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TOO DEEP FOR US

Students of the methods of Monsieur Dupin, Sherlock Holmes, William J. Burns and other ferrets of criminals and fathomers of crime, are awaiting with interest the novel scheme pursued by the local library authorities in unravelling the mystery of the disappearance of twelve Mazda electric light globes from the stack room of the library. The trap which has been laid with almost demoniac cunning for the culprits is this: no student is to be allowed the privileges of the stack room until the missing property is returned.

As we go to press we learn that the pillagers still roam at large, and that the stolen "glims" have not been brought back. If we may venture a purely unprofessional opinion, it is that they never will be brought back, even though the stack room be barred until Doomsday.

Meanwhile, the purpose for which, it would seem, the library is maintained by the state—that of providing free opportunities for research to the students—is being largely defeated. Of course, a student may get any specified book from the stack room through the Librarian's desk. This method, however, is so inadequate and inconvenient that advantage is taken of it only in cases of direst necessity. As a matter of fact, the average student does not go to the library shelves with any particular book in mind. He is more likely interested in a particular subject, and needs to look through all the books on that subject to find the knowledge he is after. Unless he has free access to all text-books, unless he can pick up one after another and examine its contents at first hand, instead of through a card index, he cannot accomplish his reading intelligently.

By what peculiar process of reasoning seven hundred students are denied this privilege, merely because one or two of their number may have been abusing it, passeth our understanding. We earnestly hope that the perpetrators of petty thievery about the University will be apprehended and punished. But this is not the way to apprehend and punish them. It would be as logical to shut all the citizens of Eugene indoors at night because of the exploits of Jack the Grab.

WE'RE GLAD GEORGE DID IT

It is not our purpose here to dilate upon the achievements of George Washington. There are numerous courses in history in the University which dispose of that duty. The carving of the cherry tree and the cross-

ing of the Delaware we shall leave to the First Reader to amplify.

But there is one action of the greatest American which college students should never cease to extol. Indeed, it was not an unusual action, and it was entirely unpremeditated on Washington's part, but nevertheless it has been mighty in its good results. We refer to the great and inestimable service performed by the Father of His Country in being born.

Had he been neglectful in this matter, we would not be celebrating his birthday next Monday. And, incidentally, we over-worked students would not be enjoying a vacation on that day.

So glory be to Washington for what he did for us. We could have suggested but one improvement, and perhaps it is ungracious to mention it. Nevertheless, we wish that George could have fixed it so that his natal day would always be a week day, like Thanksgiving. Then we could never be cheated out of our holiday by the date falling on a Saturday or Sunday—a deplorable situation which arose last year.

ONCE OVERS By Rex Kay.

Lawrence J. Martin, the new Washington track coach, will give his men the first workout next Tuesday. About 60 men will turn out.

"Skeeter" Bigbee is getting so good at throwing baskets from almost impossible angles, that it is about time for some of our conference rivals to start that "lucky dog" stuff.

Martinson, the big 200 pound boy who played center for Idaho, stands a little over six feet two, is nineteen years old and only a Freshman. What about three years hence?

W. S. C. won the inter-collegiate rifle championship of the United States by defeating West Virginia by 986 to 973, a perfect score being 1,000.

Dartmouth won the ski jumping contest from McGill University. The longest jump was by Reddie, of McGill. He made 87 feet, the longest jump, but fell after landing.

Students at the University of Colorado are not allowed to participate in inter-collegiate basketball. They think that this is a great injustice and are now signing petitions to be allowed to play.

If every basketball game would furnish the thrills equal to those "pulled" in the second half of the Idaho game last Tuesday, it is safe to say that football would have a closer rival in the sporting world.

Hayward now has his track men working out under the "shed" in Kincaid Field three times a week. As a precaution against "buckskins," caused by dampness, etc., the boys are wearing long trousers.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Michigan's athletic prospects got solid jolts in all three major sports by the semester examinations just passed. Football casualties include Galt, Splayn, Lyons, Zieger, and Huebel. Hughitt and Webber, of the baseball talent, are knocked out. In track the Wolverine prospects in the indoor intercollegiate relays at New York and the Princeton race Saturday were ruined when Murphy and Lynch came under the faculty ban.

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Extension lectures for this week include: "Education as Social Adjustment," by Dr. Schafer, February 19, at Orenco; "Spain and the Alhambra," by Dr. Timothy Cloran, February 19, at Lebanon; "Native Oregon Trees and Shrubs," by Prof. A. R. Sweetser, February 19, at Brooks; "Worlds in the Making," by Prof. O. F. Stafford, February 17, at Joseph; "Manufacture of Nitrogen from the Air," by Prof. O. F. Stafford, February 20, at Parkdale; "The Conquest of Atmospheric Nitrogen by the Chemist," by Prof. O. F. Stafford, February 19, at Odell; "Education for Social Advance," by Dr. C. F. Hodge, February 19, at Brownsville; "Taxation and Vexation," by Dr. James H. Gilbert, February 22, at Thurston; "Spain and the Alhambra," by Dr. Timothy Cloran, February 20, at Canby; "Duties and Responsibilities of School Officers," by Prof. F. L. Stetson, February 20, at Drain; "Prehistoric Life in America," by Dr. C. E. Edmondson, February 19, at Wilsonville; "The Newspaper in Your Town," by E. W. Allen, February, 19, at Stayton; "Education as a Social Adjustment," by Dr. Joseph Schafer, at Philomath; and "Worlds in the Making," by Prof. O. F. Stafford, February 15, at Wallowa.

CAMPUS NOTES

Betty Wagner, '13, and Ruth Ralston, are week-end visitors at the Delta Delta Delta house.

Mrs. Daniel Foulkes spent the week-end at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house.

Delta Gamma announces the pledging of Ailene Townsend, of Portland, and Margaret Cornwall, of Berkeley. Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained the Delta Tau Delta house informally Friday night.

Miss Koon, from Gamma Chapter, Fay Blair, Phi Chapter, and Claire Oaks, Beta Chapter, are spending week-end at Mu Phi Epsilon house.

Mu Phi Epsilon holds initiation Friday and Saturday.

Rachel Applegate, '12, is spending week-end at the Delta Gamma house.

Mae Sutherland, from Corvallis, and Nan Stewart, from Lebanon, are week-end guests at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house.

Carl Fenton, '14, of Dallas, Oregon, is a week-end guest at the Beta Theta Pi house.

Sigma Nu announces the pledging of Carl Berry, of Hood River.

Ray Williams, '14, was a dinner guest at the Phi Delta Theta house on Tuesday.

Pete Grinnell, of Portland, was a dinner guest at the Phi Delta Theta house on Wednesday.

Mrs. John Burgard, of Portland, Mrs. Robert Bean, of Portland, William Burgard and Clark Burgard, were dinner guests Thursday evening at the Kappa Alpha Theta house.

Phi Delta Theta entertained Carl Berry at dinner Thursday evening.

A meeting of all those interested in golf and in the forming of a Varsity golf team will be held next Wednesday at 4:00 o'clock, in Room 2 of Villard Hall.

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