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"Everybody's Doing It."

Complaints have been coming to the Emerald in great numbers since the Freshman Prom: Some of the girls filled their programs before they ever entered the Gymnasium, the stairway was so blocked with men trying to get to their hats and coats, which were upstairs, that those coming down could not get to their girls, who pated impatiently below, the floor was so crowded, due to outside guests being present, one could not dance in comfort, and the grand march was so long drawn out the guests were foot weary before it was ended.

We wonder sometimes if all our complaining is well founded. Is it true that things are wrong here and need mending, or have we become so imbued with the La Follette idea that we see the weak point in everything and overlook the greater part—which is good? Sometimes we imagine our readers are getting tired of our continual nagging, and would like to have something commended for a change. Perhaps we may eulogize something before our career ends. Don't be surprised if after a good night's sleep, followed by a breakfast of ham and eggs, hitherto forbidden delicacies to an editor, we present you with an editorial column depicting how life is what we make it, how the good are better than the bad, and how beautiful are the leaves that drop from the trees to the ground.

An Obnoxious Practice.

The practice among certain varsity students of signing up their dance programs before going to the dance, is causing no little adverse contention about the campus. In fact the feeling is so strong against it, that ten or twelve of the prominent varsity men have visited the Emerald office during the past two days and urged the Emerald to start the campaign against the obnoxious practice.

The system cannot be condemned in terms too strong, we think. It is most undemocratic and it is unfair. The men are to blame for fostering a thing that tends to destroy our love of equality, and the women are to blame for allowing them to do so. It is to be hoped that the practice will be stopped immediately, for it can lead to nothing that is desirable in our community. The time is now ripe for our leading fraternity and sororities to go on record as opposed to this practice, and thus disprove the charge made against them that they stand for snobishness and other kindred undesirable things.

Emerald Holiday.

We have the pleasure of granting an official holiday to the members of the Emerald staff next Saturday. The Y. M. C. A. contingent will assume full charge of the paper and edit it according to the dictates of their own brains. Enjoy the day, oh my beloved.

But come back Monday fully recovered.

NO CLASSES THURSDAY
After further consideration by the faculty, it was decided to follow the custom of other Universities and keep Washington's birthday as a holiday. As a result there will be no classes Thursday, although the library will be open all day until six.

TRYOUT FOR INTER-STATE DEBATE POSTPONED TO MARCH

The committee on oratory and debate decided at a recent meeting that the first tryout for the Inter-State Oratorical Contest will not be held the latter part of February, but will be held March 4, and the final tryout will be held March 18. It was thought best to select this later date because of several University affairs that would interfere with the plans of those who wished to take part in the tryouts.

MERE MAN WILL BE PUT TO SHAME IN DANCE

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year dance follow the debate with Utah, is working out admirably from a financial standpoint. Fully a hundred co-eds have spoken for tickets. Besides those who will participate in the dance after the debate a large number of both men and women are planning to adorn the galleries and see the co-eds hunt their partners, announce the extras, and hen-peck the unfortunate men generally. As no one will be admitted to the gallery of the gymnasium, who has not procured a ticket to the debate, it is expected that a record number will be sold.

The price of the tickets which includes admission to both the debate and the dance is 50 cents per person, which has been the customary price in the past for debates alone. A special rate, however, has been made to the co-eds, who are planning to take men or each other, which is 75 cents for two. These tickets will not be sold at the door, but must be bought ahead of time. The co-eds who have tickets to sell are: Nellie Hemenway, Birdie Wise, Bess Cowden, Lila Sengstake, Alma Payton, and Anne McMicken.

The dance will be strictly informal. Dancing will begin shortly after nine; however, no programs will be given out until half past nine. The debate will begin sharply at 7:30.

OREGON IS PREPARED FOR BIG UTAH DEBATE

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bates each. The first contest was held in 1907, at Salt Lake City, when Oregon, represented by Galloway and Veatch, defeated the Mormons, thus winning the championship of seven states. In 1909, in the next contest. Thomas Townsend and Earl Kilpatrick journeyed to Utah and were defeated. Percy Collier and Colton Spencer won for Oregon in 1910, on at Eugene, while last year the team, composed of Howard Zimmerman and Leon Ray were defeated by a narrow margin at Salt Lake City.

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