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A Rare Chance.

Again the students and faculty of the University of Oregon are to have an intellectual treat. That is they are to have this treat if they will but grasp the opportunity offered by the college Y. M. C. A., for under the auspices of this association Dr. Hugh Black will give two lectures in Villard Hall next week. To the east Dr. Black needs no introduction, but as this is his first Western tour, a few words about this famous man may not be out of place.

Dr. Black was for some time a Presbyterian minister in Scotland, but for the past four years he has held a chair in the Union Theological Seminary in New York. His duties are so arranged that it is possible for him to make annual lecture tours about the country—and this year he elected to come out to the coast.

Not only is Dr. Black a minister, a teacher of theology, and a lecturer, but as an author he has had marked success.

So we have coming to us a big, broad man—a man of national reputation and all that is asked of us is our moral support. There will be no admission for either lecture and the customary "silver offering" will be conspicuous by its absence, for the friends of the association have generously looked after the finances.

Just another word as to the way other institutions are receiving Dr. Black this year. Colorado College had him for one week; President Baer of Occidental College (Southern California) had him for another week; President Jordan of Stanford arranged for two lectures, and Dr. Black lectured one night this week at Whitman College. Dr. Foulkes, of the First Presbyterian Church of Portland, has him for the first week of next month and then he starts eastward for he is due the last of April at the University of Chicago.

We should embrace this opportunity to look from another point of view at life's largest question.

Why Not Rockers

Our forefathers went to school in a log house and sat on hard benches. Recognizing that physical comfort is an essential to prolonged mental activity, modern authorities fit the school room up in the best possible manner. Good light, heat and ventilation are provided, and each student has a separate chair.

Since it is thus realized that comfort is of such importance, it is strange that the movement is not carried further. It is very tiresome to sit and listen to a lecture (often dry) in a hard straight chair. At least plain rocking chairs might be provided—they wouldn't cost any more. Our Steward should look into this before he makes any further purchases. By the way, too, it might force the instructor to give a lecture that would command attention without any such exterior aid as uncomfortable chairs.

One of the current objections to modern intercollegiate athletics is that it simply amounts to a coaches' battle, with the men as machines. But how much more must this apply to debating. Here also everything is sacrificed in order to win. The debate last night, especially Idaho's, was a good example. Who will say that those men directed and outlined that case? No, they were mere figures in the game between coaches, giving the coach's thoughts and, in some cases, even his words.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT DOING PRACTICAL WORK

Many Interesting Thesis In Original Research Being Prepared

The senior theses which are being prepared in Professor Schaffer's department this year are particularly interesting, in that they are all original research work in the history of the Pacific Northwest.

Miss Frances Young is taking the writings of Jesse Applegate, who wrote from memory a history of early Oregon, and is editing them and determining how nearly right he was in his memory of things. This history was written for Bancroft, for use in his historical writings. It has never been published, the copy Miss Young is working on being a copy which Professor Schaffer made from the original manuscript in the Bancroft library at San Francisco. Applegate was a pioneer and one of the makers of Oregon, and his history, after the editing, and amplifying from other papers belonging to Professor Schaffer and to the library, will be well worth publishing, says Professor Schaffer.

Miss Livia Bond is making a study of the development of the government's Indian policy, and trying to determine how far the early missionaries to the Indians influenced the government's policy toward them.

Caroline Dunstan is preparing her thesis on the Indian legends of the Pacific Northwest, and Edith Prescott has taken for her subject the ethics of the Oregon Indian wars. Clarence Stule is writing on Fremont's place in Western History. Miss Isolene Shaver is making a critical study of Gray's History of Oregon, and Ethel Johnson is compiling some statistics in regard to Hawaii and the trade and other relations between the Hawaiian Islands and the Pacific Coast during certain years, between 1840 and 1885. She is drawing much of her material from a file of Hawaiian newspapers dating from this period. Claude Downing was working until he withdrew from college a few weeks ago, on a local history of Jackson county, and particularly of the evolution of agriculture there, showing its evolution with the development of facilities for marketing, from its original intimate association with the mining industry into a separate business.

HENRY GEORGE CLUB ADOPTS CONSTITUTION

The Henry George Association met and adopted a constitution Thursday evening. The temporary officers were made permanent, to hold their positions for the remainder of the year.

In the constitution it is provided that the current reform measures before the voters of Oregon shall be taken up as a part of the work of the association. At the next meeting H. L. Stone, secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A., will be invited to speak.

The University of Chicago glee club will take a 5000-mile trip this month.

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PROF. SHELDON GIVES LECTURE ON TEACHING

Series of Life Work Meetings Are Drawing Big Crowds

Dr. H. D. Sheldon, Professor of Education in the University, gave the third of the series of life work addresses last night in Deady Hall at the regular Friday evening men's meeting. This series seems to be finding favor among the men of the school, for a crowd of nearly sixty men disregarded the allurements of the balmy evening weather to hear the address.

The subject that Dr. Sheldon spoke upon is "Teaching as a Life Work." He took up this profession in a broad way, showing how great an influence a man who is adapted to the work may have among those with whom he works. He asserted that if fifty college men should resolve to take up educational work in the state of Oregon next year and stick to it, that in ten years the public schools of the state would be revolutionized. He also brought out the fact that, although it is a common assertion that the teaching profession is underpaid, any man who has any of the qualifications of a teacher and who will apply himself as he must to succeed in any other profession, will have an income as large as the average income in the other professions, while his opportunity for intellectual development is far greater than in any of the professions, except, perhaps, the ministry. He closed with a strong statement of the opportunity that is presented to the teacher to influence the ideals and character of those who are in his classes, and an appeal for a greater consideration of teaching

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as a profession from those who are thinking of a life work.

Albert Gillette, the boy singer of Eugene, sang a solo which received an enthusiastic encore. Following the address, the officers who had been nominated the previous week were elected by the unanimous vote of the members.

Dr. A. C. Schmidt, a successful banker of Albany, will speak next Friday evening on "Business as a Vocation." The installation of officers will be made at this time, when Charles Koyl, the newly elected president, Walter Huntington, vice-president, Elliott Roberts, secretary, and Percy Collier, treasurer, will take up the duties of directing the work of the association for the following year.

The Iowa state board of control of educational institutions favors the gradual elimination of football and other inter-collegiate athletics at the state institutions. Its opinion is that if students do not go to school for education, they might as well stay at home.

The Whitman College Glee Club will travel through Western Washington on a concert tour.

SCHEDULE ARRANGED FOR CO-ED CLASSES

Professor Stewart, of the women's culture department, has arranged a very interesting schedule for the women's gymnasium classes. In addition to the regular class work, there has been introduced classes in dancing, drilling, military marching and basketball. The new men's gymnasium has been turned over to the women on certain days, and the ladies are taking great interest in the work.

Oregon May Get Game

Some controversy has arisen between the University of Washington and Washington State College in arranging the football contract for the coming season. Manager Zednick, of Washington, wants a contract for one game to be played at Spokane, and says that unless Washington State College is willing to sign a one year contract, he will arrange for a game with the University of Oregon.

Wisconsin chemistry students are petitioning for less laboratory work.