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FEDERAL AID IN EDUCATION

There is a good deal for people to mull over in their minds in the recent statement of the governor of Missouri that the farm boy of the country as a whole gets his education in a school which averages 121.6 days a year, by comparison with the facilities offered the city boy, which are the equivalent on the average of 171.5 days a year.

That this does not apply to the states which are the most advanced in education is the more important to us because it may have dulled the keen edge of our sense of duty as citizens of the nation-at-large.

We have emphasized the contrast between urban and rural schools, and have mentioned that the average opportunity for education is much smaller in other states than it is in Oregon, because we believe that this matter of opportunity for education runs to the fundamentals of equality in American life.

The problem here is one of teaching people to think in national terms, to recognize the obvious fact that duty in education is not circumscribed by state lines, and especially of impressing upon the inhabitants of the more fortunate commonwealths the peril they risk in maintaining an attitude of self-complacency.

The answer to the argument of the opponents of federal aid (which is not to be confounded with federal supervision) in education, that education is in every detail the duty of the individual state, is that not all of the states have

formed that duty. We weary of waiting for equalization by the slow process of time, particularly when we believe it both unnecessary and perilous to wait too long. We would hasten the time when the right to all education that a boy or girl can profitably utilize will be regarded as fundamental, without regard to the accident of geographical situation or the economics of locality.

A REAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

Among the results of the election that is now nearly a week old must be listed the fact that the tax reduction issue, which was so prominent in the beginning of the campaign, was lost in the underbrush before the end was reached.

It is not particularly difficult to understand why this measure should have survived the tidal wave that overwhelmed the remainder of the much discussed economy program. It is not far from the truth to say that in Oregon there are men who would be willing to see their taxes increased if thereby they could be assured that the state's institutions of higher learning would be crippled.

Higher education has had a hard struggle in Oregon. For years it was the football of politics and was an issue in every legislature. But it has gained steadily in spite of opposition, and it is a fact of the utmost importance that it has gained because it has been able to command consistently the support of the people of the state.

No doubt they will win again if the millage bill repeal goes on the ballot next fall. They will win certainly if in their recent years of comparatively easy circumstances they have remained as close to the public as they were before these easier years. Each year at taxpaying time there is a great deal of wild talk about the iniquity of high taxes and about the need for reduction, but the people consistently vote to retain and pay for that which they want.

It is a pity that from time to time the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural College must go forth and do battle for their lives. In a commonwealth whose future depends so largely upon adequate education of its citizens, it is to be regretted that the schools are the first and favorite target in every campaign for retrenchment.

There is time for all things. It is only a matter of days until the University closes its doors for the summer, when the various students enrolled will scatter themselves throughout the state, to take up positions in various walks of life during the vacation period.

In this edition of The Emerald, the neophytes of Sigma Delta Chi, wish to bring to the minds of the departing students that Oregon is their University and it should merit a portion of their time. In these days of unrest when the people are working to throw off the yoke of taxation, there has sprung up organized opposition to the millage bill.

Importance of Being Earnest, will be presented by the senior class of the University high school in the auditorium of the high school at 8 o'clock this evening. The play portrays absurd circumstances which arise when the affairs of dashing young men and charming young ladies are interfered with by a meddlesome and aristocratic aunt.

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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.

Coos County Students—Meeting at 7 p. m. Thursday, 764 Mill Race Drive, across mill race from Kappa Sigma house. Everybody turn out.

California Club—There will be an important meeting of the California club tonight in room 105 of the Commerce building at 7:30. There will be an election of officers for next year.

Annual Seabeck meeting of the Y. W. C. A., 5 p. m. Thursday, at the bungalow. Various phases of the conference will be explained and illustrated. All members asked to attend.

Track Men—All men who have participated in any of the Varsity track meets this year are to meet at Hayward field at 4 today for a picture.

Hawthorne Club—Meeting at 7:15 to-night in men's room of Woman's building. Very important. Election of officers.

Women's Athletic Association—Meeting at 4 o'clock today in the Women's League room. Nominations for next year's officers.

Ye Tabard Inn—Meeting tonight at the home of W. F. G. Thacher, 1626 Hilyard street, at 7:30 o'clock.

Girls' Glee Club—All members be on steps of McClure hall Thursday night at 7:15.

Seniors—Saturday, May 27, is last day to order caps and gowns at the Co-op.

Hammer and Coffin—Meets tonight at 7:30 sharp at the Anchorage.

Dial—Meets tonight at 7:30 in the Woman's building.

Oregon Knights—Regular meeting to-night at 7:30.

Sigma Delta Chi Initiates Take in Crowd at Library

Clothes in the latest Brooks Model dress suits, shoes to match, and two-quart hats two sizes too small, set dangerously over one ear due to shrinking of the goods or inflation of the cranial cavity, John Anderson, Edwin Fraser and Fred Michelson, neophytes of Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalism fraternity, mounted the library steps at 11 o'clock yesterday to open the outlet to their journalistic steam on topics which they deemed were crying for attention.

Long after the last speaker had made his closing statement and had taken his leave from the pedestal, a rumble of laughter was still audible in the crowd. As the speakers strolled leisurely back to their office where they were at the time editing the college paper, Mr. Anderson was impressed with the keen sense of humor with which Oregon students were possessed.

The speakers were well impressed with the spirit of the Oregon students and wish to have it circulated that they will be pleased to respond to the cordial invitation extended to be the guests of the University at some future date.

University High To Present Play

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

One of the greatest services a university may give to the student is to point out his weakness and his strength, in order that he may correct his shortcomings and train himself for the work for which he is best suited.—Daily Illini.

Most of the R. O. T. C. boys are all for this war department economy program. They are willing to go a step farther and go without uniforms as well as shoes.—University of Washington Daily.

Don't get the "if" habit... Kipling's poem entitled "If" is full of thought and spirit. Read it, think it, and live it, and "if" will be relegated to the heap of obsolesces.—Arizona Wildcat.

We got a good laugh out of watching our leading social fusser dressing for a "hard time" dance, striving to look "rough" and "sleek" at the same time.—Ohio State Lantern.

Students who fainted while standing at attention during the brigade review show that they have omitted to master the fundamentals of their drill.—Daily Illini.

Many girls succeed in keeping that schoolgirl complexion by keeping it in a box.—Columbia Spectator.

The Woman's League board of the University of Colorado has made loans to seven girls this year to the amount of \$850. While the working capital of the fund is small, it has proven adequate, for no request has been refused.

The prehistoric skull of some contemporary of Adam has been dug out of the bank of San Francisco creek at Stanford university. It has lain 18 feet below the level of the ground for a period of from 2,000 to 10,000 years.

Phil Neer and Jimmy Davies, Stanford's double tennis team, won the Pacific Coast conference championship, defeating the California team of Bates and Conrad.

According to a decision of the board of trustees of Pacific university, ex-service men will be granted free tuition next year as they have in the past. This is the fifth year that the award has been made.

Five students at Illinois Wesleyan university were permanently dismissed ship in Theta Nu Epsilon. Some time by the board of trustees for membership the men were expelled from their respective fraternities because of their affiliation with T. N. E.

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE EMERALD MAN

THE PERISCOPE

Sometimes, when topics of mutual interest are hard to discover, a man and a woman will discuss "flappers." Nine times out of ten the man will find that he had trod in dangerous waters once he voices his opinions on flappers and flapperism. It seems that almost everyone has his own idea of what a flapper is.

It's just as hard to discover a girl who will admit she is a flapper as to discover a man who will admit himself to be a "parlor python," "lounge-lizard," or any other of the species described by those undictionary names. And yet one young man had the consummate nerve to tell a girl that he believes ninety-five per cent of the girls at Oregon were "flappers." His only apology was that he grouped the particular girl to whom he addressed the remark in the class which comprised the remaining five per cent. He did this when he saw that that was the only answer that would appease his friend. Mentally he probably made reservations.

The term "flapper" has lately been much abused. Originating in England, the word still means in that country "an honest, critical, active school girl, who never flatters a man and is practically at war with the other sex. She is a sportswoman who goes in for the game and not for the clothes."

The common use of the word in America might be said to be the reverse of this English definition. Flapper really means a wild duck too young to fly, as most sportsmen know. Applying this to the human race, flapper means a delightfully innocent young girl.

Had the young man explained himself as holding these views of a flapper, he might not have apologized by telling the girl that she belonged to the five per cent non flappers, or in other words that she was the reverse of "a delightfully innocent young girl," which might be taken to be "an uninteresting sophisticated old lady."

Speaking of "lounge-lizard," "parlor-python," "tea-hound," "snake," et

ceters, who can offer a bona fide definition for such terms? No one has offered a prize for the most acceptable definition, but it might be interesting to find the different views held among men and women on this campus. They will probably be found to differ as widely as views held as to just what is a flapper.

Some awkward-limbed athlete who never sets foot inside a woman's house except on the occasion of his house dance when he must enter in order to bring forth his partner of the evening will tell you that ninety-five per cent of the members of the male sex attending this University are "lounge-lizards."

A sophisticated gentleman who has a wide acquaintance among members of the fair sex and usually manages to spend two or three evenings a term at each of the various women's houses on the campus will tell you that only about five per cent of the men attending Oregon are "parlor-pythons." He will usually add that the particular man who is affording him the keenest competition in the matter of getting "dates," heads the list of the five per cent.

The generally accepted meanings of both "flapper" and "lounge-lizard" are that members of the human race who might be classed under either of those groupings, depending upon the sex, consist of students who apparently have no interest in academic life other than as affording a place to meet members of the opposite sex and amusements with which to entertain them.

A class in journalism not long ago was asked to write a paper on flappers. They almost unanimously agreed that according to the commonly accepted newspaper definition of "flapper," the number that might be classed as such at Oregon was minutely small. Although they were not asked to write upon the subject it is probable that they would have declared the number of "parlor-pythons" here to be just as small.

Is everyone agreed

VIDA SHERWOOD

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son and Fred Main, both of the Phi Delta Theta house, and Thomas Short and Ted Gillenwaters, of the Alpha Tau Omega house.

The case will be tried June 6 in the circuit court room in the court house. Sylvester Burleigh will act as district attorney and Borden Wood as attorney for the defense.

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