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USE OF SPHAGNUM MOSS TO BE TRIED BY BOTANISTS

Professor Sweetser to Attend Meeting; Hopes Plant May Be of Value to Red Cross.

Professor A. R. Sweetser left yesterday afternoon for Seattle, to confer with Dr. H. J. Smith, head of the national survey work on sphagnum moss, in the hope of utilizing this moss for Red Cross purposes.

Prominent botanists of the state of Washington will also attend the meeting, and general plans will be made, including Professor Sweetser's own plan for a survey of the state of Oregon.

"Sphagnum moss is a comparatively new discovery as far as its utility for war purposes goes," said Professor Sweetser. "Extremely plentiful along the coasts of Oregon and Washington, having great value as a substitute for absorbent cotton and also for oakum, which requires such careful preparation before it can be used for the pads and wipes required in all the surgical work in hospitals, the moss is now chiefly used as a means of keeping fresh the flowers shipped from florist shops."

Professor Sweetser will obtain the details of how it is prepared and utilized in surgical work, information as to what species are available, and immediately on his return will begin his state survey. He took with him a package of the moss brought from the Siuslaw.

Sphagnum moss, according to Professor Sweetser, grows best in the salt ocean marshes along the coast, and its availability will be increased by the fact that it can be easily gathered by school children; moreover, it is even more absorbent than oakum, and will save absorbent cotton which is almost prohibitively expensive. Its decomposition is slow, which further recommends it for hospital use.

NINE PLACES OPEN IN 361ST AMBULANCE UNIT

Company Composed Mostly of University Men Has Vacancies, Writes Commander Kuykendall.

Word has just been received, from Captain Eberle Kuykendall, commander of the 361st ambulance company at Camp Lewis, to the effect that there are places for nine men in the company, which he would like to see filled with men from the University.

These vacancies occur in most cases through the appointment of company members to the officers' training camp, or transfer to some other branch of service. It is not Captain Kuykendall's desire to take students out of college, but for any who are expecting to be drafted and are on the fence as to what branch to choose, he offers this opportunity to go into a company which is composed almost entirely of University of Oregon men, and which began life as the University of Oregon ambulance company.

Rather than any delay, the applicants can be inducted directly into the company now, and applications are to be made to Captain Eberle Kuykendall, 361st ambulance company, Camp Lewis, American Lake. Any additional information desired may be secured from Dr. William Kuykendall, of Eugene.

In a recent review of all troops stationed at the camp, the reviewing officer pronounced the four ambulance companies the best drilled of any companies in the entire cantonment, and chose from those four, one of which he placed at the head of the list by a process of elimination, which they figured was perfectly accurate and legitimate, the 361st has appropriated the hand-painted trophy.

RETURNS FOR HIS EXAMINATION

Champion Wrestler Works Out with Varsity Team; Wants to See Meet.

Ellwyn Rutherford, graduate in the class of 1917, was in Eugene yesterday to take his physical examination for the draft. "Rudy" is teaching school at Estacada. He was the northwest wrestling champion at his weight, 148 pounds, the last year he was in college, and won two letters at the mat game, besides being captain of the team.

He worked out with the wrestlers in the afternoon, and says he is surely going to be on hand for the O. A. C. meet if he can possibly make it.

WAR INFORMATION ISSUE OUT

"Home Reading Courses for Citizen-Soldiers" Is at Library.

A pamphlet called, "Home Reading Course for Citizen-soldiers," a rather recent issue of the war information series, may be had at the loan desk at the library. "The material contained would be helpful in the organization of a home guard," said Mrs. Mabel McClain, circulation librarian.

Health and care of the soldier, equipment and arms, team leaders, insignia, traditions, and many other topics are discussed.

Conductorette's Review Is Received at Library.

German Women Faretakers Are Humorously Commented on by Countryman.

A review of the conductorettes of Germany, telling the different types of women engaged in this occupation, has been translated from German, in which it was published in the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, and has been received at the University library. The paper is published by the division of women's war work, under the committee of public information.

The paper is humorously written, apparently by a long-suffering fellow-countryman, who points out several types of conductorette, some of which are to be avoided and others who make street car riding rather agreeable than otherwise. The types cited are: the choleric woman, for whom you must always have your fare quite handy; Frau Stepforward, who is a fanatic on room; the good-natured woman, who thinks all things will be all right; the facetious conductorette, who in French might be termed the trolley enfant terrible; the mother, whom one always recognizes by her attitude toward children.

The article will be found on the war bulletin board at the right of the loan desk.

THREE NUMBERS OF BOOK HERE

"Fragments from France" at Library; Other Volumes Added.

Three numbers of "Fragments from France," by Captain Bruce Bairnsfather, are on the list of new books added at the University library during the past week. One other number of this set is expected soon.

Other books added are: "The Bolshevik and World Peace," by Leon Trotsky; "Silence" and "A Dilemma," by L. Andreiev; "Trench Fighting," by Captain F. Haws Elliott; "Soul of Russian Revolution," Olgin; "A Soldier of France to His Mother," and "A Soldier of the Legion," by Morlae.

FORMER INSTRUCTOR AT CAPITAL

Arthur Mitchell, at Oregon in 1911, Now at Washington, D. C.

Arthur Mitchell, an instructor in psychology and logic in the University in 1911, is now director of records and organization of the intercollegiate intelligence bureau at Washington.

Miss Lilian Tingle was a Tuesday evening dinner guest of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

MOTOR CORPS SERVICE BUREAU IS ESTABLISHED

Paper Sent Out by Division of Woman's War Work Is Received at Library.

A paper announcing the establishment of a bureau of motor corps service of American Red Cross, to nationalize and broaden the scope of the woman's motor corps as it already stands, has been received at the University library, and can be found on the war bulletin board at the right of the loan desk. The paper is sent out by the division of woman's war work under the committee of public information.

The plan of the motor corps bureau, as explained by the paper, is to have a woman's motor corps in connection with every Red Cross chapter in the United States. The purpose of the motor corps in this country is to be of service to wounded soldiers as they are brought back by the tens of thousands after the summer drives begin in Europe.

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