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WHAT WE ARE MISSING

Publication of the first installment of Opal Whiteley's childhood diary, as the opening article in the March Atlantic, directs anew the attention of many readers to what they are missing in the world about them. Oregon students will read the diary with particular interest, since Opal was a student here for two years, 1916 to 1918, and many students and faculty remember the little girl with eyes ever watchful of the glories of the out-of-doors and a desire to know "people," especially children, and to help them to realize the joy she had discovered all about her.

Many children start very much as did Opal, with less, perhaps, of her natural keenness, but with nearly as much joy in the living things of outdoors—which is so different from the grownup's sort of hygienic delight in the open air "because it is good for him." Others besides Opal start with pet names for their fir trees and their crow, and even, perhaps, for their pet mice. But they grow up soon, and they become a little ashamed of their childish imaginations which clothe so much of the outdoors in that "celestial light" of which the poet speaks. Their wise elders interest them in things artificial, and a big gulf is formed between the world of outdoors and the world of books—which laer it is hard to bridge.

So—a whispering fir gets to be just a tree, useful perhaps for shade or lumber or fuel; a robin is a pest that pecks away at one's strawberries; a pheasant and a deer are something to be chased and carried home for food. Beauty is lost on us poor utilitarians, and "a primrose on the river's brim a yellow primrose is" to us "and nothing more." So we go on, year after year, with our eyes closed and our ears deaf to what Miss Whiteley calls "the fairyland around us," and we turn our jaded minds inward on a somewhat drab perspective. If we could only throw ourselves outward to catch the message of the glorious natural world about us, would our beings not become so enriched, so colored with the reflection of the radiance all about us, that when, introspectively, we looked within, we should behold something indefinitely more interesting.

Oregon's outdoors gives a splendid opportunity for the cultivation of the friendships with the things of nature of which the little Opal scribbled with such ingenuous interest. There must be a relaxation and a joy in such intimate contacts the losing of which is a veritable "missing of half one's life." For it is true that we live "in feelings, not in figures on a dial."

"The Story of Opal" cannot fail to awaken many who might otherwise drowse through life without an inkling of the teeming riches of nature which are open and free to all.

YELL LEADER ELECTION

Should the University yell leader be elected by the student body instead of by the student council as formerly? In making the recommen-

dation that he should, members of the student council feel that more honor will be attached to the position. They also feel that the yell leader is an officer receiving very little credit for the duties which he performs.

The proposed change will be voted on by the students at the next assembly. It is an issue which is not of vital concern to the students in general, for they have seemed to be satisfied with the student council's choice. Yet it is only fair for us to give all the honor possible to an office with such exacting duties. It seems that the student council has decided wisely in asking for the change in the manner of election.

By placing the yell leader among those officers of the student body who are selected at the annual election in May we will be showing a small part of the appreciation we feel for the way the office has been handled in the past.

The fellow who used to say that too many dances and parties caused him to neglect his studies has a new one for the fact that the flu ban has put the lid on them. He now claims that, as there is no expense involved, now is the time to make dates. The lessons get it coming or going.

The psychology department claims that talking with the dead is "bosh," but there were several professors in this University who did not think so as a result of a certain death rumor which spread over the campus.

If a student does not dance he kills most of his time around the pool hall. The C. E. (Christian Endeavor) proposal in the Emerald's last issue ought to strike a happy medium.

Some of the students clipped out their house grades and sent them home. Those who did not, received their house grades from home.

Some of the fellows claim that the highest positions they ever held were while watching the basketball games between Oregon and Stanford.

The football team of Centre college always prays before tackling a game. They evidently believe that "In Union Lies Strength."

The flu ban from the standpoint of some students, has made Springfield a great asset to Lane county.

The nearest some students get to study is on the library steps.

NEW MUSICAL CLUB SOON

ORGANIZATION WILL FURTHER CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Memberships in Society Fostered by Rex Underwood to be Awards for Service

A new honorary musical organization is being formed by Rex Underwood, instructor of violin in the school of music, for the purpose of furthering musical activities on the campus. Membership will be given as a reward for service.

The organization, according to Mr. Underwood, will be open to all persons, men and women, who have served at least one year on one of the glee clubs and who are now serving in either of the clubs or the orchestra. Later, a rule may be made admitting only upperclassmen. At present there are 28 eligible to membership in the club. These will be the charter members. No members of the faculty will be eligible unless they are students in the University, said Mr. Underwood. This organization, he added, will probably be responsible for getting good concerts and other musical treats here.

"We want to make it more than a society," said Mr. Underwood, "and, although there may be some emblem for distinction, it will not be a secret society, all its interests being centered in campus activities." When music is needed for University programs and entertainments this organization will be the one to appeal to. It will act as the head of such movements, he said.

This idea was derived from a similar club at Princeton, where there is an organization called the Princeton Musical club. It is composed only of upperclassmen and serves only for the purpose of social activities. Mr. Underwood states that he expects to make the new organization better than the one at Princeton, for there the society merely exists as a social club from which no special benefits are derived.

Another meeting will be held some time this week to make definite arrangements for a constitution, name and plans. The list of charter members will be announced later.

U. S. HEALTH OFFICER HERE TO BEGIN INVESTIGATION

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five individuals who may come within their knowledge, that this work can fully reach its goal," declared Dr. Carlisle.

Accuracy is Essential
"It is obvious," he said, "that the more complete the returns are, the more accurate will be the figures as to the actual conditions in the state so far as they relate to delinquents and mental defectives. As future legislation for the care of these unfortunates may be largely influenced by this survey, it is necessary that absolute accuracy in its findings be attained."

"Recent surveys show that the problem of delinquency and anti-social conduct of all sorts is based to a large extent upon mental deviation of some type, often unrecognized, and the number of persons thus afflicted is greater than the general public has usually realized," Dr. Carlisle said further. "For this reason the legislature has considered it highly desirable that the state should have accurate figures on which to base its future work for the care of these dependents, both as institutional problems and as problems for care in the communities themselves. Many individuals showing some form of mental deviation are and will continue to be community problems, never entering institutions but always finding it difficult to meet the demands of their environment."

Defectives Source of Danger
"They should, however, be recognized as a constant potential social liabilities so far as citizenship is concerned, but nevertheless under

proper supervision may be able to do simple but useful work, to be self-supporting and thus become a social asset instead of an expense to the community in which they live. On the other hand if the defect remains unrecognized these unfortunates almost always drift into trouble and are a constant source of expense to community and grief and anxiety to their friends."

Dr. Carlisle, as director of this investigation, will make his headquarters in the extension division offices University of Oregon.



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