

ALUMNI DEFEND APPROPRIATION

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Since Mr. Parkison has made his personal leadership an inseparable part of this question, it now becomes an unavoidable duty to inquire how far Mr. Parkison's record is reassuring from this point of view.

Last Year's Fight.

Mr. Parkison was the chief promoter, also, of a referendum movement against the University appropriations, for buildings, for betterments, and additional maintenance in 1911-1912. The genuineness of many of the signatures on his petitions, however, being questioned in court, Mr. Parkison, by his attorneys, was finally compelled to admit in open court that at least 3722 names were fraudulent, and the trial judge before whom the testimony was presented stated that many other names had been shown to be of suspicious character. The court also stated in rendering the decision that Parkison employed a man to procure names after he had been apprised that this same man was forging names, and that he, Parkison, was "indirectly, if not directly, responsible for the frauds that are shown and admitted to have been committed in the preparation of this petition" (of 1911).

Mr. Parkison in 1912 signed the argument in the voters' pamphlet opposing the initiative bill for placing the University and the Agricultural College under a single board of regents, and supporting the two institutions by a millage tax. The proposed millage tax, under the terms of the bill, was designed to take the place of all other state taxes for the support of the two schools, except that for the space of one year the sum of \$125,000 for the University, and the sum of \$220,000 for the Agricultural College, provided for under laws then in force, should continue to be collected. This millage bill, in section 9 (voters' pamphlet, 1912, page 78) specifically repeals chapters 164 and 166 of the general laws of Oregon, 1911 (the University appropriation bills) so that, had the millage bill passed, none of the sums appropriated by the bills held up by Parkison's referendum would have been collected. Yet, Mr. Parkison stated, in his advice to the voters, against the millage bill (see the voters' pamphlet, 1912, page 82) that if the friends of the University should succeed in killing the referendum upon the appropriation bills, as they were trying to do, "the taxpayers of the state will have over \$1,288,000 to dig up for the two schools in 1913."

Facts Misstated.

The assertion was a misstatement of the facts to the extent of more than four hundred thousand dollars; it was calculated deeply to prejudice the cause of the University; and it is inconceivable how one who ventured to advise the entire electorate of the commonwealth as to how they should vote on a specific bill could have been ignorant of the most material provisions of the bill about which he was offering advice.

The voters of Oregon have a right to determine on the basis of such facts—all of which are of record—to what extent it would be wise to depend upon Mr. H. J. Parkison for leadership in the solution of these the highest questions affecting the life of the commonwealth.

It is assumed by the promoter of the present referendum that the withholding of the University building fund must be regarded by the voter as a step toward a consolidation of the two institutions within a reasonable time. Practical difficulties in the way of effecting such consolidation have been passed over lightly. Taking Mr. Parkison at his word, and assuming that his real interest is in the cause of education, that he will devote his time and energy and money for the next few years to promoting some scheme of consolidation, is it reasonable to suppose that he will be able to build up more easily than he is able to tear down? Mr. Parkison assumes that this revolution, which he regards as desirable, can be easily arranged by use of the initiative. But the Oregon initiative law, while admirably framed to carry out the wishes of the majority, would in this case be helpless in deciding between rival minorities. Under present political conditions in Oregon it is scarcely conceivable that any city could obtain a majority of votes on a proposition to make it the seat of both the University and the Agricultural College. There is no magic remedy by which the consolidated institution could be located at a given place without a majority vote of the people. An initiative measure must read: "A bill providing for the location of, etc., at (for instance) Portland. Yes—No—And

similar bills would certainly appear on the ballot nominating Corvallis, Salem, Eugene, and possibly other towns. This is the only way the initiative could be presented. It is extremely unlikely that any one city could get a majority vote under these conditions, because the friends of each city, in order not to throw away their votes will have to vote "no" on location at any other city. It is hard to see how this could result in anything except year after year, election after election, of turmoil and confusion in Oregon's educational system, and very probably nothing gained at the end, but much opportunity for education and progress lost.

Neither the University nor the Agricultural College has any space to spare. If consolidation were possible, it would involve the state's spending approximately a million dollars, purchasing land and erecting buildings in the midst of a local land boom which would make everything doubly expensive. Meanwhile, it would have approximately a million dollars' worth of property to sell at the other city in the midst of a commercial depression caused by the removal of the scholastic population. If the consolidation were ordered at a third point, these expenses would be doubled.

Courses Not Duplicated.

Duplication of effort between the two colleges has been reduced so far as seems desirable since the creation of the state board of higher curriculum, which has absolute authority to eliminate at its discretion duplicated courses at either institution. The board has already taken vigorous measures in reducing unnecessary duplication. Such duplication as remains is of the kind that would have to exist even in a consolidated institution. Additional groups of students inevitably call for additional units of equipment and additional instructors. Duplication is undesirable when it means unnecessary expense, but that it is not a pressing problem is shown by the figures which prove that the separate institutions are more economical than the consolidated.

We respectfully ask the voters to vote "Yes" on the above measures and permanently remove the two colleges of Oregon from partisan politics, leaving them properly equipped to use to good advantage the support provided by the millage law which goes into effect in 1915.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.
W. T. SLATER, President.
C. W. CONVERSE, Secretary.

INDIA SENDS A STUDENT

Members Appointed to Extend Services if Possible in Home Towns

That the University of Oregon has stretched her hand across the sea was shown when a tall, slender black-eyed young man, M. K. Pandit, of Bombay, appeared on the campus Wednesday. The first eight years of Mr. Pandit's life was spent at even a more distant place. He is of English parentage and beside a very dark skin, and a strange accent, there is nothing to distinguish him from any ordinary quiet, English gentleman.

Mr. Pandit has studied at Liverpool, London, Genoa and O. A. C., and incidentally has been around the world. He is specializing in engineering which he will make his life work.

His family are at present living in Oregon, and it is quite likely Mr. Pandit will finish the course here. He says, however, that if he is displeased with the University he will go east. At present he is giving it a "try-out" but says that so far he is entirely satisfied.

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Lane county people who came to Oregon as early as 1843 and as late as 1865 are included in the membership of the Lane County Pioneers' association which holds its annual reunion at the county fair grounds today. These early settlers of the upper Willamette Valley are the scattering representatives of the population of forty years ago from whom the state accepted \$50,000, an immense sum for those days, with which the State University was founded. It was to these pioneers that the state pledged its honor by formal legal enactment, that it would continue to maintain the State University at Eugene.

It is planned by the members of the association to make this reunion the most successful in the history of the organization. The roster of members and the year of their arrival in Oregon is given as follows, a large number of whom are expected to be in attendance tomorrow:

- 1843—Amanda C. Patterson.
- 1844—Eli Perkins.
- 1847—T. O. Maxwell, Samantha A. Huddleston, Nancy Griffith, Sarah J. Armitage, A. Simmons, Floyd G. Vaughn, L. E. Stevens, Emily Croner, Evaline Croner, N. J. Cochran, Mrs. S. J. Scott.
- 1848—F. M. Wilkins, Mary E. Bogart, J. M. Shelley, T. G. Hendricks, L. H. Starr, Almira K. Bristow.
- 1849—P. F. Davis, Mrs. P. A. Bradley.
- 1850—A. J. Zumwalt, Ardella Walker, N. J. Shelley, E. L. Boynton.
- 1851—Mrs. Palmer Ayers, Francis Hammit, Frederick L. Gray, Sarah L. Walker, Presly Comegys, C. W. Zumwalt, A. J. Harlow, W. A. Potter, M. M. Davis, Huldah McClannahan, Thos. VanDuy, Mrs. Palmer Ayers, Mrs. J. C. Bushnell.
- 1852—Mrs. S. E. Canady, Sarah F. Elwood, B. F. Houston, David Eby, E. P. Redford, J. G. Stevenson, M. Canady, J. A. J. Crow, J. Brady Crow, S. Y. Abbott, Sterling Abbott, Mrs. M. A. Holland, W. P. Bradley, B. S. Hyland, J. P. Calloway, Susan Calloway, James H. Calloway, Geo. Melvin Miller, Mrs. Laura Abbott, W. L. McCollough, A. J. D. Zumwalt, Mrs. C. C. Baber, L. F. McPherson, S. J. Inman, Mrs. M. J. Kerley, C. W. Young, W. B. Hawley, B. F. Smith, R. G. Callison, Martha A. Hendricks, J. C. Nicholson, W. M. Bogart, A. J. Job, John W. Kitchen, Helen L. Crow, W. E. Sanders, Susan Maxwell, S. B. Mors, Wm. Calvert, T. A. Millorn, S. F. Kerns, Elizabeth S. Kerns, C. C. Baber.
- 1853—Felix Currin, Mrs. A. J. Harlow, Elizabeth Warner, Henry Kompp, Julia Kompp, Martha L. Crow, Mrs. Mary L. Griffin, Adelia J. Hyland, James Sanford, Amos Wilkins, Mrs. Varian Wilkins, D. E. Warner, J. C. Bushnell, S. R. Jenkins, Joel A. Pitney, Mrs. A. Y. VanDuy, Albert S. Walker, Mrs. M. J. Edmunson, John T. Brewer, Volney Hemenway, E. P. Williams, J. D. Matlock, W. T. Campbell, Wm. Steops, Mrs. A. C. Powell, H. F. McCornack, Jane Hanson, Mrs. M. J. Gray, Milton Robinson, S. V. Robinson.
- 1854—W. P. Cheshire, James Calvert, Mrs. S. J. Handsaker, Martha Callison, C. K. Hale, J. T. Witter, A. T. Bonnett, Helen I. Stevenson, J. R. Purkerson, S. J. Handsaker, Martha A. Kitchen.
- 1855—John S. Conger, George B. Dorris.
- 1856—Joshua McGee, M. S. Wallis, Mrs. S. E. Rankin, Mabel W. Bogart.

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