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Nature—of the "Homo Sapiens"

A TRAIN puffed laboriously past the campus. On a side street a Ford was spluttering and rattling as its owner raced the motor in an enthusiastic effort to warm the engine rapidly. In the distance sounded the familiar gong-gong of the Fairmount trolley, and the deep rumble as it lumbered past the Library. Overhead an airplane skimmed, circling, the characteristic high-pressure throb of its whirring power-plant floating lazily earthward.

In the midst of this conglomeration of sounds and noises stood a professor in his classroom. Pausing in his lecture until the long freight had shrieked a warning to autoists at the Highway crossing, he smiled, albeit a trifle sadly, "If some sort of mechanical earth-borer were only grinding out a burrow beneath this building nothing more would be needed to completely surround us with excellent examples of the ingenuity of man and the wonders of mechanical inventions."

Perhaps more than one of the professor's students felt a glow of warm pride pervade his being as he contemplated that he, too, was a modern, and a racial and contemporary relative to the minds which had devised these wonderful contrivances for conquering time and space. Perhaps more than one of the professor's students meditated further and thrilled with an intoxicating ecstasy at the thought of man's progress and triumph over the sheer power of Nature. Such adulation of mankind increases the self-concept and man straightens out the kinks in his backbone, throws back his shoulders, takes a deep breath, and exhales luxuriously, "I am not such a worm after all. See how I have fettered Nature and bent her energies and resources to my desires."

The seas, the land, the air, the earth have been bent to men's desires, true, but only bent, not broken. Like a spirited horse, Nature serves, but only so long as she, in turn, is served by acquiescence to her own laws and privileges. Mount her from the off side, or brush unduly close to sensitive heels, and there are violent reactions, an arched back, flying heels, and a broken "homo sapiens."

Three of the featured stories in last week's issue of a Portland paper are significant in showing horseflesh has no monopoly on balking. A doctor, alone, was fighting a diphtheria epidemic in frozen Nome, cut off from the rest of civilization by several days dangerous travel over snow-mantled hills and frozen rivers. The Northern Lights might well flare and dance with triumphant glee, leaping high now and again with silent chuckles, as Death hovering over the stricken, claimed this one and that with clammy fingers.

In the mantle of a dense fog, two small lifeboats laden with an exhausted and suffering crew pitched and wallowed on a raging sea. Somewhere, hidden in the thick grey blanket behind them, with davit falls dangling in mute testimony of desertion, staggered the Caoba in drunken lurches, waterlogged.

Down below the light of the sun, in the damp earth, a man lay helpless, with foot pinned to the floor of a winding tunnel just high enough to wriggle through with belly in the dust. Fellow creatures, anxious to extricate poor Collins, were clawing helplessly at the fallen boulder imprisoning the underground explorer. Many days have passed and the Kentuckian still lies gripped in the inexorable jaws of that frightful trap.

It is so, when man, boasting, proclaims his superiority and, gloating, cracks the whip on spirited withers, that dark eyes roll, displaying flaming white rings; that ears flatten menacingly; that a sharp hoof strikes down and crushes—the worm.

Campus Bulletin

Notices will be printed in this column for two issues only. Copy must be in this office by 5:30 on the day before it is to be published, and must be limited to 20 words.

Thespian — Meeting Journalism building, 5:00 today.

California Club—Meeting tonight, 7:15 at College Side Inn.

Agora — Meeting tonight, 7:30, men's room, Woman's building.

Order of the "O"—Meeting, College Side Inn, 7:15. Very important.

Women's Executive Council—Meeting tonight, 7:45 at Woman's building.

Collegium Augustale—Regular meeting tonight at 7:30, Y. W. C. A. bungalow.

Freshman Glee—Decoration committee meeting at 4 o'clock today at Art building.

Mortar Board—Luncheon at College Side Inn, today noon. Attendance imperative.

World Fellowship Discussion Group studying Argentina meets at the Anchorage at 4:30 today.

World Fellowship Discussion Group studying Norway meets at the Anchorage at noon today.

Former Washingtonians—Will meet at a luncheon today for Professor Bissett, assembly speaker. Luncheon, 12:00.

Mazama Hike — Sunday afternoon to the Braes. Leader, Elsie Dennis. Leave the Administration building promptly at 2:30.

Technical Society—Regular meeting tonight at 7:00. Professor McAlister will speak on "Wave Transmission of Energy." Public invited. 105 Deady.

MANY SIGNED UP FOR LIFE SAVING CLASSES

Life saving is proving popular among the men of the University and the allotted number of students who may receive instruction in this line is rapidly being filled up. Instructor Rudolph Fahl reports that 38 men, out of the 45 allowed, have signed up all ready, and that recruits are coming in faster every day.

The instruction in this line of athletics is being carried on as part of the work program of the Red Cross Life Saving corps.

Later in the term an examination will be held. Judges of the try-outs will be L. E. Palmer, Lloyd Webster, Robert Bortlett, L. Hobbitt and Rudie Fahl. Four of these men are required to be present when any man is taking the test. Men cannot take the exam without having previously received instruction. The men who pass the test will be the objects of the Red Cross corps I and II when they launch their drives for new members in the near future.

Y. W. C. A. POSTPONES MEETING FOR TODAY

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. which was scheduled for today will be postponed until next Thursday, because Miss Margaret Creech of the Portland Social Service center, who was to speak, found it inconvenient to be here. She will speak at the meeting next week.

The meeting was originally scheduled for last Thursday, but because of the Fred B. Smith meetings it was postponed. However, if nothing interferes, the meeting will be next Thursday.

At the Theatres

THE REX—First day: Stunning Bebe Daniels in "Miss Bluebeard," a deluxe adaptation of Avery Hopwood's fast and famous Broadway farce, with Bebe as the love loving miss who discovers herself with one too many husbands "on hand,"—and inimitable Raymond Griffith heads the supporting cast in one of the funniest roles this sterling comedian has yet given to the screen, with Robert Frazer and Martha Madison; more fun—Lloyd Hamilton in "Hooked," a whale of a fun film; Kinogram News Events; Robert V. Hainsworth in musical mirth on the mighty Wurlitzer.

Coming: Buck Jones in "Winner Takes All;" James M. Barrie's immortal "Peter Pan," with Betty Bronson, Ernest Torrence and all star cast.

HELLIG—Tonight, Friday and Saturday, "Thundering Hoofs" a dashing drama of the west. Coming: Ackerman, and Harris, Western Vaudeville, May Robson in her own great play, "Something tells Me," The Brandon Opera Company, presenting a repertoire including "The Bohemian Girl," "The Chocolate Soldier," "Spring Maid," and the great favorite, "Robin Hood." Douglas Fairbanks in his greatest, "The Thief of Bagdad."

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 12
11:00 a. m.—Assembly, Woman's building.

8:00 p. m.—Debate, Oregon-Washington-Idaho, Villard hall. 8:30 p. m.—"Ideal Husband," Guild hall.

Friday, February 13
7:15 p. m.—Basketball, Idaho-Oregon, Armory. 8:30 p. m.—"Ideal Husband," Guild hall.

Saturday, February 14
Wrestling, O. A. C., Eugene, afternoon, men's gymnasium.

STUDENTS AT BROWN VOTE AGAINST CHAPEL

Brown University.—Brown university students voted 460 to 290 against compulsory chapel which has been in force there since 1754. A vote was also taken concerning the inauguration of afternoon classes on the schedule this present semester. By a vote of 600 to 154 they indicated their desire to return to the old schedule.

Their objection was that men working their way through college have found late classes a hardship and that the football coaches last year complained that Brown would soon be without an adequately trained team unless the members of the squad found it possible to report before 5 o'clock.

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CONDITION OF CAMPUS LAWNS IS EXCELLENT

The campus is going to have excellent lawns this summer, the best in years, prophesies H. M. Fisher, superintendent of grounds. The grass is growing fast, due to the fertilizer which is being put on, and the new grass is forming a thick, dark green carpet. Mr. Fisher has two men employed mowing the grounds now. This is the earliest spring mowing that has been done for a long time, he says.

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