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TRUTH FROM THE SOURCE

Mr. Hanley hit the nail on the head in his address yesterday morning, when he warned us against the tendency of college men and women to specialize to the point of narrowness. We must bow in admiration before efficiency, but the really efficient man, in the broad sense, is the one who maintains a wide, tolerant, generous view point toward life and the world. This principle of broadness of vision does not apply merely to ability to gather the dollars and cents; it applies to our attitude toward mankind in general. We now and then find a student who during his four years of college life, has seemed to forget the great extent of the world and to think that the only part of creation of any importance is his own little sphere of acquaintance and activity. This is the worst kind of narrowness.

As a matter of fact, the people who keep the world moving are not all college bred. The world's heroes are far from being in the main college men. The majority of those who have won the respect and admiration of mankind have gone the "hard, round-about, strenuous route," as Mr. Hanley so clearly and forcibly expressed it.

Our guests at assembly yesterday typify the men who, without the advantages of special training, come into a new country and with stalwart determination make of the wilderness a productive land. These are men whom the world pronounces successful, and it is well that we should sit at their feet and learn of life in its bare, unvarnished realities. Such men give us a glimpse of truths which are called to our notice altogether too seldom.

The value of the opportunities which we enjoy and the importance of making the best of them, was also brought forcibly to mind by the words of the various speakers. When such men as William Hanley, and the other speakers at the last assembly, emphasize the necessity of college training, and point out that it is of immeasurable advantage to a man or woman, we may rest assured that such is the case. These men are trained to look at things from the sane, common sense viewpoint of practical men and their word is the expression of long experience and observation.

Gratefully do we welcome such men as these, and may we be so fortunate as to receive visits from them many and often.

A GOOD CUSTOM

In one respect the Student Body of the University of Oregon ranks high. This is in the matter of moderation in social affairs.

A recent trip to the East on which numerous colleges were visited, revealed the fact that other student bodies are frequently at odds with their faculties over the hour for closing their formal functions. The students insist upon the continuance of their pollifications far into the morning, and the faculties are busy devising means to force them to close at an earlier hour.

Oregon students, however, are con-

tent to let the stroke of midnight find their dances and parties at an end.

There is no reason why the environment of a University should cause a man or woman to become less rational or to forget the proprieties of correct society. The man or woman who expects in after years to exert the right kind of influence on the social life of his or her community, cannot begin too soon the exercise of temperance, moderation and good judgment.

It is to be hoped that such sensible social customs will continue at Oregon.

Announcements

Dance—Second Student Body informal Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock, Men's Gymnasium. Season tickets admit.

Glee Club Concert—Glee Club concert at the Eugene Theatre, Friday evening, January 17.

Oratorical Try-out—Preliminary try-out to limit the candidates for the Inter-collegiate contest to six, will be held Friday, January 17.

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"Suppression."

"Quite recently has come to The Daily the novel proposition that it omit all society news. Giving a column or so a day to society made it appear, the father of the movement said, that the University was social crazy.

"The principle is not new by any means, but, unfortunately, its validity is not proportionate to its age. Acting upon it, The Daily would immediately have to omit sporting news, for some earnest ones tell us there is too much athletics. Accounts of club meetings would be left out; there undoubtedly is too much club life. Should not all mention of fraternities be omitted? Are not too much attention and effort put on the Greek letter societies? Should not accounts of studying be left out? Many persons study too much and become grinds. Speaking generally, the following of such a principle would do away with the function of a college paper.

"It really is not the province of a newspaper to look into the ethical and utilitarian virtues of all the facts back of its stories. The function of a newspaper is to print the news. Like every good citizen, it should take an interest in affairs, and by custom is bound to comment on them, but even those opposed editorially should get fair treatment in the news.

"Whether local society is good or bad, therefore, is not the concern of The Daily as a purveyor of news. The factors to be considered are whether the matter is true, and whether it is interesting. When these factors are present, the material is news, and deserves to be published. The solution, as we see it, is to reform conditions, if they need it, and not to suppress news."—Washington Daily.

FRESHMEN Y. W. C. A. GIRLS ORGANIZED FOR TRAINING

A new Y. W. C. A. Freshman department has been organized among the first-year women. It will be known as the Freshman Committee. Its purpose is to train the girls for active work in the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet in their second year. The new organization meets each Wednesday afternoon at 1:20.

HERSHEY MONEY TO PAY FOR Y. M. C. A. PIANO

At the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet at the Book Exchange last Wednesday evening, it was decided that a new piano should be purchased at once to displace the much worn organ that is now being used in their meeting room in Deady Hall. The piano will be paid for with "Hershey money."

It is not cold enough for the successful pursuit of athletics at the University of Wisconsin. The students are praying—not for rain—but for a freeze.

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COMMUNICATIONS

TO-KO-LO FORMAL DINNER AROUSES IRE OF STUDENT

To the Editor:
Cheered by the unusual sight of seeing some unknown "student" come out and actually say what he, or she, thinks about the "throttled" condition of the students in this University, due to "fraternity position," which is, I believe, exactly the case, I am tempted to see whether the Emerald really wants student opinion frankly expressed, by submitting this article.

The University of Oregon does not need any more exhibitions of "high brow" social life as was furnished by To-Ko-Lo at its formal dinner at the Osburn Hotel last evening. To see a group of twenty or twenty-five young men of this school, who are so in need of some way to spend one evening, that they have to "doll" up in their full dress suits and pay one dollar for a meal, and one for their lady, is positively disgusting. Does such an exhibition mean that the average frat man, though I believe that there are few non-fraternity men in this club, does not get enough social life out of the ordinary college fraternity existence? If this is the case, then the fraternities need more social life—a hard thing to convince most non-fraternity students and outsiders.

Or does this dinner show us the fulfillment of the purposes and objects of this and similar clubs. Are these organizations, supposed, I believe, to be composed of honor men, of some intellectual attainment, relying upon this sort of thing for their claim to usefulness, or even for an

excuse for existence in the University?

I would like to ask what good have these clubs done; Has anyone heard of any of them (I believe there are two such Sophomore societies,) taking any definite or public stand on any of the questions that have come up before the students this year or last? Can anyone, can the members of the societies themselves, show in a single instance where they, as intelligent students, have done one bit of good as organizations?

I suppose, that like other organizations with nebulous ambitions, they have for their supreme object, etc., good fellowship and friendship among themselves as students of one class. Yet in the face of this they base their hope of creating their longed for good fellowship and so on, on the frailty of superficial action and manners evidenced at these formal dinners.

To-Ko-Lo does not seem to realize that as young men, they can become much better friends, and understand each other much better, and thus give the correct basis for good friendship, if they undertake a frank discussion, find out their different opinions and try to reach some sensible conclusion about any of the problems that confront us all as students in this University. Let usefulness be their ambition.

But to continue this sham and nonsense of giving formal dinners on a week night, without any other outward excuse for their existence, will mean the end of such foolishness as secret Sophomore societies.

Another Student.

SIGMA CHI WINS 13-8 FROM OREGON CLUB

Absence of Street Weakens Lesing Team—Game Rough With Many Fouls Called.

Sigma Chi defeated the Oregon Club in the first game of the semifinals of the inter-fraternity series Wednesday afternoon by the score of 13 to 8. The Oregon Club was weakened by the loss of Captain Street, who is confined to his bed with a severe attack of the mumps.

The game was rough and hard fought and many fouls were called. Vosper and Watson played the best game for the winners, while Casebeer starred for the Oregon Club. Edgar Shockley refereed.

The line up, Sigma Chi—Vosper and G. Watson, forwards; Boone and Bridwell, guards; Moorehead and Sims, center. Oregon Club—Davis and Warner, forwards; Casebeer and Bruckhart, guards; Rugh and Hodge, center.

DEBATE TOPIC CHOSEN

Preference Given to Washington's Wording of the Inter-State Debate Question.

The Washington wording of the Immigration question has been chosen, by a two to one vote, as the question to be used in the Inter-state debating contest.

Oregon's wording was the same as Washington's, with the exception that Oregon uses the term skilled and unskilled, while Washington restricts it to unskilled.

Stanford's choice was the use of the Australian system of an educational test for entrance, but in the final vote they voted for Washington's wording.

The adoption of this form of the question will make very little difference in the work which the Oregon men have done, for they have worked mostly along the lines of the question as stated.

The exact wording of the question in its final form is as follows:

"Resolved, That the immigration to the United States of unskilled laborers of Slavonic, Hellenic, and Italic races of eastern and southeastern Europe, be prohibited.

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