

Voting \$10,000 Bonds

A resolution was introduced and successfully passed at the student body meeting yesterday. It calls for a \$10,000 bond issue for the purpose of equipping the University with a permanent and up-to-date athletic field. This is a move involving the student body in high finance and needs the most careful consideration. All voters should cast intelligent votes upon the issue next Wednesday morning.

The University of Oregon is comparatively youthful, and its growth in recent years has been immense, its students linking its name with success in debate, oratory, scholarship, track, football, in fact all those branches of student life which the institution nurtures and fosters. This has co-ordinated and allied the University with institutions of the first rank. It is involved now where a step backward means a serious hurt while a step forward adds to its prestige.

A set of peculiar circumstances has today led the University into a crisis and it would be a very easy matter for it now to take a step backward. When in 1913 the state legislature placed Oregon's income on a millage basis it was pretty thoroughly understood that valuation of taxable property in the state would steadily increase, to prevent the University from being hampered with financial troubles. But just as much as it was expected the valuation to increase the valuation has decreased: also an amendment passed at the recent election makes a six per cent tax limi-

tation in the state. As a result, not only on the millage basis will the University suffer but it can receive no aid from the legislature because of this limitation measure. The legislature will have all it can do to slice the state budget to get it within the income.

That means no added faculty force, no increase in salaries, no more buildings and what is of particular importance to the student body, no athletic field to be built by the University, for it was the contemplation of the Regents before the present financial straits were entered to build a new athletic field. To this end an engineer had been employed who had surveyed the field and drawn up the plans and rendered the report that \$10,000 would be needed for the construction.

In other words the University Board of Regents, two years ago, had recognized the vital need the University had for a modern, permanent, well-equipped field. With their hands tied the Regents have been unable to fill the need and have been forced to watch the University drifting into its present crisis without being able to lift a hand.

But the students, realizing the situation, are now ready and as champions of the best interests of the University, stand in poise for the crisis with their proposed \$10,000 bond issue.

The cause of the need and the practicability of the plan will be presented by the Emerald with facts and figures in subsequent issues.

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BASKETBALL AGAIN IN SPORT LIMELIGHT

Not One Letter Man in College; Yet the Team Looks Promising.

Bezdek Will Coach; Candidates for Varsity Have Begun Nightly Practice.

Wm. Haseltine. Basketball has dethroned football in the sport kingdom. With the gridiron season practically closed, the candidates for the Varsity and the various class teams are working out every night in order to be in some kind of shape when Coach Bezdek officially takes charge of practice. Bez is so busily occupied with the football team that he has no time for the indoor game at present.

In spite of the fact that there is not a single letter man in college, chances for a winning team look promising. The doughnut league brought out some players of conference calibre last year who were only prevented from making their letters by Oregon's withdrawal from basketball. The reinstatement of the winter sport gives them their chance. For the forward positions Farley, McCready, Cate and Fox appear to be the class of the field. All four of these men starred on their home teams last winter. Farley and Cate are both dangerous shots anywhere near the basket with Fox not far behind. Fox is handicapped by his small stature but he makes up for this by his speed. McCready is one of the cleverest of the quartet in passing and advancing the ball. In a pinch he could serve as a center.

Sims, C. Nelson, Phipps and Alexander are showing up the best of the guards so far. Sims, especially, is a hard man to break through. The others all played in the intermural games.

Glenn Dudley seemed the logical man for center but since he injured his ankle, it is doubtful if he can be counted on for some time. Loren Roberts, another doughnutter, is a contender for this place.

When the Pennsylvania game is over, Shy and Hollis Huntington and possibly Montieth will give the winter sport a try. Shy showed last year that he was as much at home on the basketball floor as on a slippery field. His regular position is forward but with his husky

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MERCHANTS WILL PROFIT

Postponement of Vacation Will Compel Students to Shop in Eugene.

The Eugene merchants will add some \$5000 to \$9000 dollars to their usual holiday profits if they do their advertising to advantage. Owing to the arrangements of the Christmas holidays this year the student body will be detained in Eugene until three days before Christmas.

School closes Thursday afternoon December 21. This means that the students will be traveling all day Friday and most of Saturday, in many cases not getting home until Monday morning. This will make it impossible to do any shopping when they get home. They will have to do their Christmas shopping in Eugene before they leave.

The appearance of the store windows would indicate that the merchants are anticipating this rush.

GAMMA PHI TO BE SANTA

Fraternity Will Entertain Poor Children of City at Annual Christmas Party.

Gamma Phi Beta will entertain the poor children at their fourth annual Christmas party next Wednesday, December 22, at the chapter house. According to Miss Bertha Doris, police matron, the children the Gamma Phi's have obtained all come from families so destitute that the county is supporting them. The party will begin at 4 o'clock when autos will call for 30 children and take them to the house. After a few games, Santa Claus will unload the Christmas tree.

At 6 o'clock the children will be served dinner by the girls.

COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED

Seniors to Make Practical and Suitable Memorial Gift.

In accordance with the custom of each senior class leaving a memorial to the University on their graduation, the present senior class has taken up the matter of getting a suitable gift.

Roland Geary, president of the class of 1917, has appointed the committee to arrange for the selection of such a memorial. The committee is: Emmett Rathbun, chairman; Fred Kiddle, Jennie Huggins, Bernice Lucas, and Milton Stoddard.

The memorial of the class of 1916 was a contribution to the Women's building fund, and it is the aim of the senior class this year to make their gift a practical one.

PLAY TO HAVE BALLET PENN HAS MANY STARS

"Wizard of Oz" Will Have Special Scenery and Dances.

Elaborateness of Production Necessitates Two Dress Rehearsals.

Russell Fox. Everything is rapidly being whipped into readiness for the presentation of the "Magic of Oz" in Guild hall on the evenings of December 15 and 16. Two dress rehearsals are to be held, instead of the customary one, due to the elaborateness of the production. Special scenery has been constructed for all the sets, and many features will be introduced during the action of the four acts. A ballet of young women will perform three dances during the play, accompanied by the University orchestra.

The plot has to do with the adventures of a little girl, Dorothy Gale, who falls asleep during a Kansas blizzard, and awakens up in the Land of Oz.

The cast is as follows: Dorothy Gale, of Kansas—Leta Rhodes Eureka, her cat.....Cleome Carroll Dr. Pipt.....Melvin Solve Pop-Eyes.....Ruth Rothrock Snub-Nose.....Florida Hill Elephant-Ears.....Cornelia Hees Mobie.....Mamie Gillette Scraps, the Patchwork Girl, Martha Beer Tip.....Anne Dawson Scarecrow.....Harriet Polhemus Cowardly Lion.....Victor Sether Prof. Wogglebug.....Clayton Baldwin Tik-Tok, the clock-man.....Jay Gore Lubido, the Nome King.....Charles Prim Latico.....Lillian Littler Jango.....Lilly Miller Jongo.....Helen Anderson Jellia Jamb.....Beatrice Thurston Wizard of Oz.....Bob McNary Girl Soldier at the gate of Oz.....Charlie Fenton General Ginger.....Louise Wilson

TALKS ON FUTURIST MUSIC

Margaret Hawkins Discusses "Imagism in New Musical Compositions."

Margaret Hawkins gave a talk to Mrs. M. H. Parson's 1 o'clock class in criticism Tuesday on "Imagism in New Musical Compositions." Miss Hawkins illustrated her discussion with compositions by modern composers.

Mrs. Parsons, in order to have the use of a piano, met the class at her house.

Howard Berry, Famous All-Around Athlete, on Team.

Varsity Will Work Out Occasionally Until Day of Departure.

Jimmy Sheehy. When Pennsylvania and Oregon met at Pasadena on New Years day sportdom will be afforded an opportunity of comparing some of the big eastern stars with the cream of the western athletes.

The conquerors of Cornell boast of having in their ranks one of the greatest all-around athletes in the country. He is Howard Berry, the 175 Quaker full-back. Berry won the pentathlon championship from the class of the country for two successive years. He is known on the diamond as the best college short-stop that any institution ever boasted. Connie Mack has been pulling every possible string the past two years in an effort to affix Berry's signature to a Philadelphia Athletic contract.

Berry reported late from militia duty on the Mexican border and with but a few days training, jumped into the Penn-Dartmouth game and kicked two goals—one of them being against the wind from the 45 yard line. He scored a touchdown against Michigan on a long 35 yard run through a broken field. He was placed on the All-American team this year, being moved to an end position.

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XMAS VESPERS ARRANGED

Combined Glee Clubs to Render Handel's "Messiah."

Under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Christmas vesper services will be held in Villard hall Sunday afternoon December 17, with Dr. A. E. Caswell presiding.

The combined glee clubs will render Handel's Messiah in eight choruses and as many solos. These will be under the direction of R. H. Lyman, dean of the school of music. The Messiah has been given before at the University but Professor Lyman expects to give a far more complete and better program than has been given before.

President P. L. Campbell's Christmas message to the students will be "The Other Wise Man."

Villard hall will be appropriately decorated for the services with Christmas decorations.

15c A COUPLE—2 FOR 25c

All-University Band Informal Will Be Held in Gym Tomorrow Night.

The following bargain sale method of advertising is being used by the student council dance committee to popularize the all-university band informal dance to be given at the men's gymnasium tomorrow evening:

"Fifteen cents a couple; two couples, 25 cents; twelve couples, \$1.50; snappy accentuated music; alphabetical seating arrangement; printed programs; plenty of delicious, satiating punch, and a joyous evening for all assured."

Laura Jerard, Floyd Westerfield and Harold Tregilgas, who have charge of the affair, are making arrangements for a large attendance.

Printed programs with 16 numbers will be provided. The girls will be arranged in alphabetical groups according to the committee. The dance will begin at 8 o'clock.

Invited patrons and patronesses are, President and Mrs. P. L. Campbell, Dean and Mrs. John Straub, Dean Elizabeth Fox, Professor Colin V. Dymont, and Professor Allen C. Hopkins.

This probably will be the last important social affair on the campus before Christmas holidays. The regular semi-monthly student body dances will be revived after school begins in January.

The dance will be informal.

'SHOPPERS' TEA' SATURDAY

Monday Book Club Planning Affair to Swell Women's Building Fund.

The Monday Book club of Eugene will hold a "Shoppers' Tea" next Saturday afternoon the proceeds of which are to swell the Woman's building fund. Tea and wafers will be served at Coe's book store and at McMorrin and Washburne's for five cents a cup, between the hours of 3 and 6 o'clock.

A committee headed by Mrs. R. H. Wheeler, wife of Professor Wheeler of the psychology department, is planning the details of the affair.

"We are very earnestly soliciting the help of the students," said Mrs. Wheeler. "Since we are going to turn our profits right back to them we feel that we have the first claim on their spending money Saturday afternoon. We are having the tea now to catch the Christmas shoppers. Such teas are quite common in the east, although the idea has never before been tried here."

Several of the Eugene stores, Allen and Lewis, Caswell and Whitton's, Elliott and Hosmer's and the Az Billy department store have donated some of the supplies needed for the tea, according to Mrs. Wheeler

\$10,000 BOND ISSUE UP TO STUDENT BODY

No Opposition Develops to Resolution Presented Yesterday at Assembly.

Amendment Providing Sweaters and "O" for Band Members Is Easily Repealed.

The motion to bond the student body for a maximum of \$10,000 to be spent on grandstands for the new athletic field was introduced at the meeting of the associated students yesterday morning. It will be voted upon Wednesday, December 20. The constitutional amendment providing sweaters and an "O" for the band was repealed.

Part of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the proposed resolution. Roland Geary, who introduced it said, "A speedy team requires a fast field. The bad condition of the field is directly responsible for the loss of some past games by Oregon."

The \$10,000 asked for is to be used to build adequate grandstands, which will seat 4,000 persons, in comparison with the present seating capacity of from 400 to 500 in the grandstand on Kincaid field. Geary stated that the regents will probably furnish the necessary funds to develop the new field.

Ernest Watkins, when speaking in defense of the proposed bond issue, declared that if there were 8,000 at the O. A. C. game in 1915 and only 5,000 at the Washington game this year, Oregon's bad accommodations caused a loss of \$3,000. This \$3,000 gained each year will pay off the debt inside of five years, said Watkins.

"To improve the old field would be folly," said Geary, "because of its location, for it gets all the drainage from the hill south of it." A statement was once made that Kincaid field is misnamed. Its appearance during the latter part of the football season would justify the more appropriate title of Lake Bezdek, was the opinion expressed. The location of the new field will do away with the lake portion, because of its position and also because sand and gravel will be covered with a top coating of fiver loam, stated Watkins. California has a field similar to this, and thirty minutes after a rain there is no water standing on their field.

Geary wished to make it plain that

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