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No Time to Lose

Word comes from the University of Washington that the women of that institution are working up a high state of enthusiasm over this, the coming debate with Oregon, and will make every effort to win the first contest. For several years the northern co-eds have been looking forward to this opportunity. Naturally, they will not let it pass lightly.

The Oregon women showed great interest in debating last fall when the coming contest was under discussion. It is now for them to show how much of this was genuine and how much sham; wherein it was permanent and not transitory. It was objected at the time that they had no real interest in debating, that all they wanted was to start an agitation, and that few of them would try when the time came.

If present indications of the number intending to enter the tryout are correct, there may have been more truth in these charges than we thought. There must be more than sentiment in favor of these debates. If the co-eds want to debate, they must work—not talk about it. They must try for the team, and enough of them to show that there is some real spirit in favor of debating.

There is yet time to prepare, for anyone that wants to go into the tryout. Work is light now and much can be done in the remaining three weeks. But these are precious moments. There must be no further delay. Get busy and work every day from now on. That is the only hope.

Something New

The first intercollegiate cross country run in the Northwest will be held in Eugene next Tuesday. This is an event worth seeing and everyone should be there.

There are many activities that Oregon students do not support as well as other colleges, but in track athletics they are pre-eminent. Eugene has a record as the best town in the Northwest for track meets. Even Seattle has never been able to finance them. No other college has ever attempted a meet like this one.

Besides the cross country event, there will be an interclass meet that should interest every true lover of sport. There will be a new event this year, the javelin throw. "Bill" Hayward knows more about throwing the javelin than any other trainer in the Northwest. This should be Oregon's event. Come out and see his men perform on Tuesday.

The Freshmen have set a good example and shown rare wisdom in not attempting to add to the beauty of the new gymnasium. What is good enough for Hayward to train in is good enough for us to dance in any day.

CAN HEAR GREATEST SINGER IN THE WORLD

By C. W. Walls

Next week Eugene will be privileged to hear the greatest woman singer in the world. Mme. Schumann-Heink, is making a tour of the West and Mr. Ralph Bacon, ex-'06, of Portland, has made arrangements to have her give a concert in the local opera house on Friday evening, February 25th.

Never before has anything of this magnitude been attempted in Eugene, and the city's future in stellar musical attractions depends upon the way our citizens and faculty and students of the University take up this "gilt edge" proposition. Eugene has a record as a "play town" for she always gives a generous house to seventy-five cent attractions. Now we have an "A-1" attraction with the prices very little higher here than in Portland—and very reasonable, when one takes into consideration the large guarantee required and the limited seating capacity of the local theatre—and it is simply "up to us". Are we satisfied with comic opera and melodrama or do we appreciate and are we ready to pay for the grandest thing of the musical world of our time?

We read of the wonderful career of that beautiful song bird Jennie Lind, and regret that it was not for us to hear her, yet now we are to have an opportunity to hear a woman who is as great today as was Jennie Lind in her time. Will we be there?

Mme. Schumann-Heink is a woman of the people and her mission in life is to sing to "the people." Nothing pleases her so much as to sing the simple folk songs of her native land to large audiences of "her people." It is at present impossible to announce definitely the program for the local concert, but it is sufficient to say that there will be variety enough so that the soul of each and every person present will be filled to overflowing with real music.

Schumann-Heink is without exception the most charming character before the footlights of the world. She is first of all a mother—not one who is scarcely acquainted with her children, but one who spends a large portion of her leisure time in the nursery—one who home-life might be used quite advantageously as a model by millions of Americans. She has also a wonderful smile which has breadth and depth and is at once inspiring, entrancing and captivating. It is worth a thousand tonics and three weeks of prayer meetings.

ALUMNUS TRUE TO U. OF O MAY HAVE STOLEN CHICKEN BUT NEVER WENT TO O. A. C.

An interesting story and at the same time some inside light on the secret history of a well known Oregon graduate has just come to light through a chance meeting in a Portland restaurant.

"Kliney" Ross is his name and as the story goes he was contentedly eating his lunch with all the appreciation that a medical student can show whether he is carving a beefsteak or a "stiff." A stranger sitting across the table, fancying he had seen Ross somewhere, innocently asked if he had ever attended O. A. C.

"No, siree," said Kliney indignantly. "Oh, beg your pardon," said the man hastily. "Must have made a mistake. Thought you were the fellow I went chicken stealing with one time."

"Well, if that's it," said Kliney, blushing and subsiding somewhat, "you may be right. I may have stolen chickens, but I never went to O. A. C."

Students at the University of Washington are hard at work raising funds to send their rowing crew to Wisconsin this spring. The money is being raised through subscription.

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CHANCE FOR SOMEONE TO GET SCHOLARSHIP

The Oregon branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae announce the continuance this year of their annual practice of giving a two-hundred-dollar scholarship at the University of Oregon.

The scholarship is given to the young women whom the committee deem most deserving and capable, and has been of great help to many students for the past few years. No examination is held. They simply decide upon the evidence presented who will be the best fitted to do excellent work in her chosen course of study.

Application for this scholarship must be made to Mrs. Ralph W. Wilbur, the chairman of the committee, at 780 Lovejoy street, Portland, Oregon, on or before April first. It should be in the form of an informal letter, stating fully what work the candidate has done in her preparatory school, what course she wishes to pursue at the University, and any other information she may consider useful. The candidate must also include the names of one or two persons with whom the committee may correspond concerning her.

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NINE MEN CHAMPION CAUSE OF ORATORY

Oratory is not dead, at least not at Oregon. So it was proclaimed by the presence of nine lusty orators at the preliminary tryout for choosing Oregon's interstate orator, held yesterday afternoon in Villard Hall.

The orations were all well written and delivered, and at the end of the contest there was much doubt in the minds of those who heard it as to who would be among the successful five.

Those chosen were: H. J. Rounds, '10, "The Spirit of Patriotism;" B. H. Williams, '10, "The Query of Life;" W. C. Nicholas, '10, "Landmarks of Liberty;" A. M. Geary, '10, "Commercialized Press and Public Opinion;" L. L. Ray, '12, "Private vs. Public Liberty." The others who tried out were E. A. Nott, '12; E. O. Smith, '13, W. M. Huntington, '12, and Earl Jones, '12. The judges were Professors Glen, LeCou, Howe and Thurber and Coach Buchen.

Victor Voigt, the stunt man on last year's Glee Club, has returned to college. Voigt is a premier discus man and will fill a big gap in Hayward's bunch.

FENCING IS LATEST SPORT TO INTEREST

Fencing is a new sport that is interesting several of the University athletes. They have already broken many foils, and are becoming quite expert in the art of holding the left hand poised over the shoulder—or hanging onto their ear.

Fred Newbauer, a senior from Germany, is helping the men master the difficult points in the art. He has had considerable experience in Europe where fencing is an important attainment. He and one of his pupils will probably give an exhibition match at the indoor track meet next spring.

The Daily California, the student paper of the University of California, finished the last semester with a profit of over a thousand dollars.

A challenge to a contest in aeronautics issued by the Aero club of Columbia, has been accepted by Harvard, Amherst and Pennsylvania, and arrangements are being made for an aviation meet in June.