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**LITTLE WORDS WILL
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**AMENDMENT PASSED TO
AVOID MISTAKES LIKE
ROUNDS MADE**

"Little words" will count in the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest hereafter, was the emphatic decision of the delegates in the annual meeting at Salem last Friday afternoon. An amendment to the constitution was passed requiring the words to be counted by the member of the executive committee from each college, the exact number to be written by him across the top of the first page. And it was specifically provided in the amendment that he should count "little words"—"A's and 'the's."

The trouble was caused by the mistake of H. J. Rounds, the Oregon orator, in failing to count these words in his oration, in consequence of which, it was about one hundred words over the limit. The constitution provides that one per cent shall be deducted for each additional word. Had this penalty been enforced, the best place he could have received would have been fourth.

What saved Rounds was that three of the other orators had made the same mistake, and a majority of the executive committee were in favor of suspending the rule. The delegates followed this recommendation and allowed all the contestants to go in as the judges had already marked them.

This action brought forth violent opposition from McMinnville and Pacific Colleges, whose delegates insisted that some penalty be imposed. Inadvertently, however, Roy Fitch of Pacific College, the secretary in whose hands the orations had been placed prior to their submission to the judges, admitted that their representative had also exceeded the limit, but that he had allowed her to revise her oration. Curiously enough, too, the final position of these two colleges, the one first and the other next to last, would not have been changed if the penalty had been imposed.

An amendment was also proposed by Oregon to have one committee of judges instead of two; but it was summarily voted down. The bitterness engendered by the previous altercation was largely responsible for this. This amendment was voted down last year the same way. O. A. C., Pacific University and Oregon favored it.

**OREGON LOSES LAST
GAME WITH O. A. C.**

Through superior basket shooting ability, the O. A. C. team won from Oregon in a clean, fast game, on the Corvallis floor last Saturday night. The fact that the Agries were far surer of hitting baskets than the Oregon men accounts for the difference in the score; for the University team displayed consistent team work and had fully as many chances at baskets.

The game was fast and remarkably free from roughness, very few fouls being called on either side. The Oregon men were treated with courtesy throughout their entire stay in Corvallis, and the best of feeling prevailed.

For Corvallis, Reed played star ball, while for Oregon, Jamison, Walker and Elliott did the finest work.

Friday night the University team will play the high school basket tossers at the dedication of the town Y. M. C. A. building. The expected game with Willamette has been cancelled, so that game will probably be the last of the year. There is a chance, however, for a game with Ashland in that city some time next week.

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