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EDUCATION—OUTSIDE THE STATE?

The sentiment of the people of the state of Oregon will receive a thorough test in the coming special elections on November 4, when they will be called upon to decide among other measures submitted to the ballot whether or no the appropriation of \$175,000 allowed by the Oregon legislature for building expenses at the University, shall eventually be granted. The question is one which effects not merely the taxpayers of the present generation, but will determine whether in the future the sons of the people of Oregon will be compelled to undergo an additional expense in sending their sons and daughters to institutions of higher learning outside the state, a thing which has in many instances been found necessary even now because of the inadequate classroom accommodations for more than a limited number of students during the school year.

At the present time, a number fully half as great as that reached by the students in attendance at our own state University are enrolled at the southern colleges and at the University of Washington, students by the way who if the proper facilities were accorded in Eugene, would be seeking an education inside the state. This is aside from the Oregon raised young men and women to be found in the institutions of the eastern states.

The negative importance of this has too often been underestimated. The "made in Oregon" cry is being continually raised as a slogan for economic independence, but the fact that a university within the state which can take care of all those who knock at its doors, is an asset, has been evidently overlooked.

One hundred and eighty dollars is the average sum annually expended at Oregon per student, an amount much smaller than that required by the majority of colleges throughout the country, to say nothing of the additional cost of transportation.

The man or woman who is eventually to make his or her home in this state, is brought up among surroundings which can be of little use in after life, while those unable to afford the expense of an out of state education, perhaps find it impossible to enter their own state university.

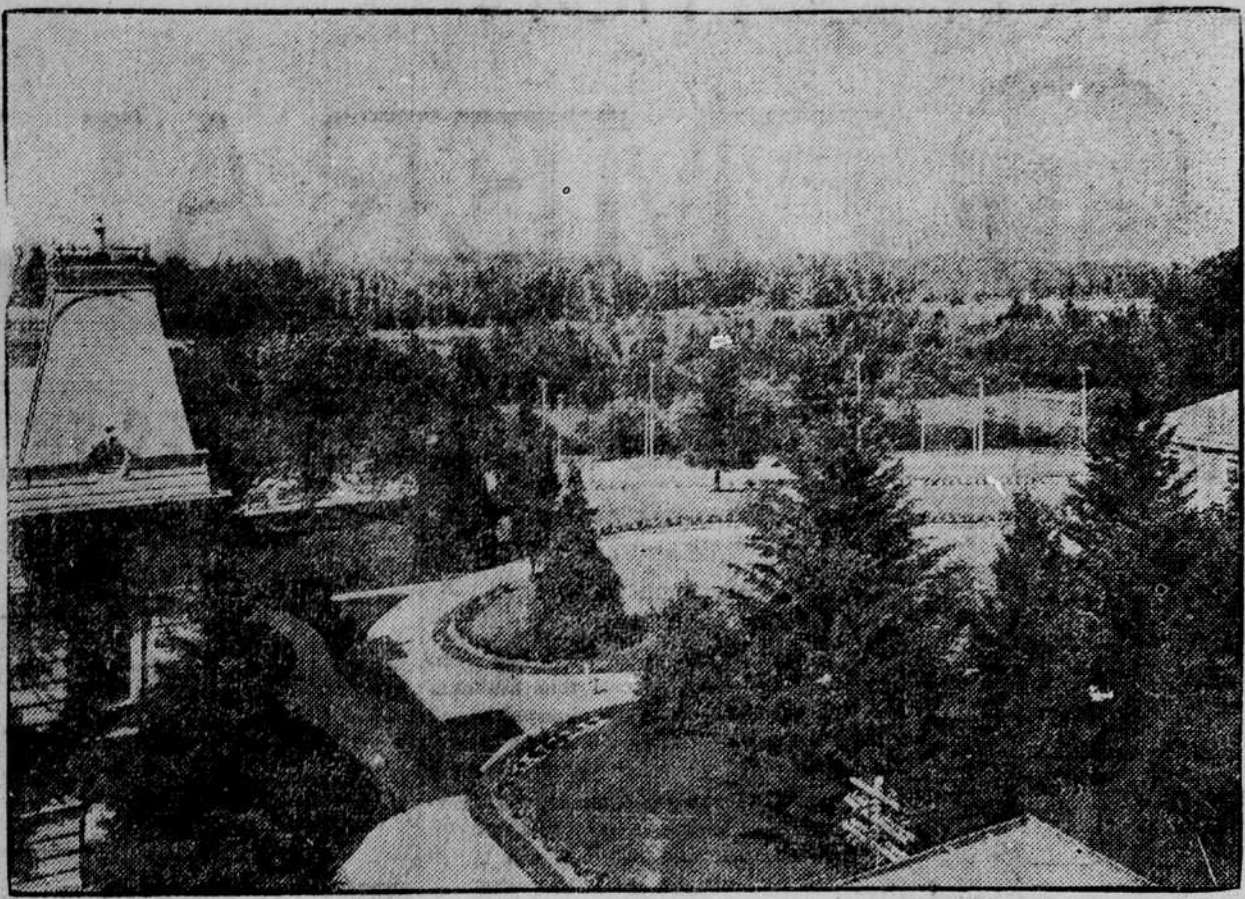
The existence and proper maintenance of the University is all important to the future generations. The denial of the appropriation asked for this maintenance is but ill-advised economy.

WE, TOO, ARE CITIZENS.

No apologies are offered by the Emerald for getting out a special edition devoted largely to the educational situation in Oregon. The problem of education is the most important with which the voters of the state will have to deal, and we, as students, feel that the voters will be interested in our point of view and in our own statement of our needs.

The students at the University of Oregon are not taught to ignore important public questions. Our class work is framed with the purpose of making us intelligent citizens and voters, and we feel we have both the right and the duty to express ourselves strongly on this great question which is immensely important to us and to the still younger generation which is to come after us.

We are, most of us, young, but that is no crime. The things that



View of Section of U. of O. Campus

are spoken of in this edition are matters of which we have first-hand knowledge. We see on every hand the great good the University has done and is doing, and its still greater capability of genuine and valuable service to the state if it is allowed to carry out on a still larger scale its plans for public service. We realize what the University has done for us in opening our eyes to the problems of the modern world, and training our minds to deal with these matters in a spirit of devotion to the public good. The University is progressive, and faculty and students alike are enrolled in the battle for social betterment—for making Oregon a better state to live in—better for every person in Oregon. Where students obtain their education from the state, they cannot but feel their indebtedness to their commonwealth, and no other type of education can inspire a greater desire to become good and useful citizens.

We only ask what other states are granting freely to their young people—a chance for education amid surroundings free from political agitations and harassment. If consolidation must come, we urge that it be brought about in a spirit of solicitude for the best interests of all the youth of the state. If two institutions are to be united at some future time, let them be two strong healthy institutions, each contributing to the union of undeteriorated values built up by each in its honorable and useful history of uninterrupted progress. It is impossible to build up by tearing down, it is impossible to kill, and then expect good from marrying a living thing to a corpse. Oregon should not destroy or weaken an asset it has taken half a century to create.

We speak our true beliefs on this matter. We ask the voters of Oregon not to despise what we say just because we are young. We, too, are citizens.

Ex-President Taft, now Kent professor of law at Yale, has lost eighty pounds since he left the White House last March. The president then weighed 320 pounds which he has reduced by systematic diet and exercise to 240. His breakfast consists of one egg, two pieces of toast and a cup of unsweetened coffee.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

At the annual Freshman-Sophomore tie-up at the University of Washington last week, the Frosh annexed an easy victory over the second year men. Several accidents occurred, a freshman being run over by an automobile on his way to the mix and another student fell down an elevator shaft, breaking his collar bone.

The University of Nevada co-eds who live in the girls' dormitory, Manzanita Hall, have inaugurated a system of self government.

The University of Washington has been recently granted a charter of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholarship fraternity.

Two blind students, Joseph Wood and George Bailey, have entered the University of Washington.

The Sophomores at the University of Nevada won the inter-class football game last week.

Four thousand students have registered at the Ohio State University.

Reed College, Portland, now has a faculty of twenty members.

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MUST STAND BY THE APPROPRIATION.

Friends of the University of Oregon are already making a canvass of the state in the interest of the appropriation that has been held up, and will be up for ratification or rejection by the voters in November.

This may be a wise precaution, but it is not flattering to the state that it should even be thought necessary to make any effort to make a fight for the appropriation. It should never have been held up.

The University of Oregon is an institution of which the state should be and is, justly proud. It is the state's school, and the state should maintain it in first class shape. If we cannot do that then we should abandon it.

We do not believe there can be any doubt as to the result of the vote and that the University will get its appropriation without any material vote against it. At the same time "you never can tell," and every friend of education, every citizen who believes in fair play, should go to the polls and vote to give the University its appropriation, and at the same time rebuke the gang that has held it up. It is time the people set down on the gang that has been fighting the University, and the harder they do the sitting the better. We are told to "judge a tree by its fruit," and the University of Oregon judged by what it has done, by the men and women it has sent out to be an honor to the state, deserves all that has been given it, and much more. Do not neglect to register, if for no other reason than that you may cast a ballot in favor of Oregon's great University. We owe it to the grand old college and we should not neglect to pay the debt.—The Capital Journal.

THE FRESHMEN CAN JOIN

Freshmen were given the right of membership in the Women's Athletic Association yesterday at a special session held in the Women's gymnasium. The dues of the club are fifty cents a year and only those who have paid this sum will be allowed to vote at the first regular meeting October 9th.

We never knock.

There were about ten men out for track and Paule, a promising freshman, also loafed around. He did not do much running for fear of going stale. He ran only about 8 quarters, 6 or 7 halves and 3 or 4 miles.

No registration, no vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Agora Club—Will meet Thursday, September 25, at 7:30 p. m., room 32, Library.

Y. M. C. A.—Will meet in Dr. Schmidt's room this evening at 7 o'clock. Prof. N. Coleman, of Reed College, will be the speaker.

Y. M. C. A.—Y. W. C. A.—Joint reception in Villard Hall, Friday, September 26, at 8 p. m.

Freshman—Acquaintance party at the Delta Delta house, October 3.

Women's Tennis Club—Will meet at the Chi Omega house, Thursday, September 25, at 8 p. m.

Women's League—Informal tea at the Mary Spiller house, Wednesday, October 1.

Y. W. C. A.—Conference rally at the Bungalow, Monday, at 4 p. m.

Stand for something; vote.

A private banquet room at the New Varsity.

Plan broadly.

STUDENTS TO AID IN FIGHT

STATE DIVIDED INTO SIX SECTIONS FOR ELECTION CAMPAIGN

SAYS PREJUDICE UNJUST

Assembly Speaker Would Do Away with Race Antagonism. Bible Does not Back up Race Differences, He Says.

At the regular assembly in Villard hall Wednesday morning concerted action was taken by the students to aid in the fight for the University appropriation bill, each student being urged to write to his or her friends throughout the state asking them to register by October 8. The law states that each voter must be registered 15 days prior to the election in order to vote, hence the urgent request to get every elector to go to the polls and register before that time.

The state was divided into six sections comprising Multnomah county, Willamette Valley, Eastern Oregon, Southern Oregon, Central Oregon and Western Oregon, and the students were assigned to their respective groups in the different parts of the room. After electing a chairman and a secretary of each division, plans were formulated whereby each student should exert his influence by writing letters to his friends in the interest of the University.

H. Paul Douglass, general missionary of the Congregational church for the mountain whites, the negroes, and the Indians, addressed the assembly, taking as his topic, "Prejudice." As an example he cited the predilection of the people against eating horse-flesh, stating that although a perfectly good viand they had been unaccustomed to eating it simply because most of them had never tried it.

"Prejudice cannot be generous," said Mr. Douglass, "as the secret of prejudice is to be in power. Prejudice will not let the other fellow have his way; it must be repressive. The exponent of prejudice is 'Thou shalt not,' and the antagonism between peoples and races has taken a repressive attitude.

"Prejudice lives by the reiteration of epithets and insults," stated Mr. Douglass. "It is a means of calling names; there is no such thing as prejudice standing still. Names of contempt which men use is a shrewd device, for swearing is done carelessly, usually in the initiative. If you mean it, swear; but if not, don't do it. A man keeps saying 'nigger' because if he doesn't he will soon find himself saying 'brother.'

"We insult some of our brothers," Mr. Douglass continued, "merely to keep prejudice alive. These utterances are always facial expressions accompanied by gestures and are literally spit out. In some places an Indian or negro is supposed to get clear off the road in order to let some person pass. And then prejudice finishes the job by getting into religion. We cannot read in the New Testament any sanction of these prejudices. The working religion of the American is a mixture of Christianity with a feeling that the Almighty is responsible for our prejudices, inasmuch as he made some races of people with darker skins than ours.

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