

BOTANY DEPARTMENT

STUDIES OREGON FIGS

Class to Determine Value Of New Venture

Samples of preserved figs from the first commercial fig culture gardens in Oregon have been received by the botany department. These samples will be studied for their food value by the economic botany class.

Experiments covering a period of sixteen years have been carried on by B. R. Amend in his fig gardens at Portland, and he has proved that the Oregon climate is suited to the growth of certain varieties of figs.

Fig culture will be undertaken on a large scale in Oregon and the class in economic botany will investigate the possibilities in this new commercial venture.

Of forty different varieties grown in Oregon, only five are adapted to extensive culture in Oregon. They are the Granata, the Persian; Lattarula, the honey fig; Gillette, the French fig; Niverralla, the Syrian fig; and possibly, the Brown Turkey.

It was believed that figs could not be grown without artificial pollination; however, these species do not have to be fertilized artificially. The experiments cover species of figs from all over the world.

WOMEN'S DEBATES ARE SET FOR NOVEMBER

The date for the women's dough-nut debates and the subject for them were chosen at a meeting of forensic delegates held last evening. The debates will be held on November 18 and 19 and will be on the question: Resolved that congress shall repeal the Japanese immigration act.

Only one judge, a person competent to criticize debates, will serve for each debate. This plan is a new one this year and the results are expected to be very satisfactory in the opinion of the managers.

Eight women's organizations were represented at the meeting and will probably put out teams. These are: Delta Omega, Oregon Club, Delta Zeta, Hendricks Hall, Tau Nu, Alpha Delta Pi, Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Xi Delta. The turnout this year is very small and is probably due to the neglect of several houses to send representatives to the meeting, in the opinion of Eugenia Strickland, manager of the debate. Any houses that wish to have a team should call her this week at 688.

The women's dough-nut debate is under the charge of Zeta Kappa Psi, women's honorary national debating society. A silver cup is given to the winning team and also to the winning one in a debate between the men's and women's successful teams.

OREGON CLUB TO HOLD DANCE THIS WEEK-END

Saturday night, October 25, the Men's Oregon club will hold an informal dance in the sun parlor of the Women's building in conjunction with the women of the Girls' Oregon club. The dance is scheduled to begin at 8:30.

The dance is to be strictly informal and campus clothes will be in order. It is to be a no-date affair. All unaffiliated men are invited and urged to attend. All those who intend to be present at the dance are requested to see Mrs. Donnelly at the "Y" hut sometime today.

TWO GROUP PRESIDENTS REGISTERED ON CAMPUS

Donald Beelar, president of the association of Oregon high school presidents and secretaries, and John Black, president of the Oregon high school press association, are both registered as freshmen in the University. This is the first time that both presiding officers of the high school associations have been registered here at the same time. They will be able to give the committee on plans for the coming meeting the benefit of their recent experiences in these high school connections.

LATIN CLUB WILL HEAR ASSISTANT FROM OXFORD

Officers will be elected at the meeting of Collegium Augustole, Latin club, this evening at the Y. W. C. A. bungalow at 7:30 o'clock. Following the business meeting, Kathryn McAyeal will give a musical number. J. E. Ainsworth, Johnstone, new assistant in the Latin department, an Oxford graduate, will address the club.

Do You Know That—
(Science Service)

The yellow color of the Yellow Sea, off the coast of China, is due to the immense quantities of silty clay borne down by the large rivers that flow into it.

The frankincense of religious ceremonies and the arts comes from the island of Socotra, off the north-eastern point of Africa.

The University of Chicago now contains, as a regular part of its school of commerce and administration, an Institute of Meat Packing.

A new invention provides washed and pollen-free air to rooms in which hay-fever patients may live in comfort.

A remarkable flight of billions of painted lady butterflies to California has been followed by a serious outbreak of caterpillars, which are attacking garden plants of all kinds.

The New York Edison company is installing single-unit turbo-generators of 60,000 kilowatt capacity. These generators will exceed by 10,000 kilowatts the largest similar machines now in existence.

The Canary Islands share Ireland's good fortune in having no snakes.

The American electoral college, which never actually meets, is a derivation of the system by which the Holy Roman Empire of the middle ages elected its emperor.

A slip from the famous Washington elm at Cambridge, Massachusetts, planted in 1900 on the campus of the University of Washington at Seattle, has grown into a tree that is said to greatly resemble its now deceased parent.

The use of metal straps on packing cases saves enough on the cost of the box material to pay for itself.

A rich sapphire mine has been found in a rice field near Colombo, Ceylon, and its output so far has totalled more than \$250,000.00.

A British scientific expedition is making a biological, anthropologi-

POLO TEAM ADVOCATED TO MEET AGGIE SQUAD

Have you ever received the thrill of a closely played polo contest where the horsemen are charging down the field on their speedy mounts trying to drive the ball through the goal? If you haven't, you have missed one of the greatest thrills of a lifetime, according to Captain Frank L. Culin of the military department.

If the students of Oregon wanted to push things along and have an established cavalry department it would be possible for the University to have a polo team, the Captain says. Games could be scheduled with O. A. C. and a team from Vancouver barracks. It would take the support of the whole student body to put this across, he points out.

"I would like to see such a department started in Oregon. Students would take more interest in the military department."

cal, and geological survey of little known regions in Tibet and does not expect to return to civilization until next spring.

There is an agitation on foot in England for the protection of gorillas in certain parts of Africa, which are threatened with extermination by sportsmen.

There is a freight elevator in a New England factory that has been running for a century without an accident.

The production of steel in the United States during 1923 was 44 per cent greater than in 1913.

French engineers are adopting an American invention and building engines to operate with mercury vapor instead of with steam.

An apparently practical plan has been developed to use the tidal power of the Severn river of England and Wales at a cost of 30,000,000 pounds sterling.

Some plants contain a substance which regulates their use of sugar in much the same way as insulin does in man and higher animals.

Germany is buying American mules to replace oxen in agricultural work.

In Canada there are fields of soft coal lignite, estimated at 57,000,

000,000 tons, which would last 140,000 years at the present rate of consumption.

Many swallows, swifts and martins perished of hunger in New England this spring because the lateness of the season caused a scarcity of their insect food.

Radio signals that cannot be heard in point to point communication in a section where there is a great deal of static, pass through the disturbed area with ease and are picked up by outside stations without trouble.

There are 53 museums of art in the United States.

HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN WIN CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

The freshman basketball team holds the championship title for inter-class games at the University high school. They played three games and won each time. The final game, played Monday evening between the seniors and the juniors resulted in a score of 20-9 in favor of the seniors.

CAMPUS HIGH TO START CLASS DEBATING SOON

Tryouts for interclass debates at the University high school will begin within the next week, according to an announcement made by the high school debating organization, the Douglass club. The debating, however, will not begin until next month. The Socratic form will be used in the class debates, while the conventional form will be adopted for league use.

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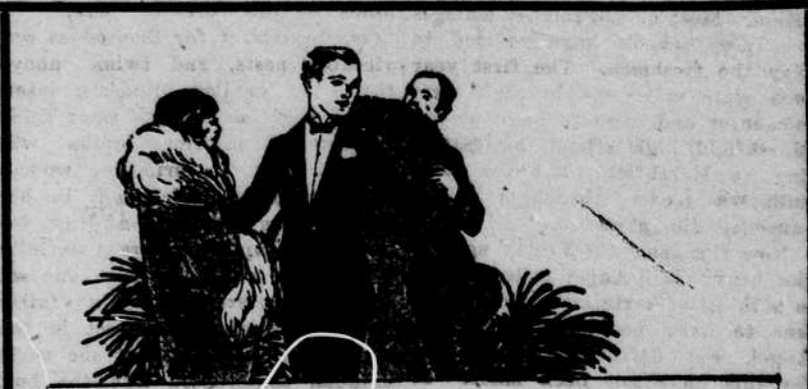
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