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LAYING ALL JOKING ASIDE, WE WISH ALL THE FELLOWS WHO BORROWED BLANKETS FROM "CAP" McEWAN WOULD RETURN THEM!



### MYSTERIOUS PHONE CALLS CAUSE FRATERNITIES WORRY

"We're a couple of girls from Seattle and some Sigma Nu's up there told us to call your house for dates. We're at room 408 Eugene Hotel," came a sweet voice over the phone.  
 The Sigma Nu's marched down town as a committee of the whole. At 408 a man answered the door, but one of the S. N.'s had rare presence of mind and said, "Is there a Mr. Arbuckle here?" A search of the town failed to locate "Miss Ryan."

Several other houses boast of such calls, and in fact some Bachelordoms claim they actually succeeded in locating her.

### TODAY'S GEOGRAPHICAL ANSWER

"Why did you tub your frosh last night?"  
 "Dayton on week nights!" (And she lay down on the floor and belowed.)

In response to numerous communications asking what college men do with their dull blades, we are making the answer in one word—SHAVE.



Horace Dyanshine, who late last night was called out of bed and appointed on a committee which is to find a more appropriate name for future "Junior Shine" days. Campus opinion favors incorporating the word "sock" in the name, as long as sock receive more attention than the shoes. It is possible that in future years a tub will be placed near the library where socks could be dyed without ruining the shoes.

Believe it or not, there was a Scotch girl on the campus yesterday who wore galoshes all day long!

### TODAY'S THRILLER

Dean Folts, who arrived at accounting class by eight o'clock for the first time this year, locked out six who came late. The reason he happened to be on time himself was that the clocks were set back five minutes.

A Mandarin long since acquainted with regions for those who are tainted.

Was drawn one day by a student, they say; But he's not half as bad as he's painted.



(Highlights from Senior Ball publicity in Emerald)  
 "Music will be provided for the lounge room, so those who desire to sit out a dance will also be entertained."  
 "Uninformed maids and butlers will be there to assist the dancers."

Little Blue Eyes says she can remember way back when it was considered the latest thing to have bobbed hair.

PLAYS GOOD SAMARITAN  
 The A. S. U. O. secretary reports that she enjoyed very much playing the role of mother to a young boy on her trip with the president to the convention during Christmas vacation.

It happens that Don is near-sighted—Vena far-sighted; so, to be obliging, when they went to picture shows Vena kindly read the subtitles out loud.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS  
 "Sink or swim."

SEVEN SEERS

## Psychologists Try To Determine Value of Compulsory Bible Study

Can modern youth, which, according to popular belief, lacks morals and character, be instilled with virtues by compulsory Bible instruction in the schools? This is the question which Howard R. Taylor, assistant professor in psychology, has been trying to solve by research work among young students. Taylor thought that pertinent facts might be secured by examining and comparing the relationship of Biblical information to ratings of character, in two different schools.

Out of "School A," which is a small, very progressive high school in a city of 20,000 where church and Sunday school opportunities are as good as, or better than, the average, 69 pupils in the three upper grades were questioned. No attempt at Bible instruction had been made in this school.

Similar data was obtained in "School B," a private boarding school for boys, where the tuition rate is fairly high. Bible study is a regular part of the curriculum, by which means efforts are made to build up a strong character in students. Twenty-nine students in this school were questioned.

Biblical information tests were given to pupils at both of these institutions in May, 1926, and other tests at the beginning of the year. Their mental age was considered in

the estimates, and character ratings were made by the teachers.

After careful figuring and the use of complicated methods of deduction, Professor Taylor found that in the school where there was no Bible instruction in the curriculum, the students who said they attended Sunday school regularly had the highest character, while in the school in which Bible study is a regular course, those who knew the least about the Bible on the whole stood highest in character rating.

"In every case," Taylor said, "these differences are greater than can reasonably be attributed to chance."

The general conclusion is that character and intelligence as measured by the tests are essentially different aspects of pupils. So far as mere knowledge of the Bible is concerned, more merit is attained by the compulsory method, but those students who gain their knowledge of the Bible more or less voluntarily, are proved to have the highest character as a general rule. This seems to prove the futility of compulsory methods for character training.

"It is possible," Professor Taylor pointed out, "that those parents who see to it that their children go regularly to Sunday school, also train them in character and morals at home. It would be difficult, of course, to obtain this information."



### Theaters

REX—Last day—Gene Stratton Porter's "The Harvester," bringing to life upon the silver screen America's most beloved author's best liked romance of the Limerlost, which, as a novel, has been read and loved by millions, and now portrayed by a stellar cast; and the comedy, "On Deck," is a voyage of laughter on the ocean of joy; also, Oregon Pictorial News events of state-wide happenings; Rex musical settings.

Coming—"Coney Island," the world's greatest pleasure resort; as the glittering background of a continuous round of fun, thrills and unique romance, with Lois Wilson (the "Gingham Girl") and a great cast of favorites. Soon—Esther Ralston in "Spotlight," a dazzling drama of life and love behind the silken drapes of stardom.

HEILIG—Stuart Barnes, "Favorite Singing Comedian," Clair and Meroff, who play "The Sap," are bound to create an abundance of laughter with their comedy, "Tuneless Tunes," Cates and Marie, brother and sister, were taught the use of the xylophone from an early age and are now beautifully proficient in creating unusual arrangements to the delight of music loving theatergoers. Donahue and Boyne, in "Extraordinary engagement, Nick Sanin and his world renowned Russian Cossacks. Their act is a splendid native musical, dancing and singing presentation, and is certain to be enjoyed by audiences. Comedy, "Smith's Modiste Shoppe," Sportlight and Metro News.

McDONALD—First day—"Jesse James," a super-Paramount production based on the life history of one of America's most colorful characters, feared by most, loved by many, and admired by all, and admirably portrayed by the handsome Fred Thomson, assisted by his remarkable horse, "Silver King," with a stellar Paramount cast of stars; on the stage, George McMurry and his favorite Kollege Knights, in "Holdup Harmonies" featuring a cycle of Irving Berlin numbers, "Mine, All Mine," with singing band; "Mr. Airplane Man," a symphonic flight of syncopation; "Together We Two," with vocal duet, and a trumpet solo by "Razz" Asberry, and the popular vocal trio singing "Mamma's Gone Bye-Bye,"

### Bowman To Address Meeting in Alumni Hall

Dr. Harold Leonard Bowman, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Portland, will speak on "Why This Kind of a World" at a special meeting at 7:30 tonight in the Alumni Hall in the Woman's building. The campus United Christian Work is sponsoring the meeting. H. W. Davis, director of the United Christian Work, who will preside at the evening meeting, announces that students, faculty members, and townspeople are invited to attend.

### New Game Offers Much Diversion For Hardy Courageous Athletes

"Say! going over and play basketball this afternoon?" Men are often heard speaking thus these days. Those who are not initiated learn that basket-football is a game played on the basketball floor which combines the form of the maple court game with certain elements of football.

To be definite we must make clear the why, where, when, and who of the thing. Every afternoon except Sunday numerous men-students gather on the basketball floor of the men's gym to participate. Their number is neither fixed nor permanent.

Supervision of the game is entirely lacking; which may seem strange in view of the fact that the physical ed department employs large numbers of instructors and assistants. Once in a while a coach strolls along the sidelines watching the play. We have seen him beckon a player aside, engage him in conversation, and send him away happy, disconsolate, or more likely doubtful.

The play goes on as though there



### The Vagabond

(The lectures on today's calendar have been selected for their general appeal. Everyone is welcome.)

"The Efficacy of Punishment in Social Control," by Assistant Prof. John H. Mueller. Class—Principles of Sociology. 103 McClure. 2. p. m.

"The Functions and the Failure of Imperial Rome," by Dr. George Rebec. Class—Philosophy of History. 111 Johnson, 3 p. m.

Junior class meeting 107 Villard, 4:30 today. Very important.

Turn Oregon money in at Oregon office today between 5 and 6.

Special meeting of the Graduate Council will be held at 4 o'clock in Room 111, Administration building.

International Relations Club members will meet tonight at 7:30 in Room 104, Condon Hall. (At the west end of the hall, downstairs.)

The 5 o'clock chorus will have a rehearsal tonight at the Y. W. C. A. at 5 o'clock. Tea will be served. Junior Revue song tryouts tonight from 7:30 to 9:30 at the Campa

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 Dr. H. L. Bowman will speak at 7:30 tonight in Alumni hall. Faculty, students and townspeople are invited.

Pledging Announcement  
 Alpha Tau Omega announces the pledging of Jack Greer of Oakland, California.



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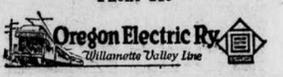
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### Handicap Discovered in Women's Favor

A HEARTY enthusiasm on the men's part counterbalanced by the delicate diffidence of the women continues to be the situation of the recent proposal (masculine) for a general campus leap week.

J. N., the author of the idea, suggested that for a week it would be appropriate to the season to have the usual dates take full initiative in doing the dating. It was further rather unchivalrously implied that man is a habit-forming creature and a week's respite would have a salutary influence in the truthness of his social perspective thereafter.

The fusillade of missives from the alleged embattled gallants subsequent to J. N.'s masterly presentation of the need of such a reversed dating recess have been unanimously masculine in tone and viewpoint. And, to a man, they have demanded action.

Since maidenly reticence has apparently left the women undefended, the Emerald would remind the renegade J. N. and his acolytes that there is more to the leap year custom on which they hinge their plot than they have seen fit to call to popular attention. If they will search history, they may learn that some six and a half centuries ago this law was enacted in Scotland:

It is statum and ordaint that during the rein of hir maist bleisid megeste (Queen Margaret), for ilk yeare knowne as lepe yeare, ilk maiden ladye of bothe the hiegh and lowe estait shall hae liberte to bespeake ye man she likes, albeit he refuses to taik hir to be his lawful wyfe, he shall be mulcted in ye sum ane pundis or less, as his estait may be; except and awis gif he can make it appere that he is betrothit ane either woman he then shall be free.

We surmise, that, between fining a Scot and a college student, the levy on the latter would succeed first. So, adapting this penalty to a man's refusal of a date would be devastating if he were as inhospitable as some correspondents who have boasted of their intentions.

Men of the campus, we have no doubt, will at once feel the force

of this innocent-looking clause which without doubt would be wielded against them by the abusively-fermed eating sex should the leap week movement succeed. Now let's see if the men care to cede their traditional privilege while the recipients will have in addition this powerful compulsion at their disposal!

### We Refuse To Believe in Signs

PEOPLE like to talk about that which is not of the present. It is for such a reason that we herald the approach of spring long before the gentle season has routed winter from the throne.

Any sign that spring is rehearsing for her triumphal entry is news. The name of some obscure settlement in the hills is spread far and wide through the state because someone saw a robin hunting for the early worm. Of course it does not have to be a robin, but a robin lends color to the story.

A flower is found showing its petals to the sun from some sheltered corner; the sun shines brightly, and you can feel its warmth if you stay out of the wind; the air takes on that quality known as balmy; the wintry winds become gentle zephyrs.

Light, summery dresses show from under the unfastened fur coats of the fair sex. Ancient puns anent pussy willows, dogwood and cowslips are resurrected. Spring poets, still suffering from head colds, burst into song. "Sprig ish cubbit!"

Yes, it does seem as though spring were on the way, even though it is not officially due for more than a full month. Anyhow, the campus gardeners are busily pruning the trees and shrubs, setting out more shrubbery and spreading gravel on the paths—sure signs of the approach of spring.

Yes, come to think of it, spring must be coming. There's been quite a bit of sunshine of late, making our accustomed laziness turn into spring fever. Why, it actually feels like spring at times, yet somehow we are glad that we haven't put away the old winter overcoat or taken any blankets from off the two-decker. After all, it's still February.

### Intramural Boxers Get Chance to Match Skill in Tourney Next Week

Donut fistcuffs! This intramural boxing tournament is on the tip of every tongue in the realm of University boxers. Next Monday the swafest begins. It ends Thursday, with no bouts Wednesday, that being a holiday. The boxing room of the men's gymnasium is the place and 4 p. m. is the time.

Herman Gawer, boxing instructor and referee to be, issues a call for more men of lesser avoirdupois. It seems that he has several light men, but only one in a class and they need competition.

Fraternity men mit-slingers are notable for their absence. On the entry blank the independents completely overshadow the names of one or two living in houses. Gawer says that there will be no knock-outs, so disregard your qualms and sign your name to the piece of paper in the boxing room before Friday night, at which time all entries close.

Among the contenders who will show their fistie wares, and who are expected to top their division, are two lightweights, Jimmy Jowers and Jack O'Keefe.

pus that could give Gainer more than his wish.

Entries and tentative weights:  
 George Whitney, 134; Josh Reynolds, 197; Harold Kinzell, 158; "Tiny" Wade, 225; Hal Fraundorff, 217; Jack O'Keefe, 135; Jimmy Jowers, 135; Faust, 129; Sterling Bailey, 128; Wright, 165; Johnson, 180; Gainer, 180; Roy Wilkinson, 126.

### Unemployed of Nation Cause Senate Worry

(By United Press)  
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—An effort is being made to force the question of unemployment into the foreground nationally through a resolution introduced today by Senator Wagner, New York Democrat, and intimate of Governor Al Smith, calling for a thorough investigation of employment "conditions" by the United States department of labor.

"I think this is properly a question of federal concern," Wagner said. "Reports of private economists have claimed that between 3,500,000 and 4,000,000 men are out of work throughout the country. Some New York charity workers say that they have not had so many demands made upon them since before the war."