

# COMMERCE STUDENTS RE-ELECT OFFICERS

### Two Vacancies to Be Filled Next Year.

## ANNUAL SESSION HELD Reports Read Show Chamber Makes Progress.

At the first annual meeting of the University of Oregon chamber of commerce Friday night, the present officers and directors of the organization were re-elected for the year of 1921-1922. Vacancies will, however, be created later in two instances by the graduation of President Barney Garret and Mildred Aumiller, secretary. These vacancies will be filled by the board of directors in accordance with the constitution of the chamber.

Officers' and directors' reports read record the fact that the organization has made great progress since its establishment three months ago. The University chamber is now a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce and is also affiliated with the Oregon state chamber. A letter received from the national chamber by the secretary of the University chamber gives the organization on this campus credit for being the first student chamber of its kind in the United States.

### Garret State Director.

During the spring vacation President Garret attended the short course for commercial club secretaries of the state held on the campus and was elected a director of the state association of commercial club secretaries.

Numerous inquiries concerning the work of the University chamber have been received not only from all parts of Oregon, but also from many eastern cities as well, thus showing the extent of the interest taken in the activity of the organization. The subjects on which the chamber has been asked to advise range all the way from requests as to what should constitute the work of a chamber of commerce, to the best method for organizing a municipal market. The activities of the chamber will carry the name of the University to over 1000 towns and cities of the United States this year.

The work of the employment and industrial relations department in finding employment for the chamber members was received with much satisfaction by the students. Other departments rendered reports that showed equally great progress.

### Dean Voices Appreciation.

Dean Robbins spoke briefly in appreciation of the results accomplished by the chamber this year. He also outlined the work of the school of business administration. He stated that with the apparent passing of the apprenticeship system in industry, business is looking to the schools of business administration as a short cut in the preparation of men to fill administrative and executive positions. This is the specific work of the school of business administration, not the teaching of typing or book-keeping but the training of men to meet the problems of the business world. Dr. Robbins continued. He pointed out the value of the University chamber of commerce as an excellent training place for the young men who will be active in the work of his town or city. He stressed the point that to be a successful business man one must take an active interest in the affairs of his community.

## OREGON POET GIVES REPORTER INTERVIEW

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a matter of the form, because poetry may be written in prose form. The test of poetry is its universal appeal.

"The old will remain; it can never die," continued the poet, speaking with his eyes closed again. "The rhythm and sway of the first poetry is part of the human soul," he said, and quoted a few rhythmic lines. "But," he resumed, "we'll take in the new. Some poets will write in one style, some in the other, and some in both."

When asked which of the free verse writers he considered best, his answer was, "Amy Lowell, and right beside her stands Carl Sandburg. Occasionally Sandburg gives us something strong, some

real poetry."

"Do you get inspiration for the writing of poetry in New York City?" the western poet was asked.

"Oh, you see," he laughed, "I took it with me when I went there. I took it from the hills that I love. Much poetry comes from the meditation of former things; it does not necessarily come from present surroundings. I remember California and my beloved Oregon."

"Are you a good Oregonian when you are in California?" asked a listener, who knew the poet had come to his birth state through California, where he lived from his fifth year through young manhood.

"Well, now," laughed the genial celebrity, "now I am in Oregon, and to me," with a gesture and look of mock indifference, "California is a mere fly speck on the map."

"Why haven't you come back to Oregon before?" he was asked.

"Well," counter-quizzed the fun-loving gentleman, "have you ever been to see your wonderful Crater Lake?"

"No, but I'm going—"

"But have you been," insisted the poet.

"No," admitted the other.

"Well," laughed Edwin Markham, "that is just the way I have done about coming to Oregon. I've always intended coming, but something always happened, and I have put off my visit. But, I am coming again," he promised.

This all happened after the poet had been a guest at a banquet, had spoken and read poetry an hour and a half to an audience, and had attended a reception. Upon the suggestion that the hour was very late, and that 7 o'clock trains to Portland had a way of leaving very early in the morning, the 69 year old poet-philosopher said, "Sunset in the

morning of my day. I love the starry sky."

Then the reporter went away, wondering if all poets are youthful of spirit, and gracious of manner, and have impressive personalities like Edwin Markham.



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