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Tardiness Explained—Also the Cure.

SCARCELY a class passes nowadays without the distressing and disrupting influence of students rushing breathless and sweating into the presence of some professor in the midst of his lecture. And the professor, with all due justice to his fairness, usually places the blame on the student. Some professors, we believe, have adopted the rule that belated individuals will be marked absent and presented with a "cut." The general assumption is that the student is always the offender, which is far from true.

Classes are supposed to be dismissed at certain stipulated times—giving both professor and student ample time to get to other classes. But the time allowed for changing classes is often broken into by professors for the purpose of assigning lessons or for the proper peroration. The inevitable result is that tardiness is common, and the student is the one who usually suffers.

Oregon is not the only university where this evil flourishes. At the University of Kansas, the student publication has adopted an ingenious method designated to prevent these all-too-frequent occurrences. A "Role of Dishonor" is published every once in a while, with the names of the professors chronically addicted to the habit of keeping their classes over-time. At Indiana this practice also has been successful.

If there is sufficient demand on the part of students—and no indication of abuse of the registration on the dishonor role—the Emerald will consider following the precedent established by its esteemed contemporaries.

Football Before Columbus.

FOOTBALL is truly an American game. According to Park H. Davis, sport expert and antiquary, the American Indians knew and played the game in much the same style as it is now played, long before Columbus ever set foot on American soil.

Like lacrosse, the tribal game was played upon the flat sands. The main difference in the primitive game was the length of the field, which in the early days was often longer than a mile. The huskies of the tribes lined up, lithe, eager and alert, after rubbing noses in token of good feeling and sportsmanship.

Technique was not lacking in the game, either. Harken unto the words of William Wood: "They mount the ball into the air with their naked feet. Sometimes it is swayed by the multitude." This is a concise description of a punt, and the swaying of the multitude is the line of scrimmage after the ball has been put into play.

The game was also of longer duration than is the present American sport. Often it required a week for a team to make a goal. Good sportsmanship in America is clearly indicated by the statement made by William Strachey, that tripping and hacking were strictly taboo. S. Hagar, one of the sport reporters, who "covered" a "friendly" game among the Micmac Indians of Canada has willed his "scoop" to posterity. These Micmacs, according to Hagar, "collared each other around the neck and when hard pressed drew their scalping knives and scalped." The Canadian game was rough.

While the Indians excelled in footmanship, it is said that by cunning one Englishman could defeat ten Indians. Truly a noble heritage, this American football.

"Jinglers" Made, Not Born.

INSPIRING beyond words to the conscientious student of literature is the statement made yesterday by Dean Collins that newspaper bards are made, not born. This statement was limited and qualified to prevent any misinterpretation, although the speaker was misquoted and made to say that poets were made, not born.

But this is beside the point. The main fact is that the speaker spoke what he earnestly believed; and his belief will inspire effort and study on the part of many an ambitious but discouraged parvenu in the newspaper game.

While there is, without doubt, some truth in the theory that capacity for art is not wholly acquired, there is sufficient evidence to believe that a person, blessed with capacity for consistent work, can develop sufficient technique to eventually write jingles that will amuse, entertain, and, perhaps, instruct the public for a moment or two. Probably the life of the average newspaper quatrain is not more than two or three hours at the most. Little of it lives longer; yet it serves its purpose if in its short life it but touch some sympathetic chord in the great pulsating social heart. And once in a while some little "rhyme" may live longer, pasted in some scrapbook or tattered in some vest pocket.

"Simpl speling" sound better than it reads. We listened to Dr. George Danton and were convinced; but we read the Emerald's simplified report of his lecture and were again convinced that the old way is the better. We note that our est. contemp., the Reed College Quest, has given it up as a bad job.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor:—In the Emerald of February 10 there is an interesting article on the class gifts to our University. We were recently asked by telephone whether 1878 had left any "memorial" to the University, and as the word memorial suggested almost anything except trees, we stupidly answered in the negative, that our class had left no memorial. When it was too late to recall our unknown questioner, we remembered that our class tree was our memorial. So you will excuse us for reporting our class tree now.

Being the first class that graduated, 1878 started the custom that prevailed for many years of planting a class tree. We sent for a laurel (Laurens nobilis) the tree so famous in Grecian history, whose leaves were woven into a wreath to crown the victor of the Olympic games. But for some reason, the tree they sent us was an English or cherry laurel, and not the tree of classic lore. Our laurel may be found quite near the northwest corner of old Deady hall.

The class of 1879 planted a Japanese cedar (glypto strobolis). It is now a tall tree, just across the driveway from the historic elm. This Slater elm was planted by the class of 1883, of which Judge Slater of Oregon's supreme court is a member. At the time Judge Slater's father was a United States judge from Oregon and sent the class a small elm from the home of George Washington, at Mount Vernon. So this tree is called the Slater elm.

The University was very proud of its third class, for '78 and '79 had numbered only five and six, while 1880 boasted twenty members in its graduating class. So they planted a California big tree (sequoia gigantea). It is now a fine specimen, perhaps the largest evergreen on the campus, and can be easily found on the slope west of Derdy and Villard. Seven years later, the class of 1887 planted by mistake another of these big trees, northeast of Villard. We are very glad the mistake was made, for no grander memorial could be left to our alma mater than these fine trees.

The class of '92 planted another species of sequoia, the semperviren or California redwood. It is just south of the big tree planted by '80. In the long ago the sequoias were very much at home in our Pacific northwest, but elevation of mountains, with changing climate, especially the glacial cold, resulted in their being driven southward until they are now considered the last remnant of a once powerful race. But the sturdy growth of these campus trees helps us to realize that the sequoias are again in harmony with the climatic conditions of western Oregon and that these grand trees may be increased indefinitely by wise planting of small seedling trees.

ELLEN CONDON MCCORMACK,
Class of '78.

PROF. SOWERS ISSUES STREET LIGHTING BULLETIN

Ninth Number of "Short Talks" Series Deals With Utility of Illuminated Thoroughfares.

"Street Lighting for Small Cities" is the subject of the ninth "Short Talks for Busy Officials," a series of lectures which are being sent out by Professor D. C. Sowers through his bureau of municipalities.

When a city better its lighting system it makes a profitable investment, believes Professor Sowers. Well illuminated streets lessen crime, aid traffic, beautify the city and increases real estate values. The proper lighting of streets is today as much the study of every city government as the furnishing of a water supply, or police and fire protection.

The most efficient lighting systems for small cities are explained in detail in the lecture. Exact figures as to cost of installation and operation are given.

AVERAGE STUDENT READ 47 BOOKS LAST SEMESTER

October Proves Most Popular Month to Campus Bookworms—Bookplates Being Collected by Librarian

That an average of 47 books was issued by the University library last semester to each of the 701 regularly enrolled students is shown by the library statistics. Of this average approximately 12 were for home reading, the remainder for required reference in the library.

October proved the most popular month with the campus bookworms, as 8871 volumes were then issued. December 6, claims the banner circulation for any single day of the semester with 541 dispensings. On this day, two out of every three students of the University might have visited the library and each had a book charged to his name.

A collection of the book plates of all libraries of the United States having 50,000 or more volumes, is being made for the library under the direction of Mr. M. H. Douglass, University librarian. Already over 400 plates have been collected. These will soon be mounted, and placed on display in the library.

SIX MISSIONS STUDY CLASSES ARE ORGANIZED

Enrollment Is Being Made and Students Received by Application at Y. M. C. A.

Six classes in Missions Study have been organized on the campus and will meet once a week for about two months. Enrollment in these classes is now being made and any student may join by applying at the University Y. M. C. A. The purpose of these courses is to present facts about the economical, industrial, and social problems of the various foreign countries and is not to be a propaganda of religion or creed. Joe Bell as chairman of the Missions committee of the Y. M. C. A. has complete charge of the arrangement of these classes.

Dr. Rebec Will Assist

Dr. George Rebec will conduct a class from 6:45 to 7:30 on Monday's in the Dormitory discussing Russia and the conditions and problems which the Slav people have to meet. Dr. Rebec has had wide experience in this work and is ably qualified by travel and study to lead this section.

Tuesdays at five P. M. Rev. Lewis S. Cupp has charge of a course entitled "The Christian Equivalent of War" taking up the questions of what is wrong in war, what is the right use of force, and what is the moral good in war.

Rev. A. M. Spangler heads a course called the "Reproach of Islam." The fact that almost a hundred college men are engaged in systematic giving for the support of James Lyman in Marash, Turkey will lend considerable interest to this group.

Eastern Spirit to Be Mooted

Three other courses will meet Fridays at five in Deady Hall. Dr. A. E. Caswell will lead one entitled, "Students of Asia" in which will be brought out the advance in thought that is being made in China, Korea, and India.

The "Liquor Problem" will be taken up in a series of seven lectures by Bishop Sumner, Dr. J. H. Gilbert, Dr. E. C. Robbins, District Attorney Devers and others. The liquor question is of importance on account of the possibility of Oregon again going "wet" and because national prohibition is today an issue before Congress.

A comprehensive study of the present day conditions in the non-Christian will be taken in the group led by Rev. E. C. Wigmore called the "Present-Day Situation."

\$100 PEACE PRIZE OFFERED

Lake Mohonkists Offer Fortune for Best Essay.

A prize of \$100 will be given to the undergraduate man student of United States or Canada, for the best essay on "International Arbitration" submitted to the "Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration" before March 15, 1916. Essays must not exceed 5,000 words. The manuscripts must be mailed to H. C. Phillips, secretary of the Lake Mohonk Conference, 3531 Fourteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Essays must be mailed flat, not rolled. Each paper should bear a nom de plume. This nom de plume must also be enclosed in a letter bearing the writers own name and address.

The prize will be awarded when the conference meets on May 16, 1916. Particulars may be had by addressing the secretary.

"I don't see why some of our men should not try for it," said Prof. F. G. Young last night. "We have had a course in the back grounds of the present war and I think there are men here able to do something with the subject."

There were only 64 aspirants last year, and a junior, Robert Brown, of the University of Arkansas won the prize.

INJURIES MAY BE CARED FOR.

If you possess an injury of any sort, from a sprained collar bone to a sprained thumb, you apply to the right persons you may have it mended almost at once.

Last semester Miss Mable Louise Cummings, director of physical training for women, conducted a class in emergencies and bandaging where seventeen coeds learned the gentle art of making injuries well again.

The only hitch in the course came when the girls found that they had no really injured subjects on which to work. However Miss Cummings remedied this difficulty by dividing the would-be samaritans into pairs and allowing them to bandage each other.

The class is discontinued this semester but the same work will probably be given again next fall.

DEAN COLLINS, '10, INITIATED.

Dean Collins, '10, who has been connected with the Portland Oregonian was initiated as an honorary member of Sigma Delta Chi yesterday afternoon.

While in college—Mr. Collins was active in literary affairs he was a member of the old University Press club, which later was granted a chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, and was editor of the Oregon Monthly, the college publication of 1910-11. He passed a Rhodes Scholarship examination but was not selected by the committee although Dean John Straub declared he was qualified to go.

Mr. Collins is now editor of the "Monday Crawfish"—"it never crabs", section of the Oregonian; he also does considerable writing under his signature on the editorial page of the same paper.

SUMMER CAMP AT CORNELL

Cornell cadets will have a summer military camp at Ithaca as a result of a \$10,000 gift from a New York financier.

PENDLETON INDIAN ROBES

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