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Side Show or Circus?

Fred B. Smith said last night, "I advised my son to go into athletics and all other student activities. And after that, if he could, to pass his examinations, but not worry about them."

Is this advice sound, especially the last—"do not worry about them?" We think it is.

It is true, as has been said, college students play at life. So do sailors. In his miniature world, floating helplessly about, the mariner learns a little of everything. He does not become an expert tradesman in any one line, however. What he does is to master the art of manual dexterity. And as a result, he can become proficient in any trade while his fellows are learning the rudiments. No wonder he looks upon "landlubbers" with contempt.

It is the same with the college student. He gets ideas. His mind broadens. As the sailor learns the rudiments of activities requiring physical skill, becoming the proverbial "jack of all trades," so the college man prepares himself so as to be able quickly to grapple with the problems of life.

No man of really large calibre contents himself with doing over and over the same thing. The useful man—the man in demand—is the one who is able to take hold of new conditions; who can be depended upon in an emergency to do the right thing without running for instructions from others, whether the others be university professors or employers.

Now, in this training, which will be of greatest service to the student himself, the "side show" or the "circus"? In the latter the student learns to depend on the professor; yes, he is encouraged and sometimes even compelled to. The way to get high marks in most courses is to remember what the text book or the instructor says.

Originality is ruthlessly driven out. In the other activities, however, the reverse is the case. Originality is encouraged, in fact it is necessary. On every hand the debater, the orator, the athlete, the editor, or the manager is confronted by developments, with no one to go to for advice. He must decide. His decision may be wrong. But he will learn, for experience is the only true teacher.

A Sermon with a Point

There is a form of stealing going on around the University of Oregon that must and will be stopped very soon. It may be stopped voluntarily or by compulsion, but in the latter case it will be disastrous to the one who is doing it.

We refer to the petty "grafting" of books, fountain pens, umbrellas, overcoats, etc., that, in isolated cases is never considered serious enough to prosecute thoroughly, but which when carried too far in one place by one person, must be stamped out. The one de-

tected may suffer more than his specific act would warrant, for he must answer for many others. He can only be treated as a thief, and, while he may not be prosecuted as a criminal, he can be expelled with little difficulty.

As the title indicates, this sermon has a point. Everyone may not see the point, but the guilty party will. We advise him to be careful.

REPORT GOOD TIME AT CORVALLIS CONVENTION

Corvallis was the host of one hundred and sixty-three delegates from Oregon and Idaho representing the Y. M. C. A. of the Universities, colleges and cities of these states last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. From the University of Oregon 14 men attended the Convention and heard addresses from prominent western Y. M. C. A. men, among whom were: Mr. McCoy, secretary of the city Association of San Francisco; Stone, of Portland; Allen, of Seattle; and Richardson, secretary at Pocatello. The man, more than any other, whose personality and strength gave unusual value to the convention was Fred B. Smith, who spoke last night in Villard Hall.

Y. M. C. A. activities were discussed in every phase from the work in the railroad construction camps to the departments of the college associations. What made the greatest impression, perhaps, was the realization of the tremendous scope and influence and material strength of the Association. A building of an average value of \$113,000 is completed every six days. The last statistics showed the value of Association property to be \$66,000,000, with the business men of the country contributing \$1,000,000 a month for the support of the organization. Nearly a million members are enrolled in the associations of the country.

The greatest meeting of the conference was held in the Armory of the O. A. C., when Mr. Smith addressed fifteen hundred men. President Campbell presided at the student session Saturday afternoon. He took a active part in the meetings on other occasions. Mr. Brown, Y. M. C. A. secretary, at the University of Oregon gave a report of the Rochester Convention, spoke on a phase of student association work Saturday and also spoke at the Baptist church Sunday.

Those who attended from the University of Oregon were Harold Dazell, Harold Rounds, Charles Koyl, E. M. Brown, George Poysky, Wilfred Wattenburg, Lee Sam, H. H. Clark, Dr. Leonard, William Beals, Edward Bailey, Walter Huntington, A. B. Cash, H. L. Cash, Pres. P. L. Campbell.

MONTGOMERY SENT TO CONFERENCE MEETING

University of Idaho, Jan. 23.—A Students Assembly was held Wednesday, at which time the Athletic Association took up the question of sending a delegate to the Northwest Conference held February 3 and 4. The student candidates were nominated in the persons of Paul S. Savidge, president of the Athletic Association and James Montgomery, the All-Northwest basketball center and also captain of the track team. Coach Grogan was the only faculty member nominated. The election was held Friday, with the result that Montgomery was chosen as Idaho's representative. A committee is at work at present in deciding what Idaho's attitude will be toward the proposed changes in the Conferences rules.

Saturday afternoon the basketball teams representing the second squads of Washington State College and Idaho met in the University gymnasium, Idaho winning by a score of 23 to 20.

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The game was fast and exciting throughout, both teams playing an exceptionally good game.
Jan. 23, 1910.

HERE IS WHAT THE MONTHLY CONTAINS

The January number of the Oregon Monthly will be off the press today. The contributions this month are:

Literary

"Has the University a Soul".....
..... Prof. Young
"Nemesis," a story.....Dean Collins
"An Appreciative Audience," a story
..... Isolene Shaver
"Black and White," a story.....Birdie Wise
"Origin of Soil," exposition.....
..... Olive Donnell
"Spirit of Adam," a story.....Dean James

Engineers

"Non-Uniform Flow of Water in Channels"..... Prof. McAllister
"Concrete Bridges"..... Earl Marshall
"Mining with Arrastre"..... C. L. Marshall
"Sky Scrapers"..... Prof. Adams

Prize Offered

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