

UNIVERSITY TESTS STATE PRISONERS

Rathie, Owens, and Hart Get Mental Inspection.

ARMY EXAM IS USED
Extension Division Reports On 200 Convicts.

Miss Mozelle Hair, secretary of the extension division, spent Tuesday, Oct. 19, in Salem for the purpose of giving the Terman individual intelligence tests to Rathie, Owens, and Hart, the three men condemned to death for the shooting of Sheriff Til Taylor at Pendleton last summer. These men expressed themselves as willing to take the tests. Dr. Gregory, who returned from Salem Monday evening, says the results of Miss Hair's work will probably not be made public.

Dr. Gregory and Miss Hair gave two intelligence tests and three school achievement tests to about 200 of the 270 men at the state penitentiary Monday. Dr. Gregory says about sixty per cent of the men were apparently much interested in the tests; the others were sullen and indifferent, and did not respond in such a way that the data will be useful for further studies.

Army Test Given.

The intelligence tests used were the army alpha, the same as that given to the soldiers during the recent war, and the Terman group test. The school achievement tests used were the Courtis arithmetic test in the four fundamentals, a reading test designed for the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, and a language test designed by Professor Gregory himself, for sixth, seventh and eighth grade pupils. The results of the tests are not yet tabulated.

With the exception of about seventy who were out at work, the prisoners were placed at the disposal of Miss Hair and Dr. Gregory, he says, both forenoon and afternoon as soon as their routine work was done. The older men responded to the tests better than the younger ones, states Dr. Gregory. The one woman in the institution, he says, did not take the tests.

Four Classes Noted.

Dr. Gregory says his impression of the group as he saw them together, is that they might be divided into four classes. Twenty-five per cent of them seem average men with average intelligence and good bearing; a second twenty-five per cent are seemingly of average intelligence, but rather of a criminal type, the kind of men who would seem to need watching; a third twenty-five per cent appear to be of a very low grade of humanity, some seemingly defective in intelligence as well as in morals; the remaining twenty-five per cent are sullen, morose, and passive, and are probably subnormal.

Dr. Gregory says he and Miss Hair were treated with the utmost courtesy while visiting the penitentiary, and his impression was that the prisoners are exceedingly well treated.

Warden Compton, says Dr. Gregory, is much interested in the tests, and would like to have others given.

MUSIC FESTIVAL GETS HIGH PRAISE

Progressive Action of University of Oregon Lauded In Publication.

"To the University of Oregon belongs the unique distinction of being the first collegiate institution on the Pacific Coast to inaugurate and put into effective operation a music festival intended to be an annual event of more than passing importance."

So says the August 21 issue of 'Musical America,' a weekly of national circulation published in New York, at the beginning of a description of the festival which together with a large picture of the soloists, the festival chorus and the University orchestra covers a little more than half a page.

The article mentions in detail the parts taken by all the participants in the festival and speaks highly of the whole program.

The closing paragraph says:

"If the excellence of future festivals is as great as that of the first venture, the permanency of the festival will be fully assured to the University of Oregon."

LANDLADIES UNPOPULAR.

Just because the landladies in Ann Arbor boosted the rent 300 per cent, the regents of the university authorized that the barracks at Camp Custer be purchased and fitted up for male students.

INTELLIGENCE TESTS MADE IN CAMPUS HI

Oregon Children Superior in Physique to Easterners.

That intelligence and achievement tests are a better criterion of pupils' grade standing than the teachers' estimate is the conclusion of Giles M. Ruch, in his report, just made public. Mr. Ruch made an extended study of 135 children of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades in the campus high school last year when he was principal of the school. Mr. Ruch applied both physical and mental measurements using all the best known tests.

On the physical side, he made comparisons with a number of similar studies in eastern cities, and discovered that the Oregon children are both taller and heavier than the eastern children. Their vital index, a ratio between lung capacity and height and weight, is also superior to that of eastern children.

The results of the general intelligence tests agree with the teachers' estimates in about three-fourths of the cases. Mr. Ruch believes that these tests give children of certain temperaments a better standing than the usual method employed by teachers. He thinks if the tests were given at the beginning of the year, the pupils would be better understood by

teachers and superintendents, and some of the evils of lock-step promotion would be eliminated.

In the pedagogical tests, Mr. Ruch found that the campus high school children were above the average of groups in the same grade in all subjects but arithmetic and writing. No instruction in writing is given these children beyond the sixth grade, which probably accounts for the deficiency there, says Dr. H. D. Sheldon, dean of education.

Mr. Ruch's work is the first attempt to apply all of these tests at the same time to the same group of children. His object in making the tests was to determine if possible what schoolastic use could be made of the tests.

The bulletin is published as one of the University of Oregon series.

Mr. Ruch is an Oregon graduate of 1914 and is now a graduate fellow at Stanford University.

IDAHO STUDENTS INCREASE.

Steady increase is shown in registration at the University of Idaho. So far 1719 students have registered out of which 1072 are women.

SOCIETY TOO HARD BOILED.

As a result of the thirtieth annual running of the Skull and Keys society at the University of California, two students, J. W. Butler, '21 and H. H. Cobb, '21, have been put on probation until next August. The society has also been put on probation.

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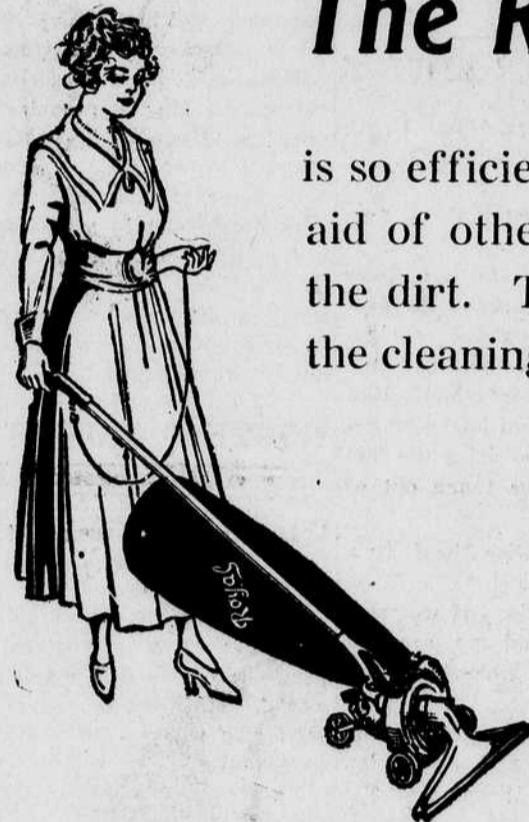
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