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EDISON ON COLLEGE MEN.

Thomas A. Edison, one of the greatest Americans, holds a low opinion of college men. He formed this opinion because of the failure of a group of college men to answer a set of miscellaneous questions which he had gathered together.

Mr. Edison, himself not a college man, propounded several such questions such as "What ingredients are in the best white paint?" "Where do we get prunes?" "What is copra?" "What is the greatest depth of the ocean?" "How did Cleopatra die?" "Who founded the New York Herald?" "Who wrote 'Home Sweet Home'?" and "What is a condor?"

Others included were perhaps harder to answer than these, but the general list included questions of the same type. It is reported that Mr. Edison selects employes for technical work upon the basis of their ability to answer such questions. If it is true, it is no doubt time for the college to be superseded by the encyclopedia.

A college man is educated along lines entirely different from those Mr. Edison would expect for applicants for positions under his employ. A student of foreign trade would doubtless be able to inform Mr. Edison as to where prunes come from, and what copra is. But he might fail miserably on the other questions.

A student of journalism would likely be able to tell Mr. Edison not only who founded the New York Herald, but the history of his life and activities. A student of history, no doubt, knows the details of the death of Cleopatra. An art major could give the ingredients of white paint. An ornithologist could give the characteristics and habitat of a condor. But it is more than likely that those college men who could successfully answer those questions which had been covered by their branch of a college education would fall down when trying to tell Mr. Edison who wrote "Home Sweet Home."

College men are not taught the way Mr. Edison would have them; they do not amass a great quantity of unrelated facts. We doubt very much if the best men in the employ of Mr. Edison are those who could successfully pass an examination of such questions. In fact, it seems unlikely to think that the great inventor himself could answer some unrelated questions on subjects foreign to those which occupy his mind. "What is a college man supposed to know?" might not be answered by Mr. Edison to the satisfaction of those who know the real answer.

The Junior Prom will be formal, but flowers and taxis are banned. Why not make these additional non-essentials also taboo at other formals?

Of course everyone will be at the track meet this afternoon. It is our first chance to beat O. A. C. this spring. Be there to help win.

TWO BASEBALL GAMES TO BE PLAYED TODAY

Fresh Play Washington; Varsity Will Mix Again With Portland Club.

Two baseball games are scheduled to

play a part in the athletic program for today the first game between the Oregon fresh and the Washington high school nine to be played at 10 o'clock this morning and at 4 o'clock this afternoon, the varsity will cross bats with the Multnomah club team. This will be the sec-

ond time the clubmen have played the varsity nine, the first game taking place in Portland two weeks ago, Multnomah winning by a 5 to 4 score.

Multnomah comes to Eugene with a squad of former high school stars and a number of former University of Oregon players, among them being Jay Fox, who held down the third base position for the Lemon-Yellow nine last season, and "Busher" Brown, who played several years ago with the varsity nine. The clubmen have a strong aggregation this year, as is evidenced by the fact that they took the game in Portland, and they are out after the second one of the series.

Coach Bohler has not given out his lineup and there is yet some speculation as to who will handle the mound position. Rollo Gray, or possibly Art Berg may take their turn in the box although Coach Bohler used Berg in the Wednesday game against the Washington State College nine, and he will probably use the big southpaw in the Oregon Aggie games next week, so it is doubtful about Berg making his appearance on the mound.

Kundsen and Jacobsen both worked against the Cougars in Thursday's game and it is not probable that either of these men will be sent in to do the twirling for the varsity today. Gray, M. Latham and Durno are the three twirlers who will be in line for the position and it is probable that of these three Rollo Gray will be sent in.

The rest of the Oregon lineup will probably be the same as that sent against the Cougars this week, Base on first Beller on second, Svavarud on third, and Reinhart at shortstop. Zimmerman, Gamble and Knudsen will probably take care of the outer garden position and

"Spike" Leslie will do the receiving behind the bat.

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