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## We Come Into Our Own Again

It certainly looked good to see Hayward's lads romp around the track last Friday, when they administered the most crushing defeat to O. A. C. that has been recorded in years. Oregon has been a little careless about track for some time past; victory has become a habit, but unfortunately not a fixed habit. Washington's victory, it only have the effect of spurring us up to a realization of what negligence means, may do a great deal of good. There is evidence that this happy result is exactly what it will accomplish, the victory Friday being the long hoped for turn when we shall come into our own again.

Hayward considers the W. S. C. team that we meet next Friday the toughest competitor in the Northwest, and if we are to continue the good work we can not rest with the one victory. Let us all get behind Captain Williams and his men in this meet and make sure of victory.

## Something Worth While

It should be an excellent oratorical contest that the students will be privileged to hear next Friday night. This is a rare chance, coming only once in three years, and everyone should take advantage of it.

There is much rivalry for positions as delegates to the state contest. The interstate contest is infinitely superior in every way. This year it is to be "on the home grounds." How can any student afford to miss it?

There was some criticism recently because the members of the faculty did not attend a musical entertainment. The bitter rivalry among some members of the faculty surely does not lead them to hope to be supported by any sense of loyalty. If one professor is not interested in the work of his colleagues, why should he waste his time on it under these circumstances? Furthermore, how can one professor ask another to attend his performance if he is continually knocking the other professor's pet hobbies? There is no more reason to support a musical performance out of loyalty to a fellow professor than there is to support a lecture on History, Economics, or Literature.

Now that the women are to major in physical culture, it is time for the men to be given equal opportunities. Have we not co-education? It may occur to some, however, that the change would be only in name.

The John Day library, which has been under construction for nearly a year at Brown University, is almost completed.

# MERCHANTS VIOLATED AGREEMENT SAYS ESPY

## PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION PROMISED TO CLOSE FRIDAY

### Track Manager Thinks Eugene Merchants Are Unfair In Methods of Dealing With Students.

Eugene, Oregon, May 25.—To the Editor.—As manager of the Oregon track team, I believe I should place before the students some facts in regard to the track meet last Saturday. (Many will doubtless wonder why it did not pay better, and will blame me for any deficit in my department. For these reasons, I wish to make the following explanations.)

For many years it has been the custom of the Eugene merchants to make the afternoon of University Day a holiday. Accordingly, I and my assistant asked them to continue the custom again this year, and apparently most of them were willing to do so; but through their organization, the Merchants' Protective Association, they refused.

In order that there may be a full understanding of the circumstances, I will briefly review my dealings with them. Before I went to California with the team, I called upon Mr. Green, the president of the association, and other leading merchants, and asked what action would be taken. They seemed perfectly in favor of continuing the custom. While I was gone Mr. Barbour went before the association at its regular meeting and was informed that they would close, provided the merchants not affiliated with them would do likewise. Accordingly, we obtained a signed agreement from every outside merchant to close up. But after all this, and in spite of their promise, the association board of governors, a secret committee, went back on their word and revoked the action of the main body.

Had the association turned us down in the first place, I would not have so much complaint. But I do seriously object to their action after giving me a promise on which I persuaded the merchants outside the association to close up their stores.

What is the association for, anyway? Is it a protective association, or an organization to use for purposes that no merchant would individually dare to stoop to? And what is their governing board?

Is it not a secret "star chamber" in which the leaders of the organization defeat the will of the members? I do not believe that the business men of Eugene, or a majority of those in the Merchants' Protective Association, were in favor of discontinuing their custom. I believe that the board of governors deliberately thwarted their wishes. If this is the case, why should these business men tolerate such an organization? If I am wrong, and the merchants of Eugene are really using this form of organization to hide work that they are ashamed to do openly, then it is time the students were uniting against the Merchants' Protective Association and patronizing merchants not affiliated with it.

On entering the city of Eugene, one of the first objects that claims the visitor's attention is a large sign at the east end of the depot park. It is an advertisement of the inducements for settling here. Chief among these inducements, blazoned large at the very top, is "The Home of the University of Oregon."

I do not in the least criticize the people of Eugene for thus recognizing their chief asset. Doubtless the University and students bring their merchants

much business. In our studies, some of us learn in a vague sort of way that this raises the value of real estate. Neither do I object to this, for most of the Eugene people are only too ready to repay this debt by the best of treatment and support of all University undertakings. But I do object to a part of them combining to grab all they can get out of it and giving nothing in return.

CECIL J. ESPY,  
Manager U. O. Track Team, 1910.

## NEWLAND AND STINE LEAVE FOR SEATTLE

### WILL REPRESENT OREGON IN FIGHT FOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

### Bond, Gray and Eastham Lose in Round Robin to Stine and Newland—Handicap Still On.

Harry Stine and Ralph Newland, who represent the University in tennis, this year, left last night for Seattle, where they meet the University of Washington team in a series of games for the Northwest championship.

The finals of the tryouts were not played until the first of this week. In the preliminary tryouts Bond and Gray were winners, and these then played a "round robin" with Stine and Newland and Eastham. Stine and Newland won the match, and hence qualified as the University team.

The second preliminary Varsity tryout resulted as follows: First Round—Jamison won from Bates (default); Robinson from Rothchild (default); Shattuck from Farris (default); Gray from R. Moores, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3. Second Round—Robinson from Jamison (default); Gray from Shattuck 6-4, 6-2; and final—Gray from Robinson (default).

In the "round robin" Stine won from Eastham 6-0, 6-2; Stine from Newland (default); Stine from Bond 9-7, 6-2; Stine from Gray 6-3, 6-1; Newland from Shattuck (default); Gray from Eastham 6-3, 7-5; Newland from Bond (default); Newland from Gray (default). These results qualified Stine and Newland as the Varsity team.

The handicap meet is proceeding slowly. Matches played to date have resulted as follows: First round—Shattuck from Gregory 6-8, 6-4, 6-4; Gray from Getz 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; Welch from Moore (default); Hodge from Rigler 6-0, 5-7, 6-2; G. Briedwell from Fowler 6-4, 6-1; Jamison from Powell (default). Second round—Newland from Bond 6-0, 4-6, 6-14; Eastham from Dunlap 8-6, 6-3; Strang from Waite 6-0, 6-0; Hodge from G. Briedwell 6-2, 16-8; Shangle from Prescott 6-4, 10-8; C. Moores from Rothchild 6-2, 6-4; Bates from P. Briedwell (default); Huston from Brown 6-1, 6-1; Thomas from Terry 2-6, 6-4, 9-7. Third round—Newland from Eastham 6-4, 6-0.

The interscholastic track meet which was to be held at the Oregon Agricultural College on May 28 was called off because of the rush of other events. The meet will be held next year, and President Kerr has offered a hundred dollar loving cup to the winning high school.

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