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT	
Selling the "Calumet".....	C. L. Marshall
The Bungalow.....	Ferdinand Struck
Peculiar Inventions.....	E. A. Marshall
The U. S. Life-Saving Tug "Snow-homish"	Clarence Walls
Railroad Construction.....	N. R. Charman

Alumnus Has Grouch

Some time ago the Emerald received a communication from W. L. Whittlesey, who after graduating served for a time on the Oregon Faculty. We were then and still are at a loss to understand his motives in thus knocking things in general in and about his Alma Mater and we are publishing the following letter in the hope that the rest of the students may be able to ascertain the motives of one whose actions we can only explain upon the hypothesis that he is a large sized grouch.

"To the Editor of the Oregon Emerald:

Sir: Apropos of the recent 20-6 game, has the University of Oregon football team ever before lost during two successive years to a college of our own class? Has it occurred to any of the present student body to resent this? It's all very well to lose gracefully but why abdicate?"

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