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Announcement

For four months the staff of this paper has worked faithfully endeavoring to keep the standard of newspaper work in the University of Oregon up to that in other colleges of the same size. The final examinations are here. Accordingly, having spent most of our time up till now in getting out the paper, we shall beg to be excused while we devote the next three days to study. The next issue of the Emerald will be published on the first Wednesday of next semester.

A Needed Change

The audience seemed to be well satisfied with the decision in the oratorical contest last night and the best orator probably won, but a glance at the markings of the judges will show that the result was more a matter of haphazard luck than of any concerted design. No two judges agreed on a single point in composition. One gave the winner first place and another gave him last place. As a result, the contest turned on delivery, which, in this case, happened to give the correct result.

We only mention these facts to show the fallacy often mentioned by those who have it in charge, of continuing this old, out-of-date system of judging. Any orator knows that the plan is a humbug. It resulted last year in one man getting four first places and still losing in the final contest at Corvallis. Everyone in the audience knew the decision was wrong.

Orations should be judged solely on the effect they produce on the audience in delivery. That is what an oration is for. If we want an essay contest, we can have it. If we want a declamation contest we can have it, too. But we should not try to combine the two and call it an oratorical contest.

Manager Steele is right in his effort to get a new constitution for the Interstate Oratorical Contest. He will endeavor to get the Intercollegiate Association to adopt a similar plan. Let us hope that his efforts may be successful.

Air Out

A criticism we hear often is that the lecture rooms at the University and, more still, the Library are poorly ventilated. While aware of the difficulty encountered by those in charge of some of the older type buildings and even of the modern ones when occupied by many students, we still believe that this matter could be improved by a little more care.

Good fresh air is probably the first essential of effective work by anyone. While Professor Sweetser is telling his class in Sanitary Hygiene of the absolute necessity of large quantities of

fresh air, their fellow students are over in the Library trying to study in a room with hardly a window open. There is little excuse for this condition. The janitors or their superiors are also culpable, for they keep the windows closed during the night. The rooms might at least be given a little airing after closing hours.

HERE'S A CHANCE FOR CAR DESIGNERS

The J. G. Brill Company, of Philadelphia, manufacturers of cars and trucks, offers five hundred dollars for these on the subject "Design of an Electric Railway Car for City Service." The first prize is \$250, the second \$150 and the third \$100.

The theses will be judged first on technical merit and second on the manner in which the subject is presented. A jury of three, consisting of a member of the American Street and Interurban Railway Association, the editor of the Electric Railway Journal, and the vice-president of the J. S. Brill Company will judge the relative merits of the papers.

A thesis to be eligible for anyone of the prizes need not be prepared especially for this contest. It may be the same thesis which is submitted in connection with senior graduating work; but it shall be the work of a duly accredited student of a college conforming to the requirements of the competition. No thesis shall bare on its text pages or other parts submitted any mark which might inform the judges of the name or address of the contestant.

The Brill contest was inaugurated in 1908 and in 1909 the first prizes were awarded. Charles T. Ripley, University of Illinois, took first prize; Victor D. Dressner, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, second, and Robert T. Pollock, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, third. Contestants are at liberty to consult with their professors, electric railway officials and others, regarding car construction and the factors of car design, but the actual preparation of the thesis, it is expected, will be the work of the contestant; and as far as possible the thesis should represent his ideas.

"It is not likely," said Professor Dearborn this morning, "that any of the present graduating class of electrical engineers will submit a thesis on this subject. A few of the larger and better equipped technical schools have a complete street car on which service tests can be made by actual experimentation on a street car line. The University is not yet equipped in the best manner to give a thorough course in street car design, and not yet has it been seriously attempted. This subject would involve both electrical and mechanical engineering training, and experimental work such as could be provided in only a very expensively equipped laboratory."

E. S. SMITH SHOWS WORK OF Y. M. C. A.

Mr. E. S. Smith, director of the Y. M. C. A. Training School at Seattle, spoke at the Men's meeting last evening in Deady Hall. Owing to several counter attractions the meeting was not attended as well as usual but the address that was given was strong and definite.

During the afternoon Mr. Smith gave an illustrated lecture at the Aloha theatre, showing views of the property of the Y. M. C. A. around the world and illustrating the practical activities of the Association. These addresses as well as the one that was given in the Eugene Theatre last night were very well attended by men of the town and the University.

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INTERSTATE TRYOUT OPENS NEXT SATURDAY

The preliminaries for the Interstate Oratorical Contest tryout will be held next Saturday. Manager Steele has announced that all entries must be in by Monday.

In this preliminary, the judges will decide upon general effect irrespective of written compositions, and the contestants will be limited to eight minutes each. Five orators will be selected to enter the final contest the following Friday night.

The limit in the final is two thousand words instead of fifteen hundred as in the Intercollegiate Contest. The winner will represent the University of Oregon against representatives from the Universities of Washington and Montana. The contest occurs in Eugene some time in May.

Williams, Brown and Dartmouth will debate on the question of woman suffrage in their triangular league this "German universities stand for scholarship, English universities for culture, and American universities for service," declares Professor Lavid, of Pennsylvania.

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LESS THAN MONTH FOR CROSS COUNTRY WORK

Now that an intercollegiate cross country race has been arranged at last with O. A. C., the practical value of the Cross Country Club, formed last fall is becoming apparent. The meet is now less than a month distant and little time could be found for the development of runners but for the organization of this club.

News reports from the Agricultural College tell that the farmers have a large squad out, straining every effort to get their team in the best of condition. There is no chance of their being unprepared as they were last year, and Hayward realizes that nothing but hard work can beat them.

The tryout for the Oregon team has not yet been scheduled but will probably be held sometime during the week before Washington's birthday, when the great race is to come off.

Union was the first American college to introduce the system of electives. In 1806 French was offered as a substitute for Greek, and in 1828 a scientific course was made an alternative for the classical course.

FIELDER JONES WILL COACH O. A. C. TEAM

Corvallis, Jan. 27—O. A. C. is to have Fielder Jones, the great "White Sox" man, to coach its baseball team this spring, and the joyful news brings enthusiasm which knows no bounds.

His ability as a coach is shown by this instance: With but one man on the team who could bat, he worked out a system of playing with which he defeated all rivals for the world's championship.

Mr. Jones' work at O. A. C. will begin at the first of next semester, and he will be here through the entire season. He is now at Portland, at the head of a large lumber business.

The first drill in the new armory was held on Monday, and it is only a matter of a few days until the massive structure, enclosing the largest floor space on the Pacific Coast, will receive permanent occupancy.

A controversy has arisen at Cambridge because some of the citizens do not think that Harvard should be exempt from taxation, and claim that the college property is a burden to the community.