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NEXT Tuesday morning Mr. L. R. Wheeler, editor of the Portland Telegram, will be "guest editor" of the Emerald. Mr. Wheeler has written a splendid editorial especially for the Emerald entitled, "Ramblings of a Former College Student," in which the purpose and values of a University education are most capably and entertainingly discussed. Mr. Wheeler's editorial will appear in the regular Emerald editorial columns and for the space of 24 hours next Tuesday the editor of the Portland Telegram will be the guest editor of the Oregon Daily Emerald. Mr. Wheeler will be the first of several "guest editors" to join the Emerald staff this spring. Don't miss them.

AN ELECTION to Phi Beta Kappa signifies success in University work, is evidence of sincerity of purpose, and persistence of endeavor, and is an achievement worthy of the most hearty congratulations.

From time to time some wag comes out with a philippic contending that Phi Beta Kappa does not represent the best in scholastic ideals; that it serves no useful purpose; that it does not reward those to whom merit is most due, and that it sets up an unjustifiable intellectual aristocracy. While Phi Beta Kappa, as in the case of all human institutions, is not above criticism, and at various times may be guilty of the sins mentioned, it would seem that this fraternity, above all other college brotherhoods, is justified in its existence. Phi Beta Kappa does indeed stimulate an intellectual aristocracy; but in American colleges and Universities today the need is for more and not less of that type of social distinction. Democracy in education is a laudable ideal unless democracy becomes commonplace achievement, and in the case of the modern American University and in that event a genuine intellectual aristocracy is needed to set the pace.

Failure of sheer grades to indicate the scholastic attainments of students is a legitimate criticism levied against Phi Beta Kappa, but since mechanical grades are the best indication of merit at the present time we must wait until better methods of judging accomplishment are advanced before pressing this criticism too vigorously.

Another criticism, which the Emerald would press much less gently at this time, applies to the Oregon chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the present moment. And to the members of the Oregon chapter of Phi Beta Kappa we would speak as follows: Those whom you have elected are deserving of the honor bestowed. But there are others well worthy of the honor within your power to grant, and by leaving these persons from your rolls you have lessened the respect of Oregon students for your organization. Your sin has been one of omission; and it is to be hoped that in future times your zeal for academic perfection does not blind your eyes to the fact that virtues of leadership, persistence, personality and versatility when coupled with high scholastic attainments are indications of future intellectual accomplishments that should not be left out of consideration in choosing your members.

A FEW days ago the Emerald printed a statement in this column calling attention to an article on the University of Oregon to appear shortly in the May number of the Ladies Home Journal. It now falls upon the Emerald to retract this choice piece of news since the article referred to concerns the University of California and Stanford University, and makes no mention of the University of Oregon.

The Emerald printed the original announcement by virtue of its membership in the "I-Believe-What-I-

the Chameleon



"University Student Jailed After Parole Period." — San Francisco Bulletin.

It is the old story. A university girl of intelligence and character married a man "to reform him." Now he is in jail again. This is what an editorial writer of "The Bulletin" says about the incident: "Don't do it, girls! Perhaps some one time, in the history of human luck, it worked. Perhaps some more, it will again. And you 'feel' that yours is that time. Which is exactly the best reason for being sure it isn't."

"For it isn't feeling that reforms a man. Neither is it 'love.' It is character. The glow of young love may raise persons for a while above themselves, but the long test of marriage brings out exactly what is in them; no more and no less."

In other words, the editorial writer is rather pessimistic about men. If there is not enough character to reform a man without marrying him, there is not enough to keep him reformed after marriage. Let him reform first, we guess. And, while he is doing it, fall in love with some one else who doesn't need reforming and marry him.

Thirteen students of the University of Rochester have formed an atheist club. And the dean of the college says he will take no steps against them. We nominate the dean to the Seven Seers, or some worthy society. Obviously that dean has good sense. He has learned that the best remedy against freak radicalisms of that sort is to let them run their course. Doubtless he would do the same to an anarchist club.

The atheist will soon cure itself by its unthinkability and in the meantime they can think and work themselves out.

Nature Study Class Finds Many Unusual Birds Upon Campus

"Oh Dear Me!" are the words of the plaintive song that the golden-crowned sparrows sing in the spring-time when the sun shines and romance is in the air. Why they should sing this type of song cannot be explained.

Dozens of these yellow-capped, feathered creatures have been seen and heard around the campus by students interested in studying the various kinds of birds that come to Eugene. The class in bird identification, supervised by Dr. R. R. Huestis, of the zoology department, has succeeded in discovering about 30 different species this term. In the east the golden sparrow is called "sweet weather bird" because it sings only when the weather is satisfactory.

Across the mill race, several western evening grosbeaks have been found. They are almost as colorful as parrots, being a mixture of yellow, greens, bronze and white. The female has pure white wings and is duller in tone than the male bird. Their beaks are broad and sturdy and well-adapted to eat foliage, which is their chief diet. When eating, they utter metallic sounds by which they are easily discovered. They are group-loving and move around together.

Another grosbeak, black-headed and less attractive, is common in this region. Its song is similar to that of the robin. This type prefers solitude, seldom associating with other birds.

Theaters

McDONALD — last day: Rex Beach's romance of Klondike gold, "Winds of Chance" with Anna Q. Nilsson, Ben Lyon, Viola Dana, Hobart Bosworth; directed by Frank Lloyd who produced "The Sea Hawk." Comedy, Harold Lloyd in "Among Those Present." Regular prices.

REX — last day: James Cruze's "The Pony Express," with Betty Compson, Ricardo Cortez, Wallace Beery and Ernest Torrence, in a dynamic panorama of romance and adventure when the hearts of the nation beat in time with the clatter of flying hoofs heard across the continent; Hurd cartoon comedy, "The King of Beasts," it's a roar of fun; International news events; J. Clifton Emmel in musical accompaniment on the organ.

COMING—Mary Philbin in "Stella Maris;" Blanche Sweet in "The Lady From Hell;" Ben Lyon in "Bluebeard's Seven Wives;" Hoot Gibson in "The Arizona Sweepstakes."

Smith Endorses Mencken Ablest Critic; Power and Vigor Reason

"H. L. Mencken is probably the ablest critic we have," said Stephenson Smith, assistant professor of English, in a recent interview, "because he has more power and vigor than the rest. As a critic of learned books, he is nearly as good as he is a critic of polite literature. He is quite an authority on the books of military science and medicine. His most important literary criticism is found in his four books of Prejudices, a title which is very aptly chosen, because no one has a better collection of hates, crotchets, and whims than Mencken."

As a critic of politics and public life, Mr. Smith says that Mencken occasionally has lucid moments, but more often he talks nonsense. "However, this nonsense," he added, "is more widely read than most of the sensible discourse on politics." But of his ability to criticize poetry, Mr. Smith said, "he knows absolutely nothing about it. When he talks about poetry, what he says is rubbish."

The Oregon faculty man became acquainted with Mr. Mencken in Berlin, in the summer of 1922, where Mencken had gone to see about having his books translated.

"Mencken is a colorful, vigorous personality. He is of medium height, rather stocky and meaty looking. He looks more like a commercial traveler or a member of congress than he does like a lean and soulful critic of letters and the

arts. And I might say finally, he is robust and genial and a great encourager of young writers and artists. He is a very kindly man, personally, and doesn't talk at all as he writes. He is quite gracious in manner and makes no attempt to domineer."

Mr. Smith believes that Mencken is more widely read than any other writer now living—that indeed, he possesses a great deal of carrying power. He belongs to the great tradition of Cobbett and Hazlitt, the literary journalists who have also been critics of public affairs. Mr. Smith compares him with James Humecker—"one of our most versatile critics"—whom Mencken holds in highest esteem.

"For all his criticism, the American-seen Mencken represents to a singular degree the good old American tradition of black anarchism. He is a strong individualist and plays his own hand well. His economic views are inclined toward the conservative. He beats a big bass drum most of the time and likes to get a big audience into the tent. What is more, he does it. He calls himself a member of a sub-order of capitalists. I suppose by this he means that he's a magazine proprietor."

"He is of good standing among scholars who know anything about philology, by virtue of his books, 'The American Language.' Mr. Smith says of the American Mercury, the magazine of which Mencken is the editor, 'it is the first to succeed of all the periodicals which have seriously attempted to present 'left wing views' on American literature, history, and politics."

Rev. Giffen and Wife To Leave for Summer

Rev. Bruce J. Giffen, the University pastor, and his wife will leave early Monday morning for Baltimore, Maryland, to attend an educational conference and the general assembly of the Presbyterian church on May 25 and 27. They will drive by way of the Oregon Trail and the Lincoln highway spending about three weeks on the way east.

While in Baltimore they plan to visit a sister of Mrs. Giffen who is quite ill. From there they will go to New York and Princeton where

Mr. Giffen attended school three years.

About the middle of June they will spend a few weeks at Mr. Giffen's old home in Due West, South Carolina. Toward the latter part of the summer they will drive back through the middle-western states and spend a few days in Yellowstone National Park.

It has been twenty-three years since Rev. and Mrs. Giffen have seen their relatives who reside in the east.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sigma Pi Tau announces the pledging of Arthur Schoeni of Medford, Oregon.

Cosmopolitan Club Sponsors Fete of Nations

Students of Philippines, China, Japan, Greece To Give Acts

A festival of nations will be staged by members of the University Cosmopolitan club May 21 and 22 at 8:00 p. m. in Guild hall theater. About 15 nations are to be represented. China, Japan, Philippines and Greece will give one-act plays. Students from France, England, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Hawaii, Spain, Australia, Russia and Bulgaria will present songs and dances typical to their countries. Native costumes and foreign stage settings will add atmosphere to the program.

This is the second affair of this sort, the first being last year under the supervision of Edna Spenker, who was elected president of the club this year, but because of a long illness has been forced to abandon her work.

The committee for arrangements consists of Christine Holt, chairman; Romulo Avila, president of the club; and Idella Long, secretary. "We are trying to make the festival of nations one of the biggest events of the year and the sup-

port of the Oregon student body and the public will be much appreciated. The purpose of the festival is to give the campus and local people a clearer view and understanding of the life, customs and education of foreign countries. The affair will be entertaining as well as educational," Mr. Avila said yesterday.

Joseph Pennell Books Put on Special Shelf

A list of the books of Joseph Pennell, artist who died a short time ago, has been placed on a special shelf at the library. Some of these books are: "The Graphic Arts," "French Cathedrals," and "Pictures of War Work in America." The library expects to have the "Autobiography of Joseph Pennell," on file soon. The book recommended by J. Stitt Wilson for student reading have been placed on a special shelf also.

"Declension," by a gentleman with a duster; "Five in Family," by Anstruther; "Cold Harbour," by Young; "The Polyglots," by Gerhardt; and "The Sirens," by Bin-you, have all been removed from the rent shelf and are now on file in the general collection.

NETTLESHIPS

Chicken Dinner Sunday—5:00
987 OAK STREET

"Reverence in the Garden of Science"

For thinking men and women who have come to the scientific view point, reverence has been transplanted into a new and different atmosphere. To show how Reverence linked with Science makes for greater strength and more beauty in the religious life will be the aim of a sermon by the Rev. Frank Fay Eddy at the Unitarian church Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock.

Soloist, Harvey Woods, violinist



Crows

In a field in sunny Spain stands a stone mortar. Crows hover around it, picking up bits of grain and chaff—cawing.

Here Marcheta, in the fresh beauty of her youth, will come to pound maize. For years she will pound maize. The stone will stand up under the blows; no a dent has the muscle of three generations of women made upon it. But the crows will hurl their black gibes upon a woman aging early and bent with toil. Old Marcheta—still in her thirties.

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