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"SIMPL SPELING" RAPIDLY GAINING IN UNITED STATES

Over 9,000,000 Circulation Among Papers and Magazines Using "Nu Styl."

IS TOPIC FOR ASSEMBLY

Workout Is Devoted to Hitting, Sprinting and Warming Up

Dr. Carl Danto, professor of German, Reed college, Portland, will talk on "Simplified Spelling" at the assembly hour tomorrow.

Reed college uses the simpl word forms recommended by the simplified spelling board in class ritten work, and in The Quest, the college publication.

One hundred twenty-two other institutions in the United States and Canada use at least the 12 words first adopted by the board in 1898, which ar "program, catalog, tho, altho, thoro, thorfare, thru, throuth, demagog, pedagog, prolog, and decalog." Many of these scools permit the use of all the simplified spelings in official correspondence, publications, and other ritten work.

The pres is taking up simplified spelling, at least to the extent of the 12 N. E. A. words. Among the dailies and periodicals are the Seattle Star, Toronto World, Denver Post, News, Express and Times; Current Opinion, Literary Digest, Educational Review, The American Schoolboard Journal, and Outdoor Life.

The movement has been endorsed by the State Teachers' association of Oregon, California (northern and bay sections), Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, South Carolina, New Jersey, and Montana.

The following is a partial list of the simplified spelling rules as laid down by the board:

- 1. Drop final e when useless or misleading, as twelv, starv, believ, engin, activ, emanin, etc.
2. When final e is pronounced d, write it simply as d, as aimd, whiskd, rairnd, etc.
3. In the combination ea use the letter which is sounded and omit the other, as tred, helth, hevly, hartly, wether, etc.
4. Omit silent b, h, n, r and s, as thum, det, lam, num, rime, pur, etc.
5. Change ph to f when so sounded, as alfabet, fotograf, filofosy, farmacy, fysiologiy, etc.
6. Use one l in place of two, as til, wil, ful, skil, dullness, etc.
7. When z is the sound use that letter instead of s, as advise, riz surprize, etc.
8. When ee is pronounced i, spell it so, as notis, justis, lattis, etc.
9. Omit te from ette final, as cigaret, etiquette, quartet, etc.

Among those who advocate simplified spelling and use are Edmund L. James, president university of Illinois; Edward F. Dunne, governor of Illinois; Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, ex-superintendent of schools, Chicago; Dr. W. A. Evans, staff of Chicago Tribune; Nathaniel Butler, director of co-operative work, university of Chicago; Dr. William H. Maxwell, superintendent of schools, New York city; W. D. Whitner, Yale university; Max Mueller, Oxford university, England; Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Sumner, Brander Matthews and David Starr Jordan.

Income of Colleges. Harvard and Cornell lead the universities of the United States in the matter of income, each having an annual fund of more than \$3,000,000. Columbia leads with the number of instructors, while Cornell has 750 and Harvard 859.

Illinois, Wisconsin and Northwestern are leading in a tight race for the conference championship in basketball.

M. E. Will Testify in Sheridan Case

Emerald Managng Editor Returns, But Back Again He Goes to Face Court.

Harold Hamstreet has been home for two weeks; only Sunday he came back to school—and then, early Monday morning he received a telegram requesting that he return at once and appear before the county court.

It isn't as bad as it sounds though. Last summer Hamstreet was reporting all the Sheridan news for the Oregonian and once he was out with the sheriff. They saw a barn burn and later some one decided that there was something queer about it. Now its a case of arson up before the county court and he has gone home to tell them just what he knows about everything.

He hopes to come back some day—maybe before spring vacation.

SECRETARY OLCOTT ADDRESSES STUDENTS

Administration of State Office Is Explained by the Speaker.

Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott gave the first of the lectures of the economics of State Administration course in Guild hall this morning. He brought with him the original State Constitution and first set of laws which he exhibited to the class in connection with his talk.

Mr. Olcott outlined in general the functions of each of the State Commissioners and their importance was explained. "The administration work is now founded on business principles. The state printer, for instance used to receive more pay than the secretary of state does now. This office was regarded as a political plum. Today the same is handled in an economic and business like way."

Fifty blue books were distributed among the commerce students by the speaker.

ENGLISH HOSPITAL OPEN; 21 BEDS ARE OCCUPIED

Ailments Are Weak Verb Action, Split Infinitives, Bad Grammar, Lapses 100 Workers Needed

Twenty-one prospective inmates of the University English hospital will meet in Villard hall at 4 o'clock on Wednesday to decide on a suitable hour for regular weekly treatment.

Each of the twenty-one is suffering from an aggravated case of disjointed phrases, split infinitives, broken rules of rhetoric, lapses into vernacular, bad grammar, or weak verb action. Their major professors said as much when they appended an "Eng." on their grade cards at the end of last semester.

Dr. Bates is prescribing physician, but Miss Julia Burgess will have charge of the patients and administer the cure.

The department of history has the largest number of defectives—six. Law and ethics are tied, with three each, for second place. American literature, English literature, geology and German each contribute two. Journalism sends but one as does art appreciation. One man—a particularly serious case—was recommended twice, by two different departments.

Bad temper and unwillingness to take the medicine will be considered most dangerous symptoms. Dr. Bates said that if a patient resented the diagnosis the treatment might last until June. If he is cheerful and tries to benefit by the special care so unselfishly bestowed upon him, he may be pronounced cured in a few weeks' time.

Treatment is corrective and prophylactic. It consists of one hour of instruction every week in the principles that underly the correct use of the English language. The most common mistakes in punctuation, spelling and construction will be pointed out and corrected, for the future good of both student and instructor. This is not a rest cure and no credit will be given.

INTERCLASS GAMES ON; FROSH SHOW CLASS

Juniors Beat Seniors; '19 Men Win From Sophs; Interest Is Lacking.

While the knights of the big stick and horseshide, taking advantage of the spring weather, were pounding the spheroid around the diamond a battle royal was going on in the gymnasium that reminded one of the cold bleak days of last winter when the Doughnut league basketball games were in full swing.

The first inter-class basketball games were pulled off Monday, when the seniors and juniors and the sophomores and freshmen were allowed to settle disputes that may have arisen between them as to which excelled in the art of tossing baskets.

Fine Exhibition—Not Basketball

A finer exhibition of boxing, slugging, jiu jitsu, wrestling and football all in one game was never seen. Even Coach Bezdek who refereed enjoyed the exhibition and at times he actually forgot to blow the whistle when four or five players would make a dive and wrestle madly for the ball, something he seldom forgot in the Doughnut games.

The dancing queen "Fatima" would have laughed with glee if she could have seen the havoc wrought on the respiratory powers of some of the gladiators by the little pills that bear her name. Big Jim Cossman complained continually of the inability of his lungs to provide him with the necessary quantity of air. "My wind is gone" he wheezed as he made an unsuccessful attempt to shoot a basket from a recumbent position directly under it.

Henry Howe tore madly around the floor for a while adorned in a bathing suit, he seemed to persist in passing the ball into the arms of a junior directly under the basket, generally with the most disastrous results to himself and teammates.

Jui Jitsu Holds Abound

A fine exhibition of the Japanese art of "jiu jitsu" was given by Harry Kuck and Frank Scaife. Kuck secured a strangle hold and the referee was forced to separate the men.

Captain Walter Church said the seniors would wear suits of different colors because Manager Claud Hampton is out of town and neglected to provide the necessary togs for his men.

There were few spectators at the game as the fine weather was too much for the most of them to resist.

DELEGATES WILL ATTEND GATHERING AT CORVALLIS

Y. M. and Y. W. Will Send Representatives to Week-end Ministry Mission Conference

A week-end conference is scheduled at O. A. C. by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday of this week. Oregon is sending a delegation to represent her student body. These students are invited to be the guests of the O. A. C., Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. during their stay at the conference. Already a dozen have signified their intention of going from here and anyone is invited to attend.

The program includes addresses by Dr. John H. Boyd of Portland; President C. J. Bushnell of Pacific University; Gale Seaman, Pacific coast Y. M. C. A. secretary; Dr. Kenneth Latourette of Reed; President W. J. Kerr of O. A. C.; and other speakers. Presidents of six educational institutions will speak or preside.

Although all delegates are urged to go for the full time, those who can not go until Sunday will be welcome. Information and copies of the program may be had from Arlo Bristow, '18, Miss Mary Gillies, and J. D. Foster. Rates of a fare and a third have been secured on the S. P. and a registration fee of 50 cents will be charged to cover general conference expenses. The total expense will be \$2.30.

The program of this conference and the advantages of going to it will be explained Thursday afternoon at 4 in Deady hall by Gale Seaman.

"Co-op" Goes Too Far

The project of the Stanford Bookstore to supply the houses and clubs on the campus with groceries and supplies has been temporarily dropped because of the unwillingness of some of the houses to join in the undertaking and of the difficulty of financing the project at the beginning.

STUDENTS WILL ELECT SECRETARY TOMORROW

Committee Pledged to Recognize "People's Choice" for Eva Brock's Successor.

Nominations and a straw vote election of student body secretary are scheduled to occur Wednesday at 4 o'clock in Villard hall. This was decided at a meeting of the executive committee Monday afternoon. The election will not be binding until that body passes upon it, but all members of the committee have now pledged themselves to vote for the "people's choice."

At Monday's meeting, also, A. R. Tiffany, graduate-manager, was empowered to order the athletic blankets now due several graduates of the University. These will be awarded later by the athletic council.

The committee will hold another meeting this week, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

STUFFY BUILDING CROWDS FROSH JOURNALISTS OUT

Prof. Allen's Class of Budding Newspapermen Moves to Commerce Building.

Through the courtesy of Dean D. W. Morton of the school of commerce the freshmen journalism class, which has been reciting in the little stuffy room of the extension building, will now meet in the big cool room on the north end of the commerce building.

Within the last few days the extension room has become very hot and disagreeable. After class yesterday, some of the women complained to Dean Allen who spoke to Secretary N. C. Grimes about the matter. Dean Morton immediately offered the commerce building room.

"I appreciate Dean Morton's kindness very much," said Professor Allen last night. "When I talk to a class I like to walk around and I couldn't do so in that little room. Moreover, it is a mighty uncomfortable place these warm days."

Will Not Admit Mere Man

Mere man without the passport of a woman escort will not be permitted to witness the girls' basketball at the University of Kansas, according to an announcement recently made. The stocks of the Kansan co-eds accordingly have risen above par.

U. O.-O. A. C. DEBATERS MEET FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Dual Contest Will Moot Question of President Wilson's Five-Year Navy Policy

The Oregon-O. A. C. dual debate is to be held Friday, March 3. The negative team composed of Rosalind Bates and Walter Myers will debate here, while the affirmative, which consists of Cloyd Dawson and Earl Fleischman, will debate at O. A. C. Edwin Cox, and Herbert McFadden have been selected as alternates on the Oregon teams.

The question to be debated is: Resolved that the United States should maintain a navy at least as strong as President Wilson advocates in his five year policy.

Work Moving Slowly.

"The teams are getting along very slowly," said Robert Prescott, coach. "This is due to the new material to work with. Mr. Dawson is the only man on the team that has ever had any intercollegiate experience, and he was only in one debate."

The team which debated against O. A. C. last year, with the exception of Nicholas Jauregui, who has been ill and is unable to try out for debate this year, is graduated.

The University held its first contest with O. A. C. last year, and won by a unanimous vote here, and lost by a two to one vote at Corvallis. It is understood that the O. A. C. team of last year is intact.

The tri-state debate contests are to be held March 24. Oregon's negative team will debate with the University of Washington, at Seattle, while the affirmative will meet the University of Stanford here.

The teams for the tri-state contest have not been determined. But owing to the ineligibility of Mrs. Bates, on account of the non-co-ed ruling of the tri-state league, a re-adjustment of the teams will be necessary.

Normans Inovate College Haircuts

"Feather-Edge" Originated in Time of Conquest Says Intellectual Tonsorialist.

The Norman soldiers of the time of the Norman Conquest in the eleventh century, are to blame for the whole thing, declared the barber, snapping his scissors viciously to emphasize the statement. They did it, and because some inspired barber of the present day conceived the idea of imitating them, the college man, to be in style, must now periodically submit to a tonsorial operation known as a "feather-edge" haircut, by which most of his hair is removed from the dorsal region of his head and neck.

Further questioning revealed the fact that the college man is exceedingly particular about his haircut. The back of his head must be given just the right degree of "featheryness" or he will be much displeased. He seldom protests in the chair—few have the necessary courage—but if it is not done exactly to his liking he will hunt a new barber.

The average man allows from three weeks to a month to elapse between haircuts, but the fastidious collegian feels it necessary to undergo the tonsorial operation at least every ten days.

Another barber volunteered the information that this haircut is called the "feather-edge" to distinguish it from the "soup-bowl" variety in which the hair gives the appearance of having been cut while a soup bowl was jammed over the top of the head.

100 TOILERS WANTED FOR GOLF DAY WORK

Saturday, February 25, Is Date for Labor on Course: Women Will Serve Lunch.

because of bad weather, golf day is to be held on Saturday, February 25, when would-be Outlets and Harry Vardons will have a chance to prove their enthusiasm for the game, by materially assisting in getting the nine-hole course in the University field at the corner of Fifteenth avenue and University street, into shape for play.

According to Professor R. W. Prescott, the originator of the idea, who has charge of the details, 100 workers will be required. Early next week the student committee, consisting of James Cellars, Emmett Rathbun and Bothwell Avison, which has been working with Mr. Prescott in the matter, will begin to line up the able-bodied and see that the necessary tools are provided.

Activities will begin at eight o'clock in the morning and by noon it is planned to have the work of smoothing down the greens around the holes, removing the dead grass, and making tee stands and sand boxes, finished. This work will be done systematically, different squads being assigned certain details. Luncheon is to be served the toilers by University women interested in golf, and the afternoon will be given over to play and the instruction of novices.

"We want to get things started this month," said Professor E. E. DeCou, chairman of the intra-mural committee, and also an enthusiastic golfer, "and then March can be spent in getting new players into shape, so that it may be possible to hold a tournament in April. With proper working members of the faculty and students will take up the sport with enthusiasm, and we should get a good many out."

"There is a number of faculty members, as well as students, who wish to play golf, but cannot find time to go out to the only available golf links—at the Country club," Mr. DeCou continued, "but the nearness of this new course to the University will make it possible for those persons to get out for a game without much loss of time."

"The board of regents has already granted us \$50 with which to make a start," said Mr. Prescott, "and students must demonstrate their interest by keeping the course in condition. If they do this, it may be that the board will help us further."

Honor System Sought

The honor system has been the chief plank in the platform of the University of Oklahoma for the last month. That much sentiment against cheating has been aroused is shown by the fact that a large number of girls are signing the resolution, taking a stand against cheating in the final examinations.

COACH CURBS 'PEP' OF PILL SLUGGERS AT FIRST PRACTICE

Squad of 25 Turns Out. Real Baseball Weather Makes Men Perspire.

BARRING OF FRESHMEN HURTS

Hitting, Sprinting and Warming Up Constitute First Workout of 1916 Season.

"Don't throw hard—don't curve them until I say so. Soak out your arm every night under a hot shower. Don't strain your arms and legs—and don't hit too hard."

Such were the admonitions that Coach Hugo Bezdek addressed to some 25 varsity baseball candidates last night who spiked the soft ground under balmy spring skies and a midsummer sun. It was a day among days and to say it was warm is putting it mildly. The sudden rise in temperature caused great beads of perspiration to roll off the boys' foreheads, as they scampered over the caked diamond and larruped the ball all over the field in hitting practice.

The very atmosphere breathed baseball—it was cracking fine. The more ambitious recruits, over anxious to cut loose their whips and remove the Morris chain kinks from their limbs soon aroused the ire of Coach Bezdek by their strenuous workouts. "You boys have to take it easy the first night out," said Bez. "You'll ruin your arms if you throw hard. Get your muscles in condition by easy warmups—then there will be no danger of Charley horses."

Practice consisted of hitting, sprinting, and warm-ups for the pitchers and catchers. Three letter men and seven of last year's squad indulged in light batting practice for over an hour. Some 15 frosh grabbed flies, blocked grounders, and speared line drives off the bats of the old men. Bill Tuerck, Dick Nelson, Walt Kennon, Scoop Rathbun and Sam Bullock loosened their arms by throwing to Huntington and Holcomb, who held the padded gloves.

"If we are going to have a team you'll all have to do your share toward it," said Bez, as he measured the boys for the new uniforms that will be purchased soon. "We lack material but we are going to have perfect organization and harmony in the squad. No crabbing will be tolerated."

Practice will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p. m. every night. When the weather is good the squad will work outdoors and regular games are on the boards between the varsity and the frosh. Rainy nights will find the boys in the gymnasium. Sprinting on the corked floor, fielding practice, and warmups for the pitchers will mark the indoor sessions. Hard work will be the menu from now on.

REQUIREMENTS ALTERED

Rhodes Scholarship Regulations Are Radically Changed.

Some of the rules regulating the Rhodes Scholarship examinations and appointments have been changed recently. The chief alterations are as follows:

- 1. The qualifying examinations will hereafter be held in each state every year.
2. Scholars will be elected from 32 states each year instead of from the 48 states in two years out of three.
3. Candidates can compete in alternate years for either the state in which they have their domicile or in that in which they have received a large part of their education.
According to the Rhodes Scholarships Bulletin which A. R. Tiffany, University registrar, has at the administration office, the 48 states are divided into three groups of 16 each, designated as groups A, B and C. Oregon is in group B. For the year 1917, scholars will be elected from A and C. For 1918 from B and C; and for 1919, from A and B.
Candidates may take the examination in October of any year and may offer themselves for election in any following year.

Cambridge May Close.

For the first time in over a thousand years the University of Cambridge, England, is on the verge of closing. The Medical school is the only department with enough students to run.