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#### OREGON'S NECESSITIES.

The University of Oregon is asking the state legislature for an appropriation of \$200,000. Owing to the fact that the war has closed, some changes have been made in the estimates for 1919-1920 as submitted in October to the Secretary of State. The items for armory, \$100,000 and for military training, \$40,000, have been omitted as also has the item of \$25,000 for barracks for which other more economical provision was made. The appropriation asked thus provides only for the maintenance of the University on its present basis, to prevent decay and lower scholastic standards during the present period of low revenues to the University from the millage tax fund and of high operating costs.

When the bill creating the millage tax for the University of Oregon was passed at the legislative session of 1913, the state property valuation was \$954,223,740. It is now \$987,533,896.00, a gain of only three and two-fifths per cent whereas, if the anticipated annual gain of 5 per cent increase in valuation had been realized, the income to the University from the millage tax for the years 1919 and 1920 would be \$141,703 more than the income on the present valuation. And in this time the purchase value of a dollar has decreased fully forty per cent.

Yet, during this period since 1913, the enrollment of the University of Oregon has increased 70 per cent exceeding in this manner the expectation of Oregon's growth held by the legislators of 1913 when they passed the millage tax fund bill in the belief that the increase in the state's valuation would keep pace with the growth of the University of Oregon. So, even with the \$100,000 appropriation for maintenance of the present departments on their present basis, the University faces the years of 1919 and 1920 with \$41,703.00 less than the 1913 legislature planned, and this in the face of the present low purchasing power of a dollar—sixty per cent of its value in 1913.

Added to this burden the University must face in order to maintain the present high standards of scholarship for all the children of Oregon who wish to enter the state University, is the expected increase of over twenty per cent

in the attendance next fall, this to be added to the present seventy per cent increase at the present time over the enrollment of 1913. Of the approximately 800 students who went directly from their classes into the military service from the University of Oregon, it now seems certain that a large percentage will return either this spring or the coming fall, to complete their University work. In addition, of the hundreds of high school students who enlisted, a very large number will be entering college next fall. More high schools by fifty per cent will be graduating classes than ever before, and the number entering college from this source will be correspondingly greater.

To relieve this congestion in the already crowded buildings, laboratories, and class rooms on the campus, the proposed Woman's building for the University is virtually as important as the \$100,000 maintenance bill in permitting the present standards to prevail for 1919 and 1920. The building will release much space at present occupied in other University buildings thus making it available to accommodate the increasing attendance of Oregon men and women at the University. The woman's building, which is planned as a center of the activities of the women of the University, will also house the department of physical education for women, the department of household arts, the infirmary, rooms for the meetings of women's organizations, and the necessary offices and reception rooms. Toward the construction of this building, it is expected sufficient voluntary subscriptions can be secured to bring the present donated building fund up to \$100,000, this to be added to the appropriation now being asked of the legislature.

#### A BIG Y. M. C. A. MAN.

In the loss from the office of the campus Y. M. C. A. of W. F. Vance, who has decided to leave the University, the men students are losing an active and effective Bible Class worker, the promoter of the present \$8,000 Y. M. C. A. hut, and one of the most popular and strongest men working for the good of the student body. During the S. A. T. C. and since the opening of the present quarter Mr. Vance has been serving Oregon and her students well. Oregon is sorry to see him go. He has been the University's big Y. M. C. A. man.

#### THE LEGISLATORS' VISIT.

Members of the state legislature visiting the campus today comprise the largest group ever to visit the University during the legislative sessions and it is Oregon's privilege to welcome them cordially with the largest group of students she has ever had enrolled.

Men and women of the University have always welcomed the interest shown by members of the legislature on the occasion of their previous visits to the campus. This year the legislative bodies are taking time from their duties in Salem in larger numbers than ever before in order to visit the State University, and the students of Oregon appreciate this expression of interest in education from the leaders of the various sections of the state of Oregon.

A visit on the campus gives a real picture of the University and its activities which no amount of pamphlets from departments and University literature can do although containing the same information.

For this reason the student body of Oregon, coming from virtually every section of the state as do the members of the visiting party today, take more pleasure in entertaining and being "Guided" for the legislative party than in meeting on the campus any other group of prominent Oregon people. Through the visit being paid to the campus today, Oregon comes in closer contact with all parts of the state she serves.

#### LIBRARY GETS COPIES OF BILLS

M. H. Douglass, librarian, announces that the library daily is receiving copies of all bills introduced in the legislature. Those wishing to get the text of these bills may do so by consulting Mr. Douglass, in the basement of the library.

#### Dr. Sheldon in Portland.

Dr. H. D. Sheldon, dean of the school of education, went to Portland Friday morning to conduct his regular extension class there.

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The number of books drawn from the reserve for January were 5,762, showing that the greatest number of books were drawn upon educational subjects. These statistics show that students are using the library to a greater extent than before.

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