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THE IRONY OF FLUNKS.

It may be that several students whose amiable presence we now enjoy will not be with us next term. It may be that a new crowd will compose the crew who inhabit the library steps, and the curb opposite. And it may be that it will dawn on a few more students that the builder of the University library really designed that building for study. For sad as it may seem, there are always those who fail to realize until too late that they came to the University to learn.

The ax of the faculty is not wielded often, but when it falls, those students who persist in adorning the loafing place instead of the study place should be the ones who feel it. Those academic graybeards who rejoice triumphantly when students who have taken too active a part in student activities feel the keen edge of this faculty ax, have our sympathy. It is not those who do participate in student activities who should rightly suffer at the end of the term, but those who persist in spending their time in doing nothing.

A man can be admired if he really works at almost anything, but the world has nothing but scorn for the habitual loafer. Some students feel that their calling in college is to apply themselves diligently to their studies and nothing else.

It is a bit of irony that the leaders in University life who may mount up to community, state or national leaders, are often the ones who "flunk out" in college. And it is still more of a paradox that the ax of the faculty is wielded indiscriminately on student leaders on whom the faculty themselves rely for the safe conduct of student affairs of the University. Sad, but it must be done.

Announcements

Oregon Club.—Big stag mixer, men's gym, tonight, 8 p. m.

Oregon Club of Women's League will meet Monday, December 6 at the bungalow. All women not affiliated with any residential organization are urged to be present. Those who wish to do so may bring their lunch at 6 o'clock. The business meeting will begin promptly at 7, followed by a social hour.

Masons.—There will be a meeting of the Craftsmen next Tuesday evening, 6:15, at the Osburn.

Notice.—If boy loaning keys will call 550 he may receive same.

THE RANDOM REPORTER.

(Daily Questions and their Answers)

Today's question: How many courses are you going to flunk this term?

Frances McGill, '23.—"I don't know, but Jimmie's laying for me."

Guy Saere, '22.—"Oh, about a dozen. Why?"

Martha Westwood, '22.—"Oh, dear, how many?"

Wilbur Hoyt, '22.—"Absolutely none."

Lenore Cram, '23.—"Everything but journalism."

Ralph Couch, '23.—"So far it's been bad enough; I hate to think about exams."

WHAT THE OLD GRADS ARE DOING.

Mark Bailey, who graduated from Oregon in 1888 and who received an M. A. degree at Harvard in '90 is now professor of Latin and Spanish in the Kalamazoo College in Michigan. While at Oregon he was valedictorian of his class and belonged to the Laurean Debating Society.

Professor Bailey is the author of "The Latin Verb and its Uses," "Latin Prepositions," and "Beginner's Book in Latin," and is associate editor of the "United Editors Encyclopedia."

He was at one time professor of ancient languages at the U. of W. and he taught the same subject at Tacoma for several years.

STUDIO NOT FOR VISITS.

Professor A. H. Schreff has been bothered several times lately by students interrupting him in his private studio at his home. The other day three students came in and asked to look at his exhibition. He was very busy at the time and was bothered for an hour by foolish questions. He is on the campus in his office in the architecture building until 4:00 o'clock every day and can be interviewed there without interrupting the work he is doing off of the campus.

FIJIS HOLD LEAD IN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE

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the center of the hoop tying the score with S. A. E. In the five minute play-off which followed, Clerin for the winners showed a sudden burst of speed annexing two field goals which swung the game in their favor.

Coach George M. Bohler says that a special effort will be made to complete the doughnut schedule next week. He is uncertain whether or not it will be possible to play any games during examination week. However any games that are left over will be played the first of next term.

First call. Captain Eddie Durno sounds first call for varsity basketball practice. First practice will take place at 4:00 p. m. in the men's gym, Saturday afternoon. It is desired that all men wishing to try out, be there at that time.

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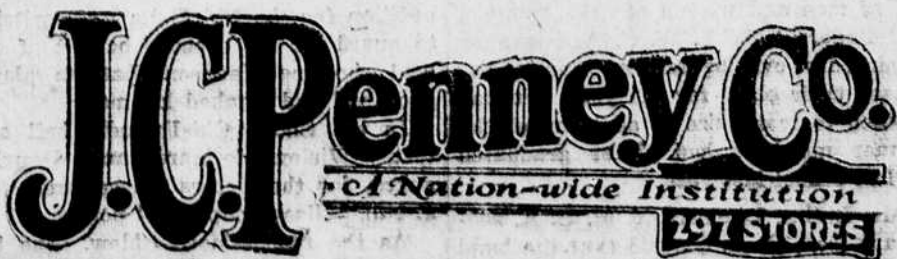
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What Is Air?

BEFORE 1894 every chemist thought he knew what air is. "A mechanical mixture of moisture, nitrogen and oxygen, with traces of hydrogen and carbon dioxide," he would explain. There was so much oxygen and nitrogen in a given sample that he simply determined the amount of oxygen present and assumed the rest to be nitrogen.

One great English chemist, Lord Rayleigh, found that the nitrogen obtained from the air was never so pure as that obtained from some compound like ammonia. What was the "impurity"? In co-operation with another prominent chemist, Sir William Ramsay, it was discovered in an entirely new gas—"argon." Later came the discovery of other rare gases in the atmosphere. The air we breathe contains about a dozen gases and gaseous compounds.

This study of the air is an example of research in pure science. Rayleigh and Ramsay had no practical end in view—merely the discovery of new facts.

A few years ago the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company began to study the destruction of filaments in exhausted lamps in order to ascertain how this happened. It was a purely scientific undertaking. It was found that the filament evaporated—boiled away, like so much water.

Pressure will check boiling or evaporation. If the pressure within a boiler is very high, it will take more heat than ordinarily to boil the water. Would a gas under pressure prevent filaments from boiling away? If so, what gas? It must be a gas that will not combine chemically with the filament. The filament would burn in oxygen; hydrogen would conduct the heat away too rapidly. Nitrogen is a useful gas in this case. It does form a few compounds, however. Better still is argon. It forms no compounds at all.

Thus the modern, efficient, gas-filled lamp appeared, and so argon, which seemed the most useless gas in the world, found a practical application.

Discover new facts, and their practical application will take care of itself.

And the discovery of new facts is the primary purpose of the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company.

Sometimes years must elapse before the practical application of a discovery becomes apparent, as in the case of argon; sometimes a practical application follows from the mere answering of a "theoretical" question, as in the case of a gas-filled lamp. But no substantial progress can be made unless research is conducted for the purpose of discovering new facts.

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