

ALUMNUS REMARKS ON PHILIPPINE CONDITIONS

Walter Bailey, '12, On a Six Months' Leave of Absence, Explains Problems of Education

Walter Bailey, '12, who is on a six months' leave of absence after three years spent in teaching in the Philippines, stopped off in Eugene today on his way to Gladstone, Oregon, where he will visit his parents.

While here Mr. Bailey gave a short talk to the class in recent American History on the subject, "Public Works in the Philippines."

Mr. Bailey explained the conditions in the Philippines at the time when the United States first undertook the task of formulating a government and establishing a public school system. He also spoke of the sanitary conditions and municipal works.

"The Philipinos are very eager to learn, but nevertheless difficulties encountered by the American teachers were very great," said Mr. Bailey.

"Buildings were very inadequate and sometimes unavailable," said Mr. Bailey, "and new buildings had to be constructed, and these out of stone or cement, because the white ants would soon destroy a wooden structure."

The speaker explained how the English language was first given an impetus in the island. How the Americans would pick out the brightest Philippino boys, teach them a few English words, and then send them out to teach the other boys the words they had learned.

"Their school system is similar to ours," said Mr. Bailey. "The primary department takes in the first, second, third and fourth grades, the intermediate department the fifth, sixth and seventh grades, and then the regular high school. Besides the regular subjects, there is taught weaving, gardening, domestic science, manual training and many trade subjects."

"Athletics in the Philippines are very popular. Before the introduction of athletics, the Philipinos seemed to be a very listless, slow going sort of people, but with the advent of American games they have taken on new life, more energy, 'pep' and a livelier spirit," declared the speaker.

Mr. Bailey also mentioned the many duties of the teacher besides those of teaching.

"When cholera breaks out in the islands, a warning is sent to all the teachers to warn their pupils. The teachers will then abandon all school work and an effort is made to teach the pupils the danger of this disease and how to avoid and combat it."

Mr. Bailey told how a number of years ago a vast horde of locusts invaded the islands and threatened the crops, but by the aid of the pupils they were destroyed and the crops saved.

"Conditions in the Philippines are continually changing," continued Mr. Bailey. "Roads are being constructed and better means of communication are being set up throughout the islands."

Mr. Bailey said that the Philipinos were very desirous of obtaining their independence, but that a great many of them would rather see the United States handle the situation, since the task of self-government is too great for them at the present time.

136 HOURS ARE MADE

43 Students Enrolled in Correspondence Department of the University Make Record of Credits

One hundred and thirty-six semester hours have been made by students enrolled in the Correspondence Department of the University since September. This figure is equivalent to over three years' work by three different students, and is the largest number of credits that has ever been made by correspondence in a similar length of time, says Miss Mozelle Hair, Secretary of the Extension Department.

The subjects taken up by the 43 students enrolled and the number of credits obtained in each, are as follows: English, 15; Education, 26; History, 26; Literature, 21; Mathematics, 14; Geology, 3; Physics, 10; Psychology, 5; Sociology, 10; German, 6; Electricity, 1.

ALLEN AND DYMENT BURST INTO PRINT

Sigma Delta Chi Publication, "The Quill," Prints Yarns About Oregon Professors

Proof of the far-reaching fame of both Professors E. W. Allen and Colin V. Dymont, of the Journalism Department, is evidenced by the fact that a story about each is included under the caption "A Newspaper Yarn or Two," in the June issue of "The Quill," the official Sigma Delta Chi publication. One of the jokes related by George Palmer Putnam, Secretary to Governor Withycombe, and editor of the Bend Bulletin, on the occasion of an address delivered by the former in the Journalism class recently, also graces the same section in "The Quill."

"It Had Stopped Raining," runs the head over the story of Professor Dymont's lost umbrella, after which it is stated that Professor Dymont believes in advertising. The story then goes on to reproduce the announcement printed in the Emerald about a month ago, to the effect that Professor Colin V. Dymont would be absent from his office in McClure Hall all of Saturday, and that an opportunity would therefore exist for the person who took his umbrella from its accustomed corner to return the same without fear of comment. The dramatic climax follows: "The Professor returned to his office the following morning. The umbrella was in its accustomed place." Apparently "The Quill" failed to unearth the subsequent fact that the "bold, bad robber" in the case was Professor E. W. Allen. The latter had simply borrowed the umbrella over night and quietly returned it to its place, without reading the announcement in the Emerald or becoming acquainted otherwise with the owner's perturbed state of mind.

A little bit of history from Professor Allen's days with the Seattle Post-Intelligencer may be gleaned from the story which is credited to him. It has to do with a copy reader and a reporter on the aforesaid paper, the latter of whom had become so embittered at the copy reader for the habitual butchering of his stories, that he allows himself to step "off the straight and narrow path and become considerably intoxicated." The reporter captures a highwayman who attempts to rob him on the way, drags his new-found friend to the copy reader and introduces the two with a little pleasantries somewhat as follows: "Mr. L—, this man is a highwayman. You ought to know each other."

The story for which Mr. Putnam furnishes the inspiration is told of him upon the occasion of his entering a Portland bank to cash a check. The conversation which ensued is related as follows, under the caption of "Few Have Checks to Cash":

"Under the rules of the bank, I cannot cash your check until you get a friend to identify you," so said the cashier.

Mr. Putnam's answer was: "I haven't any friends; I'm an editor."

CANOE FIENDS COUNTED

Bond Says Seventy-Five Per Cent of Student Body Never Utilize Mill-Race

Seventy-five per cent of the University Student Body never utilize the mill-race, according to Paul Bond, owner of the Bond boat house. Out of the twenty-five who have learned the joys of canoeing, only a few are habitual users.

This is the reason why Paul Bond is considering cutting rates on canoes next year. He wants 300 students next year to know and enjoy the mill-race.

Among other statistics that Mr. Bond has gathered is the amount of canoeing done by the different fraternity houses. At present Delta Tau Delta and Beta Theta Pi are tied as the foremost utilizers of the race—each having twelve consistent paddlers. Kappa Sigma is next, with ten. Non-fraternity people scarcely ever use the race.

"There are more canoeists than last year," said Mr. Bond. "Next year there will be still more."

ALUMNI TO CONSIDER HAVING PUBLICATION

Committee Will Put Two Propositions Before Annual Meeting During Commencement Week

An alumni publication, entirely separate from the Emerald, and a proposed contract with the Emerald for at least the one page a week that they have had this year, will be the two propositions brought before the alumni at their annual meeting during commencement week.

Last year the subject was discussed and resulted in a committee being appointed to put forward propositions at the next meeting. The committee consisted of Earl Kilpatrick, chairman, Leon Wray and Allen Eaton. As yet they have had no meeting, but according to Mr. Kilpatrick they will undoubtedly decide to put forward the above propositions.

A questionnaire, asking their opinions on the subject, was sent to all alumni. The return answers were favorable to an official organ.

COMMUNICATION

Too busy to come to committee meetings, too busy to wait for dessert at dinner, too busy to go to gym, too busy to speak to your friends, too busy to take a little relaxation, too busy even to study.

What is the matter with everybody? "Hurried and worried until you're buried"—you'd better stop and take a breath. Oregon, with her 835 students, is trying to do what other universities with over 2000 students are doing. She has all the varieties of athletics, debates, and social affairs, with a smaller number of students to participate in them, and consequently with the result that each person finds too many occupations to enter into. "Jack-of-all-trades, master of none" is a mighty old saying, but still now is a good time to take heed of it and decide what we are fitted for, and capable of doing, and do that well, and leave the other endless tasks for those who are fitted for them. This would mean efficiency. Slow up a little. Take time to live.

At a mass meeting of the student body of Cornell, a proposal to establish a student council at the University was almost unanimously approved.

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