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Laissez Faire Policy Is Successful.

NOTEWORTHY IN the survey of the University of Oregon conducted by S. P. Capen, specialist in higher education in the United States bureau of education, is the recommendation that the group system of studies be adopted instead of the elective system.

From absolute authority we have learned that an investigation on the part of the University of the schedules showed that under the elective system, as instituted at Oregon, students adhere to a system of study throughout their four years that could not be improved on by adopting the group system, which prescribes the system of work to a greater detail.

In other words, the University of Oregon need not adopt the group system, because on the whole students show good judgment in selecting their curriculum.

Here is one instance in which the authorities have confidence in the students' responsibility. "Pipe" courses—if there are any such courses—do not appeal to the mass of students. They pursue a certain logical trend and sequence in their work that does not warrant the group system.

The group system will not be adopted at the University of Oregon, because the students, free to choose their studies, seem to choose according to the scientifically established group system. In this case freedom to select courses has had a beneficial effect. It has resulted in adherence to the narrow path without having to resort to rules, which inhibit personal initiative.

If this laissez faire policy has worked out good in the selection of studies, we cannot imagine why it will not work out as good or better in the attendance of classes. It stands to reason that the two are sufficiently related to bring out the same result. Still the faculty, despite student sentiment, insists on the "cut rule," which regulates attendance and punishes non-attendance in an unreasonable way, as the faculty, on the whole, will admit.

But the fact is that the elective system does not apply throughout the four years. Underclassmen are under the direction of their major professors in the selection of their first two years' work.

We think that this is rational and wise. Upperclassmen show enough judgment to elect their work efficiently.

But in the same way that upperclassmen are given full sway in election of work, so, too, we maintain that it is no more than reasonable and consistent to give them the same freedom in the matter of attendance. If they do not misuse their freedom in the one matter they will not abuse it in the attendance of classes.

The Emerald has put forward such a recommendation, and the student council without a vote of dissent approved of it.

The rest remains with the faculty!

Henry Ford's Peace Pilgrimage.

OREGON ENJOYS the distinction of "being one of the fifteen prominent universities in the United States" to receive an invitation from Henry Ford to send a representative to Europe as his guest in an attempt to end the war by Christmas.

Whatever may be said as to the feasibility of the enterprise, it must be granted that there is at least a chance that the movement may prove a strong factor in developing a dynamic public opinion in continental Europe against the continuance of the war.

When the peace crusaders, made up of leaders in every station of American life, go into the bleeding heart of warring Europe there will be set up a reaction in the minds of the sufferers. Henry Ford says he is leading into Europe a peace pilgrimage at the psychological moment—at a time when 90 per cent of the warring people want peace. It stands to reason that if four-fifths of a people are appealed to at the psychological moment, the mailed fist of the other one-fifth can be forced.

The idea of the peace crusade is not original with Ford, but to him belongs the credit, for, as we have said before, there is a vast difference between "thinking the thought and doing the deed."

Some decry the enterprise on the grounds that it is unofficial, but this, to our mind, makes it all the more effective. The attempt will succeed or fail on the sentiment it creates. It must appear dramatic, emotional, and spontaneous before it can take advantage of the psychological moment. An official attempt to end the war would be cold, business-like and bound up in mazes of red-tape, which would not have the dramatic effect on suffering humanity.

There is true nobility in this attempt, even though it appears fruitless, and we feel proud to see that Oregon has been given the opportunity to send its delegate; and, moreover, no better representative could have been selected for the mission.

CAMPUS NOTES

Goodrich, A. C. Dixon and L. H. Johnson.
 Graham Smith has withdrawn from the University and will leave shortly for Noblesville, Indiana, where his grandfather is very ill. He expects to return to the University next September.
 President C. E. Spence, of the state grange, spoke to the commercial department of the University and also to the Commercial club on Wednesday, on the

* President Campbell yesterday entertained in honor of Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie, dean of the medical school of the University of Oregon, with a luncheon in the tea room of the Osburn hotel. Those present were: Dean Mackenzie, Professor Schmidt, Professor Lawrence, Professor Bovard, Professor Sweetser, Professor Boynton, Professor Stafford, Professor Grimes, and Regents Ray

"Marketing of the Agricultural Products." Mr. Spence is also a member of the Oregon and California land grant commission and will attend a meeting of that body in Salem, next week.

B. E. Spencer, of the class of 1901, who has a position with the Hercules Mining company, of Helena, Montana, stopped off on his way home from the exposition at San Francisco yesterday.

COLLEGE NIGHT MAY BE AN ANNUAL AFFAIR

More Than 3000 Persons Enjoyed Program at Ice Hippodrome in Portland Friday.

According to the counters, 3099 persons were in the enclosure of the Portland Ice Hippodrome last Friday night, which netted \$500 for the Women's building. Mrs. Alice Benson Beach, a graduate of Oregon in 1905, who had charge of the event, conducted it in a highly satisfactory manner, according to Miss Guppy. "This attraction proved so popular that it will probably be made an annual affair by the Portland alumnae."

Three bands, the Oregon glee clubs, and rooting sections from the four Portland high schools provided entertainment from the seats while stunts on the big ice rink were going on.

Washington high school, after a hot contest won the Lipman, Wolfe and company trophy for the best high school yells. Washington also proved champions in the tug of war by pulling Lincoln's ten men the length of the ice, after the Cardinal team had out-jerked Jefferson.

Oregon received the Meier and Frank college rooters' cup without opposition. The combined men's and women's glee clubs interspersed the program with Oregon songs that filled the giant enclosure and brought much applause.

The relay race went to the Portland Rowing club. Mixed teams of professionals and amateurs played two periods of hockey. The "Reds" won, four to one.

Lewis Roswell and Dunbar Poole gave exhibitions of fancy skating. The Twenty-first infantry band from Vancouver Barracks played several selections during the evening and provided music for the grand march. The line of 521 couples was led by Robert Krohn and Alice Benson Beach. Nearly \$5000 has been cleared to date for the new women's building. The prospects for raising the entire amount required are excellent, thinks Miss Guppy.

The Woman's league has planned a middy dance to be given Friday, December 10 from 4 to 6 in the Men's gymnasium. Refreshments will be served. A charge of 25 cents a couple will be made, the proceeds to go for the Woman's building fund.

GADSKI TO BE HERE SOON

December 14 Date of Concert; Explanatory Program to be Given by Philharmonics.

Due to the efforts of Ralph H. Lyman, dean of the school of music, and the philharmonic society of the University, Madame Johanna Gadski will sing at the Eugene armory December 14, making this her only stop between Portland and San Francisco.

In anticipation of the Gadski concert the philharmonic society will give a short program in Villard hall after the regular practice next Monday evening. The concert which will be open to the general public, will begin at eight thirty and will be in the nature of an explanatory prelude to the one to be given by Mme. Gadski.

Several of her numbers will be sung by members of the society after which short historical sketches will be given.

Special stress will be laid on the German group and on selections from Wagnerian operas which will be sung by the prima donna in her concert here and which are considered to be among her best numbers.

DEFICIT HAMPERS SPORT

Prof. Howe Prophesies That Basketball Will Not Be Reinstated Due to \$1600 Burden.

"If it had not rained during the Oregon-O. A. C. game, intercollegiate basketball would have had an excellent chance of being reinstated," said Prof. H. C. Howe, chairman of the faculty committee. The faculty meets Thursday to give its final statement as to the future of the sport. The deluge cost the student body close to \$1000, and leaves it in financial straits.

Representatives Go to N. W. Conference
Bill Hayward and Professor Colin V. Dymont, the other members of the committee, are in Portland, attending the northwest college conference that is in session. Professor Howe said that the various men he had talked with had hoped to place basketball back on the sport calendar for the year. However, the committee, on close investigation, dis-

covered that the 1914-15 basketball season showed a deficit of \$600. This sum plus the amount lost on football this year shows a burden of \$1600, that the student body should have to assume were the indoor sports reinstated.

No Chance for Basketball
Professor Howe in anticipating the action of the faculty meeting on Thursday, said:

"From financial reasons alone I think that basketball will be voted down. It has never been a paying proposition and the student body can not carry the burden this year." He emphatically stated, however, that the probable abolishment was for this season alone. Without a doubt Oregon will compete in the conference next year in the sport.

The girls on the Minnesota Daily have organized themselves into a club for cooperative purposes, to be known as the "Minnesota Daily Staff Girls' club" or the "D. S. G. C." They will edit a special woman's issue of the Daily on December 9.

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