

# HISTORY OF OREGON IS SUBJECT OF STUDY

## Dr. R. C. Clark Will Write Book on Government

The history of the state of Oregon in the various phases of its development is a topic of considerable interest in the history department of the University, both on the campus and at the Portland extension division. Members of the department are putting in extensive study on this subject with the idea of turning out work of high enough quality to deserve publication.

Dr. R. C. Clark, head of the department of history, is planning to write a book on the history of provisional government which existed in Oregon from the years 1841 to 1849. This government was established by the people during the period of joint occupation of the territory by England and the United States when both countries claimed the right to fix the boundary. Dr. Clark has obtained his information on this era of temporary government from letters written by officials of the Hudson Bay company. Copies of these communications have been made in London. "All the letters the officers wrote back would constitute a vast amount of material that has never been exploited," said Dr. Clark. "This will be exploited if sufficient funds can be obtained." It may be possible to get more of these letters, he pointed out, because the Hudson Bay archives are now open to American scholars, while formerly they were not.

Dr. Clark, who has several publications on Oregon provisional government, expects to have his book completed by the end of the summer. He has been devoting time to this study for the past ten years. His other publications came out in 1913 and 1915.

Students making a study of the state are concentrating on various aspects of its history. One student who is delving into the history of the railroads in the Willamette valley has made some very interesting discoveries.

Another subject of interest is the tracing of community movements in Oregon. This deals with the settlements established by religious, communistic, or racial groups. The communistic settlement of Aurora and the settlement of the Basques

in southeastern Oregon are typical examples of these movements.

The populist party in Oregon, the history of agriculture, mining, land grants and women's suffrage in the state, are other topics for study under the general head of Oregon history.

The usual source of material on these subjects is the newspapers. The Oregonian Index will be of great value in this connection when it is completed in June. It will contain in index form all the usable material that has appeared in the Portland Oregonian.

### UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA ENDS FRATERNITY SPORTS

University of Montana—(P. I. N. S.)—At the last meeting of the interfraternity council, it was decided to abolish interfraternity athletics at the University of Montana. All the

cupps and trophies that the fraternities already have in their possession will be scrapped at a public meeting.

### VARSITY SWIMMERS TO MEET MULTNOMAH

#### Local Team in First Class Shape for Contest With Portland Clubmen Saturday

The Oregon varsity swimming team will meet the Multnomah club aquatic aggregation in a dual meet here Saturday, the 23rd, in the women's pool. This meet was originally scheduled to be held in Portland, but, due to a change in the plans, will be held here Saturday afternoon.

The Multnomah club has a very well-balanced and speedy crew of mermen and they will test the local

swimmers to the utmost in order to make a good showing against them.

This will afford the locals a chance to see how they stack up against first class outside competition. In meeting the Multnomah swimmers, they are competing against several men who are probably the pick of the coast in their respective events, so it will be a hard meet for the varsity. Coach "Rudy" Fahl has been working his men regularly and has a very likely looking squad ready for the gun Saturday. The men are in first class shape on the most part and are out to make a good showing against the clubmen. The usual lineup will be used in the meet, as has been used in the trial meets against the freshman team.

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### CAMPUS HIGH QUINTET TO PLAY HOME GAMES

#### Athletic Program for Year Includes Swimming, Baseball and Tennis Matches

The University high school basketball squad is to play two conference games this weekend. Tonight, the team will meet Cottage Grove high, and Saturday night, it will meet the Roseburg high quintet. Both games are to be played in the Men's gymnasium at the University. The local squad has won two and lost two of the conference games. There remain five conference games to be played, including the two this weekend. Only one of these, the game with Corvallis high,

will be played on an outside floor.

Inter-class baseball will start March 10. The coach issued a call for baseball men on February 11, and 35 men volunteered. Games have been scheduled with all Valley conference schools.

Tennis matches between classes will start April 1 and, following this, there will be an all-school tournament. The winning team will meet outside competition.

During the last of May the school will hold an aquatic meet in which the whole student body will take part. There will be swimming races, diving, canoe races and novelties. Coach L. E. Webster has charge of this work and he promises that it will be good.

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