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PRELIMINARIES END IN A CLOUD OF DUST

PHI DELTA THETA, DELTA TAU
AND SIGMA NU TO PLAY
IN FINALS

DIE WILL BE CAST NEXT WEEK

Kappa Sig, A. T. O. and Dorm De-
feated in Last of Hard Fought
Preliminaries

By Rex Kay.

When the Phi Delta Thetas sunk
the Dormitory fleet in a 20 to 0 en-
counter Thursday afternoon, the In-
ter-fraternity preliminaries came to
an end.

The finals are now up to the Delta
Tau Deltas, Sigma Nus, and Phi Delta
Thetas. The games are to be played
off next week. The schedule is as fol-
lows: Monday, Sigma Nu and Delta
Tau Delta, at 4:00 o'clock; Tuesday,
Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta,
at 4:00 o'clock; Wednesday, Sigma
Nu and Phi Delta Theta, at 4:00
o'clock.

As arranged by schedule, the last
three preliminaries were played off
Thursday afternoon.

Before a full gallery of rooters,
who missed no opportunity to cheer
a good play or roast a poor one, Sigma
Nu defeated Kappa Sigma 16 to 4.

The game was more interesting
than the score indicates. For real good
feeling on both sides, comedy and
fight-to-the-limit spirit, this game
leads them all. From the minute Ref-
eree Hayward blew the whistle until
he sounded the final knell, there was
something doing. The "doing" con-
sisted chiefly of basket throwing on
the part of Sigma Nu during the first
half.

Dudley went into center against
Sam Cook, and the latter proved him-
self worthy of the job when it came
to roughing and breaking up maas
plays and interference. Dudley, how-
ever, dropped the ball through the
hoop four times in the first quarter.
Bean, Parsons and Bush also hung
up a few.

Sigma Nu seemed to have a better
idea of the game in respect to shoot-
ing baskets. Elliot finally scored one
for Kappa Sigma on a hard shot, but
for the most part the latter dealt in
comedy. "Kaiser" Wilhelm tried to
use his golf stroke and Cawley in-
sisted on getting in the way of Hen-
dricks, who really knew what to do.

In the last half the game turned
into a good natured rough house.
Cook and Parsons worked their old
football tricks on one another and in-
vented some new styles of play. The
crowd was kept in one big continuous
uproar of laughter.

Although Sigma Nu was unable to
score, Kappa Sigma made but one
basket and then took the count.

There was not a personal foul
called during the whole game.

Next came the Delta Tau-A. T. O.
struggle, the feature of which was
the unveiling of some of the best
tricks known to the game. In order
that the skirmish might not be one
grand goal throwing contest, not one
foul was called.

Brownell, Muirhead and Furney
were working together in good style.
Their passing and working of the ball
the length of the floor was class.

Huggins, Sweek and Kirk made it
interesting for Deltas, however, and
through the first bout it was any-
body's game.

The first half ended 6 to 2 in favor
of Delta Tau.

In the last half Huggins started to
break up the game by making a sen-
sational goal from a bad angle. Kirk
followed suit.

About this time things were firing
up and the ring of one slap and the
thud met the echo of another. Fin-
ally Delta Tau broke up the show

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WRESTLING INCREASES SALE OF CERVICAL ADORNMENTS

Coach Shockley Says Sweaters Pro-
vided for Grapplers Must be
Flexible

Sweaters—of the most flexible vari-
ety—will hereafter constitute the
principal as well as most economical
articles in the wardrobe of Varsity
wrestlers. Linen collars and negligee
shirts have gone by the board. Coach
Edward Shockley says that the necks
of the grapplers have grown from
one-fourth to one-half an inch larger
since the beginning of the year: more
business for the rag men.

Suggestion: the manufacturers and
sellers of Arrow and Silver collars
should encourage wrestling.

No charity work will be done by
the Pan-Hellenic Association at the
Christmas season. Each fraternity
will decide upon its own course in the
matter.

The Junior and Senior game has
been postponed until after the Christ-
mas vacation.

COMMITTEE ON CUTS TO MEET IN FEBRUARY

Deans Straub, Sheldon and Guppy
Will Excuse Absences Caused
by Sickness

The "cut" committee, composed of
Dean Straub, Dean Guppy and Dean
Sheldon, will meet after the last rec-
itation, at the end of this semester, for
the purpose of examining certain cuts
made by the students.

Sickness lasting two days or more
are the only cuts that will be excused
by the committee. This rule was made
by the faculty several years ago.

"If a student wishes a cut excused,"
said Dean Straub, chairman of the
committee, "he or she must apply to
the Registrar, as soon as possible
after the absence, so dates will not
be confused. The Registrar will give
the student a card, on which the dates
and cause of absence must be writ-
ten."

"It is impossible," continued Dean
Straub, "for a student to be excused
for one day's absence on account of
sickness."

WARNING WILL BE SENT TO STUDENTS LIABLE TO FLUNK

The last monthly report from the
faculty contained a list of all students
who are in danger of flunking out in
February, according to Registrar Tif-
fany. Before the holidays word will
be sent to those people having ex-
tremely low grades, with the warning
to make the most of their vacation
studying.

"This is by no means advising them
not to come back for the remainder
of the semester," said Mr. Tiffany,
"but only giving them a fair warning
that unless they do spend their time
studying they are liable to flunk out."

This plan, which is being tried for
the first time, originated with Dean
Straub, who hopes to reduce the num-
ber of flunkers.

FRESHMAN DEBATE TRYOUTS POSTPONED FOR LAGGARDS

In order that several of the men
who entered the Freshman debate try-
outs at a rather late date would have
more time for the preparation of their
arguments, the date for the selection
of the two teams has been postponed
until Monday, December 14. This try-
out will be from 3 to 5 P. M. in Dr.
Straub's room, Villard. The question
is "Resolved, That the Federal Govern-
ment should own and operate inter-
state railroads acting as common car-
riers, including intrastate lines com-
peting with them, constitutionality
waived."

KUEHNEMANN CHANGES NO NEUTRALS-SCHAFFER

PROFESSOR OF HISTORY SAYS
SPEAKER MADE NO NEW
ASSERTIONS

AUDIENCE ASSUMED IGNORANT

German Scholar's Command of Eng-
lish, However, to be Admired
by American Students

Dr. Joseph Schaffer, of the Depart-
ment of History, does not believe that
the lecture delivered by Dr. Eugene
Kuehnemann, in Villard Hall last
Tuesday night, will have the effect of
converting neutrals to the German
cause, or of turning the sympathy for
the allies into neutrality.

"Dr. Kuehnemann's lecture," said
Dr. Schaffer, "was certainly a vigor-
ous and thorough setting forth of the
German side of this world contro-
versy. A feature which must be
greatly admired was the mastery
way in which the German scholar used
the English language as a medium
in his attempt to convince Americans.
This in itself contains a lesson of so
much importance to American stu-
dents that it would render Dr. Kueh-
nemann's visit significant.

"His argument probably leaves his
hearers where he found them—the
pro-Germans are pro-Germans still;
the pro-allies found in it no reason
to become pro-Germans. For, so far
from his fundamental assumption that
Americans were ignorant of the Ger-
man viewpoint being true; it was ev-
ident that Dr. Kuehnemann's lecture,
outside of one or two points, was
merely a re-statement of the German
case as presented by American news-
papers and magazines early in the
history of the war. In nine-tenths of
the matter of the lecture there was
nothing new. Even the other fraction,
which has reference especially to the
Belgian business, found American
minds somewhat prepared through the
press reports of what the Germans
have claimed to find in Brussels. It
may be said that this new evidence is
possibly important and possibly not.
It depends entirely upon what unpre-
judiced investigators shall have to say
about it, editorially, after it has been
fully published to the world. We all
know that political campaigns bring
forward many 'canards,' and such a
tremendous campaign as the present
for the influencing of public opinion
in neutral countries, is subjected to
the same moral contamination.

"Two or three things immediately
occur to the intelligent listener to
such an address as Dr. Kuehnemann
delivered: first, he did much less
than justice to the intelligence of his
audience in assuming on their part,
the densest ignorance of European
politics.

"Second, that the political organi-
zation known as the German Empire,
which has Prince Bismarck for its fa-
ther and Frederick II of Prussia for
its grandfather, is estopped from
pleading child-like simplicity and hon-
esty, in extenuation of its political
discomfitures.

Third, when Dr. Kuehnemann in-
sists that the success of Great Britain
over Germany would mean a serious
danger in the future to the United
States; he must expect Americans to
forget that we are just now celebrat-
ing the completion of one hundred
years of peace between the United
States and Great Britain: a century
bringing forth a series of difficult and
complicated questions, some of which
held the possibility of war, but which
in all cases were settled peaceably,
either by direct negotiations or ar-
bitration; the two nations acting upon
a profound determination to avoid
war. That feeling of the unnatural-
ness of military conflict between Brit-
ish and Americans is stronger today
than ever before, and there is no rea-

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H. B. MILLER OPENS SATURDAY SESSION

OREGON'S RESOURCES LIE IDLE
BECAUSE ELECTRIC POWER
IS NOT DEVELOPED

ORGANIZE DISTRICTS IS PLAN

W. D. B. Dodson and Charles S.
Warner Discuss Various Phases
of Same Subject

"Fifty per cent of the electric pow-
er of the United States lies in Ore-
gon, Washington and California," said
H. B. Miller, chairman of the Oregon
Hydro-Electric Commission, in his
opening address this morning before
the Commonwealth Conference. Every-
where unlimited resources are lying
idle because this vast amount of
electric power is not being developed.
The commission is convinced that the
formation of hydro-electric districts
in Oregon would result in power cor-
porations, too, helping to promote the
best interests of the people."

Today's sessions were devoted en-
tirely to discussing how best to utilize
Oregon's water power.

A form of organization of hydro-
electric districts was outlined in a
speech by W. D. B. Dodson, secre-
tary of the Hydro-Electric Commis-
sion, this morning. Under this plan,
public utilities would be authorized
to incur bonded indebtedness for con-
structing the works and the acquisi-
tion of property, and to levy taxes for
maintenance.

Charles E. Warner, consulting civil
engineer, presented aspects of the
hydro-electric problem in Oregon.

Public employment agencies as
one partial remedy for the problem
of the unemployed was suggested
by all the speakers at the Thursday
morning and afternoon sessions of the
Oregon Commonwealth Conference.

"Labor has been neglected," said
Joseph Mayer, of New York, a
worker with North America Civic
League of Immigrants. For example,
education and transportation are ade-
quately provided for in all states,
but not so with labor."

Besides the creation of public em-
ployment agencies, Mr. Mayer sug-
gested the regulation of private em-
ployment agencies, the establishment
of municipal lodging houses, and the
offering of seasonal labor rates by the
railroad.

A. H. Grout, Labor Commissioner
of Seattle, outlined the system of em-
ployment bureaus in the state of
Washington. Public agencies are now
located in Seattle, Spokane, and Ta-
coma. Mr. Grout furthermore pre-
sented a plan for a system of nation-
al employment agencies. The depart-
ment should have the duties, besides,
of preventing the circulation of false
information concerning jobs, and it
would seek to secure the fullest ap-
plication of the labor forces of the
state, suggested Mr. Grout.

A. H. Harris, formerly editor of the
Portland Labor Press, outlined a pro-
posed state system of employment
agencies, with a central office in Port-
land and branches throughout the
state, under civil service regulations.
The intent would be that information
regarding jobs should be so organ-
ized that the seasonal labor of the
different localities would provide
more nearly continuous work for the
working men.

"Get the people on the land," said
Charles James, a social service work-
er of California, in his discussion of
the problem of unemployment at the
Thursday evening session. "Have
the state lease lands for long terms
at small rentals. Freedom is the
panacea of all human ills."

Mr. James compared the present
labor situation to a pyramid resting
on its apex. The pyramid is support-
ed by monopolies on land, money, and
patents, and by the tariff, Mr. James

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BLACKSTONES "TAKE LAW. INTO THEIR OWN HANDS"

Members of Dr. Bennett's Classes
Continue Pursuit of Knowledge
Under Improvised Faculty

When Dr. Ralph C. Bennett fell
heir to the mumps many a weary
student was envious of the embryo
lawyers who wouldn't be able to car-
ry on their education for a week or
two. Looks of envy have now given
place to stares of wonder, however,
for what should the Blackstones do
but to prove that they take law for
their own good and not to pass the
time.

They have "taken the law in their
own hands," and under the guidance
of a few instructors picked from their
own number, are continuing the pur-
suit of knowledge uninterrupted by
the affliction of Doctor Bennett.

C. C. Baker, Mash Goodwin and El-
mer Barnhart are the members of this
improvised faculty that is holding in
a grip of iron the upperclassmen of
the Law School.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON IS OPENED

Frosh Defeat Prep Seniors by 10-
to-9 Score in First Melee
of the Year

The first women's basketball games
of the season were played Friday af-
ternoon in the Women's Gymnasium.
The women's University Freshman
Basketball team won the game from
the Eugene High School Senior team
by a score of 10 to 9. The Eugene
High School Freshmen won the game
with the Patterson Grammar School
by a score of 26 to 3. The personnel
of the teams was as follows:

University Freshmen: Guards, Nel-
lie Cox, Flora Allen; centers, Veola
Peterson, Bernice Thom; forwards,
Margaret Crosby, Esther Furusetz;
substitutes, Florence Pierce, Helen
Phillips.

Eugene High School Seniors: guards
Dorothy Guy, Kathleen Fraley; cen-
ters, Ruby Bogue, Elizabeth Griffin;
forwards, Maude Lombard, Hazel
Rankins; substitutes, Ruth Ellis, Mel-
ba Williams, Veta Taylor, Loraine
Taylor.

Referee: Mrs. E. W. Shockley.
Time keepers: Ruth Sears, Ann
McMicken.
Score keeper: Mary Fisher.

FINAL TRYOUT FOR DRAMATIC CLUB TO BE HELD TUESDAY

The second tryout for the Dramatic
Club will be held in the Civil Engi-
neering Building next Tuesday eve-
ning at 7:30. Those eligible for this
competition are the contestants who
were picked by the judges at the last
tryout for another trial, but if any
students who did not participate in
the previous competition desire a
chance they will be given the oppor-
tunity if they hand their names to
either Maurice Hill or Bert Jerard
some time before Tuesday night.
A meeting of all old members of
the club will be held in the Civil En-
gineering Building at 7:00 o'clock the
evening of the tryout.

BAND TAKES LAY-OFF AND PRACTICES ONCE A WEEK

Once a week practice is the order
of things with the Band, now-a-days,
according to President Maurice Hyde.
The Band will probably not be called
upon to liven things up again until
the opening of the basketball season,
and so the members are taking a va-
cation from the regular routine.

Of the 445 members of the Fresh-
man class of Dartmouth, 184 men are
ineligible to represent the college in
any activity because of deficiencies in
scholastic standing.

COMMONWEALTH IDEA PLEASES WITCOMBE

CONGRATULATES UNIVERSITY
UPON INSTITUTION OF
CONFERENCE

MEASURES HELP LEGISLATION

Governor-elect Also Expresses Ap-
preciation of Good Judgment
Shown by Women Voters

"The University of Oregon is to
be congratulated for initiating the
idea of the Commonwealth Confer-
ence," said Governor-Elect Withy-
combe in an interview Wednesday.
"Since the formation of this confer-
ence seven years ago, many impor-
tant measures have been discussed,
and when the recommendations of
this specially called session are
brought before the legislature next
month I am sure those in charge will
be rewarded for their efforts. Sev-
eral representatives of the various
districts are attending the conference
for the purpose of securing new ideas
which will, in the end, benefit the
state."

"I am sure," the Governor conclud-
ed, "that measures passed by this
conference will be a great help to
constructive legislation."

The Governor-elect made a tour of
the campus and expressed himself as
highly pleased with the aspect of the
new Administration Building.

The above remarks were substan-
tiated in the Governor's opening ad-
dress at the conference in the Y. W.
C. A. Bungalow.

"I was afraid," he said, address-
ing the assemblage, "that our con-
stitution was insecure, but since this
election I am convinced that it is
stable and we certainly owe a great
deal to the women of the state for
keeping it so. We need better co-
ordination between departments, how-
ever, and the resolutions adopted
by this conference will undoubtedly
have a great influence upon the leg-
islature in that direction."

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT FEELS EFFECT OF WAR

The Department of Chemistry is
beginning to feel the effects of the
European war. Some of the orders
assigned to German markets are now
tied up in English harbors or ports
along the line. Many of the chemi-
cals and drugs used extensively in the
Chemistry Department have increased
from 25 to 500 per cent.

Professor Stafford, of the Chem-
istry Department, said, "We have, at
present, none of the departments suf-
fering great inconvenience, but if the
war continues a year, the next year's
advance classes will be seriously ham-
pered."

PROF. H. B. MILLER SPEAKS IN SALEM ON "POTATO GROWING"

Prof. H. B. Miller, Director of the
School of Commerce, will give a talk
at the Salem Commercial Club the af-
ternoon of December 19, on the sub-
ject of "Potato Growing." The occa-
sion is a convention called by Luther
J. Chapin, County Agriculturist. Mr.
Miller's speech will include the com-
parative advantages of the various po-
tato growing localities as regard their
production, together with the relative
consumption of the Northwest mar-
kets. It is intended to be particularly
applicable to the needs of the potato
farmers of Marion county.

Much of this material has been col-
lected through the aid of the Depart-
ment of Agriculture at Washington,
D. C., and from reports of United
States consuls all over the world. A
bulletin will be issued shortly which
will include Mr. Miller's data and a
collection of Government statistics
that have been worked over by the
students of the School of Commerce.