

PLEDGE DAY TO BE HELD OCTOBER 20

Gov. Withycombe and Regent Newell to Speak at Annual Exercises.

The annual "pledge day" of the University will be held at the regular assembly hour on October 20. Governor James Withycombe, Regent W. K. Newell, Rev. C. M. Hill, Rev. C. A. Woody and Congressman W. C. Hawley will be the speakers at the exercises.

On pledge day the students pledge their allegiance to the state; acknowledge the debt which they owe its people at large for the privileges of education that they enjoy and pledge themselves to endeavor, to the best of their abilities to give back full value received by loyal patriotic service.

PLAYS OF 13 COUNTRIES TO BE READ BY MR. REDDIE

The works of 13 modern dramatists, representing as many countries, will be presented during the coming year by Professor Reddie. "The Great Divide," by William Vaughn Moody, Mr. Reddie's first reading, was given October 12. This play deals with an American situation by an American playwright. In the mountains of Arizona the pampered sons of the rich become better men because of their close communion with nature. The stage of Guild hall was fitted with Indian blankets in an attempt to portray the spirit of Arizona life.

Rushing Practice of Wisconsin

Greek letter rushing as practiced by the Pan-Hellenic at Stanford is not as weird an institution as many people think. According to the Daily Cardinal of the University of Wisconsin the men are under as many rules there as the women. Some of the rules follow: No student shall be initiated until the beginning of his sophomore year. There shall be no ostentatious rushing at any time. No student shall be initiated while on probation. No student may be initiated without the approval of the dean of men or the chairman of the student interest committee. This system has been in existence for two years and is favorably regarded in general by the student body.

EXTENSION WORK BEGUN

Courses in English, Commerce and Psychology Are Offered at Portland Library.

The work of the extension department of the University of Oregon in Portland is being continued this winter at the Central library.

The enrollment in the extension classes of Mrs. Mabel H. Parsons is about 400, divided as follows: English composition, 126; short story, 175; literary appreciation, 93.

The course offered by Mrs. Parsons in literary appreciation is for the purpose of giving a comprehensive view of the comparative value of modern fiction, such as the works of Thomas Hardy, Balzac, Gustav Flaubert and Winston Churchill.

Dr. D. W. Morton, dean of the school of commerce, will address the institute certificate holders of the Portland chapter of the American Institute of Banking every other Thursday.

Dr. Morton's course will deal largely with the history of banking. The commercial teachers of the various high schools will be visited and talks given dealing with the manner in which the commercial courses offered may be made more practical.

Dr. George Rebec, professor of philosophy, will conduct a class in psychology, at the Central library on alternate weeks.

Beginning on October 15, Dr. Rebec started a course of lectures on "Modern Art in Relation to the Movement of Modern Ideals and Modern Life." These lectures will be given on the first and third Fridays of each month, at 2 o'clock p. m., in the Women of Woodcraft hall. Lantern slides will be introduced throughout the course.

NOTED BISHOP TO SPEAK ON "SOCIAL PROGRESS"

Bishop William Bell, of the United Brethren church, president of the World's League of Social Progress, is announced by the University for a free lecture, to take place in Villard hall a week from next Tuesday, at 7:30 in the evening. His topic will be "Social Progress." William Jennings Bryan is quoted as saying that Bishop Bell is the "greatest orator on the American platform." He is said to be in great demand as a speaker at \$200 a night, but this lecture will be free.

Will Support Soccer

At a meeting of the executive committee of the student body, held Wednesday afternoon in Registrar Tiffany's office, favor to support soccer ball to the extent of two games was declared and the two games with Multnomah, as played last year will take place after the opening of the season. One game will be played in Portland, and the other game here in Eugene.

The committee, at a previous meeting had granted expenses for two contests with O. A. C., but as the Agricultural college is not going to put out a team, Multnomah will be the opponent.

Debate Tryout Held

Both women and men of the University took part in the debate tryout this morning at 9 o'clock in Guild hall. "Resolved that the United States should adopt some form of compulsory military training," was the trial question. Between 15 and 20 took part.

UNIVERSITY RAISES STUDENT STANDARDS

Better Preparation of Incoming Classes Justifies Increase of Work Says President.

With a new administration building, freedom from referendum troubles, and the newly inaugurated system of honors, the University is this year raising standards in all departments, according to President P. L. Campbell.

"The incoming classes have better high school preparation," said President Campbell. "On that account we feel justified in demanding an increase of 10 per cent or so in the amount of ground covered. Particularly, more outside reading is required. So far the students are responding very well."

Many of the departments have new equipment. The zoology department is fitting up a new physiology laboratory, which is to accommodate six people, working independently. The appliances are largely electrical.

The departments of economics and commerce are establishing museums. The education department now has a well-organized major course.

The journalism department is equipped for the mechanical and business sides of the newspaper work, as well as the literary.

"We are holding up professional standards," said Professor E. W. Allen, head of the journalism department, "and are keeping everyone to them. More and more of our energy is being spent on the upperclassmen."

The department of English literature is requiring more reading in some of the courses, and has several honor students.

U. OF M. JOURNALISM DEAN TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

A. L. Stone, dean of the school of journalism of the University of Montana, will attend the first annual meeting of the western association of Teachers of Journalism, to be held at the University of Oregon, in Eugene, during the latter part of this month. Teachers of journalism from the Universities of Washington and Oregon are on the program.—Montana News Bulletin.

A campaign is being started at Washington to enlist a large number of students to attend the California-Washington game. Leave of absence has been granted by the faculty and special rates secured from the steamship companies.

Ohio State University students held a meeting to arrange the details of a pie-baking contest. This competition is to be held under the auspices of the University apple show. Do the contestants have to eat their entries?

For the first time since 1904 the University of Washington has failed

to produce a candidate for the Rhodes scholarships examination. The failure has been attributed to loss of interest on the part of the men students in the classics.

The Phi Delta Theta have as a week-end guest Oscar Chenoweth, a Phi Delta Theta, from Purdue.

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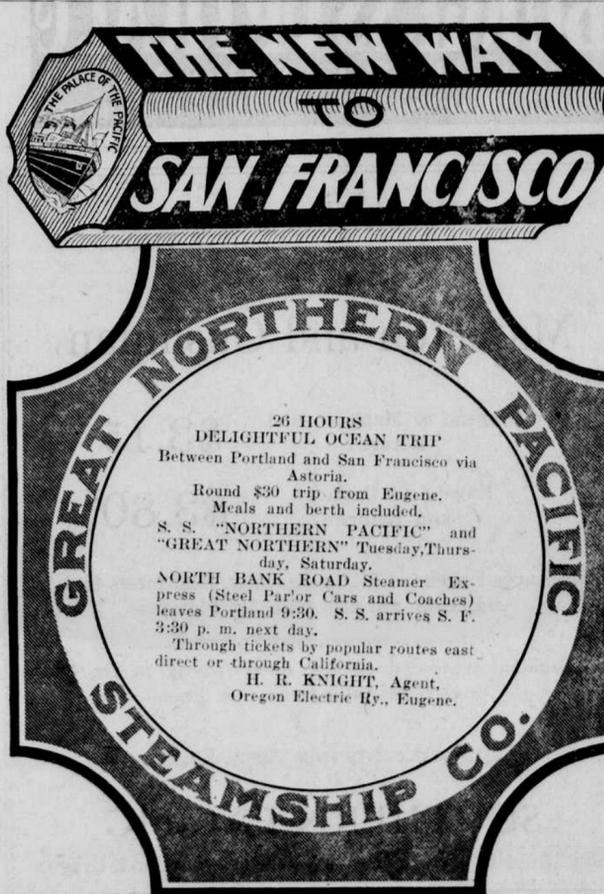
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