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VITAL TO STUDENTS

What does the Millage Bill mean to us as students of the University of Oregon? It is true that we do realize better perhaps than anyone throughout the state the crowded conditions here, for in the four years that many have spent here the University has more than doubled its enrollment, changing from a personal school where every student knew everyone else and where each student had opportunity to form personal friendships with members of the faculty, to the rank of a very large institution where acquaintances are largely confined to members of the same department and where very little of the personal touch is possible from the instructors.

Many of us have welcomed the change for it has brought with it larger opportunities for Oregon, and the growth has meant not only that the state is growing but that the desire for higher education is spreading. Although we have felt pride in the growing strength of our University, we have become aware with each succeeding year of the increasing poverty of the institution. We do not complain of personal discomfort so long as we know that everything is being done to make the most of circumstances, but when, as this year, professor after professor is called away from our faculty by offers of higher salary, we realize that the University is losing something which it cannot soon regain. That loss to the University is a direct loss to us, for higher education certainly requires the highest type of instructors.

We are asking a great deal of the taxpayers at a time when even the most optimistic are not glowing over the prospects for the future. Yet we are asking it with the firm conviction that it is necessary if higher education is worth while. Most of us are paying part or all of our expenses here; some of us are coming at a considerable sacrifice on the part of the folks at home; and some few of us are able to remain here only at the cost of a very great effort on our own part. Few are here without a definite purpose, and none of us are here only for the pleasure we get out of college life. On leaving high school we decided between immediate work, a business college course, and a university education. As common laborers today most of us could be equalling the salaries of some of our professors; at the end of six months in a good business college we could have begun work on salaries enabling us to live much better than they live today. If the University is forced through poverty to lower its standards, we may feel justified in questioning the wisdom of our choice.

But we do go before the people of Oregon with the firm conviction that we are asking something which in all fairness they can not deny us. As we are asking of the state, so the state has asked of us, and some time may ask again. We responded in a way that made the state of Oregon a name to be proud of from ocean to ocean. We did it not on the strength of promises, though promises were given, but solely because the nation's welfare was our first concern.

Many who went out from us will never be back, and all have given something which cannot be compensated for in a material way. The state of Oregon has done more for her returned service men than many states have even considered doing. The number who have taken advantage of the state aid is proof that it is gratefully received. Yet are we sure that even then we can afford to remain in the University if we know each year that it is staggering under greater burdens and can only lighten them by impoverishing its faculty and herding the students together in quarters ill designed or adapted to the purpose?

We realize that the University is facing a crisis, and we are determined to stand back of it until the last, for we do know that old Oregon stands for a very great deal which is sacred to us, and that all her old traditions carry something which makes our lives mean more and in the future can mean so much to others if they have the chance. And while we ask it we do not feel that we have a battle to fight with public opinion in the state. We firmly believe that the people of Oregon will stand back of us in May as they have in the past.

THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

The recent order calling off student social events, athletic contests and other gatherings did not come from a committee of students. Since the posting of the order, by the "student health committee", many students have wondered who the students were on the committee. There is no health committee composed of students. The "students" referred to in the "student health committee" merely means that it is a committee of faculty members and the infirmary doctor who regulate conditions affecting the health of the students.

GOOD REPORTING

"Oregon seems to be one of the weaker sisters of the conference. Her only victories are against Washington State while she has met defeat at the hands of the Aggies, the University of Washington and Stanford."—Daily Californian, in story before Oregon-California game.

For the enlightenment of the sporting staff of the "Daily Cal" we print the following scores:

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| With U. of W. | |
| At Seattle: | |
| Oregon, 26 | U. of W., 38 |
| Oregon, 29 | U. of W., 26 |
| At Eugene: | |
| Oregon, 19 | U. of W., 22 |
| Oregon, 22 | U. of W., 20 |
| With W. S. C. | |
| At Eugene: | |
| Oregon, 27 | W. S. C., 29 |
| With O. A. C. | |
| At Corvallis: | |
| Oregon, 22 | O. A. C., 20 |
| Oregon, 37 | O. A. C., 21 |

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concerning same from the would-be daters society, which is composed of men who have not been asked to attend the Women's League leap year dance.

Remember the story about the sick man who was given some powders by the doctor with instructions to take as much of the substance each dose as he could put on a dime? As the story goes the patient did not have a dime so he used two nickels. You know the result? Well, why not use the same method on study preparation and class attendance which have been so harrassed by the prevailing spring wather?

The military commandant is offering a Gillette safety razor as a prize to the best shot in the R. O. T. C. Competition among the sophomores ought to be quite keen.

Gov. Lowden was the first to distribute his pins among the students of Oregon for the coming election. When some of the boys saw the "pledge" pins they thought that another fraternity had organized.

Many of the male members of the sophomore class are beginning to wonder whether they are going to the sophomore lottery or to the Rex. It might be a good idea for some of the girls to relieve them on the point.

Editors throughout the state have pledged their aid to the millage tax campaign. If they use the argument of one cigar less per week we will probably be hearing from the anti-tobacco campaigners before long.

No letters were delivered on the Monday following Washington's birthday. This did not apply to the Administration building "post" office.

R.O.T.C. HAS RIFLE EXPERT

SERGEANT MARTIN, MUSKETRY INSTRUCTOR, HOLDS HONOR

Successful system Used in Army Adopted by University for Oregon Cadets

Sergeant R. M. Martin, instructor in musketry of the R. O. T. C. staff here, holds the distinction of being one of the first men to qualify as an expert rifleman under the new system of handling a service rifle which was used by the American forces with such fine results during the war. The Army and Navy Journal, in its issue of February 7, describes at considerable length the system which was first developed by Colonel MacNab. MacNab, in 1914, when the system was first tried out, was the captain of Company F, 2nd battalion, 14th infantry, of which Martin was first sergeant.

The system was introduced as an experiment, but when actually tried on the range at Fort Lawton proved a considerable success. Of 263 men in the battalion who fired, but one was disqualified, while 167 took highest honors, that of expert rifleman. Among these latter was Sergeant Martin. In order to qualify for that rating, the soldier must shoot a score of 253 out of a possible 300. Sergt. Martin scored 277, coming close to the record for the course, which is 287.

The system developed by Colonel MacNab was adopted by the army the following year. MacNab took personal charge or the training of the American Expeditionary forces in musketry. The same system is being taught to the Oregon cadets by Sergeant Martin. "One of its best features," he said, "is that it allows considerable personal instruction. Many technical features differ, but it is without doubt the best yet developed." The high scores made by the cadets on the gallery range is evidence, according to Sergeant Martin, of the superior work that can be done when men receive training under proper regulations.

HEALTH PROBE TO BE MADE

Washington Official on Way Here to Conduct Investigation

Chester L. Carlisle, acting assistant surgeon of the public health service at Washington, D. C., is en route to Eugene to take charge of the investigation of dependency, delinquency and defectiveness in the state of Oregon which is to be carried on under the auspices of the extension division. This information was contained in a letter received by J. C. Almack, acting director of the division, from Dr. Taliaferro Clark, assistant surgeon general.

"Dr. Carlisle," state Dr. Clark, "is a graduate of the Western Reserve university and for the last 19 years has been particularly interested in medical subjects related to the problems under investigation, and is well qualified both by inclination and experience to assume direction of this survey."

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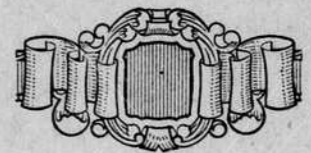
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