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WHY THINK?

University students are so generally stigmatized by the statement that they don't think, they can't think and never will think until they have to, that public opinion has gradually, by a mere process of psychology, been built up to believe that a student in college or in the University doesn't amount to very much. Fortunately this opinion isn't so universal that it makes a deep hurt, yet it is like the last fly of summer. It keeps buzzing and buzzing and pestering, always just out of reach until you finally settle down with the prayer that winter will soon come and kill the blamed thing off.

The value of higher education is too fully recognized to mean that public opinion will ever be directed against universities and colleges. But while in school a student seems to be sort of tolerated until he gets out and then all the thorns that can be found are thrust in his path and he is asked to walk upon them and keep from sticking his feet. If he can smile and be a Mercury all is well.

This attitude of the public the Emerald has always resented. That resentment probably has been inherent. But when the Emerald began to look around for some evidence to refute the statement that a student doesn't think—well the Emerald had to scratch its head. But of a sudden a great bonding issue came up on the campus. Here, said the Emerald, will show whether the students think. The days passed. There seemed to be no opposition to the proposition and there seemed to be no stir of any kind. Here was an issue that affected 930 students out of the 930 in the student body. How many of them realized it? How many were concerned about it? How many would show their interest and vote? For it was well-known that no matter whether there was no opposition or not the larger the vote cast would mean the more credit to the student body in selling the bonds.

The day of election came. The clerks and judges sat at the tables and twaddled their thumbs. When the votes were counted the count stood—184 for and 24 against! Out of 930 students 208 had voted!

That was a punch that staggered the Emerald and we began to think that after all students do not think and their learning is a mere rote. But out of the dull clouds like a message from Heaven came the inspiration—why should they think? What is the stimulus for it? As long as they are provided for and receive the allowance from home and can enjoy comforts and luxuries what is there to make them grapple with problems? If in the four years of school life they absorb enough by rote learning to form the foundation on which to build when in the business world is not that enough? Are they to blame after all if they do not think—think and ponder as mature men and women think?

Ah, that was a fine banquet served the boys of the football armor last

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night by the Eugene chamber of commerce. We know because the savory odor flitted all over Eugene, and then we saw the boys licking their chops and heard Brother McNeVitt say, "Those boys are going to get something to eat, believe me."

A wise old owl, he sat in an oak. The more he heard the less he spoke. The less he spoke the more he heard. Wise old owl, but why can't we be more like that old bird.—Eugene Guard foreman.

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE NOTES.

The Oregon Architectural society had charge of the artists conference which was recently held in Portland. The discussion centered around the exhibition of art pictures in Portland schools. Ellis F. Lawrence, dean of the school of architecture, was again elected chairman of this section.

The Architectural society will give a banquet Wednesday evening at which there will be two visiting architects from Portland who are coming down to judge the work of the architectural class here.

The school of architecture has received a donation from Mr. Buckler, owner of Twin Butte quarry, near Brownsville, of a large stone weighing over half a ton, which is to be used for demonstration purposes. Mr. Dorsch is going to have his class in modeling experiment on it. The stone closely resembles Caen Stone of which the ancient cathedrals of Europe were built.

The Architectural society is expecting a visit from Mr. C. H. Whittaker, who is editor of the Journal of the American Institute of Architecture. This magazine is recognized as one of the foremost art periodicals printed. There will be a banquet given in his honor.

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CO-ED SWIMMERS TO MEET O. A. C. SOON

Diving Team a Possibility; Men May Be Allowed to Watch the Contest.

Events Not Yet Decided; Program to Be Arranged in Few Days.

Early March will see the U. of O. and O. A. C. co-ed swimming squads lined up against each other in the men's gymnasium here, if plans now being completed by Miss Harriet Thomson, Miss Hazel Rader and Mr. Ed Shockley go through.

There may be a swimming team for all events, and again, there may be single entries and a diving team. The Agricultural college girls will probably help decide how many contestants will be entered, and in what manner. But diving has been promised, for there are a lot of star divers ruffling the waters of the swimming tank each Tuesday and Thursday. Marie Beach, Genevieve Keller, Marian Coffey, Helen Wells and Jeannette Moss are shining steadily, and Miss Thomson says there are at least fifteen others.

In a few days the program will be ready to send to O. A. C. for approval. It is believed that men will be admitted to the meet. It is the aim of the women's physical training department to see the spirit and co-operation of the Oregon student body get behind this meet and make it a good one.

DR. HALL TO LECTURE

Noted Teacher and Writer Will Speak Tuesday.

Chicago Physician Coming to Eugene Under Auspices of Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Winfield Scott Hall, medical teacher, writer and lecturer of Chicago, will lecture in Eugene Tuesday night under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Hall is widely known for his lectures on social problems and eugenics and is endorsed by educators, physicians and social workers of note.

The place and time of the lecture will be announced later.

RUSSIANS STUDY MOTHER TONGUE.

One hundred Russian students have registered in the course in Russian at the University of Washington. The class in Slavic was instituted last fall. An instructor came directly from Petrograd to conduct the course. Owing to the fact that suitable grammars were not available in the United States, an order was sent to London. The books arrived only a few days ago.

"The Live Corpse", Gold Football benefit show. Prices 25c, 50c, 75c.

PROF. REDDIE IS BACK

Head of Dramatic Interpretation Will Resume Work.

Says His Big Work Will Be Staging Oregon Pageant in June.

A. F. Reddie, professor of dramatic interpretation, is back at the University after an absence of almost a year. He has been acting in Shakespearean and other productions, under the management of the Ellison-White chautauqua system, throughout the country.

Prof. Reddie says, "I am very glad to be back here at the University, and back in Eugene, as it is my home. It gives me great pleasure to meet my old friends once again."

He will resume his courses at the beginning of the second semester. It is announced that he will have a class in dramatic interpretation next semester which will be open to freshmen.

"My most important work for some time to come will be the planning and preparation of the Oregon pageant, which will take place during commencement week," declared Prof. Reddie.

The pageant for this was written under the direction of the English department, W. F. G. Thacher, professor of rhetoric, will be business manager.

Plans for the music are not complete yet, as Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, a member of the board of regents, must be consulted, said Prof. Reddie.

SIX FOOTBALL DEATHS.

Chicago, Nov. 29—Football claimed only six lives in 1916, according to figures published here today. The list follows: Fred Wilson, 22, kicked in head at Minneapolis, October 16.

Wallace Rowland, 15, injured in game at Weirton, West Virginia, November 9.

Hiram Cole, 19, student of Central College, Lafayette, Missouri, concussion of the brain received in game against Missouri Military Academy at Mexico, Missouri, November 15.

Ephraim Angell, 20, broke his neck in practice at El Centro, California, November 21.

Cyril Pritchard, Elgin Illinois, high school student, concussion of the brain, November 23.

Elmer Carlquist, 17, Chicago amateur, tetanus from cut by glass on football field, November 23.

Three hundred and sixty dollars a year or \$40 a month is the sum spent by the average man at the University of Kansas. These figures were gained as a result of interviews with representative men.

One man attended the university last year a fiend for movies, spent nearly \$30 a month for picture shows. He said he seldom went alone, therefore the great expense.

Without exception the men questioned said they spent something each year for churches and relief funds.

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Charles Taft, son of former President Taft, is playing regular center on the Yale eleven.

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