

### Youngsters Not So Bad, is View Of Sociologist

#### Combination of Things is Blamed for Trouble With Children

#### Reconstruction Seen In Future, Not Now

With the breaking of home restrictions, lessening of religious controls, freedom of conduct, lack of supervision, and the present age of sophistication, the younger generation is certainly "doing as well as could be expected," according to Professor Philip A. Parsons, professor of sociology.

"The youngsters two generations ago did not have the outside interests of those of today," he said. "They had a definite home life. Their parents' interests were in them, but now adults are so busy with other things that children are secondary. I do not believe that it is entirely the fault of the parents. Children of today are independent of their elders, and the latter have to compete for their interest. They feed and dress them, influencing them to a great extent only when they are young.

#### Parents Too Old to Learn

"I do not believe that attempts to educate adults in the duties of parenthood do much good. The parents are too old to educate now. The curfew law, and other juvenile laws, solve no problem, except in an emergency.

"Children do wrong because they have the chance. If they are left to themselves, unless they have been trained otherwise, they are as likely to do wrong as to do right, and they make social mistakes because the opportunity presents itself. A combination of circumstances may cause juvenile delinquencies—vicious associates, immorality of parents, or crime-breeding neighborhoods.

Professor Parsons says there seems to be no concerted effort by society in general to make things better, and conditions are likely to be lots worse before a reconstruction period. People are only talking now, and the real good is done when they begin to organize machinery and furnish funds to bring about change.

#### Hope Seen in Future

"We can't remedy the present condition, but we must impress upon the younger generation the seriousness of marriage and parenthood. Then we must provide publicly for leisure and amusement by community athletics, playgrounds and amusement halls. Something must be done to develop the interest between the parents and children.

"The unrest is due to our present day forms of education, our contemporary social system and commercialized amusements.

"The responsibility for the present day condition can not be centered on one thing, but is a combination of circumstances."

A fine type of child welfare work is now being accomplished by commissions, Dr. Parsons said. The work in Oregon has been well supervised, and much good has resulted. The most constructive work is done by paid workers, while local enterprises and clubs advance the work in the cities.

#### Child Welfare Interest

"The public is more interested in public welfare and health than in

any other large problem, and I believe the factor of child welfare will be soon solved.

"I am not in sympathy with the talk of immorality and irresponsibility of the young people. I believe they are doing well considering the claim upon their interest, and I am all for them."

### Amundsen

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smiled Amundsen, "but good exercise."

#### Men Stood by Plane

They had two alternatives after cutting the ice down to the level of the airship. They could wait for the ice to harden enough into a runway to start the plane, an event almost improbable, or they could set out for Spitzbergen, 466 miles away, over treacherous ice-flows, soft snow, and open water. Either way they expected death. They decided to wait by the plane.

Suddenly the unexpected happened. The weather turned colder, and finally froze. The snow and ice the six men had shoveled and broken into a level runway became solid. The men, still dazed by their good fortune, started the engines, and the plane slipped forward, swept forward, swept over a wide expanse of water in a daredevil risk for life, slipped off the top of a towering glacier, and flew south to Spitzbergen.

The men had saved gasoline for but 8 eight hours flying. The mechanic kept annoying Ellsworth and the commander with the information that "The gas is getting lower." "Just as if we didn't know it," Amundsen laughed. At the end of eight hours, the plane was still flying. That was a miracle, but perhaps after all they had misjudged the direction and were flying away from Spitzbergen! The fog was so dense that they could hardly see each other. When they had been nearly nine hours in the air, the pilot, Ellsworth, changed his course slightly to skim over open water. Five minutes later, the gasoline ran out and the plane dropped into the sea, just after the fog had cleared and the six downhearted men had caught sight of the peak of Spitzbergen.

They were picked up on a beach by a sealing vessel, "the best looking ship I have ever seen," according to Captain Amundsen. It was just exactly four weeks from the time they had started.

Flying in their own plane, the N-25, the explorers reached Norway shortly afterward, there they were given an ovation as great as that ever accorded a king, and were awarded medals for bravery.

"I shall try again," declared Amundsen in closing. "This time it will be in a dirigible supplied by the Italian government. If weather conditions are good, we shall be the first to fly clear to the North Pole."

### Freshmen to Wrestle With Corvallis High

The freshman wrestling team, depleted by ineligibilities is preparing for the return match with Corvallis high school. The match will probably be in Eugene.

From a group of nine, Coach Widmer hopes to develop some new men and enter a full five man team in the return match. Tentative plans for a match with Franklin high school in Portland have been made for the fresh.

### Judge Skipworth, Oregon's Newest Regent, Pleased with Students

Oregon's youngest regent—as term of office is concerned—hardly looks stern and forbidding enough to be a circuit judge who must impress culprits with the ponderous weight of the law. He is a slender, unassuming man, with a kindly patient face that might well inspire confidence in a person afflicted with disregard for the law. One could imagine an offender, bristling with hostility, coming to lean his elbows on the judge's desk and saying, "Well, I haven't been doing the square thing, Judge. What shall I do to snap out of it?"

Judge G. F. Skipworth finds nothing so terribly wrong with the present university generation. In fact, his enthusiasm was rather refreshing after the depressing discussions that have been taking place on the campus and elsewhere regarding the moral state of "rebellious youth."

### 'History of Germany', By Gooch, Adjudged One of Best of Kind

"One of the best histories published in 1925 was C. P. Gooch's 'History of Germany,'" said Professor Walter C. Barnes, of the department of history, who was asked yesterday to name some outstanding book in his field issued from the press last year.

"This book is valuable chiefly because of the fair and unprejudiced manner in which the facts are treated. The history was not written in defense of Germany—Gooch is an eminent English lecturer and historian—yet it gives an excellent account of conditions considered from the German viewpoint.

"Gooch writes without partiality or bias. Some one has said of him: 'He writes like the recording angel.' Then, too, besides being fair and impartial he speaks with authority, for Gooch is an authority on diplomatic matters.

"A great reader of contemporary history and a clear writer. Gooch has given us a book which is really a diplomatic history of the events leading up to the Great War. The first five chapters of the book deal with conditions in Prussia before Bismarck's time, and they also lead up to the World War. The succeeding 12 chapters have to do with the war, the treaty, reparations, and recent problems of government.

"Gooch's 'Germany' is a good history. It is clear yet detailed. It is neither heavy, nor vague, it is circumstantial in narrative and events are traced with continuity. It is written in a good style and enlivened by humor here and there."

should be "reasonable, but not prohibitive," and that he should favor giving the doubtful student a chance rather than shutting him out abruptly as an undesirable if he doesn't make a brilliant beginning.

"Of course," he admitted, "there is the question of spending public money on unworthy or incapable students, but how is one to know if a student is worthy or not if he isn't given a fair trial to determine his ability or purpose?"

"The University is beginning to hold a real place in the state," Judge Skipworth said. "The regents and faculty are devoting a good deal of time and hard work to making the University all that it should be, and it seems to me there is a very bright future for the institution under Dr. Chase—if we can secure him."

He was particularly pleased with the reception given Dr. Chase both on the campus and in the state in general, and expressed his satisfaction on that point.

### University Debaters To Honor President Of Delta Sigma Rho

The president of Delta Sigma Rho, national honorary forensic fraternity, will be the guest of Oregon students this week-end. A formal banquet will be given in his honor at 7:00 Friday night at the Osburn hotel.

Student varsity debaters and their friends have been invited. Arrangements for the program have almost been completed by the forensic managers, Elam Amstutz, and Jack Hempstead. Among those present will be the two local members of the board of regents and their wives, Judge Skipworth, and Mr. Fred Fisk. Dr. and Mrs. James H. Gilbert have also been invited. Between 50 and 60 will attend.

Mr. Houck will give the principal address of the evening. He will be introduced by J. Stanley Gray, head of the department of public speaking, who is also a member of Delta Sigma Rho. Speeches by the regents, Dr. Gilbert and varsity debaters will comprise the program.

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### Oregon Orators To Meet Idaho and Washington

#### National Defense Will be Subject of Triangular Debate Next Week

"Resolved: That our national defense should be organized under a single department with three coordinate divisions, army, navy, and air forces," is the question of the Northwest triangular debate next Thursday evening in which Oregon men meet Washington and Idaho.

The Washington negative debates the Oregon affirmative in Eugene while its own affirmative meets the Idaho negative at Seattle. The third end of the contest is at Moscow, where Oregon's negative clashes with the Idaho affirmative.

Max Robinson and Dudley Clark, affirmative; and Mark Taylor, and Jack Hempstead, negative, are the University's representatives. Under J. Stanley Gray, forensic coach and head of the department of public speaking, these men are putting the finishing touches on their constructive and rebuttal arguments. While all of the men have had a good deal of previous public speaking experience, they are participating on the varsity for the first time this year. Training debates are being held daily.

Next week's debate will be the first varsity contest since the O. A. C.-Oregon dual on December 9, in which the result was a tie. It is the last decision debate of the year since the men's debates with U. S. C. and University of Utah will be a departure from the customary type of debate. University of Southern California is to meet two Oregon men, James Johnson

and Donald Beelar over radio of KGW, Morning Oregonian of Portland, next month. Roland Davis and Hugh Biggs meet the University of Utah on its northern trip next month with the new type of cross questioning, non-decision contest evolved by Mr. Gray and to be used for the first time. Both of these squads are using the question of advisability of referring the declaration of war to the people.

### Four New Handball Courts Planned For Outdoor Gymnasium

Popularity of handball among men students and faculty members will result in the immediate construction of four new courts. They will be built in the outdoor gymnasium now occupied by the basketball court. These will be two and a half feet shorter than the four courts now in use.

At present, 72 men play the game every day. They have to sign up for courts which are available from 3 to 6 p. m. Gymnasium classes occupy them in the forenoon.

### Chinese to Discuss "Student Movement"

University Chinese students will discuss the "Student Movement" and describe its development in China since the recent outbreaks there, at an open meeting to be held at the Y. W. C. A. Bungalow tonight from 7:30 to 8:30.

This is the second of a series of meetings sponsored by the Y. W. C. A. World Fellowship Group. Australian students had charge of the first meeting.

Anyone interested in student problems of foreign nations is invited to attend.



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