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Vanity Fair

Today's Emerald contains accounts of twelve more or less elaborate banquets or dinners which have just occurred or which are scheduled for the coming week, which is the last before exams. In addition, there were the usual week-end festivities, the dozens of picnics yesterday, which made it impossible to obtain a boat or a carriage in the city, and undoubtedly this coming week-end will be crowded to the point of satiety, with picnics and parties. Nor is this an exceptionally busy time. Indeed, it has been much this way throughout the year, and the student affairs committee has been in a perpetual quandary trying to schedule the multifarious social events without conflict. That they have not entirely succeeded with the impossible is shown by the fact that on many nights there have been three or more affairs which compelled the social stars to visit from house to house in an effort to spread themselves out.

In social sets where a so-called good time is the object of life, or in a large college where there is plenty of social material to go around, with several independent cliques, this would be all right. At Oregon, however, we have but seven hundred students, and one-half of these do most of the "going." We were all sent here with serious purposes, and excess of society is indefensible. It is going too strong. The game isn't worth the candle.

We—at least nine-tenths of us—are here to study, and disturbing counter attractions should not be tolerated to the point of interfering with our main purpose in life. We hear much of athletics ruining brilliant college men, but for every career wrecked by athletics there are two sacrificed by too much society and "fussing." Dozens of us are having our time, attention and effort frittered away by the trivial sociabilities. It requires a clear head and a strong will to keep the middle of the road and prevent our ambitions, aims and ideals from being smothered by the multitudes of details. In the rush of social affairs this year, many of us at Oregon have lost sight of these things. We have, too many of us, forgotten the ambitions and hopes with which we came to college, in a wearisome round of dances, picnics and "feeds," and find that through excessive indulgence in it society begins to pall on us while exams find us unprepared.

Next year it would be wise to restore the balance, and call a halt in the rapidly increasing number of social affairs. One needed and practical step would be to restore Sunday to its original function as a rest day. The sororities might help toward this by restricting society on that day to the inevitable and regular call of the steady. Moderation in all things, even society.

A friend in the high places is a tower of strength, and we are to be

congratulated in having such a friend in Governor Oswald West. He is a practical, business-like man, and everyone who this morning heard him avow his friendship for the University of Oregon believed him, and not only believed him, but was convinced that are attacked from all sides, and with-sity from the help of such a man as Governor West. He comes to us at this time as a friend in need, when we much good will accrue to the University out a doubt, by his assistance to this University the Governor has made dozens of friends who will be there with support and votes should he ever need them.

In line with the movement toward practical, applicable education, the Emerald proposes the establishment of a chair for research into the nature and cure of that fatal affliction, poison oak. Each spring, with the dandelions, pussy willows, and spring lamb, comes the poison oak. Typhoid slays its tens, but poison oak makes miserable its hundreds. Like the black death, it rages through the college from sorority to fraternity, and then back again through another sorority, leaving devastation, curses, mottled complexions and empty bottles in its wake. Our usually joyous, care-free students, are changed into irritable, peevish cynics. Our fraternity and sorority houses are transformed into pest houses and lazarets. It breaks up many a case and parts dozens of loving young souls.

Why not stamp out the scourge by scientific study of the cause and cure for the affliction? It is a step toward the "newer consciousness," and the Emerald, to start the investigation, will contribute a whole drawerful of lotions, salves and other "never-fail" poison oak remedies.

Next Monday we will vote on the question of whether we shall definitely retain our out of date, inefficient system of student administration or whether Oregon will take her place among the progressive colleges with an efficient graduate manager system.

SENIOR CAST WILL TREAT THEMSELVES TO PICNIC

The cast of the Senior Play, flushed by their merited success, propose to celebrate by either a picnic or a banquet. If a picnic is the wish of the cast, they will probably take a trip to the McKenzie on the first convenient day.

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CALENDAR

o Wednesday, May 31—
 o 7:30 P. M., Electrical Building, o
 o A. I. E. E. o
 o Thursday, June 1—
 o 4:00 P. M., Oregon vs. California, baseball. o
 o 8:00 P. M., Villard, School of Music Recital. o
 o Friday, June 2—
 o 7:00 P. M., Deady, Y. M. C. A. o
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