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## COLLEGES WOULD JOIN ORATORICAL CONTEST

Permission to Join the Inter-State  
Oratorical Contest Asked for by  
Whitman and W. S. C.

Two more Northwest colleges have become desirous of a chance to win some of the forensic championships which have been drawn so irresistibly to the Oregon standard within the past two years. The management is in receipt of applications from both Whitman College and Washington State College for admission to the Northwest Oratorical League, which consists of the Universities of Washington, Montana and Oregon. It is impossible to tell at this date what action will be taken by the associated schools, upon the applications.

Coach Johnson refuses to make any statement as to the attitude of Oregon in the matter. All he will say is that he intends to concentrate his attention first on debate, which is of primary importance at the beginning of the year.

Manager Geary is making arrangements to renew the contract with Utah, which expired last year. If he is successful in this, the tryouts for the team to meet Utah will begin in November. Coach Johnson is anxious to get a line on the material with which he will have to work. He has learned definitely that several of the old stars will be unable to participate this year; and he is anxious to get acquainted with the new men upon whom he will have to depend. He has asked that every freshman who has done any debating at all in prep. school, hunt him up in his office in Pillard Hall to get acquainted and prepare for work.

## SOPHS PRESENT OFFICES

Second Year Men Find Only Select  
Few to Fill Positions for  
Coming Year.

A general lack of enthusiasm seemed to pervade the very air when the Sophomores met yesterday in Villard Hall for their first business meeting of the year. In the absence of both president and vice-president of the former freshman class, Peter Crockett was elected temporary chairman and under the guidance of his steady hand the Sophomores proceeded to the election of their officers with a calm and dignity that would have done credit to a Vassar yell practice.

The horde of office-seekers usually present at such gatherings was conspicuous by its absence, no competition being evidenced, except in the balloting for vice-president, which was finally captured by Janet Young. All other officers were elected unanimously and are as follows: Vernon Motschenbacher, president; Alva Grout, treasurer; Ruth Beach, secretary; Woo Sun, sergeant-at-arms.

No other business of importance was transacted, but a second meeting was announced to take place in Prof. Reddy's room on the following Tuesday.

Ben Williams, '10, is registered, with a view to taking his master's degree, in an elementary law course under Dr. Barnett. While pursuing his studies in the University, he is also reading law in his father's office.

company did their part equally with the men.

Six semester hours of credit were given for the work in the two courses. "The expenses of the trip, including board and lodging," said Professor Sweetser, "did not exceed sixty dollars."

The University of Oregon students who made the trip are: Harold Bean, Miss Norton, Miss Waterman, Miss George, Miss Lilly, '10, and H. Scullen, '10. Four other Oregon people not connected with the University, also made the journey.

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## PROF. KOEHLER SPENT PLEASANT YEAR ABROAD

Says the United States Are Good  
Enough for Him to Spent His  
Life In.

Prof. H. W. Koehler, assistant in the German department, returned from his year abroad on the twentieth of September. Having been granted a leave of absence in the spring of 1910, he left Eugene on the eighteenth of June, sailing ten days later on the S. S. Rotterdam, bound for the city of that name.

After visiting The Hague and the famous bathing resorts in Holland, he visited relatives along the Rhine, did some research work at the University of Munich, enjoyed the wonderful Passion Play of Oberammergau, studied the German museum at Nuernberg with special reference to its relation with German literature and history.

More important research work was done at the University of Leipzig, after which he toured Switzerland and France, stopping at the important cities and points of interest. For two months he attended the University at Grenoble, France, which is historically famous as the starting point of the French revolution.

Leaving Paris, he arrived in London just in time for the strikes, which prevented him leaving that city, and confined his attention to the post coronation attractions. Prof. Koehler, who came directly home, says that the United States are good enough for him, notwithstanding the allurements of romantic Europe.

Miss Jane Knox has returned to Eugene to re-enter the University.

## ARTHUR GEARY RETURNS FROM SOUTHERN OREGON

Graduate manager A. M. Geary returned Saturday evening from a visit to the towns of Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, and Roseburg. While in Southern Oregon, besides making a business trip to his father's ranch near Medford, he inquired carefully into the conditions surrounding the purposed Glee Club Tour of Southern Oregon in the interests of Manager Cecil.

He also got in touch with the basket ball men of the different towns that he visited, and found that the teams were not yet organized, but that the University would have no trouble in securing several games, if they took the trip south. While in Ashland, he addressed the High school students at a football rally, and found them very much interested in the work at the University of Oregon.

## BUSHER BROWN TO WIELD SCEPTER OVER ROOTERS

"Busher" Brown was selected by the Executive Council last evening to lead the Oregon rooters for the next year. "Busher" is a senior in the University and has had ample training for the position which he will hold. He has acted as assistant for two previous "Yell Leaders," "Tubbe" Alton, in 1910, and to "Beauty" Robinson, last year. "Bush" intends to have regular rooting practice every night from now on, and expects every man to come out, especially the Freshmen, who are expected to learn the yells.

John Baker, '14, and Ira Staggs, '13, have been appointed assistants in the wood and machine shops respectively. Both received their technical education in the Engineering Department of the University.

## WORK AT FRIDAY HARBOR PROVES PROFITABLE

Study Found Interesting and Six  
Semester Credits Are Earned In  
Six Weeks.

Probably the most interesting feature of the summer school work carried on by the University this summer was the geological course given at San Juan Island, Friday Harbor, Washington. Seven University of Oregon students, together with Prof. Sweetser and family, made the trip, and returned, enthusiastic over the work accomplished.

The little island is situated ninety miles north of Seattle, and is known as the Puget Sound Marine Biological Station. It was originally controlled by the University of Washington, but the Universities of Oregon and Idaho now also have an interest in it. Each summer a number of students from the three institutions make a six weeks study of the numerous geological formations on the island.

The two most popular courses given this year were Ecology and Algology, taking up the study of plants and animals in their natural surroundings along the shore and island. A steamer was chartered for thirty days, and each day a number of specimens were gathered and studied in the laboratory. Several two day excursions were made, one as far as Victoria, B. C. In camp two students were assigned to a tent, and on the trips each student carried his bed with him. Several co-eds made the trip, and enjoyed 'roughing it' as well as did the men. On one occasion the camp fire broke away, and a water bucket brigade was formed to quench the flames. The line extended up the side of a steep mountain, and the women of the