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## Factionalism

It is a long way from the mediaeval city of Florence to the University of Oregon, but except for the crudeness of the older methods, the history of the factional strife in the two places, is much the same.

Throughout the Divine Comedy there runs a note of Dante's sorrow for his unhappy city, and the characters in the Inferno and Purgatorio frequently prophesy a terrible punishment for Florence. The warring factions debauched the government, gave the city over to anarchy, and never hesitated to call in, at a ruinous sacrifice of the city's interests, the Germans or French.

Of course, affairs have hardly reached this stage here. Probably as we are enlightened and cultured, things never will go so far, but if factional bitterness keeps increasing, the University of Oregon, like the city of Florence, will be degraded and ruined by cliques.

That fraternity troubles are on the increase is testified by close observers of college affairs, and the returning alumni. One prominent alumnus recently said: "We fought occasionally, and then buried the hatchet. You fellows are sore all the time."

Interfraternity and interfaction antagonism is increasing, and it is time to call a halt, before the University is knifed for the sake of the bunch.

The fraternity system necessarily breeds rivalry and competition, but it should be open and above board, and should never narrow our minds or breed hatred and "dirt."

By far the greater number of "inter-bunch" rows spring from beginnings as trivial as they are foolish. After we have graduated a year or two and come in contact with the broadening influences of real life, these rows will appear woefully insignificant and we will wonder why we allowed them to prevent our really knowing the good fellows in other crowds.

Upperclassmen who have learned to respect the abilities of the men in other houses can do the most to discourage this childish antagonism, and can prevent the freshmen being inoculated with the germ of hatred for the others.

Most freshmen come up here free from these prejudices. If possible, we should prevent their inheriting the traditional fights of their fraternities. Let them die without poisoning the minds of the new men.

Interneecine strife is fast becoming the bane and disgrace of the University. If persisted in, the factions will begin to keep the college for purposes begin to knife the college for private revenge, and the University of Oregon,

as the city of Florence, will be betrayed and degraded by the sacrifice of community to bunch spirit.

It is time to call a halt. The expression of A. Lincoln may be safely paraphrased in its application to Oregon: "A college divided against itself can not stand." What are we going to do about it?

The Emerald is reviving the much mooted green cap question, not to rehash unpleasant subjects, or merely to make news, but because it believes student sentiment should be crystallized into action of some kind.

What this action shall be is not for the Emerald to say, but the Emerald believes that the rule should be applied to all or formally revoked.

The persistent violation of the regulation by a few freshmen is an insult to the students at large, and an imposition on the law abiding members of the class.

Possibly many of the ideas on the subject herewith published are impractical, but open discussion of a common question can hurt no one, and may lead to the adoption by the students of a definite plan of action.

## COUNTRY MEN AGAIN CIRCLING THE CIRCUIT

Trainer Hayward will select five men to represent Oregon in the race with O. A. C's team on the morning of the O. A. C.-U. O. football game. The interclass race will not be run until after the football season is over. There will be a cup awarded to the winning team, and an individual medal for the first man to complete the circuit.

Cross country aspirants are donning muddy tights and jerseys for their long winded sprints around the cemetery hill. There has been no captain elected for the senior class team as yet, but the other classes have chosen leaders: Malls, '12; McClure, '13; Huggins, '14. The athletic track will be used, instead of the regular course until the fall rains set in.

By dint of untiring efforts, Oregon's runners have earned an enviable position for the college in this branch of athletics, and Trainer Hayward does not propose that this year's team will fall below the records set by previous Oregon men.

## ED. HIMES SPECIAL AGENT FOR SUPPLIES

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## \$1.75 RATE TO CORVALLIS NOVEMBER 12TH

Football Manager Morgan Watson announces that the Southern Pacific Company has granted a \$1.75 excursion rate to the big game at Corvallis November 12.

This will allow the students to go and return the same day. It is expected that practically the entire University will be in Corvallis November 12, as every voice will be sorely needed.

## Surveyors Busy

The topographic surveying class this year holds the record for enrollment, there being sixteen men registered. The usual number is twelve or less. The members of the class are taking advantage of these clear nights for their astronomical practice, and on Wednesday and Friday nights can be found gazing upon worlds unknown. At first the boys had considerable amusement keeping the stars located in the field of the object glass of the instrument, but now they have settled down to good, conscientious work.

C. E. Fisher, trainer and coach for Grinnell College, Iowa, will train the O. A. C. football and track athletes for a few weeks.

## SHOW HOUSE SECURES MANY FINE ATTRACTIONS

Complete List Is Published, and Plays Should Prove Popular With Students

The bookings at the down town play house for the months of November and December are above the average run seen by Eugene theater goers for some time. Such well known actors as Virginia Harned, Max Figman and Billy Clifford, and the high class entertainment course secured by Professor Glen, of the Music Department, insure the people of Eugene and college students a pleasurable and profitable season. This year is the first year that Eugene has received her due in the play line. A college town never fails to provide a full house to any play of merit, and Eugene is no exception. The bookings up to January 1st follow:

- Wed., Nov. 2, Pasmore Trio.
- Thurs., Nov. 3, Virginia Harned.
- Sat., Nov. 5, Our New Minister.
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 8, 9, Hotchkiss Stock Co.
- Sat., Nov. 12, Billy Clifford.
- Mon., Nov. 14, Prince of Pilsen.
- Wed., Nov. 16, Morning, Noon and Night.
- Tues., Nov. 22, Mrs. Wiggs and the Cabbage Patch.
- Fri., Nov. 25, Max Figman.
- Tues., Nov. 29, Kissing Girl.
- Thurs., Dec. 8, Volunteer Organist.
- Sat., Dec. 10, The Burgomaster.
- Wed., Dec. 14, U. of O. Glee Club.
- Thurs., Dec. 22, The Broken Idol.

## SPECIAL LETTER FROM WASH. STATE COLLEGE

Oct. 22, 1910.—(To the Emerald)—From the standpoint of the members of the team, the schedule this year is a good one, as most of the games are to be played away from home. With the Idaho game coming next Friday, all the men are working for their places on the team. Among the old men, that is, last year's team, are Jumbo Hunter, tackle, "Tub" Laird, last year's center, but trying for tackle this year, "Paddy" Buck, half back, Jack Foran, quarter, and Dyke Galbraith, end.

Coach Osthoff has had the men out for the last month, and all are still in doubts as to just who is and who isn't on the team. He says that it shall not be decided until a few minutes before the game. Captain Hunter is playing his position like the veteran he is, and much is expected of him this year. Laird is showing his old form in the of Wenatchee, a new man, is working for center. Buck, Galbraith and Foran show no decrease in their powers, the contrary being the case.

Owing to the close proximity of the Idaho game, all loyal rooters are joining together to have such a rally on Thursday night as never before, and the Freshman class is scurrying around to think up new stunts to pull off.

Aside from the Idaho game, there are others that are just as interesting, but at present do not take up quite as much time as this one.

Below is the schedule of games:  
 Idaho, at Pullman, October 21.  
 O. A. C. at Corvallis, Oct. 29.  
 Vacant, to be played at Pullman, November 5.  
 U. of W., at Spokane, Nov. 12.  
 Whitman, at Walla Walla, Thanks-C. Q. North, editor of the Chinook, resigned as track captain for 1911. Tabor LaFollette, who succeeds him as captain, is a member of the present senior class, and has made his "W" in track for three successive seasons. Mr. LaFollette is a sure point winner in every meet.

The Chi Ontegas entertained a few of their men friends quite informally Friday evening.

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