



## TRACK MEN MAY GET TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

### MEN ALREADY TRAINING TO UPHOLD VARSITY'S RECORD

Good Meets Scheduled For Eugene and Portland—Tri-State Probably in Seattle.

Most of the men Oregon is depending on for success on the track next spring are already hard at work, determined to continue the long string of victories of the past four years. Johns, McDaniels, Hawkins, Williams and Riddell are working hard, besides several of the freshmen who have been showing up well.

Trainer Hayward called a meeting of track men yesterday in which he outlined briefly the work for next Spring. The biggest thing on the schedule is the possibility of a trip to California to participate in the Annual California Conference meet, which this year will be held at Berkeley on May 7. Mr. Hayward is in receipt of a letter from the University of California manager inviting Oregon to enter, and if satisfactory financial arrangements can be made—for it will be an expensive trip—Oregon will probably enter. Manager Espy will make a trip to California between semesters and look into the proposition thoroughly.

In addition, there will be a full list of competitors in the Northwest and several good meets in Eugene. W. S. C. and Whitman have both written for a dual meet to be held in Eugene the latter part of May—perhaps during Junior Week End if Seattle gets the Tri-State meet. Of the two Whitman will probably be accommodated. This year the annual dual meet with Oregon Agricultural College will fall to Eugene, as Corvallis had it last year.

Washington is desirous of holding the Tri-State event in Seattle as they claim interest in athletics has been stimulated by last summer's Exposition games enough to make the meet the financial success that it heretofore has been only in Eugene. The Big Six Northwest Conference meet between Washington, W. S. C., Idaho, Whitman, O. A. C. and Oregon, will probably occur in Portland in May. There will also be the Seventh Annual Indoor meet at Columbia University so that the track athletes will be kept busy.

Besides the long looked for cross country run with the Agrics on Washington's Birthday, there will be held a field meet between the different classes of the Varsity. These two events should provide an excellent program for the holiday.

Professor Thurber wishes to meet all students majoring in Rhetoric in his class room tomorrow. He will speak of the requirements of the department and a grouping of courses.

The University College of Medicine at Richmond, Va., was completely destroyed by fire Jan. 6, 1910.

## STEAM ENGINES BUILT BEFORE CHRISTIAN ERA

At the Engineering Club last Saturday evening, C. W. Converse, head of the department of Mechanical Engineering, delivered a lecture on the growth and development of the steam engine. He divided the steam engine's history into the three periods of speculation, development and refinement.

The first period began at Alexandria in 200 B. C., with the steam reaction turbine of Hero, and lasted until the beginning of the last century. In this period all the fundamental principles of engine design were discovered. The greatest work was done by James Watt, an instrument maker at one time attached to the University of Glasgow.

From 1800 to 1850 these principles were fully developed, and the mechanical difficulties of construction overcome. During this period the steam engine received its application to power plants, pumping plants, and the propulsion of boats and locomotives.

The period of refinement extends from 1850 to the present time. During this period improvement only in minor parts and auxiliaries has been made. Mr. Converse illustrated his lecture throughout with many views of ancient and modern engines.

Dr. H. B. Leonard presented several more of his series of mathematical problems. Most of these were of an entertaining order and involved no higher mathematics.

The Owl Club held its regular meeting at the Gamma Delta Gamma house Tuesday evening. After the usual order of business dancing was indulged in. A delightful time was reported.

Dr. Bertha Stuart gave a talk on "Health and Religion" to an enthusiastic crowd of girls at the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday afternoon.

## "SHOW US" SAYS U. OF W.

### FAIL TO SEE REASON FOR SPECIAL CONFERENCE MEETING

Prof. Milnor Roberts, of the University of Washington, has written to George Hug, secretary of the Northwest Conference, for further information in regard to the meeting he has called for next month in Portland. The Washingtonians say that the regular meeting was not held during the holidays because there was no business to attend to, and they are at a loss to understand why another meeting should be held now.

Professor Roberts says they are perfectly willing to hold the meeting, however, but wish to have some idea of what it is for so they can talk it over and determine their stand in the matter. They are also willing to hold the meeting in Portland, though he says they would name Seattle as first choice.

The call for a special meeting originated with O. A. C., who wished to have settled several matters in the conference rules, and Whitman joined with them. Oregon was favorable, wishing to bring up the matter of a conference track meet and officials for conference games.

## MEN SELECTED FOR FINAL DEBATE TRYOUT

### DEBATERS FINISH LONG FIGHT NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

Alumni Medal Will Be Given to Best Individual Debater in the University.

Eight men were chosen at the debate tryout last night to enter the final contest in Villard Hall, Friday evening at seven, and which will be public. From the eight, six will be chosen to represent Oregon in the triangular league against Idaho and Washington. The Alumni medal will also be awarded to the best individual debater.

A new innovation was introduced into the last tryout when the judges were allowed to set the time to be given each speaker, just before the tryout began. This was done to show up the men who were using set speeches, and worked very well in that several had prepared for a longer time than was given them, and did not reach the main points they were trying to prove. It is probable that it will be a permanent feature in debate tryouts at Oregon hereafter.

The men chosen were: C. W. Robison, '11; leader of last year's negative team and winner of the alumni medal for the same year. He is editor of the 1911 Oregonian, and a Philologist.

P. M. Collier, '11; colleague on last year's affirmative team and leader of the team that won from Utah last week. He is vice president of the Laorean Literary society.

C. E. Spencer, '13, Oregon's "freshman wonder," colleague on the victorious team against Utah. He is a Laurean.

L. L. Ray, '12, colleague on last year's negative team against Idaho, is a member of the Laorean society.

Harold Zimmerman, '13, is from Salem where he had a splendid reputation in the State High School Debating League. He was alternate on the team that won from Utah last Friday and is a Laurean.

A. B. Cash, also a prominent Laurean and colleague on last year's team, is a native of Hood River, where he took an active part in the High School Debating League.

Wendell Barbour and Burns Powell are sophomores and members of the Laorean society. Barbour is a Eugene man and was President of last year's freshman class. He also took an active part in last year's oratorical contests. Powell is from Monmouth and was a stunt man on the Glee Club.

The judges were: Coach Buchen, Professors Sheldon, Young and Barnett.

Greata Butterfield and Dorris Clark, of Portland, were week-end guests at the Chi Omega house.

Mrs. Fields is up from Portland for a visit with her daughters, Willow and Hazel.

Mrs. Russell Catlin, of Salem is a Gamma Phi Beta visitor this week.

## W. S. C. WINS FIRST GAME OF YEAR FROM IDAHO

University of Idaho, Jan. 18.—The English Club of the University is preparing to give one of the most pretentious play productions in its history, namely, Ibsen's "Doll House." Rehearsals have already been started and the work is progressing rapidly. The club is determined to make a success of the play, which in fact it does with every one it undertakes. The "Doll House" has been produced by only two colleges in this country, this being the first University to produce it west of the Mississippi.

Preparations are under way by the Military Department for the Annual Military Ball which will be given about the middle of February. The cadet officers of the battalion have appointed the different committees and the plans of the different committees show that the dance will be the most elaborate social affair ever attempted by the Military Department. The expense of the ball will be met by popular subscriptions from the cadets, no charge being made for the dance.

In a fast and exciting basketball game last Friday evening Idaho lost the opening game of the intercollegiate series to Washington State College at Pullman. The game throughout was a good one and at no time could the large crowd of spectators predict who would be the winners. During the first half Idaho had slightly the best of the argument clearly outplaying the Agricultural College, the half closing 11 to 8 in Idaho's favor. In the second half the University team appeared slow and loggy and did not seem to be at their best. The Pullman team, taking advantage piled up the necessary points, winning by a score of 20 to 14.

For Idaho Montgomery at center was easily the star, his dribbling being the feature of the game. Englehorn, the opposing center, was likewise the star of his team.

## COACH PLACES DEBATERS

### RADICAL CHANGE MADE IN CONDUCTING DEBATE TRYOUTS

The committee on Oratory and Debate held a meeting Monday evening at which several mooted questions were decided, some of them bringing forth heated discussion.

It was determined to keep the same judges for the final debate tryout that were used in the preliminaries. They will not place the men on the teams, but simply choose the six, leaving it to Coach Buchen to place them in the positions which he thinks best. The coach insisted that he be allowed to act as a judge in selecting the team and that he should also be given the power to place the men in their respective positions. This is revolutionary and as nothing of the kind has ever before been done at Oregon, the committee discussed it at great length before deciding to grant his request.

The time limit for the final tryout was set at nine minutes for constructive argument and three for rebuttal.

## TAX LAND AND FREE LABOR, SAYS SPEAKER

### HENRY GEORGE'S IDEAS EXPLAINED IN ASSEMBLY TODAY

John Z. White Gives Instructive Lecture on Single Tax—Speaks Again Tonight.

Probably the best lecture of the year was given in the assembly this morning by Mr. John Z. White, of Chicago, on Henry George and His Philosophy.

Born in Philadelphia in 1839 Henry George journeyed when a boy to California where he engaged in various trades and business, including clerk, miner, printer, reporter, editor and owner. Later he journeyed to New York where he became a profound student in the science of government, social and economic questions. Noticing the extreme poverty of East New York, he set himself to study its cause and its possible cure.

*As to Malthus*  
Thus in a brief way Mr. White gave a sketch of the early life of the great economist. He then continued by explaining the result of George's investigations—his theories concerning the value and ownership of land and his destruction of the Malthusian doctrine of population. The doctrine that land is valuable because of its scarcity, Mr. White said is the fundamental basis upon which is constructed all our modern civilization and government and yet it was shown for the first time by George that this was an error. In fact, the world is scarcely populated instead of being too small, and land is scarce only because it is withheld from use by the landowner for mere speculation. He "holds it for a rise." Mr. White went into details concerning this matter and showed that three out of four lots in the city of Chicago were lying idle and yet their price is prohibitive.

*George's Remedy.*  
In regard to the remedy, Mr. White said: "Henry George proposed, as the simple yet sovereign remedy for existing social ills, the abolition of all taxes on production, and the raising of all public revenue on the value of the tax alone."

"Now consumption is the real demand for goods, and to the extent that consumers fail to buy goods, manufacturers will fail to make and handle them, and to the same extent will fail to employ labor. One of the results of taxation on production, therefore, is to check industry."

"Such taxes being removed, he would provide for governmental needs by increasing the present rate of taxes on land values. A tax of land values cannot be shifted in higher rents to users of land as a tax on goods is shifted in higher prices to consumers of goods, and because of this fact, the former is not a check or hindrance to the use of land."

"In fact it is quite the reverse. For if we tax goods, and to the extent of revenue so obtained, avoid taxing land value, private appropriation of rent will increase, and proportionately land values will rise."

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