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THE HERO OF VALLEY FORGE.

Whether it was the peculiar endow- ment of mental, physical and spiritual powers or not that brought George Washington to the front as the father of his country is a matter of small moment to us today as we revere his memory and his achievements. For the cause that has made the United States the nation it is today he fought and con- quered. True, he was aided by circum- stances. But we cannot belittle his achievements any the less because of them. Circumstances should have helped any man who could have endured the Valley Forge George Washington did. Let any man go out into the night with the cold biting wind of a winter wrap- ping him in its icy blast, let him "mush" through snow to his waist and neck, and then with his feet near to freezing, his fingers numbed with the cold and his head reeling with the dizziness of physi- cal exhaustion, let him attempt to build a fire of wet and soggy wood. What man wouldn't rebel?

Yet Washington with his army at Valley Forge endured far more than that. Washington endured it for a cause, his

men endured it for Washington and that was but an incident, an incident of many. The nation does well to pause on this, the anniversary of his birth, to pay reverent homage to his noble sacrifices.

ORGANIZATION CHANGE.

Fifteen Princeton sophomores have succeeded in stirring up action for a change in that University's seventeen upper-class "eating clubs." This action President Woodrow Wilson of the United States was unable to engender when the head of Princeton. Nation-wide attention is being attracted to this rebel- ion against the system of fraternal or- ganization in practice at one of the coun- try's most venerable colleges.

Some definite, progressive, forward movement seems bound to issue. It may be that the solution of the problem of student living and organization in other Universities will be the outgrowth of this.

This possibility must, of course, pre- sent interest to all connected first-hand with such situations, although they may be infinitely removed from objectionable conditions by inherent democracy and fundamental purity of purpose.

The means, however, should concern us. Some years ago a reorganization, a purging, a bettering of inter-organiza- tional relations resulted at Oregon from reform arising within these organizations and not from compulsory measures im- posed arbitrarily by the faculty. Many of the evils and objections charged to systems such as the local one were elimi- nated. But evils still remain.

The plan worked once, to the credit and ultimate betterment of the organ- izations themselves as well as general conditions. It would work again. At Ore- gon, as at Princeton, movements arising internally, from the students themselves, have an impetus that cannot be gener- ated by hands which the student, under- graduate and alumnus, considers alien.

—J. D. G.

ON COLLEGE DEMOCRACY.

Being democratic is such a task when the world is full of people who eat noisily and insist upon using quill toothpicks. One naturally likes to sort and choose.

And for that very reason Princeton finds itself up against the problem of democ- racy vs. congeniality in its eating clubs.

It is an old malady and one which has troubled before. Princeton is like the lady who recently swallowed a hundred or more pins and is continually feeling a new prick inside. The trouble this time was caused by a group of sophomores refusing to accept election to any of the eating clubs which have replaced fraterni- ties at Princeton. They refused be- cause of the belief that an elective mem- bership to the clubs is a thoroughly bad thing for a university.

Very evidently Princetonians are struggling with the world-old problem of democracy in a world of unequals. Even if their reform is only temporary, they will have at least rid themselves of the burden of hampering conventions and foolish snobbery which accumulate about the overorganization of old institutions.

—U. of W. Daily.

PENN WOULD MEET OREGON ON TRACK

Invites Hayward's Men to Enter Annual Relay Race Carnival.

Acceptance Impossible in View of Late Season and Ab- sence of Stars.

The University of Oregon has received an invitation from the University of Pennsylvania to send a track team to their Annual Relay Race Carnival, April 27 and 28. Trainer Hayward says, how- ever, that Oregon will not accept the offer, as real track work here does not start, due to weather conditions and lack of facilities, until April; also because Oregon, without Muirhead and Chet Fee, whom the invitation specially mentions, would have small chances for success in such a meet.

The letter from Pennsylvania is as follows:
"Manager of track team, University of Oregon,

Dear Sir: I notice that at the Pacific Northwest Conference meet, your men made some very good performances last year. Your man Muirhead should cer- tainly be given a chance at our Relay Race Carnival to win a national cham- pionship, as he would have a chance in both the hurdles and the high jump. Fee would probably win the javelin as he threw over 12 feet farther than any- one has done at the relay races. I hope that you will think about this matter because at Pennsylvania's relays you have a chance to be represented in a meet that is attended by colleges all over America, and a win here is well worth while.

"Hoping that you will think about the matter and come on as so many of the other western colleges do, I remain,
"Very Sincerely,
"George W. Orton.

"Assistant manager of the Race Car- nival."

GREET THE STRANGER

A stranger visiting the campus of the University carries away a lasting impression of the student from whom he asked his direction to a certain build- ing. A pleasant reply and a clear, concise answer will do much to put the stranger on good terms with the University, too.

A former president of Washington of- ten said that his readiest recollection of one of the biggest universities in the country was not a mental picture of im- posing buildings overgrown with ivy, nor of wide spaces of terraced lawn, nor of scholastic traditions, but that he recalled first the courteous treatment accorded him by the students while he remained a visitor on the campus.

A stranger will unconsciously think of the University in terms of the students he meets on the campus. If he asks his way to Engineering hall, he will be glad to have you walk along with him.

Give him a few facts about the Uni- versity and learn his attitude toward Washington. You may be able to correct some ideas that he has picked up elsewhere.

In five minutes you can do a remark- able amount of boosting for Washington. Many times you can gain the active friendship of some man or woman whose word for the University will carry considerable weight off the campus.—U. of W. Daily.

WASHINGTON STUDIES RUSSIAN

The University of Washington has es- tablished a chair of Russian language and literature recently. This was done to train her men for the growing com- merce between Russia and the western states.

THE GIST

We have just been reading the Oregon Emerald,

Prepared by the University of Ore- gon students at Eugene,

And we like it very much.

We note that Harold Hamstreet is editor-in-chief.

'Ray for Harold!

Then Milton A. Stoddard and John De Witt Gilbert are associate editors.

Ed Harwood is managing editor and Adrienne Epping city editor.

We're betting Burle D. Branhall, business manager, and his assistant, Louise Allen, aren't having much trouble getting ads.

Because the Emerald is such a good paper, thanks to Harold et al.

We send our regards to Jimmy Sheehy,

Also to Neil Morfitt, Tulu Kinsley and Elsie Fitzmaurice,

All at the U. of O.

Oh, we would be a college boy And study every day, For when we get in business We'd get a lot of pay.

Yes, it's great to be a college boy or co-ed.

Notice how they all talk about the days when—etc.

No we're not a college grad. We went to school.—Portland (Oregon) News.

K. U. FOR RICH AND GODLESS

People in general in the state have the idea that K. U. is an institution of the rich and godless, according to the statement of one of the University profes- sors. The professor refutes this belief of the people and gives substantial reasons to support his belief.

INDOOR TRACK AT CORNELL

Michigan has signed a two-year con- tract with Cornell for indoor track.

HOLDS BOOKPLATE CONTEST

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CAST FOR SENIOR PLAY IS SELECTED

The cast for the senior play "The Cumbers" to be given May 11 was se- lected by the play's coach, James Mott, last night following tryouts which were held in Guild hall yesterday afternoon. The two women's leads of the play were won by Rosalind Bates and Eyla Wal- ker; the male leads going to Earl Fleischmann and Alex Bovea. The complete cast is as follows:

- Mrs. Sterling (nee Blanch Hunter).....Rosalind Bates
-Eyla Walker
- Mrs. Hunter.....Mary Alice Hill
- Jessica Hunter.....Bernice Lucas
- Miss Hunter.....Martha Beer
- Clara Hunter.....Echo June Zahl
- Miss Godesby.....Mildred Brown
- Miss Sillerton.....Margaret Spangler
- Tompson.....Ruth Roach
- Marie.....Earl Fleischmann
- Edward Warden.....Alex Brown
- Richard Sterling.....Earl Bronaugh
- Frederick Mason.....Ernest Watkins
- Johnny Trotter.....Ben Fleischmann
- Dr. Steinart.....Frank Sciaefe
- Kyger.....Bernard Breeding
- Goesby.....Uncast
- Richard Sterling, Jr.....Uncast
- Servant.....Nick Jauregui
- Jordan.....Roland Geary
- Leonard.....

The play written by Clyde Fitch who considered it his best work. The plot has a melodramatic basis relieved by com- edy. "The play," said Mr. Mott, "is won- derfully adapted to our purpose. It has good strong parts, at least ten big acting parts and they should all work out well for there are quite a number of seniors who are really good actors.

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