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Get Out the Crying Towels

THE American people cannot be too careful in guarding the freedom of speech and of the press against any curtailment as to the discussion of public affairs and the character and conduct of public men.—Carl Schurz.

SINCE the controversy over a publications committee Emerald started, the Emerald has asked that the question be decided on its fundamental significance. It has attempted to draw away from the personal and the petty technicalities and to deal with the question of whether or not it is to the best interests of a university student body that the editor elects should be permitted the freedom of the editorial columns, rather than be subject to supervision by an appointive committee.

Proponents of the measure have been given every opportunity to discuss the issue (this they do not deny) but rather than deal with the basic problem, they have contented themselves with repeating the surface facts—that the change is one of simply harmonizing constitution and by-laws.

These same proponents have asked first-page space for their material. This request has been granted, as have their other requests. Yet even now they do not discuss the problem. Instead they use a column in which to weep because of the injustice done them by material used by the Emerald and through typographical display. This despite the fact that they have been granted their every request for space. We still wait for them to come to the heart of the problem, willing that the students judge the question on its merits, and confident that if they analyze the problem they will see that they will be doing themselves more harm than good by opening a means for the suppression of free and honest criticism.

Despite the writer's objection to the use of "Oregon" in reference to "gag" rule, we insist that suppression of editorial comment would hinder the University and its students. That was the reference. The editorial columns themselves are secondary.

To accuse the writers of messages of not knowing the facts is to assume the possession of information that we are certain the complainant would not claim for himself. Might not these persons have read the statements of the president and vice-president of the student body which appeared in the same issue with the Emerald's statements? Would the writer not grant the persons he discredits the ability to make a rational choice? And how about the cries that the Emerald misrepresents the University to the alumni? Should we not permit these alumni to testify?

The freshman class meeting was reported as are all other class meetings. We wonder why no one has ever before objected to the "class" reference in the stories of meetings, regardless of what the attendance, or called the news "propaganda." The Emerald had no part in the class's deliberations, and any open-minded persons will grant, surely, that the class had a right to do what it pleased.

To disagree with Professor Smith's communication does not suffice to settle this point. Whatever the writer's views, he presented a clear analysis of the case, and the points he raised have not yet, although they are fundamental, been answered by the proponents of a supervised Emerald.

If the Stanford Daily misinterpreted the Emerald's message in the process of reconstruction, it none the less made comment pertinent to the local situation, and



The annual adjective slinging contest was held yesterday at the assembly.

Every time I read an editorial in the Oregonian I have to look up the meaning of "necromancy."

There's on thing about the E. O. T. C. uniforms, they don't pick up lint as badly as blue serge.

Culture is penetrating farther and farther into the wilds of the state. The other day I discovered a bottle of the famous "Old Oregon" liquid soap in a hotel in Roseburg.

Addled axiom: It's a long avenue that has no filling station.

Summer Can't go to Winter
Without A little Fall;
Nor can Winter go to Summer
Without A little Spring.

No, Gretchen, residents of Great Neck, L. I. are not called Great Neckers.

With so much rouge the order of the day, flowers are not the only things born to bluish unseen.—Klamath Falls Evening Herald.

Perhaps Portland's baseball team hasn't been so successful yet, but gosh, you can't expect them to start scoring homers right off the bat!

A dancer we hate
Is Helen Hankles;
She wears her dresses
Down to her ankles.

The professor with the shiny blue serge suit says he didn't realize there were so many on the honor roll and Greater Oregon committee until he went to the assembly yesterday.

The old drinking fountain in the shack realized that with so much going on around there this week more moisture would be needed so it put out two more inches of water yesterday for the frothy-mouthed campaigners.

"A bootlegger just moved into of belief and practice of a democratic, patriotic and success worshipping age. Unremitting and unsparring public critic, unimpaired prophet, impenitent martyr, he was such stuff as gods are made of.

Imagine Socrates accosting your chief men of the town at the entrance to the local success club or council chamber with such words as these:
 "Are you not ashamed of caring so much for the making of money and for reputation, and for honor? Will you not think or care about wisdom, and truth, and the perfection of your soul?"

And hear to his calm, sad judgment of democracy, its tyranny and incompetency, and say if Socrates would find welcome in our market place:
 "There is no man who will preserve his life for long within Athens or elsewhere, if he firmly opposes the wishes of the people, and tries to prevent the commission of such injustice and illegality in the state."

Socrates vindicated by world opinion! He knows not Socrates who says so. Or else he is blind in his own conceit of the real temper of our day.

Can you picture Socrates wielding his giddy arguments on the curbs of Wall Street unmolested by the modern money-makers, or loafing round the lobbies of our capitol's poking ironic jibes at the politicians? Then you can also imagine such another one as speaker of the day at a business men's luncheon bowing to enthusiastic applause after his finely given "pep talk" on the subject. "Consider the lilies of the field."—B. J.

our neighborhood and dad is as sore as the devil."
 "What's the matter, does it give the vicinity a bad name?"
 "Oh, no, that's not it. Dad's afraid the bird will squeal on him."

Mary baked a pie—she did;
Tasted like a manhole lid.
That tasty pie to her beau she fed,
She's still a Miss—her beau is dead.
—Yeki.

THE PRESENT CRIME WAVE IN PORTLAND MIGHT WELL BE CALLED AN EASTER YEGG HUNT.

Fame is fickle. What has become of that fellow that swam the Catalina channel last winter, whatever his name was?

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR CARRYING CONCEALED ARMS (Hdline).
 Her legs were probably in plain view, however.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS
 "Line's busyyyyyyyy."



How About the World Court?
 To the Editor:
 The Emerald is the official student publication of the University of Oregon paid for by the students at the rate of 75 cents each term. It is representative to the state at large of the student opinions. I feel as though an advisory committee should be allowed the editor of the Emerald in order that he shall have opportunity to check up on his opinions. He ought to be able to assure himself officially that he is representing the most united and worthwhile side of the arguments of any propagandists he will have to face. It is a check both for him and for the students. This is not needed in each editorial or even on each issue but is a safeguard when he or the students feel the need of a meditating body. On a large campus, a growing institution to be backed up by the students it is our only way of assurance—a safety valve—a good idea.

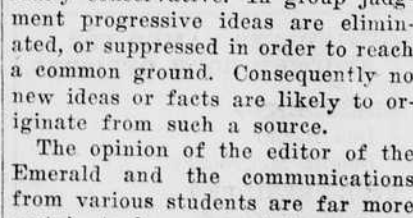
MARGARET EDMUNSON
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Believing himself divinely inspired he set himself implacably against the deeply entrenched ways

growth and change, demanding new adjustments in various phases of life. The college campus is no exception.
 The only thing that the president of the student body and the student council, imbued with fine ideals of respect for old traditions and given the power of censorship over the campus news, is able to do with any degree of success in meeting new conditions, is—nothing.

How splendidly such a group might accomplish such an object is evidenced by looking at the backward civilization of China, whose government has from time immemorial been in the hands of the literati, a group of scholars, steeped in the old traditions and given the power to enforce them on the people.

It is a curious thing that it should have occurred to some of the students of a great university, which is about to grant greater liberty to individual thought and enterprise, that it is necessary to muzzle its most effective channel of individual expression, that of its newspaper.

Too often efforts are made to appeal to men's prejudices, and their so-called traditions, while the deeper purpose which motivated the outcry is kept conveniently in the background.

It is charged that the editor of the Emerald is not expressing the opinions of the majority of students. If he is not doing so, and it is such a heinous crime as we are led to believe, let his accusers abandon their generalizations and give us some definite proof, and prepare the way for his recall. Do they dare do this? "Let there be light."

WALTER BUTLER
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