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## "You Can Lead a Horse to Water—"

CONTENTION that the college student, as a rule, cannot write the English language fluently and well needs no statistics for proof. Fond parents, reading "Johnny's" weekly epistle from "collige," could, if they would, so testify; numerous employers have on several occasions publicly complained of this defect in the college graduate, and the investigator need not search far among the faculty waste-baskets to find material in the form of pitiful themes and examination papers furnishing additional proof and backing, were it needed.

Speculation as to the probable cause, or causes, of this apparent chirographic lock-jaw proves interesting. G. Stanley Hall, once eminent psychologist and able scholar, expressed an idea or two on the matter in his own, rather amazing, version of the "King's English." He goes back to the high school, and points with an accusing, and perhaps, pointed finger at several rather common practices. The gist of this indictment may be told simply:—that high school students are at this time in their adolescence, a period when the mind expands rapidly, reaching out and grasping for new ideas. Obviously, therefore, new ideas should be supplied.

One of the best, one of the most available sources, is that vast mine of ideas, literature. High school pupils must dig into this ore, then, and become enriched with its treasure. And now may be stated the charge. Many of the high school English courses emphatically do not encourage voracious reading, but instead, assign but two or three books for a term's work, forcing the eager mind to labor over the task of dissection of style, recognition of "figgers of speech," and such trivial, at this important time, technicalities as counting the feet, or determining the verse form of "Paradise Lost."

Such "finicky" exercises are no more abhorrent nor offensive to the boy or girl in the teens than offering a horse bear meat instead of the expected pan of oats. The outraged quadruped bolts at such unnatural fare. Mentally, so does the child. The remedy is so obvious expression would be a reflection. . .

Mr. Hall had further fault to find, but it is not of avail here. Voracious, wide, extensive reading will sow ideas, and instill an attitude for recognition of style and lucid expression. It will, further, enable development of style and lucid expression.

No small number of college students still shy at thought of reading for pleasure and cultivation. They are dry. As shown, perhaps, it is not their fault. They should drink. Now, however, there will be no further excuse. The coming vacation holds the opportunity—unless, as a professor on the campus remarked recently, "You utilize the vacation as a collapsing period."

### UNION COLLEGE BANISHES LIPSTICKS AND POWDER

Union College.—Three days to lengthen their skirts, put collars around their necks, throw away lipsticks and powdered puffs, or be barred from school. That is what women at Union college, Seven Day Advent school of Uniontown, Pa., found themselves up against two weeks ago. The idea behind the ruling is that the modern girl should be inconspicuous in dress. Since there is no record of any of them leaving school for violating the rule we may conclude they are now the most inconspicuously dressed girls in college today.

### MINNESOTA RADIO HEARD 11,000 MILES DISTANT

University of Minnesota.—Another record has been broken by the University of Minnesota. Long distance radio transmission records were broken by the university radio station when it was heard in Australia for 40 minutes. The distance covered was more than 11,000 miles and established a new record for the Twin Cities.

### HARVARD FIRST DAY CUTS MAY RECEIVE PUNISHMENT

Harvard.—Instructors of Harvard were notified at the beginning of the new term that they would be permitted to exclude men from their classes who "cut" on the first day.

### 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.

Pi Lambda Theta Tea—Tomorrow afternoon, 3 to 6 at Mrs. Sheldon's home, for all old and new members.

Mrs. Penniman coming this afternoon to give lecture on table setting and service, 2:15 at household arts building. Everyone welcome.

Interfraternity Council—Meeting postponed from last Thursday, will be held Thursday, March 12, at 7:15 in the basement of the Administration building.

Dean Bovard will give an address on "Some Aspects of Health Education" at the Woman's building, Thursday, March 12, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the departments of medicine and zoology. The public is cordially invited.

### DEPARTMENT TO OFFER ELEVEN GIRLS' SPORTS

#### Women to Have Big Athletic Program Spring Term

Arrangements are being started today to take care of the sports program of the girls taking work in the school of physical education for women, according to Miss Barbara Page, member of the staff. Eleven sports will be offered, all for regular physical education credit.

The sports that will be offered are: horse back riding, golf, baseball, volley ball, hockey, tennis, swimming folk dancing, interpretative dancing, archery and fencing. The classes will be open to approximately 35 members so that it is desirable for the girls to sign up as soon as possible at the Woman's building.

This will not be a registration in the course which takes place at the beginning of the spring term, but rather a list of the girls who are intending to participate in each of the various sports, and the time when they prefer to have their class. In case it is impossible to get a first choice, the girls will be asked to indicate a second preference and the period when they could best take it. All will be taken into consideration in the organization of the courses.

This is the first time that fencing is to be given for credit, and also canoeing may be taken, but not for credit as that course will last only two weeks, and only six girls will be allowed in a class.

The members of the classes in the individual gymnastic classes in almost every case will be allowed to elect their sport, although it will be necessary that some be assigned that a girl may not get into a sport that will tax her strength too greatly.

An effort is being made to give the girls an opportunity to either become proficient in the sport that they are most interested in or to learn a new one.

The eleven sports will be divided and be under the supervision of the different members of the staff.

### FACULTY TO HOLD TEA IN ALUMNAE HALL TODAY

The faculty women's visiting day tea will be held in Alumni hall this afternoon from three to six o'clock, the day for it having been changed to the second Thursday in each month. There will be a musical program and also a reading by Mrs. Merton Cameron.

The musical program will consist of a vocal solo by Elizabeth Nelson; a duet by Gwendolyn Hayden, violin; and Benlah Clark, flute; and piano solos by Harriett Baldwin and Jean Harper. Mrs. E. L. Packard is to be chairman of hostesses for the tea, to which all University women are invited.

### At the Theatres

HEILIG—Tonight, Friday and Saturday, "Cheap Kisses," photo drama. Coming: "The Georgia Minstrels," Otis Skinner, in his great masterpiece, "Sancho Panza," road shows; Mrs. Wallace Reid in "Broken Laws."

THE REX—Last day, Mary Roberts Reinhardt's greatest love story, "K—the Unknown," with Virginia Valli, Percy Marmont and a great cast, in the screen version of that most popular novel, "K," a stirring drama of delightful romance and tensely tingling mystery; Century comedy; Kinogram news events, Robert V. Hainsworth at the mighty Wurlitzer.

### COMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 12

9:30 a. m.—Opening session, State Editorial Association, Journalism building.  
11:00 a. m.—Assembly, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, "Some Creative Things and Their Evidences," Woman's building.  
4:00 p. m.—Mrs. Victoria Booth Clibborn Demarest, "Glory of Youth," Villard hall.  
8:00 p. m.—"Some Aspects of Health Education," Dean John Bovard, Woman's building.

Friday, March 13  
State Editorial Association, convention meetings, Journalism building.

Saturday, March 14  
2:30 p. m.—Interclass track meet, Hayward field.  
State Editorial Association meeting, Journalism building.

### PROFESSORS AT CHICAGO TO END LECTURES ON TIME

University of Chicago.—Holding classes overtime to finish some choice chunk of knowledge, has been placed in the same class as creating a disturbance just prior to the end of the hour at Chicago university.

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### HISTORY CLUB TO HEAR PAPER ON DICTATORS

#### Mussolini and Lenin Topics Of Recent Research

An article on "The Mathematics of Biology," written by Mr. Oscar W. Richards, a teaching fellow in the department of zoology, appears in the January number of the American Mathematics Monthly, official journal of the Mathematical Association of America.

Mr. Richards believes that biology profits to a great extent by expressing its data in mathematical terms and using that science for a more direct solution of the relations or the testing of hypotheses. "Unless the biologist shares his problems with the mathematician as well as with the chemist and physicist, he cannot expect his necessary co-operation."

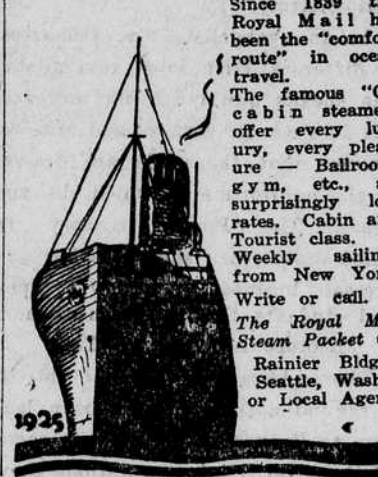
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### OREGON GRADUATE MAKES CHEMICAL EXPERIMENTS

A letter has been received by Professor O. F. Stafford, head of the chemistry department, from an Oregon alumnus, Ian Thurston, who attended the University of Oregon twenty years ago. As research chemist for the Bethlehem Steel corporation, Mr. Thurston has performed many interesting experiments, one of the latest of which concerns the fireproofing of woods. He is of an old pioneer family for whom the town of Thurston, on the Mackenzie highway, is named.

### DR. GEORGE REBEC TO VISIT NORTHERN COAST COLLEGE

Dr. George Rebec, dean of the Graduate School, will leave Friday on a trip which will take in Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, B. C., and possibly New Westminster, B. C. The purpose of Dean Rebec is to visit the colleges in those cities in the interest of the graduate school here, and, if possible, get an idea of probable openings for graduate instructors.

### PLEDGING ANNOUNCEMENT

Tau Nu announces the pledging of Catherine Enright of Eugene.

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