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Oregon Spirit.

Everyone is interested in the work of reviving Oregon Spirit. This duty falls upon the old men at the beginning of each year, and this year is no exception to the rule.

Perhaps before we attempt to get the spirit, it might be well to consider, for a moment, what Oregon spirit is, and what conditions are necessary to produce it.

For the past four years, at least, it has been the custom to hold assemblies and rallies for the purpose of instilling "pip" into the laggard student body, and to rail and nag at everybody and at conditions in general, until the students were thoroughly convinced that things were going to rack and ruin and, furthermore, didn't care.

This method never produced any Oregon spirit and never will. If any enthusiasm exists, all nagging will immediately kill it. Oregon spirit is nothing more or less than college enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is a mental state resulting from a tangible cause. Without this tangible cause, this positive condition, the state will not be produced. There must be something to be enthusiastic over before we can become so. A number of rallies, big ones too, have failed in their purpose simply because there was nothing immediate to arouse enthusiasm. Witness how quickly the interest in football, track and glee club dies when the season is completed. It is ever so. This mental state is a result, not a cause. To produce it we must turn our attention toward those things which appeal to our enthusiastic natures. By this method and this method only will we be able to win the old time spirit.

Stop kicking. Assume an optimistic attitude. We are all idealists and the power of suggestion has much to do with the formation of our ideals. Circulate the idea that the spirit is dead and it will die. Turn the attention to those activities which we have an interest in, and a cause to feel anxious over, and enthusiasm will permeate the campus.

We have never yet had a crisis that was not accompanied by all the spirit necessary to win, and all that is necessary now is to center our attention upon the things we are attempting to accomplish and Oregon spirit will spring up like mushrooms in the night.

The commercial clubs recognize this principle and follow it. Their slogan always is, "Boost, don't knock." Oregon is alright this year, as she has been in the past.

THE SAGE OF PODUNK MAKES A FEW REMARKS

Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: "It's been said before."

Groups of Freshmen all remind us of when we started wearing green. Oh how we slipped about the campus, Fearing that we might be seen.

Some people would be sour on the weather if it rained honey.

Every dog has his day, but the gobblers have the nights.

A good many vaudeville artists ought to be doing the lockstep instead if the ones they are springing on the public.

Even the bachelor has the joy of parting with his hair.

Many poets starve because some editors are educated.

Some of the most prominent skaters of the University never go near the rink or the ice.—B. C., '14.

PROF. DEARBORN GATHERS IN DATA AS TAX COMMISSIONER

During the summer vacation Prof. R. H. Dearborn held a very important position as Engineer for the State Tax Commissioners.

Prof. Dearborn's duty was to visit every electrical power plant and system in the state and appraise them for taxation purposes. Six systems were examined as follows: Baker, La Grande, Astoria, Willamette Valley, Southern Oregon, and Klamath Falls. This investigation gave Prof. Dearborn first hand information concerning the power systems of the state, and as a field for employment his knowledge will be of considerable help to the engineering students who desire work during vacation.

REFERENDUM SUIT DRAGS IN EXPERTING SIGNATURES

No noteworthy developments have occurred in the case of the objections against referring the University appropriation to the voters. The hearing of the case is still being held in Portland. If the opponents of the appropriation succeed in making the University supporters prove every case of forgery testified to by the handwriting experts by producing the person whose signature has been forged, the case will undoubtedly drag along for several months.

Beginning with next Friday night, Mike Walker, Manager of the Aloha Theatre, will institute a stunt entirely new in Eugene. This evening will be Amateur's night, and in addition to the regular bill he will offer for the best amateur acts two prizes, five dollars for the first and two fifty for the second; the audience to be judge.

Three amateurs will perform each Friday night in the order of their application. Several varsity stuntsmen have already signified their intention of appearing and are working up song and dance acts on the quiet.

PICK AND STRING CLUB RENEWS ACTIVITIES

New Mandolin Club Organized For Social as Well as Musical Purposes.

Another organization has been added to Oregon's already numerous and varied number. This time it is a musical association with semi-social features. The membership includes those who are proficient in the art of "picking" some stringed instrument, and who in addition possess certain social qualifications. The charter members designate themselves as the "Pick and String Club."

The purpose of the promoters of this club is to form a permanent organization, which will be of service to the University and which will at the same time possess certain social advantages. The most distinct feature of the club will be its permanency. The club is not preparing for any concert or trip, after which it expects to disband. The promoters expect to hold the men together the whole college year and to be ready at any time to appear in public.

Another feature is the social side of the club. The members will meet at the different houses at least once a week for practice and for a good social time. Serenading expeditions are not barred and many a fair-haired venus will be drawn to her moonlit window in response to the sweet "pinkety-pink" of the mandolin and the regular "plunk" of the guitar.

But the main purpose of the club is to be of service to the University. The club will stand ready at any time to appear at any college function and add its share to the entertainment. On programs, parties, dances, or housewarmings its services will be gladly given. The charter members are: R. Moores, Jake Shattuck, Joe Rothchild, Harold Bean, Mason Roberts, Harold Young, Wm. Heusner, and Brooks Dickson.

A very important meeting of the Sophomore Class will be held Tuesday, at 4 P. M., in Prof. Reddie's room in Villard. All members are urged to be present, as several matters of unusual interest must be decided.

The inauguration of Dr. George E. Vincent as president of the University of Minnesota, will be formally celebrated Oct. 18.



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