

## SECRET SOCIETIES ARE FLOURISHING

Several New Societies Added in the Past Year—All Announce New Pledges.

The history of honor societies at Oregon is interesting, dating as it does, from the Spring of 1910, when men from five fraternities organized what was known as Skull and Chain. This group, intended to be the nucleus of a Senior honor society, soon began to be looked upon as an interfraternity organization, and unable to withstand so much adverse criticism, the society was disbanded. Although the outcome was unfortunate, yet Skull and Chain had the distinction of being the first class secret society at Oregon.

The movement of secret societies once started, others followed in rapid succession. June 3, 1910, marked the advent of Scroll and Sript, organized by a group of Senior women. This society, which is still in existence, was founded with the purpose of being of some real value to University women. Its aims are well carried out, for one of the most important requirements for membership is high scholarship. The election of the Junior members of the society takes place every year just before Junior Week-End; their initiation is the Saturday afternoon and evening preceding Baccalaureate Sunday.

The Friars, an upperclassmen's society in good fellowship, was organized at the University of Oregon, November 1, 1910. The aims and purposes of this society are not to be revealed to the public—it is a "secret society" in the strictest sense. Other than that it is an upperclassman society in good fellowship, the conduct of the organization remains enshrouded in mystery.

To-ko-lo, the first underclassmen society, was announced January 12, 1912; the members were fifteen prominent Sophomore men. To-ko-lo is strictly a Sophomore club, and elects its members at the close of their Freshman year.

Torch and Shield, another Sophomore society, appeared soon after To-ko-lo, and seems to be for the underclassmen what Friars is to the upperclassmen.

Nineteen Sophomore women compose Kwama, organized March 19, 1912. Pledge day is March 19, and their number is also limited to nineteen. Their aim is to create better spirit and co-operation among the underclassmen.

Gamma Nu, organized in the fall of 1912, was not made public until January. Ten Junior women comprise its membership, and it is limited strictly to women of this class. Tap day takes place on University day of Junior Week-End, and the future members of Gamma Nu are notified of their selection at this time.

Triple-A, a society limited to women of the Freshmen class, differs from its predecessors in being neither secret nor honorary. All Freshmen women of the University are eligible to membership, and judging from the large roll of members, it appears that most of the Freshmen have taken advantage of this opportunity.

Last, but by no means least, of the honor societies, is Sigma Delta Chi, a national journalistic fraternity. Omicron Chapter was installed April 10, 1913, and was the first honorary professional fraternity to enter Oregon. Omicron Chapter is the second chapter on the Coast, and the thirteenth chapter of Sigma Delta Chi. "Membership is limited to active student newspaper men, who are journalists, either as correspondents to the larger city papers, or who hold responsible positions on the Emerald, such as heads of the departments."

Freshmen are not eligible, and Sophomores will not be chosen until the latter part of their second year. The requirements for initiation are unique; all candidates must first show their ability by editing an issue of the Emerald. The initiates will probably be announced each year during Junior Week-End.

## FIFTH ANNUAL COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE WILL ATTRACT MANY GUESTS

The fifth annual Commonwealth Convention, to be held at the University of Oregon May 16 and 17, bids fair to be the largest and most important of any conference of a similar nature ever held in the state of Oregon.

In addition to the special excursion train bearing the body of Portland engineers, there will be a large number of delegates from the Woman's Club of Portland. Reduced rates have been granted all over the state and a wide attendance is assured.

The discussions, at the various sessions, of problems of state-wide interest, will demonstrate to the students of the University, as well as to the people of the state, the true relation of University education to industrial and social progress in Oregon.

The complete program for the convention follows:

**First session, Friday morning, 9:00 to 12:00.** Steps Necessary to Secure and to Maintain the Best Efficiency in the Public Affairs of Oregon. Discussion by representatives of the New York Bureau of Municipal Research. Conditions in Oregon Municipal Affairs that Suggest Need of Co-operation and the Application of Scientific Methods and Principles. Paper by Edward E. Gray, Mayor of Astoria.

Organization of Municipal and Legislative Reference Bureau Work in the State University. Paper by Herman Brauer, University of Washington.

Organization of the Civic and Recreational Activities of Oregon Municipalities. Paper by L. H. Weir, Secretary of the Playground Association in America.

**Second Session—Friday Afternoon 2:0 to 5:00**

The University Student and Commonwealth Service. Papers by Robert Kuykendall and Thaddeus H. Wentdorth.

The Establishment and Maintenance of Municipal Markets in Oregon Towns. Paper by Porter J. Neff, City Attorney of Medford.

Co-operative Production and Marketing in Agriculture, Horticulture and Dairying. Paper by Hon. H. B. Miller. Discussion led by J. O. Holt, Manager Lane County Fruit Growers' Association.

Co-operative Distribution. Paper by Z. W. Commerford, Organizer of Co-operative Stores.

Rural Co-operative Credit Associations. Paper by J. George Johnson, Master Lane County Pomona Grange.

Concert of Effort for Reaelization of Highest Racial Standards in Oregon. Paper by O. M. Plummer, Secretary American Eugenics Society.

**Third Session—Friday Evening at 8:00**

State Planning. Address by A. H. Harris, Editor Portland Labor Press.

City Planning. Illustrated Lecture by Ellis F. Lawrence.

**Fourth Session—Saturday Forenoon 9:00 to 12:00**

Readjustment of the Curriculum and Organization of the American Educational System to Meet the Industrial, Civic and Social Needs of the Twentieth Century. Discussion of report of Dean Alexis F. Lange, of the University of California, by William T. Foster, President Reed College, and Eugene Brooking, Pres-

### BASEBALL AND ARCHERY FOR WOMEN AWAITS APPARATUS

The Archery and Baseball sports for the women will begin soon. The sets of apparatus are due to arrive in about ten days and then provision will be made for space in which to play. The baseball will be very similar to that played by the men, but the diamond will be smaller. On this account stealing bases will not be allowed.

#### Nelson on American Team.

Jack Nelson, former W. S. C. sprinter, has been picked by J. E. Sullivan, president of the A. A. U. as the sprinter and 440 man to accompany the American team which will

tour Australia this summer. He has already beaten all California sprinters. His fastest time this year is 9:4, made on the new Santa Clara track, when competing for the Olympic Club. The team will be managed by Unmack, editor of the San Francisco Call. Other men picked so far are, Al Kiviati of the N. Y. A. C.; Meridith of Pennsylvania, formerly of Mercersburg academy, and Eddie Beeson of the U. of C.

ident Citizens' Educational League. The Administrative Organization Adapted to Secure Best Community Service from Our Educational System. Paper by Professor Elwood P. Cubberly, Stanford University.

The Rural School Problem of Oregon. Paper by J. C. Meurman, U. S. Department of Education. Mr. Meurman has been studying rural schools in Oregon for some time. **Fifth Session—Saturday Afternoon 1:30**

The Saturday afternoon session will be separated into three divisions—the Engineers' Meeting, the Conference of Oregon Editors, and the Women's Meeting.

#### Engineers' Meeting

State and National Co-operation in the Development of Oregon's Water Resources. Paper by Fred H. Henshaw, District Engineer United States Geological Survey.

The Problem of the Development of Oregon's Power Resources. Paper by John H. Lewis, State Engineer.

#### Editors' Meeting

The Country Paper. D. C. Sanderson, of the Freewater Times. Mr. Sanderson will give the principles that have been behind one of the most remarkable success in the newspaper field in Oregon.

The Small City Daily. A. E. Voorhees, of the Rogue River Courier, Grants Pass.

The Editor's Responsibility. B. Frank Irvine, of the Oregon Journal.

Each address will be followed by discussions, in which some of the most prominent newspaper men of Oregon will participate.

The Women's meeting is of special importance, because of the unusually prominent place which it has been given this year. Many women prominent in social and educational circles will be present to take part in the program.

Words of Welcome—Mrs. P. L. Campbell.

Piano Solo—Mr. David Campbell.

1—What the Women Are Doing for the State. Five-minute talks by Mrs. H. C. Wortman, Miss Mary F. Isom, Mrs. Henrietta W. Calvin, Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, Miss Pritchard, Miss Emma Butler, Mrs. J. B. Comstock.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Fletcher Linn.

What the University Can Do for the Women of the State. Addresses by Miss Jessie Goddard, Miss DeGraf, Mrs. W. G. Davidson, Mrs. M. H. Parsons, Dr. Bertha Stuart, Miss Muhs. Two-minute talks by University girls.

What the Women of the State Can Do for the University. Conference, Mrs. Vincent Cook, presiding. Miss Ruth Guppy, Mrs. Sarah Evans, Mrs. Solomon Hirsch, Mrs. Anne Woodruff, Mrs. Fletcher Linn, Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden, Mrs. Geary and others.

Following these three meetings, scenes from Peer Gynt and Midsummer Night's Dream will be given on the campus under the direction of Professor A. F. Reddie. Some entertainment will also be furnished by the members of the Junior League, of Portland.

All visitors will be entertained at luncheon on the University campus at noon, Saturday, and in the afternoon tea will be served by the Women's League of the University, at Mary Spiller Hall.

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At the University of Wisconsin, where student control is in vogue, several trials are to be held in a short time. Two students are charged with indecent dancing, while a number of students are to be tried for hazing.

## Y. W. C. A. IS DOING MUCH GOOD WORK

University of Oregon Y. W. C. A. Is Especially Vigorous and Influential

The Young Women's Christian Association of the University of Oregon, first established in 1894, is still continuing in the steady, consistent growth that has characterized its whole course.

The work of the present year has been under the efficient management of the General Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Fletcher, whose presence is a real help and inspiration to the cabinet and all the Association members. The progress that has been made is shown in the large membership, in the interest taken in the weekly devotional meetings held on Monday afternoons, and in the deeper religious tone which seems to be making itself felt upon the campus.

The general social functions given by the Association have this year been limited to the annual joint reception of the Y. M. and Y. W. to new students at the beginning of the fall semester, a "Pageant of the Nations," given in Villard Hall, and a reception to the women of the University in honor of the visiting delegates of the Coast Conference. Yet to come is the Association Picnic, which takes the place of the last devotional meeting of the year. Beside these, there have been a number of smaller teas and cabinet parties.

The Association has been fortunate in securing excellent speakers for the regular weekly meetings. In the number have been included prominent town people and members of the faculty, while among the more noted out of town people have been Mrs. Wells, of Korea, Miss Ruth Weyburn, representing the Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and Miss Carruthers, of Siam. The meetings this year have been held through the courtesy of the faculty in "The Shack" at the north side of the campus, but, hereafter, will be held in the Association Bungalow, which is now in the process of construction on the corner of Twelfth and Kincaid streets, just west of the campus.

The classes for systematic Bible study, organized in the various sororities, the Women's Dormitory, and on the campus, have been unusually well attended this year. The instructors were chosen from the ministers of the town, and faculty members. A total enrollment of a hundred ten was reached.

One of the most important events of the year was the Southern Willamette Valley Cabinet Conference, held here March 22-24, at which forty-eight delegates were present, representing nine different Associations. The presence of Mrs. Boudinot Seeley, of Portland, who presided, Miss Elizabeth Fox, Secretary for the Northwest, and Dean Patterson, of Willamette University, made the conference a helpful and inspiring occasion to every girl who attended.

The work of the year will find its culmination, however, in the General Conference to be held at Gearhart-by-the-Sea, June 17 to 27, at which delegates from all the Associations of the Northwest will be present. Oregon expects to send a number of girls this year, who will bring back to our own Association all the counsel and help to be derived from the leaders of the Conference, several of whom are Y. W. C. A. workers of national repute.

### JUNIOR WEEK END PAST AND PRESENT

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by a dance in the evening. Thus, we pass from the Junior Week Ends of the past to those of the present. New activities have been added and the addition of certain other features, such as the Canoe Carnival, have been so far unsuccessfully attempted. However, the innovations have not been many, and the Junior Week Ends of the present are not greatly different from those developed during President Campbell's early years here.

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