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The Conquering Spirit

Averse to patting ourselves on the back in that all-knowing way—for we feel that to do so is to breed the spirit of provincialism,—yet we must not overlook the tribute due the members of Oregon's debating teams. After conquering the contenders for the State honors, which was accomplished when Reed College and the Oregon Agricultural College debaters were defeated, the Varsity has added new laurels to the memories of these former victories.

The Oregon debate teams have returned victorious over the representatives of Stanford University and the University of Washington in the Pacific Coast Triangular conference. The Oregon debaters are not met at the train with yell kings and student serpentines, no rally bonfires are built and burned for them, yet their victory is fully as significant. Laurels in the intellectual field demand much which laurels on the athletic field do not; but comparisons are not necessary. It is enough to know that Oregon has triumphed again.

Some time ago the plan for an intersectional debate was proposed by Stanford University. It met with hearty approval here even before it had as much significance to Oregon,—and now that it does mean so much, no effort must be spared to arrange that contest.

An opportunity is presented to the West again, and Oregon has earned the right to represent the West. Tribute is due the members of the debating teams for furnishing Oregon with this opportunity, and new fields must be provided for them to conquer.

Oregon, a Great State

Oregon is a great State. Students and faculty alike share in paying the tribute, and this week an excellent opportunity has been afforded them to attend an exhibition of the products of Oregon industry and natural resources. The display has been prepared by Eugene business men and has for its purpose an education within itself. It has attained the purpose and is valuable not only from the educational standpoint but from the artistic as well.

Carefully arranged exhibits in perfectly appointed booths have achieved a creditable exposition. Students and faculty members are presented a special invitation by the management to attend the exhibit.

The action of the various classes in appropriating funds for the erection of permanent bleachers along the mill race for the canoe fete is typical of Oregon spirit. The canoe fete as a distinctive feature of the Junior Week-end festivities is now a tradition.

The plea for a decent assembly hall has been made, not as an excuse, however, for non-attendance at assemblies. Assemblies will go on as before, but we hope, with a little more sense of the comfortable and the artistic predominant.

With the razing of the old Kincaid grandstand the last vestige of the "good old days" when Oregon's athletic prowess was established will have disappeared. With one exception,—Bill Hayward, veteran of the veterans, is still with us.

EDUCATION AND KENTUCKY

Kentucky occupies the unique position of a state attempting to legislate against education. Her citizens do not believe in evolution and the legislature has been asked to forbid the teaching of the doctrine in tax-supported schools. The college teachers of the state naturally resent the idea of being told what not to teach, and they have written to educators all over the country, asking their opinions about the Darwinian theory. The educators were, to a man, strong for Darwin. The people, determined to save the state, sent for their champion, the great Commoner, who loosed his silver tongue in support of Moses' Adam, and of the proposed bill. The last report has it that Adam is in the lead and that Darwin is likely to be legislated out of Kentucky.

Is Kentucky leading the rest of the states in solid educational progress? Are her citizens so far advanced that they may safely be trusted to dictate to college faculties? The evidence at hand says not. Charles A. Selden, writing in the January Ladies' Home Journal, has an interesting word to say about the conditions in the Blue Grass state. After quoting Federal Commis-

sioner Tigert to the effect that America is a nation of sixth-graders taught by tenth graders, he goes on to state that Kentucky is a state of fourth-graders taught by eighth-graders. "Nine-tenths of the public school teachers in that state have not been to high school," he says. If this is true of the teachers, then what about the competence of the average citizen, who is so wrought up about Darwin? No doubt Darwin and Le Piable mean one and the same thing to him.

The true origin of man may well be a question, but it is hard to understand how it may be settled by action of a state legislature. And at any rate the citizens of Kentucky are hardly competent to take the matter in hand.—Daily Illini.

BEARCATS START BASEBALL

Willamette University, March 6.—(P.I.N.S.)—This week inaugurates the spring season for baseball and track, and Coach Roy Bohler is expecting a good turn-out. However, it was not considered a sufficient showing for Willamette's entrance into the conference schedule of games, since there is only one letter man back from last year.

BULLETIN BOARD

Notices will be printed in this column for two issues only. Copy must be in the office by 4:30 o'clock of the day on which it is to be published and must be limited to 25 words.

Mathematics Students—Will those interested in mathematics meet in Professor DeCou's room in the administration building Wednesday at 8 o'clock. Dr. Milne will talk on a subject of general interest.

Greater Oregon Committee—Important meeting this afternoon at 4:30 in Dean Straub's room. Plans for summer vacation will probably be made.

Student Affairs Committee—The meeting which was to have been held Tuesday has been postponed.

Philosophy Club—Meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the men's room of the Woman's building. Dr. Crossland will report on Holt's Theories of Consciousness and their connection with the new realistic movement.

Graduate Club—Meeting for dinner at The Anchorage Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. Dinner at 50 cents a plate. Dr. Wheeler will report on the most recent development in the realm of psychology. Meeting very important.

International Problems Forum—"Y" Hut, tonight, 7:00-8:00. Prof. P. C. Crockatt on "Merchant Shipping and Permanent Peace."

Eutaxian—Meeting 7:15 Tuesday night in Women's League committee room.

Zeta Kappa Psi—Luncheon at the Anchorage Wednesday at 12:15. All members urged to attend.

French Club—Meeting at 7:15 Wednesday at the Y. W. C. A. bungalow. All persons interested in French are invited to attend.

Women's Athletic Association—Important meeting tonight at 5:15 in the Women's League rooms.

Sculpture Club—Meeting Tuesday at 4:15. Very important.

Beta Gamma Sigma—Meeting today noon at the Campa Shop.

JENNIE HUGGINS WRITES

Graduate Pleased With Pep of American Colony in Shanghai

A letter was received yesterday from Miss Jennie Huggins, '18, who is doing advance agent work in China for the Ellison-White Chataqua company, by Hilda Tillinghast. Miss Huggins, who was in Shanghai at the time of writing, has been in the Philippine Islands and New Zealand since leaving America.

"There must be nearly 3000 Americans here," Miss Huggins wrote. "They held a bazaar for the visiting Shriners, who are here on a short tour, last night. There was so much more pep and enthusiasm than I have seen for the past month that I felt as if I were attending an Oregon football game. The English are so reserved that it was nice to feel natural again."

RELIGION'S REALITY TOPIC

Rev. W. H. L. Marshall to be Speaker at Forum Thursday Afternoon

"The Reality of Religion" will be the topic of Reverend W. H. L. Marshall, who will lead the open forum and informal discussion group which will meet Thursday afternoon from 5 to 5:45 in the "Y" hut. This is the second of a series of three discussions being held by Mr. Marshall on the general topic "Some of the Main Points of the Christian Faith."

The forums are being held about the fireplace of the hut and are meant to be a place where all men with earnest opinions may present them, amid home-like surroundings without self-consciousness or constraint.

Secretary Putnam of the campus "Y" says in speaking of the discussions, "Here is one place where it is perfectly proper for the preacher to get a 'come back' from his audience. Let us have yours."

W. S. C. TO HAVE DORMITORY

Washington State College, Pullman, March 6.—(P. I. N. S.)—The board of regents has authorized the construction of a new men's dormitory. Bids will be called for at once and erection begun as soon as the weather will permit. It is planned to have the building ready for occupancy in the fall.

CROCKATT WILL DISCUSS NAVAL PROGRAM TONIGHT

Problem of Merchant Shipping Subject at Y Hut

There must be a solution of the problem of merchant shipping, and the international relationships involved, as well as a solution of naval building, according to Professor P. C. Crockatt, who will discuss this whole matter at the Forum at the "Y" hut this evening from 7 until 8. Failure to solve this problem, and solve it soon, will lead to war just as surely as naval competition, in his opinion.

Five-sixths of the tonnage of the world's shipping is now idle, due to the unregulated competition in building that has been going on. In spite of this fact nations are embarking on programs of subsidized shipping development as a national policy, without regard to economic laws, which means that somebody will have to go under, but possibly not without a fight.

A great many of these important problems are accentuated on the Pacific, in which the people of the coast are primarily interested and responsible for. Professor Crockatt is particularly qualified to discuss these and their relation to world peace because he was commissioned last fall to write up trans-Pacific shipping for the use of the American delegation at the Conference on Limitation of Armaments.

Mr. Crockatt will present these and other problems and offer the solution that he sees during the first half of the hour, and the last half will be open to discussion, criticism, and questions. Everyone is welcome.

STUDENT PARTIES POPULAR

University of Washington, Seattle, March 6.—(P. I. N. S.)—It is estimated that over 2000 students will attend the last of the series of A. S. U. O. parties. Vaudeville acts, arranged on a circuit, will visit each of the 22 organized houses, open for the occasion, making a 22-ring circus. Games and refreshments are planned until 10:30 when dancing will begin.

PETER JENSEN IS FATHER

Peter Jensen, wrestling instructor at the men's gymnasium is now the father of an eleven pound boy, born Saturday, March 4.

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