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PLAN REORGANIZATION OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Schemes and Ideas to Be Threshed Out at Luncheon Meeting in Portland.

Plans for the re-organization of the general alumni association of the University of Oregon will come up for careful consideration at the monthly luncheon of the Portland alumni to be held at the Hazelwood at noon on Saturday, April 1. Various plans, schemes and ideas have been threshed out in private conversation by interested alumni and at this time it seems evident that the discussion will center around the possible establishment of a central council for the alumni association. Practically all the alumni who have given the matter thought say a central council which would have both legislative and executive power for the association, with power reserved to the general association through initiative to make all changes in the constitution through referendum; to modify acts of the Alumni council, and to express opinion on questions submitted to the association by the alumni council, would be a feasible plan.

Portland alumni are not agreed as yet upon the most desirable method of choosing such a council or upon its exact size. Five, seven and eleven members have been suggested as good working bodies. No one seems to think that a group larger than eleven is desirable. Plans for election of the council are numerous. One alumnus suggests that the various local alumni associations elect a delegate to the annual alumni convention, and that this convention choose the council members for the year. Another has made the suggestion that the state be districted and that the alumni in each district choose a representative by a post-card ballot conducted through the alumni page. Another has suggested that district representatives on the English system might be a desirable thing, so that an outlying district might elect as its representative some former resident who could easily attend called meetings. Suggestions

have also been made that the election of a committee at large without a district basis, but with the provision that no less than a certain number of the committee-men shall be residents in certain parts of the state would offer the best solution.

No one who has discussed the matter seems to doubt that there is need for a more effective organization and that there is plenty of work for the alumni to do in making themselves useful to the University. Some urge very frequent meetings of the council, while others think that two meetings a year would be sufficient. A suggestion has been made that one of these meetings be held in Eugene and the other elsewhere, probably in Portland.

Alumni working on the plans have not as yet felt obliged to hamper themselves by any financial consideration but there can be no doubt that the question of dues, the question of publications and likewise the question of affiliation of local alumni organizations with the general association are problems that will have to be met and solved before a satisfactory plan can be submitted.

Carlton Spencer, chairman of the committee appointed by the Portland alumni to present a plan of re-organization has not yet committed his committee to any proposition. He has received all suggestions as they have poured in upon him and will present them at the next monthly meeting. The committee will probably formulate a plan for the consideration of alumni elsewhere in the state and for possible presentation for the annual meeting in June.

J. Lawrence Whitman, '14, is teaching sciences in the Sumpter high school, Sumpter, Oregon.

Ejner Hentze, ex '17, of Junction City, was a guest of Friendly hall at a dinner dance Friday evening.

Ralph M. Dodson, '10, has since his graduation been attending Johns Hopkins university at Baltimore, Maryland. He is at present an interne of that school.

George Otten, '12, has recently set up a landscape and decorating business in Portland. He was on the campus for a time in February, but could not stay for any time as he said that "business calls."

L. R. ALDERMAN, 1898 IS RE-ELECTED HEAD

Superintendency of Portland Schools Agan Tendered University Alumnus.

L. R. Alderman of the class of 1898 has been elected superintendent of the Portland city schools for the third year. Mr. Alderman resigned the state superintendency of public instruction to accept the Portland position upon the resignation of Mr. Frank Rigler. Alderman went to the state superintendency from the associated professorship of education in the University of Oregon, which position was tendered him because of his recognized success at the head of the Public school system of Eugene. Before coming to Eugene, Mr. Alderman was county superintendent of Yamhill county and previous to that a teacher in McMinnville, and in Yamhill country schools. Mr. Alderman has for many years been a member of the faculty of the summer school of the University and will offer courses again at the summer school of 1916.

"I am tempted to discuss the decadence of debate," said Marshall Dana of the Portland Journal to an alumnus of the University in Portland Saturday.

"I went down to Eugene," continued Mr. Dana, "to judge the debate between Stanford and Oregon. I have no adverse criticism concerning the quality of the debate but the audience simply wasn't there. Only two members of the faculty were in attendance so far as I could observe and the sparseness of the crowd made observation easy enough. I saw some students in the audience but my impression was that had not the townspeople of Eugene come out in considerable force the debaters would have had to speak in a hall practically empty."

ALUMNI PERSONALS

Mrs. Gifford W. Nash, '95, formerly Benetta Dorris, of Eugene, is now living in Bozeman, Montana, where Mr. Nash is instructor in instrumental music at the University of Montana. Mr. Nash at one time held a similar position at the University of Oregon.

Elizabeth Woods, '05, is now an instructor in the department of psychology at Vassar. Miss Woods received her M. A. degree from the University of Oregon in 1910 and her Ph. D. from Clark University in 1913.

Hazel Rader, '15, assistant instructor in women's gymnasium at the University of Oregon, spent the week end in Portland to attend the opera.

J. Hunter Howard, '12, is teaching sciences in the Baker high school.

Mildred Lawrence, ex. '16, is at her home in Portland this year.

Glenn L. Briedwell, '10, and Paul R. Briedwell, '13, are engaged in the general merchandise business at Amity. They also have interests in a large warehouse at Briedwell Station, one mile west of Amity on the Oregon Electric.

Vernon T. Motschenbacher, '14, former president of the student body, who

at the present time is teaching history, economics and civics in the high school at Klamath Falls, Oregon, stopped off at Eugene Friday to visit old friends while on his way to Jefferson. Mr. Motschenbacher, who also coaches the high school debating team, accompanied his team to Jefferson where they were defeated by the high school team of that place, coached by Herbert Lombard, '15.

While in college Mr. Motschenbacher was actively connected with student body activities, besides student body president he was a varsity debater, a member of the University glee club, catcher on the baseball team for two years and actively connected with the University Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Lombard was an intercollegiate debater.

Clarence W. Walls, B. A., '12, has moved to Fossil, Oregon, where he has a position with the Fossil Mercantile company. Mrs. Walls (Lyle Steiwer, B. A., '15) will join her husband in April.

Lucile Marshall, '12, is teaching English in the Klamath Falls high school this winter.

Mrs. Raymond Caulfield (Ruth M. Merrick, '12) spent Thursday and Friday at the Chi Omega house.

Lucile Davis, '13, who is head of the English department of the Medford high school, has recently returned to Medford after spending several months at her home in Portland. Miss Davis' absence from Medford was occasioned by illness.

Miss Hazel Downing spent the week-end at the Delta Delta Delta house. Miss Downing was a member of the class of 1917 but is at home for this year in Salem.

Walter C. Winslow, '06, president of the Alumni association of the University of Oregon has announced his candidacy for the position of District Attorney of Marion county. Mr. Winslow is practicing law in Salem. He has been Deputy District Attorney for Marion county and says he is standing upon his record in this position in running for the nomination for District Attorney in the Republican primaries to occur May 19.

Mr. Winslow has always been an active member of the Alumni Association and is now interesting himself in the proposed Alumni Day of Commencement week. While in the University Mr. Winslow was a debater and a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. After getting his B. A. degree at the University of Oregon he took a course at Willamette University and received an LL. B.

Celia V. Hager, '12, is at the head of the German department of the Hood River high school, she also has charge of the sophomore classes in English. Miss Hager has held these positions since graduating from Oregon in 1912.

"Bill" Cass, '14, is keeping books for the Transfer Livery Company of Hood, River, Oregon, of which his father owns half interest.

Frank O. Breeding, ex. '11, is foreman of the American Mining Company of Mazza, Mexico. In a letter to his brother, Bernard Breeding, '16, Mr. Breeding says that he keeps himself armed all the time at the mine where most of the workers are Mexicans, and that it was necessary to smuggle the firearms into Mexico, as careful watch is maintained to keep out suspicious appearing persons. Mr. Breeding also tells of the strict enforcement of law in Mazza, where, he says, two citizens were shot recently for breaking a law which forbade drunkenness.

Mr. Breeding is a graduate of the Nevada school of mines and was accounted the best assayer in Nevada. He left Portland the 26th of February to take his present position.

Henry M. McKinney, '07, is ranching it with his parents in the Lower Powder valley of Baker county in eastern Oregon.

Fendel Sutherland Waite, who graduated from the University in 1913, is running the Hotel Sutherland, and overseeing his father's ranches in Sutherland, Oregon.

Homer Jamison, '12, and Mrs. Jamison were in Eugene last week end. Mr. Jamison and his brother, Harper, are teaching at Jefferson high school in Portland.

Frederick Steiwer, '06, is district attorney at Pendleton, Oregon.

Thomas M. Roberts, '98, who was formerly connected with the Edison Electric Co., as chief engineer of the Storage Battery Department, is now located at 2298 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., as consulting engineer.

C. B. Corbett, ex. '18, and Miss Lorene Mace were married in Coeur d'Alene on the twenty-second of this month.

John G. Kelly, '12, is now in charge of a large power plant in Ocean Falls, B. C.

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