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WE TASTE DEFEAT

It was a splendid aggregation of track men with which the University of Washington won the triangular meet last Saturday, defeating Trainer Hayward's men for the first time in five years. If we are not mistaken, we prophesied some such a career for the big Seattle institution; but we will not bother looking it up now.

While it is doubtless true that Oregon was weaker this year than for several years past, yet Washington won on her own strength. The defeat was decisive, and no slight surface causes can explain it. In speaking of it as we do, therefore, we are not attempting to minimize the work of the victors nor to offer belated excuses. We are writing for the students at home, not for the general public.

There has been a marked decline in track interest this year throughout the student body. Fewer candidates have been training and less attention paid to them. This is due either to less spirit or to a desire to discontinue track and field sports. What is the University of Oregon coming to when we must name two such alternatives as these?

Then Trainer Hayward has not been given the usual spontaneous support that he deserves. Several prominent men have, to use a slang expression, had their hammers out for him and they have stimulated a general discontented spirit. The greater shame it is that many of these knockers are men who owe a great deal of their prominence to Hayward. He has made them what they are, and now that they have left the track, they have turned against him.

It is time a stop was put to this work. Hayward deserves the support and the trust of every loyal Oregon student. He has done more for athletics here than a whole team of these knockers. Loyalty to Oregon must be expressed in loyalty to him, and in supporting him there is little danger of anything but the greatest support to the University.

Not Ideal, But Satisfactory

Yesterday's election we would characterize as a very good one. Not that it was ideal—politics never is and probably never will be. But it is our opinion that the University of Oregon has always been free from many evils that have appeared at other colleges and we also believe that conditions have been improving here during the last few years.

However, the best we can hope is that a growing student body does not bring with it greater evils than we now have. Personal and factional bitterness are, we take it, the great evils to guard against; and yesterday's contest was largely free from both. Factions are inevitable in every organization, but independent voters, holding the balance of

power, can reduce such evils to a minimum and should always endeavor to do so.

Anyway, Hayward trained most of the Seattle men who beat us Saturday. There's some consolation in that.

CALL TO MINISTRY IS DUTY SAYS SCADDING

Bishop Urges Men to Take Up Profession In Assembly Address This Morning

"Not a task assumed, but a duty assigned," was the central idea emphasized by Bishop Scadding in his address in assembly this morning on "The Call to the Christian Ministry."

At the outset Bishop Scadding clearly stated his position with regard to the duties and difficulties of the followers of this profession. While lamenting the unbelief of many, he insisted that this should not deter the energetic and willing minister of the Gospel.

"Do not," he said, "take too literally the quotation, 'He could do no mighty works because of their unbelief,' but believe and go ahead and your efforts will be followed by results." This unbelief is, in the opinion of the speaker, the secret of all religious strife and discussion today. In his estimate of modern denominationalism he brought up the comparison of many tributaries following into the main current, and each swelling in its own small way, the flood. As long as these tributaries do not flow against the current they do no harm, and should not be considered as heretics.

"There is a place for every man and woman in the great work of doing good for there is such a thing as a priesthood of the laity, and so long as any man or woman stands for better, purer lives, he promotes the noblest, grandest call to which any one may answer," concluded the Bishop.

Before the address, Truman Anderson, of the University School of Music, rendered Bendal's "Cascade du Chaudron" with rare skill.

The seniors in their official regalia dignified the auditorium by their august presences.

BIBLE SAVES BROWN FROM DEATH IN RACE

Y. M. C. A. Picnic Marred by Slight Accident on way Home Saturday Night

His faithful Bible, which had slipped from his pocket and was floating just within reach, is said to be the only thing that saved Secretary E. M. Brown from drowning in the millrace on the way home from the annual Y. M. C. A. picnic last Saturday afternoon, when, in attempting to carry two men across the race, he was upset into the deep, swift current.

Aside from this inevitable spill, the picnic was a great success and the men report the best kind of a time. Fifty men took the trip, spending the afternoon and evening in games, swimming and singing songs.

At supper time every man speared a "dog" and squatted around a campfire, "blowing" ashes and smoke out of his eyes while the weenies sizzled. A bonfire large enough to rival the freshman blaze shot sparks skyward while the bunch made the air melodious with college songs.

It is reported that an interesting picture of a certain episode on the trip will soon be adrift on the campus.

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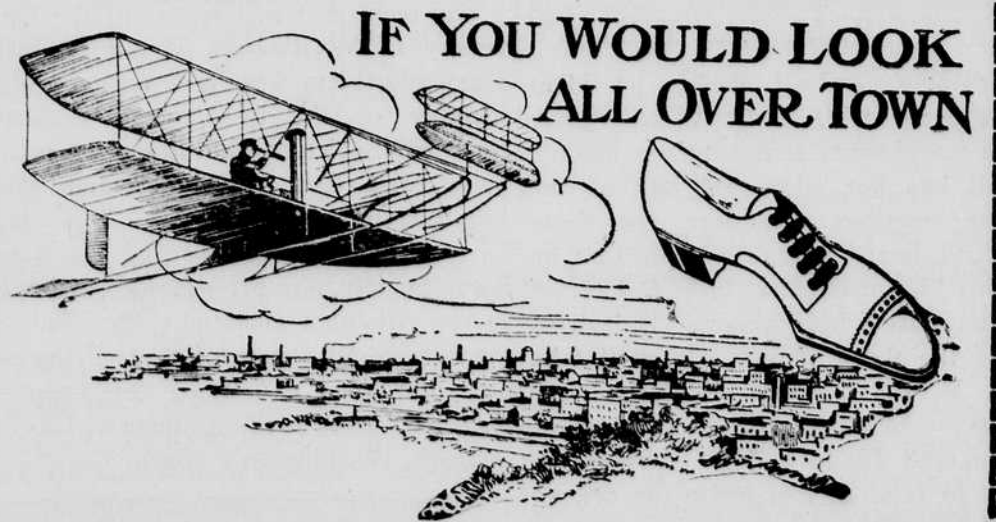
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