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SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1914.

## SENIOR ROBES.

A petition, having as its object the doing away with the senior custom of wearing caps and gowns during the latter part of the second semester, and during Commencement week has for the past four days been circulated among the members of the class of 1914, and it is reported that the attempt to break away from tradition is meeting with considerable success among the senior men. The women, accustomed to garments approximating the gown, and finding the cap rather becoming, are not backing the movement.

The enemies of the customary form of Commencement attire aver that it is a relic of barbarism, a wasteful expenditure of money, and a custom that is useless and unnecessary.

As to the cap and gown being a relic of barbarism, it may be true that the custom originated in barbarous times, but this of itself does not necessarily mean that the custom is not in perfect keeping at the present time. The monetary expenditure involved would be slight in purchasing or renting of robes, while there is much to be said as to the usefulness attendant on the wearing of the cap and gown.

It is in the first place, a privilege which is granted only to the members of the senior class, and which should be appreciated as a distinction which has decided advantages. There is little to distinguish those being graduated, during the Commencement exercises, from the host of visitors always present at that time, unless it is the robe which the senior is allowed to wear as the sign that he or she is eligible to receive the first University degree.

But apart from this, is a less tangible, though more powerful consideration. There is in human nature, a something which never fails to respond to the suggestion of solemnity, a something which thrills as the black robed figures move slowly down the aisle, and silently take their places in the flower decorated assembly hall.

It is this response to the emotional appeal of the Commencement exercises that make such things really worth while, it is for this that the old grads come back year after year, for the final week of school. It may be said that this is part of the Commencement spirit, but who is competent to venture an opinion as to how much this spirit owes to the traditional graduation setting?

Possibly there will be a majority of the seniors who sincerely believe that a change of the kind asked would be for the best. If such a change is necessary to make happier their last days at Oregon, it should be considered, but it should be most thoroughly considered before steps are taken to abolish the cap and gown.

There were 14 less medical schools in the United States in 1913 than in 1912, about 1,200 fewer students, and about 500 fewer graduates.

Agitation for a gymnasium capable of accommodating a great number of men is being carried on at Harvard. Their present gym has a capacity of 200 men a day, which, compared with the size of the equipment at other universities, is considered inadequate.

Forty-five per cent of the students of Princeton University have parents who are graduates from colleges or universities.

About seventy-five couples, wearing costumes representing everything from clowns to Puritan maids, were at the Junior Informal masque given at the men's gym on Friday evening. Prizes were awarded for the two most comical and best sustained characters, two for the best costumes and two for the prize waltzers of the evening.

The patrons and patronesses of the evening were: President and Mrs. Campbell, Professor and Mrs. DeCou, Mrs. Parsons and Miss Perkins. Miss Perkins, Homer Jamison and Mildred Bagley acted as judges.

The Sophomores of Gamma Phi Beta entertained with an informal dance in honor of Kathryn Corbin, Ethel Parelius and Alice Cornwall, of Corvallis, after the game on Saturday evening.

Mrs. L. S. Hill, of Cottage Grove, was a guest of Gamma Phi Beta for dinner on Friday evening.

Lenora Hansen is spending the week-end at the Gamma Phi Beta house.

Florence Kendall went to Portland for the week-end.

Sigma Chi entertained informally with a dance on Saturday evening.

Lucile Davis, who has been teaching in Lebanon this winter, and Nell Hemenway are week-end guests at the Chi Omega house.

Irene Grumbaum, of Portland, is spending the week-end at the Tri Delta house.

Evelyn Harding and Merna and Mildred Brown were guests for dinner at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house on Thursday.

Fen Waite is a week-end guest at the Kappa Sigma House.

Kappa Alpha Theta entertained the Delta Gammas at tea Friday afternoon.

Winifred Bent, Frieda Goldsmith and Mildred Bagley were dinner guests Friday at the Kappa Alpha Theta House.

LeRoy Holbrook, '16, has withdrawn from college pending the settlement of his estate.

Tom Greer of Portland and Mr. Westerman of the University of Colorado are week-end guests at the Sigma Nu House.

Mr. R. G. Hendricks was a dinner guest Friday at the Kappa Sigma House.

Bruce Holbrook and Bill Heusner are spending the week-end in Portland.

Herman Abraham of Albany is spending the week-end at the Beta Theta Pi House.

Beta Theta Pi entertained Mr. George Crowell of Albany for dinner Thursday.

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### Psychology and Philosophy.

London, Jack—John Barleycorn. 1913.

Meumann, Ernst—Psychology of Learning. 1913.

Sheldon, H. C.—Rudolf Eucken's Message to Our Time. 1913.

Political and Social Science.

Montessori, Maria—Pedagogical Anthropology. 1913.

National Civic Federation—Dept. on Regulation of Interstate and Municipal Utilities. Commission Regulation of Public Utilities. 1913.

Reed, T. B.—Reed's Rules; Manual of General Parliamentary Law. 1898.

Scott, W. A.—Money. 1913.

United States War Department—Soldier's Handbook. 1913.

### Sciences.

Mercer, J. W. Calculus for Beginners. 1912.

Prideaux, E. B. R.—Problems of Physical Chemistry. 1912.

Reed, J. O., and Guthe, K. E.—A Manual of Physical Measurements.

Newhall, C. S.—Trees of Northeastern America. 1911.

Smith, J. B.—Our Insect Friends and Enemies. 1912.

Morrow, A. S.—Immediate Care of the Injured. 1912.

Ruddmann, E. A.—Whys in Pharmacy. 1911.

Sperry, L. B.—Confidential Talks With Young Men. 1892.

### Useful Arts.

Brunswig, H.—Explosives. 1912.

Richards, J. W.—Aluminum. 1896.

Weir, H. W.—Poultry Book. 1913.

### Fine Arts.

Israels, Josef—Rembrandt. 1908.

La Farge, John—Gospel Story in Art. 1913.

Niecks, Fred—Frederick Chopin. 1888.

Taylor, Sedley—Life of John Sebastian Bach. 1897.

Vanderpoel, J. H.—Human Figure. 1913.

### American Literature.

Mackay, C. D.—Patriotic Plays and Rittenhouse, J. B.—Little Book of Pageants.

Modern Verse. 1913.

Stephens—Here Are Ladies. 1913.

### English Literature.

Hazlitt, William—Hazlitt on English Literature. 1913.

Lang, Andrew—Shakespeare, Bacon and the Great Unknown. 1912.

Matthews, Brander—Shakespeare as a Playwright. 1913.

Pearson, P. H.—Study of Literature. 1913.

Rhys, Ernest—Lyric Poetry. 1913.

Sampson, Alden—Studies in Milton. 1913.

Justice Charles E. Hughes of the United States Supreme Court and formerly governor of New York, has been elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago.

## 1,500 CORDS OF WOOD USED DURING YEAR

### Present Power Plant Will Be Overhauled During the Summer

"Thirty-six hundred horse power is used daily during the winter months to heat the University buildings," said the Chief Engineer at the University power house yesterday.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Congregational Church—A. M. Spangler, pastor. 11 a. m., "Up Against It." 7:30 p. m., "The Shout of a King."

Baptist Church—H. W. Davis, pastor. 11 a. m., "Individual Evangelism." 7:30 p. m., "The Supreme Mission of Discipleship."

Methodist Episcopal—H. S. Wilkinson, pastor. 10:45 a. m., "The Spirituality of Labor." 7:30 p. m., "A Grammar Lesson."

Presbyterian Church—Wm. Parsons, pastor. 11 a. m., "What Christian Love Does Not Do." 7:30 p. m., "The Holiness of Jesus."

Christian Church—J. S. McCallum, pastor. 11 a. m., Evangelist Violet. 7:30 p. m., "The Unanswered Prayer of Jesus."

Student classes in Sunday schools at 9:45. Young People's societies at 6:15.

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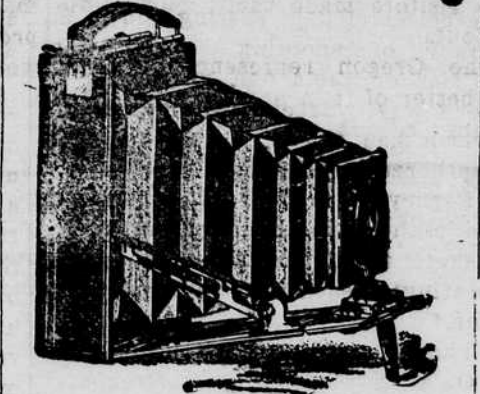
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