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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

What a chance the war has brought to the student who was prone to bewail the fact that he, or she, "didn't have a chance" in student activities. There are such students and right now is the time for them to turn their hand to do the thing they have wanted to do. The opportunity for every student to do things has become more than a chance—it is a duty.

There are in every social group certain members who, because of their initiative, ability, or through circumstances, are the leaders in that group—the directors of its destinies as a group. Almost without exception these persons are the objects of criticism, some of which is warranted, but most of which is inspired by those jealous of the successes obtained by their fellows and by lack of information as to true conditions. All of these factors are as much alive in the college student body as in the cities, towns, states and other political units which make up the commonwealth. Much the same variance of character is to be found in the composition of the student body of an American college or university, as is evident in the personnel of the more truly political units of the nation. As it necessitates "all kinds of people to make a world," with equal truth can it be said to take all kinds of people to compound the student body of a university.

Always we have held fast to the conviction that in most things, at least, Oregon was a little different from the average college. We based this conviction not only upon natural pride in our Alma Mater, but also upon the more sane testimony of those who saw us from the outside. But for all this we cannot but admit that our student body is comprised of much the same material that is to be found in the make-up of the population of other institutions like our own—human nature has a way of being much the same the world over.

We have our leaders and we have our followers, our pessimists and our optimists, our sluggards and our eccentrics. But here, as elsewhere, the war has acted as a leveler, smoothing out a common purpose, the natural contradictions of human nature under normal conditions.

The greatly increased field of activity for the college student has been widened to include more than the additional tasks of war preparation—it has lessened the part which each can play in the usual students activities (and give his best to the work of war) and open the field to a larger number of men and women. War and its necessarily increased duties have made a place in student body activities for every student.

It is necessary that much of the routine of college life continue even during such times as these. They can continue only with the support of each and every student—active, burden-sharing support. Today there is an opening for every student in the University in one or another of the many activities of the student body. With more than half of the students formerly participating in these activities gone the burden of continuing them is falling upon the shoulders of a few, and falling heavily.

Are you doing all that you can—all that you should—all that you must—for Oregon and for yourself?

NOW THEY CALL HER MIZZI

Star of Many Productions Shortens Tongue-Twisting Name.

The erstwhile star of "Sari" and "The Spring Maid," Mizzi Hajos, has split her name in twain, and is now to be more easily praised and discussed as simply Mizzi when Henry W. Savage sends her to this city with a large cast of singers, ballet, orchestra and dancers in the new melodramatic musical comedy, "Pom-Pom." Possibly a leading reason why the saucy star's name has been diminitized to "Mizzi" is that she has come the position once occupied since occupied by the much-beloved Lotta, on the American stage. Both have charmed deeply in a wide range of parts, and both, while deliciously feminine, have played boys' parts to the life, and have seemed to have the power to step across the bounds of sex without offending the sensibilities of their hearers. And an even more decided comparison can be drawn in that while each may be classed as a "comedienne,"

they have found to be a dramatic actress by first instinct.

TO ADDRESS SCIENCE CLUB

A. C. Dixon Will Review Business Problems Thursday 8 P. M. at Bungalow.

A. C. Dixon, manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, and also a regent of the University and chairman of the government food conservation committee, will address the science club at the Y. W. C. A. Bungalow Thursday night. Mr. Dixon will talk on the problems with which the business man of today has to deal.

Although the talk is for the science club particularly, others interested are invited to attend. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock.

Proper class distinction is being preserved by the seniors of the University of Tennessee by the wearing of derbies and canes. Mustaches were voted out by a majority of one, but the co-eds did not vote.

Stafford Finds Way to Make Good Gas From Waste Wood

A new method of generating at low cost from waste wood, a good quality of gas suitable for distribution to consumers in towns and cities, has been worked out by Professor O. F. Stafford, head of the chemistry department.

Professor Stafford's experiments prove that one pound of dry fir wood, sawmill waste, such as usually goes into waste burners, will produce about eight cubic feet of gas, having a heating value of 480 British thermal units per cubic foot.

The mill waste, thoroughly dried, is fed to specially devised carbonizing chambers, maintained at a high temperature by the burning of charcoal residues made by the gas-producing process. "The large yield of gas, as well as its unusual quality," said Professor Stafford yesterday, "is obtained by the production of gas not only from the wood itself more directly, but also as the result of the gasification of wood decomposition products which ordinarily appear as tar and other liquid substances."

Decrease in the cost of producing gas and hence consequent reduction in cost to the consumer, forms one of the great advantages of Professor Stafford's new method. By using waste wood for producing gas, the cost of raw material ranges from nothing at all in those places where there is no demand for "hogged" fuel at a sawmill site, to at most a few cents per thousand cubic feet of gas in localities where hogged wood is sold. In the production of gas from crude oil, the cost of the material is about 40 cents for each thousand feet of gas made with oil at the present prices.

Professor Stafford believes that because of the scarcity of crude oil and coal available for gas manufacture, and

the necessity for economy in these products if wood could be substituted in making gas, even at the same cost in the end, it would be an advantage in conserving the nation's supply of oil and coal.

"The utilization of wood waste, always one of the big problems of conservationists," said Professor Stafford, "is another thing that makes this new method noteworthy."

Beside substituting wood for other gas-making materials in plants already in operation, it will be possible for towns which at present have no plant, to get gas at reasonable prices, if conditions for getting wood and distributing the gas are favorable. Operating expenses in a plant using wood are a little higher than in a plant using oil, but the use of wood has the advantage in the low cost of materials.

The Oregon public service commission requires distributing companies to furnish gas having a heating value of not less than 600 British thermal units per cubic foot, except in Portland, where on account of a decreased price made to the consumer, 575 units is allowed. Heating appliances, says Professor Stafford, can be adjusted satisfactorily to burn gas carrying 480 units. The commission would have to grant permission to distribute gas of this heating value, but Professor Stafford thinks this permission might readily be granted in view of the decreased cost to the consumer.

It is not possible to say now, without further practical tests, just how much the saving to the consumer will be by this new method of producing gas, but considering the low cost of materials, Professor Stafford thinks the cost to the consumer will be considerably less than at present.

JUDGE M'GINN PAYS SETH SMITH TRIBUTE

Character and Ideals of Dead Law Student Praised at Service in Portland January 8.

Entered University in 1915; Was Member of Delta Theta Phi Fraternity.

The funeral services of Seth L. Smith, senior in the University, who died in Portland January 8, were held at the Portland crematorium, January 10. Rev. Lester Poor officiated, and Miss Daisy Gibson sang, "Abide with Me" and "Beyond the Gates of Paradise."

Judge Henry E. McGinn, who knew Smith when he was deputy county clerk in the circuit court, paid an eloquent tribute to his memory. He praised Smith's splendid character and high ideals.

Started as Deputy Clerk.

Judge McGinn said in part: "I turn to this young man, whom I had the pleasure of calling my friend. I knew him perhaps better than anyone else except his own immediate family. He started out on his career as a deputy clerk in the court of which I was judge. I see this boy who has been taken right off in early manhood, and I say to myself, 'Did he get everything he was intended to have?' It is never for us to know. He did everything that he was called upon to do, and he did it like a man. No man had a more splendid character. No man had higher ambitions. He did that which was given him to do, and he did it with all his strength. No one will ever say that he was two-faced, no one will ever say that he was untrue, no one will ever say that he shirked his duty as an employe. Had he lived, he would have been a power for good, a leader of mighty movements.

Judge Praises Courage.

"I knew him, as I say, when he was in the department of which I was formerly judge. I knew his integrity, and I knew his manly courage, and I have no hesitation in saying that he did everything that ever was imposed upon him in life, just like a man. Seth, we are parting for a little while. We have come to the parting of the roads, it will not be so very long before we follow. You did your part, and my hope is that we may all do ours, as you did yours. Goodbye, Seth, you were a noble boy. It will be well with thee, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many."

Was 27 Years Old.

Seth Smith entered the University in 1915, majoring in law. Previous to coming to Oregon he had been in the auditing department of the O. R. & N. Co., until he was appointed deputy county clerk, being assigned to the department under Judge McGinn.

FORMER OREGON STUDENT JAILED IN SAN FRANCISCO

Stanley Fenton Held for Posing as Army Officer and Passing Bad Checks, Was at Stanford.

Hugh Stanley Fenton, who entered the University this fall, as a freshman, but withdrew after a month to enter Stanford, has been sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment and to pay a \$250 fine, after pleading guilty to a charge of posing as an officer of the United States army and passing bogus checks, according to a story carried in the Friday issue of the San Francisco Examiner.

Fenton, says the Examiner's story, posed in the uniform of a first lieutenant, and passed several checks during his career in San Francisco. He wrote across the front of them, "government warrant."

Fenton came from Lewiston, Idaho, and was pledged Sigma Chi while at the University. Soon afterward he was released because of his alleged connection with several bogus check incidents before coming to the University, which had not been straightened up. At Stanford he was pledged Phi Gamma Delta, but again released from his pledge when it was found that his references, purporting to come from several prominent Stanford "Ejis", were faked.

NEW CLASS ORGANIZING

Shorthand Class to Meet Monday and Wednesday Evenings.

A shorthand class is being organized, which meets Monday and Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock, in Professor Peter Crockett's room in the library. Those intending to enter this class must be present next Wednesday evening, as the lessons will commence at that time. The Gregg shorthand system will be used.

FORMER PROF. IN ORDNANCE

D. Campbell, Once on School of Music Faculty, Joins U. of O. Corps.

David Campbell, a half-brother of President Campbell, and a member of the class of 1913 in the University, is among the men selected for the third ordnance course, which is scheduled to open January 14. Campbell has been head of the music department of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash. He was formerly a member of the faculty of the school of music at the University.

Thirteen student organizations and as many faculty members of the University of Nebraska have adopted French orphans.

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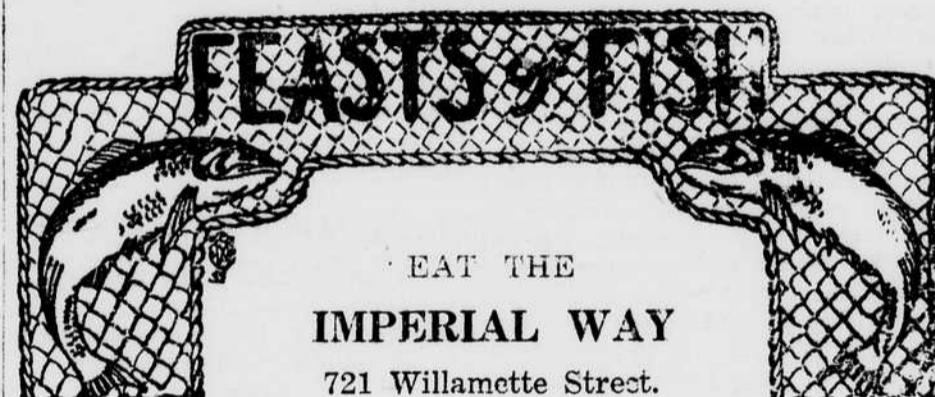
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