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"Deep Purple" Coming.

On the first night of his appearance as Laylock in "The Deep Purple," in Chicago, Walter Edwards had one of those curious accidents which are tragic in their import at the time but afterwards become food for jest and laughter. The point of the last act of the Armstrong-Mizner play depends on an almost incredibly swift turn and shot at Leland, the badger man of the play, who is about to kill Laylock by shooting him in the back. Mr. Edwards in the character of the western road agent is obliged to carry an old fashioned revolver of the type used by western men and on the occasion in question for some reason the pistol failed to go off. Mr. Edwards snapped and snapped and Leland waited, pistol in hand, to receive his death sentence. The property man who always stands in the wings ready to fire should the pistol in Laylock's hands fail to explode, saw the situation was desperate and fired his pistol and Leland keeled over as the dramatists had planned, without any visible evidence of fire from Laylock's gun. Mr. Edwards said he would not go through another such experience for a season's salary, for the few seconds that elapsed between his turn and the pistol in the wings seemed to him like an age. Eugene Theatre, Monday, February 15.

JANUARY MONTHLY TO BE DISTRIBUTED SOON

Issue Contains Much Interesting Matter in Essay, Story and Verse Form.

The January issue of the Monthly is now off the press and will be ready for distribution by the last of the week. This issue contains much interesting matter both to the state and to the students. There is a wide diversity of contributions from prominent University essayists, story writers and poets. The table of contents is headed by a sonnet on "Winter" by Gabriel Dante Rossetti.

Judge Galloway's decision is treated in full and the hitherto slightly known Pneumogastric Nerve is discovered by Harry Black.

A poem by Alma Payton comes next and then Allen Eaton on Oregon Alumni. Next in line are Sorority Table Talk, Daniel Webster As a Statesman, The Pharisees, The Corduroy Trousers, By the River Pass, After Many Years, The Dingbat, The Relation of Life to Pence, Priest or Sinner, Tried and True, The End of Summer, Kultus, Alias Gold Bug, which bears no name. After Waiting at Nightfall, comes the Editorial and a new department, "Lost, Strayed, or Stolen."

CANOE CLUB CONVENES

Stock Quoted Above Par, as Membership Approaches the Limitation Point.

That the Varsity Canoe Club will have permanent quarters with adequate lockers for the canoes, pillows and paddles, seems to be an assumed fact, unless the unforeseen arises.

The scheme was discussed at the meeting held in Deady Hall last night and members were enthusiastic in responding with promises of assistance in furthering the project.

Reports of various committees were also heard. The membership committee reported that the limit 30 had nearly been reached, although there was still room for several live wires. The club agreed that only those should henceforth be admitted who were sincerely interested in the favorite spring pastime. An effort will be made to interest canoe owners among the men and only those women who know how to swim, thus preventing the club from degenerating into a mere "pink tea" society.

HOMER WATTS VENTS SPLEEN ON SCHOOLS

Former Oregon Football Star and Grad Quits Schoolteaching for Law.

Athena, Ore., Jan. 26, 1912.

To the Hon. Editor-in-Chief of the Oregon Emerald, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I noticed that in your issue of Nov. 19 ult., it says Frederick Steiwer is farming near Pendleton, and that I am principal of the Athena High School.

Mr. Steiwer is rather modest and would never correct any error whatsoever, but he has reasons for being modest, and as for myself, I never knew what modesty was.

Now, Mr. Steiwer, you will understand, and without sarcasm at that, is one of the prominent attorneys of Pendleton, and he has a farm, or at least is soon to get one. Now, Mr. Steiwer's modesty has led him to tell someone that he has a farm. His farm interests will be better understood when an explanation is given you. That farm is sixty feet by one hundred and twenty feet; in the most popular residence district of the city of Pendleton. A nice little bungalow is nearing completion upon this farm, said to be one of the finest in the city.

Now what a bachelor is going to do with that kind of a farm might well be seen. He certainly is not going to raise wheat or produce. He evidently has serious intentions; if you are a friend of Mr. Steiwer's, you might write to him and ask him; he would perhaps tell you; I wrote to him and asked him—the reply he made to me was that if I would purify my breath of foul tobacco odor and Athena booze, shake the dust from my brogans, some time about the first of the year, he possibly would permit me to walk on clean carpets and be presented to a Mrs. Frederick Steiwer.

As for myself, necessity compelled me to quit the exalted profession of teaching to enter the profession of law. You see, I am married, and now my family consists of a wife, a little sister-in-law of fourteen years, myself and three dogs. Living expenses have increased very rapidly in the last few years, my whole family are hearty eaters. Necessity drove me to do one of two things—deprive my family of the necessities of life, or quit the profession of teaching. I choose the latter. Another thing which had a material influence upon me when I made this rash decision, was that after all the years of schooling which I had had, I did not feel disposed to teach school, if you will call it such, and be dictated to by a lot of block head directors who had never finished the eighth grade; to be bored by the methods of a county school superintendent who had never finished high school. In fact, my entire being and make-up was in discord with the idea of school teaching.

So I quit school taching; and I expect you will too, if you ever start in on it; because I had left in me just a little of individualism that prompts up all to act for ourselves. When I say school teaching, I mean in our schools, not our colleges. I hate to say it, but I believe it to be a fact that the Oregon school system is the weakest of all the states in the Union. I would not attempt in a friendly letter to tell you my reasons and arguments for this assertion. But perhaps for this letter it will be sufficient when I tell you that I was schooled in six different public schools of the state, two of the different Normal Schools and the State University; the only compliment I have to pay to the schools of Oregon, is that we have a university which in its work is equal to the schools in the East, Harvard included. And when I say Harvard, I know what that school is, I spent three years there myself.

Let it suffice to say that I and my family, my dogs included, now eat three times a day.

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