

## TRACK CHANCES LOWER AS SEASON ADVANCES

### Loss of Point Winners Fails to Be Compensated for by Student Spirit

With student body interest at its lowest ebb, and the ambition of the track men in consequence becoming lifeless, prospects for Oregon winning the championship, which has been hers for five years, are absolutely nil. With the loss of Chuck Taylor, Bob Kellogg and the weakening of Ben Williams' work, through the injury to his feet, Oregon's chances, instead of brightening, are becoming blacker and blacker, and, without an enlivenment of interest on the part of the students, it requires a stretch of the imagination to anticipate Oregon's winning a single meet.

That the much vaunted Oregon spirit which, so many times in the past has wrung victory from seeming defeat, has so far this year failed to respond, is evidenced in many ways. Night after night the grand stand, which in past years was crowded during the spring months, remains empty, and prominent track men, when they are interviewed, state that they are willing to quit training and devote the time to their studies and to more pleasant forms of recreation unless they receive more encouragement from the students.

Track men who have been prominent in past years are despondent. George Hug says, "Things never have looked bluer. It is simply impossible to overdraw the picture of the plight in which the track team now is. Oregon hasn't a chance to win a meet this year, and the support given by the students is absolutely rank. Track men can not be blamed for not wishing to work when they receive no better support than they do now."

Fred Moulten said, after seeing the poor turnout last night at the indoor meet, that it was a shame, and that no track man would feel like working who did not receive better support than the men are now. "I don't believe Oregon need give up hope if the same spirit that has been manifested in past years could be discerned now," he continued, "but there is no hope until this spirit is evidenced. It seems a shame, after

Oregon has won for so many years, to let the championship go without a struggle."

Bill Hayward, the great trainer, who has ever been the idol of Oregon, is quoted as saying that "Oregon better quit trying, altogether, than to work under present discouraging conditions." He has learned, however, to trust so much to the redoubtable Oregon spirit, that he still has hopes that the students will rally to his support and give him and the few faithful track men who are now working out, the encouragement they need.

### REGRETS EXPRESSED BY STUDENTS AT ASSEMBLY

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He related how the University had grown from a bare campus, with one building, until it has become the University of today. He then spoke of the needs of the University of the future, among them being schools of commerce, journalism, fine arts, and the enlargement of the music department. New buildings should be built and the campus extended to the south of Thirteenth street. The thirty-four acres east of the cemetery, belonging to the University should be made a large athletic field.

In closing, President Campbell said: "Some one must go ahead with the work of advancing the interests of the state University. The citizens haven't time, so it falls to the students and faculty to go ahead."

B. H. Williams, captain of track, gave what he termed as the eulogy of the track team. "Oregon's track teams have made a record in the past which few teams can equal, but from present indications they will not this year," said Captain Williams. He urged the students to get back of the team.

Harper Jamison, manager of baseball, asked the students to turn out well next Monday and Tuesday and help the baseball men to keep their perfect percentage.

Professor Glen favored the students and faculty with a solo entitled "The Two Grenadiers."

The student journalists at the University of Washington will hereafter do journalistic work on the big Seattle dailies. This chance is open only to upperclassmen in the department of Journalism.

## ECONOMIC THESES ALL TREAT LIVE SUBJECTS

### Seniors Delve Into Problems Of Vital Interest to the State

Out of the sixteen senior theses in preparation this year by the students in the departments of Economics and Sociology in the University of Oregon, all but one deal with some state or municipal problem which is of present and vital concern.

W. Wilshire Bristow is developing the idea of a scheme for the organization of a central bank, a plan favored by President Taft, Senator Aldrich and other great national leaders, as a means of forestalling the conditions which have led in the past to financial panics and "hard times."

Wm. Cake is reviewing the experiences of municipalities with the problem of public ownership of street railways; and the subject of an adequate system of highway law and administration is being investigated by W. C. Campbell.

H. A. Dalzell is preparing a thesis on the problem of determining what modifications of the institution of private property would be salutary.

D. T. Goodman is writing up the first financial history of Portland, from what primary sources are still available.

A. M. Geary is discussing the question of reforming the press, as a means for securing an enlightened and just direction of public opinion.

O. B. Huston is examining the question of the advisability of the state undertaking internal improvement work under the proposed amendment to the constitution—such improvements as the building of state railroads, etc.

W. C. Kiltz is dealing with the subject of industry in the Pacific Northwest, and the supplanting of white by Oriental labor.

Carl Neal is developing the features of a theory for a forestry policy in the state of Oregon.

Joel Richardson is investigating the problem of improving the facilities and agencies for a more effectual development of credit in Oregon.

H. J. Rounds is utilizing the data in the pioneer register of Portland, a discussion of the movements of migration toward the Pacific Coast in the forties and fifties.

W. C. Nicholas is preparing an examination of the corporation problem, with a view of suggesting features of a practicable and advisable corporation law.

E. A. Nott has under inquiry the temperance policy of the state.

L. L. Steiwer is endeavoring to devise a theory for a more efficient system of local government.

R. K. Terry is preparing a syllabus for the possible constitutional convention of the state of Oregon.

B. H. Williams is working on the question of the advisability of recourse to some adapted form of cabinet, or parliamentary government for the state, in place of the present system of district departments.

The Department of Economics and Sociology in the University of Oregon has for years consistently placed an especial degree of emphasis upon the thesis work of its seniors. Systematic research throughout the year is made the ideal. The aim is a contribution of real, practical value from each of the students toward the solution of some of the pressing problems of the day. This policy of the department has received strongest confirmation from Dean Henry S. Pritchett, who in speaking of "The Educated Man and the State," makes devotion to the state and its welfare the cardinal virtue.

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