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Economy?

The sketch of the Glee Club, "At Dope Center," dealing with a mercenary manager and a stranded club, seems to be most apropos for the Glee Club, for the members of this organization returned from their first trip, telling tales of woe about how they were put up at second class hotels, made to pay their own fare from Portland to Vancouver and return, asked to go without breakfast in Salem, and made to suffer many other inconveniences for the sake of economy. They are threatening to refuse to go on the Eastern Oregon trip unless assured better treatment by the management.

The manager comes back at them, however, by saying that he is this year carrying more men and taking the club over more territory than ever before, that he has been unable to get rates on the O. R. & N. tracks, and, to make expenses, must economize every way possible.

The management evidently has a good argument on his side. The Eastern Oregon trip is an expensive one, in fact it never has paid, and this year, unless the Mandolin Club is left at home, the club will contain six or seven additional men, and the possibility of making the club pay for itself will be lowered greatly. The manager is therefore doing his duty to the student body when he observes every economy.

However, this does not mean that he must cheapen the club which he takes out. One man in Salem remarked that it was poor advertisement for the University to put her Glee Club up at second class hotels, and the Capital Journal, of that place, also intimates the same thing in its write-up of the concert.

They are without a doubt right. While it is not necessary to carry our best advertising medium about the country in regal state, it is essential that it be sent out first class, in order that it may be on a level with the best. The influence of a glee club, football team, or any other student body aggregation, is apt to be curtailed if it does not travel as the best of people travel. Our clubs have heretofore traveled only first class, and there is no reason why the custom should be changed now. The student body does not expect them to go any other way.

The Emerald is not saying whether this year's club is carried properly or not, nor is it questioning the good motives of Manager Stine, for it believes he is trying to do the very best for the college. We only question the wisdom of his policy when, for the sake of economy, he would lower the dignity of the club he handles by carrying it about second class, in order to save money, for we believe that the charm resulting to the University from such a policy will far outweigh any financial gain it may bring.

The threatened typhoid scare seems to be wearing off. Only one case seems to be all serious, and that is not yet dangerous. The fact of the matter seems to be that many of the cases reported as typhoid were not typhoid at all, but were rather a mild form of malaria. At

the time of high water, the heavy rains washed into the river not only great quantities of ordinary sediment, but also considerable vegetable matter, which, used in water not thoroughly boiled, produced a species of malarial fever. A number of students have gone home suffering from a fever of this sort, but without exception they are reported as improving or entirely well. But the news that a number of students have left college temporarily, and that others are ill here, has naturally caused considerable uneasiness. The fact, however, that none of the cases are dangerous, and that their number is daily decreasing, together with the information that the new filter plant now being installed will be completed by the end of the holidays, or very soon thereafter, should banish any misgivings some students may as to the advisability of returning to a town reported to be threatened with another typhoid epidemic.

TEMPERING PROCESS SHOWN TO BLACKSMITHS

Wednesday afternoon the students in the Engineering Department had an opportunity to see a practical demonstration of scientific steel tempering for tool use. Two men who by experience have learned the art are here to instruct a class in steel tempering. They claim that in from three to six hours anyone can learn what it has taken them a lifetime to find out.

One of the men, Mr. Wheeler, made a knife blade, sharpened it, and shaved a man's arm and then whittled a hickory tool handle. After this and without rewhetting, he shaved another arm. This demonstrated the high degree of temper in the piece of steel. After the general demonstration a class was organized and the two old blacksmiths promise to stay with the students until the art is learned.

Eutaxian Society Meets

The Eutaxian Society held its weekly meeting Tuesday evening, December 13. Miss Nellie Hemenway gave a very interesting talk on the observance of Christmas in other countries as compared to our own festivities. Miss Fay Clark read a Christmas story.

The first meeting after vacation will be a social meeting at the home of Miss Jessie Calkins. It will be on Tuesday, January 3, and every member is requested to attend.

GIANT CONDON OAKS GIVE HARVEST OF MISTLETOE

Tuesday the old Condon Oaks played Santa Claus, and the campus wore an air of Christmas festivity. Every student was a recipient of its gifts—mistletoe, such as those grand old trees would wear, not a commo ngrowth, but one of many perfect white berries.

But not of its own accord did the tree adopt the guise of Santa. In the office it was decided that unless the heavy growth of moss and mistletoe were removed, the trees might die. So the head gardener received his instructions to cut the parasite growth off, and with several assistants the tree was stripped of its decorations, only a few bunches remaining.

But no carting away was necessary to remove the mistletoe. Each passing student stopped to receive his share, and soon not a piece was left.

The old Condon Oaks are landmarks on the Oregon campus. Named in honor of Professor Condon, they hold a warm place in the hearts of every Oregon student, and their life is jealously guarded by all.

Professor Joseph Schaefer leaves on Thursday to spend the holidays in the East. While gone he will attend the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, of which he is a member, and incidentally spend Christmas at his old home in Wisconsin.

CALENDAR
 * Thursday, Dec. 15—
 * 4:00 P. M., Villard, Student Body Meeting.
 * 7:00 P. M., Deady, Y. M. C. A.
 * 8:00 P. M., Villard, Dramatic Club
 * Friday, Dec. 16—
 * 11:00 A. M., Christmas vacation * begins.
 * Saturday, Dec. 17—
 * 8:00 P. M., Osburn Hotel, Faculty banquet.

LIGHTNING WELDERS FORM BRANCH SOCIETY

Institute of Electrical Engineers

A branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers has been formed at the University. Tuesday evening in Prof. Dearborn's room twenty-one students and three members of the faculty met and organized a student branch of the institute. Prof. R. H. Dearborn was chosen chairman and Mr. C. R. Reid secretary of the organization. Representing the students are L. E. McCoy and E. F. Hurlburt, seniors, and Harold B. Cockerline, junior. These five men constitute a committee who will prepare a constitution and by-laws to be submitted at the next meeting. They also act as executive committee and prepare all programs for the meetings.

Prof. Dearborn gave a short, interesting talk on the history and development of the National organization and was followed by Mr. Reid, who spoke of the advantages of membership in the institute. It is planned to have monthly meetings of a most interesting nature. Practical men will be brought to the University to speak whenever they can be secured and the students will also have an opportunity to display their talent. It is possible that joint meetings will be held occasionally with the University Engineering Club. Any student is eligible for membership in the local and all are welcome as visitors.

The Kappa Sigma dance, which was planned for Friday evening, has been postponed until after the holidays.

Wednesday evening the Lambda Rhos entertained a few girl friends with a dinner party and Christmas jollification.

Hazel Fields spent part of the week end at the Tri Delta house.

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