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## An Opportunity for Demonstrating Oregon Spirit

College will be dismissed Friday, to allow the students an opportunity of attending the week end Commonwealth Day exercises. On this occasion, as at Varsity games, the Oregon spirit will be at a test, for the University needs our attendance at these exercises as much as at a football game. Prominent men will be here from all parts of the state, and their impression of us will be based largely on the showing we make, and it is important that we accord the distinguished speakers large audiences, for the size of the audiences will show the interest we have in them and their message on state questions.

Last year an elaborate and interesting program was prepared only to be wasted on empty halls. Naturally the speakers were piqued at their cold reception, and carried away distinctly unfavorable impressions of the college.

Perhaps we may not be wildly excited over the topics, nor believe they are of live interest to us, but these problems demand attention from us as members of the commonwealth, as students subsidized by the state, and as members of our college, which will be put on trial. As a matter of fact, we will probably not find them as dry as most of us imagine, but anyhow Oregon spirit spells sacrifice for the Varsity, and even if we do regard it as an unpleasant duty, we owe it to Oregon to attend.

One never learns how many friends he has until some indiscretion gives the friends an opportunity for admonishment and criticism. It is much the same with a newspaper. The Emerald staff had never realized the number of readers the paper had nor their deep and abiding concern until the "pied" issue of January 4 appeared. Then a majority of the subscribers who heretofore had never taken enough interest in the Emerald to pay their subscriptions or to notice the commendable features, hastened to express their pain, grief and mortification.

The make-up was really atrocious, and any excuses would, of course, be idle. The least said about it the better. In the last analysis the editor is, of course, responsible, and the only comment befitting him is the assurance that special effort will be put forth to guard against a repetition of the unfortunate occurrence.

Nothing succeeds like success, and a reputation for winning is half the battle. This is especially true of collegiate contests. The winning tradition counts for much, and we have won many of our athletic contests simply because our opponents expected defeat. Several years ago we had this reputation in forensics. Then we sloughed, but last year came back, and won the championship of four states. Debate has received a new impetus, and by upholding last year's victorious record, we can soon acquire a reputation for winning that will itself go far toward victory. Hearty support and interest in the team by the whole student body, and many candidates in the tryouts, are important factors of

success in this most important branch of student activity.

With the increasing interest in rugby, soccer and la crosse, and the inter-fraternity and inter-class basketball leagues, it is hard to see how this University can be accused of sacrificing the athletic good of the many for specialization on the few. Gymnasium classes are systematically organized, and every student is supposed to spend at least two hours weekly in calisthenics. Every effort is being made to get every student interested in at least one branch of athletics, and attendance at these intra-collegiate games will readily convince one that they are not "specialized" athletics, but "athletics for the masses," in which anyone may participate. With such inducements for general exercise, it is hard to conceive the force of the "intra-collegiate" movement here at Oregon.

The last Washington legislature granted the State University something like \$962,000. The population of the state is a little over a million. The population of the state of Oregon is something over 672,000. Thus why speculate any longer upon the appropriation which our assembling legislature will grant us? It is a beautifully simple problem and one that any school boy, or even economics student, could solve by the simple old rule of three. A is to B as C is to X, or 1,000,000 is to 672,000 as \$962,000 is to X, supposing X to represent our coming appropriation. Our slide rule engineers could solve it, and the economic Seniors could plot it for the instruction and enlightenment of the legislators who will visit us.

## Y. W. C. A. WILL LISTEN TO PROF. H. C. HOWE

Professor Howe will deliver an address Monday at 4:00 o'clock to the girls of the Y. W. C. A. The subject has not yet been announced.

Mrs. Brown is busy perfecting plans for the girls' Bible classes. Professors Clark and Bovard will each take charge of a class. Definite plans will be announced later.

January 21 and 22, Saturday and Sunday, are the days set for the Y. W. conference. At that time Miss Gage and Miss Hopkins, the Western Secretaries of the organization, will be here and assist in the work.

## DR. THOMPSON AT Y. M. GIVES FORCEFUL TALK

One of the most valuable and impressive addresses that has been heard at the men's Y. M. C. A. meetings was delivered last night. Dr. Thompson, of Portland, spoke on the fourth of the series of College Men's Problems, dealing with the sex problem. He handled this delicate subject in a forcible yet sane and sensible manner, omitting all the morbid phases of the question, but driving the truths home with thoroughness and directness.

That a plain discussion was appreciated by the men of the University was evidenced by the fact that nearly seventy-five men were present to hear the talk, and after its conclusion a large number remained to make the acquaintance of Dr. Thompson.

Following the address at the University, Dr. Thompson went to the city Y. M. C. A., where he addressed more than fifty men. In the afternoon he spoke to sixty-five high school boys.

At the Gamma Phi Beta house, Ann McMickin and Pearl McKenna, both of whom have been seriously ill, will probably not be able to return to college this year.

- CALENDAR
- \* Saturday, Jan. 7—
  - \* 7:00 P. M., Deady, Laureans.
  - \* Monday, Jan. 9—
  - \* 4:00 P. M., Women's Gym., Y. W. C. A.
  - \* 4:00 P. M., Soccer and Rugby \* turnout
  - \* Tuesday, Jan. 10—
  - \* 4:00 P. M., Deady, Eutaxian Society.
  - \* 8:00 P. M., German Club.
  - \* Wednesday, Jan. 11—
  - \* 10:00 A. M., Villard, Sophomore Hour.

## DR. GILBERT TO SPEAK TO PORTLAND Y. M. C. A.

Will Deliver a Series of Economic Lectures In Portland

Dr. James Gilbert is in Portland, where he will tonight deliver the first of his series of twelve economic lectures before the Portland Y. M. C. A. These lectures will be given in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, and the series has been arranged with the idea of interesting the ordinary citizen in current economic problems. The series will treat such subjects as currency, railroads, banking, tariff, etc. The subject of tonight's address will be the "Immigration Problem."

The lectures will be free to the general public of Portland.

Mr. Arthur Geary, '10, is back renewing the memories of his college days. Mr. Geary is now engaged in fruit raising near Medford, and is running a large apple ranch.

Mrs. Bancroft, the Theta house mother, has not returned from Los Angeles, where she spent the Christmas holidays. Her place is being filled by Mrs. McAdams at present.

Nellie Banfield, Roxanna White and Jean Miller, of the Gamma Delta Gamma house, will be seen on the campus again next semester.

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