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## Mr. Smith A-Maying Goes in Literary Fields

AMERICA'S sobersides of literature turned to be curling in contortions this week. All this a result of the playful titillating they have just come through at the mischievous hands of our own S. Stephenson Smith.

Assistant Professor Smith romped across contemporary criticism and two pages of the latest New Student without even pausing to puff. And he didn't pick his steps too delicately, either.

Without deigning a glance at the verbotens which ordinarily are enough to keep trespassers off the critical domains, Mr. Smith vaulted in before you could say Jack Robinson, he has tweaked Waldo Frank's dignified nose, pinched Van Wyck Brooks' profoundly sensitive ear all pinkish, and in a bold cavalier manner, chucked Henry Louis Mencken himself merrily under the chin. It was only before the late Haneker that he respectfully inclined his head.

W. C. Brownell, Irving Babbitt and Paul Elmer More did not come in for the ragging. Mr. Smith rates them as men of catholic taste who can take their joke or leave it alone as befits the occasion. Solemn asininity was his mark; he slapped it genially but effectively. And his sallies carried penetration and courage.

At the outset, Mr. Smith steered himself with Goethe's: the hardest thing in the world is to be always oneself. He held this before him he was himself.

The Emerald would like some more of the same, please.

## Just For a Bit of Variety

ADVERTISERS are buying up space these days to tell the collegians the latest thing in graduation suggestions. Too late for the class of 1928 but very much in time for those following is the University's announcement of the summer school and post session for students needing a few additional hours.

Low brow fiction is very popular with W. S. C. students, according to Pullman news stand proprietors. It's not so strange, for after all, there are probably many more low brows in the world than wearers of the high hat.

Day after day the papers tell of some new feat in aviation. What passed for wild fancies a few years ago is now a regular portion of the day's gist of news. "Up in the air" has acquired a new meaning.

Whether one approves or disapproves of the presence of foreign troops in China, it is interesting to note that an American officer is in charge of the forces in Peking and a Japanese commands those at Tientsin. Such a condition is only possible because of an increasing respect and understanding of each other between nations.

Students at U. C. L. A. have been having their troubles with the traffic officers, just as we of Oregon have had on Thirteenth street. North and south, brothers of the tag.

—W. C.



## SCIENCE HAS NOW SUCCEEDED IN TRANSMITTING MOTION PICTURES BY WIRE

A few perfections are still necessary for reality, among which we suppose is a telephone to transmit the voice of the person who reads the sub-titles aloud.



## ROCK BREAKING TO BECOME MAJOR SPORT AT STATE PEN

Blanket Awards For Life Terms Also Proposed

A move is on foot to make rock breaking a major sport in the state penitentiary at Salem. Agitation was first started at the last meeting of the letter men's organization when Harry Pieckax, transfer from San Quentin here this year and one of the outstanding performers on the rock piles the past season, got up and made a stirring speech.

He proposed further that life terms be awarded blankets with the pen's letters inscribed thereon. He pointed out that too many good men are being spirited away from the Salem institution because of more attractive awards elsewhere.

**TODAY'S DIRECTORY ANSWER**  
"Are you eating at the house tonight?"  
"No; we're going out to a Toikka dinner."

**SOME GUYS ARE CERTAINLY HARD UP FOR CASH.** Dick Manning, wearing an old coat that Napoleon had on at the battle of Waterloo, paraded from the S. A. E. house to Condon and then to the Ad building and back, ringing a bell all the while and shouting, "Fish," and did it all for four bits that the brothers had managed to scrape together.



Do you like those new cork-tipped cigarettes?  
"No; the cork tips keep me from smoking them all."

**LIFE'S LITTLE TRAGEDIES**  
The president of the Old Gold company finds that his cartoonist Briggs smokes Lucky Strikes while waiting for an inspiration.

Released from pledge  
Is Frances Rear;  
Guests at the table,  
She asked for more.

The blonde senior with the coffee-stained mustache says he is going to withdraw from school and go into the sheep raising business if the sheep skins sell for \$10.

**BULLETIN**  
CHICAGO, Ill., May 18.—(Special).—The Chicago Stock Exchange was thrown into an uproar here today and the curb market swamped when sheep prices went sky high as the result of a sudden demand, at almost unbelievable prices, for sheep skins in Oregon.



"Mamma, why is that funny man walking on his hands?"  
"Sh, darling; he's a Scotchman saving shoe leather."

**STATISTICS NOT WORTH KNOWING**  
If all the golf balls lost by University students on the golf links were piled in one heap in front of the Co-op they wouldn't be lost any more.

**IF THE PROFESSOR HAS STUDENT GRADERS IT DOESN'T ALWAYS FOLLOW THAT HE IS BUSY.** IT MAY BE THAT HE IS DOUBTFUL OF THE ANSWERS HIMSELF.

**FAMOUS LAST WORDS**  
"This is Saturday night. You won't want your canoe will you?"  
SEVEN SEERS

## Velma Tisdale, Graduate Student, Will Teach on Floating University

"The world its campus." Such is the aim of the floating university upon which Velma Tisdale, graduate student at the University of Oregon, is going to teach mathematics.

The floating university leaves New York October 6, to be gone for eight months. From New York it sails to Havana, then to California through the Panama canal. Leaving California, Hawaii, Japan, China, and the Philippines will be visited. The university will spend most of the winter in the Mediterranean sea, going to Paris the first of May to spend five weeks. Easter Sunday will be spent in Brussels, Christmas Day in Batavia. After spending a week in Berlin, two weeks in Vienna, and a few days in Czechoslovakia, the university will be back in New York harbor on the first of June.

Miss Tisdale, who has been doing graduate work at the University of Oregon since the beginning of last summer term, received her B.A. at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. Her M.A. she obtained from Columbia University, New York. She has done graduate work at Columbia University and the University of California. For the last two terms, Miss Tisdale has been assisting Professor DeCout in the mathematics department.

During the summers of 1923 and 1925, Miss Tisdale traveled in Europe. Seven weeks of the first summer were spent in Spain.

"I really like Spain better than the other European countries," Miss Tisdale said. "It is fascinating and I am very eager to go back."

Miss Tisdale was interested in England, and "Italy was hot but enjoyed."

The floating university authorities expect that at least fifteen countries will be represented on the tour. Honorable Robert Lowenthal, ambassador from Guatemala to Mexico, has registered his two sons, Roberto and Fernando, for the tour. The universality of the university is expected by Mr. Lowenthal to broaden the outlook of the students.

The Aurania, the ship which it is thought will be used on the tour, is a modern oil burning Cunarder with a turbine drive. The ship was built within the last four years, and the poor ventilation which bothered the students on the S. S. Ryndam has been well taken care of.

The courses given in the floating university are standard ones for which college credit will be given everywhere. The tour is an experiment in the coordination between theoretical knowledge and practical work on shore.

The journalism students will put out a ship's daily called the "Marco Polo Gazette." When on the shore the students will be given the opportunity of interviewing prominent men, so the practice in journalistic work will be as good as in the geologic or archaeological fields.

## Film Tips

**MCDONALD:** Friday and Saturday—"BUCK PRIVATES," with Malcom McGregor and Zazu Pitts.  
**REX:** Friday and Saturday—"HOOK AND LADDER NO. 9."  
**COLONIAL:** Friday and Saturday—"EAST SIDE, WEST SIDE."

**MCDONALD:** Friday and Saturday—Zazu Pitts, Lya de Puttie, and Malcom McGregor in "BUCK PRIVATES," a bombardment of mirth depicting the adventures of three fun-loving doughboys billeted on the Rhine with nothing to do but play. Lya de Puttie, playing the role of Anna Hartman, does a bit of stellar acting when she becomes the target for Private John Smith, acted by Malcom McGregor. The whole picture is carried out to the smallest detail in the matter of locale, and settings. The portrayal of the various roles is admirably featured, and as a comedy, it's at the top in comparison to the other pictures that have been shown recently. Zazu Pitts, as Huld, a German maid, is a comedy by herself. In fact from the start to finish, "Buck Privates" is a real mirth-provoking picture. Laugh! Just try not to, and see what happens!

Also Bobby Vernon in "BUGS, MY DEAR"; George McMurry and his Kollege Knights in a novelty stage band act, nightly at 8:50; Felix cartoon in "Uncle Tom's Crabbin'"; and Frank D. C. Alexander in musical comedy settings on the organ.

Coming: Will Rogers in "A Texas Steer," giving "America's greatest humorist" a chance to shine in the title role of Chas. H. Hoyt's famous play of a Texas cowboy who made the grade in Washington, D. C., and pulled the wool over an unsuspecting congress, with Louise Fazenda, and Douglas Fairbanks Jr. featured. J. E. C.

**HEILIG:** Last day — Marion Davies in "THE PATSY." This play shows Marion Davies at her best and the supporting cast, particularly Marie Dressler as Ma Harrington, and Jane Winton as Grace Harrington, was well chosen. The love affair of the adolescent Patricia Harrington with Tony Anderson, her big sister's beau, was deftly handled and laugh provoking. Lawrence Gray added some pleasant moments as Billy Caldwell, irresponsible young millionaire. One felt extremely sorry for both Patricia and her father in the early part of the picture. Never was anyone so henpecked and nagged at as that pair.

In addition to "The Patsy" the University High School players presented an extremely well done version of "THE VALLANT," a dramatic one act play. The play brought more than one handkerchief into view before the curtain went down. Kermit Stevens, as "Dyke," a condemned criminal, and Janet Thacher as "Josephine Paris," who comes a thousand miles to find out if he is her brother, both give finished performances.

## Cougar Coach Recalls First Meet at Pullman

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, May 18.—(P.L.P.)—"Men in flowing mustaches and peg-top trousers roamed about in company of women in trailing gowns and leg-of-mutton sleeves at the first track meet ever held at Washington State College," says Doc Bohler, director of athletics here. "The appearance of one lone horseless carriage, manned by a nonchalant driver in a long linen duster and goggles practically disrupted the whole affair."

## Bulletins

Dial will meet Monday night at 8:00 o'clock at Mrs. McClain's. Take Fairmount bus to Washburn's corner.

Spring football practice for this year is over, and all men who have uniforms out will please turn them in as soon as possible.

**Donut Baseball**—League B—Phi Kappa Psi vs Phi Sigma Kappa, Saturday at 9:30; league C—Phi Gamma Delta vs Alpha Beta Chi, Saturday at 8; league D—Sigma Phi Epsilon vs Alpha Upsilon, Saturday at 8; Sigma Pi Tau vs Beta Theta Pi, Saturday at 9:30.

**Pan Xenia meeting,** 7 p. m., Tuesday evening in the lounge room of the Womens' building. Last meeting of the year and every member must be there. **There will be a meeting of Phi Delta Kappa** Saturday, May 19, at 3 p. m. sharp in the men's room of the Woman's building. The initiation will be followed by a banquet at the Anchorage at 5:45. All members of the order are requested to be present.

We wish to thank the student body for its kindness and consideration in the recent loss of our brother, Robert J. Moore. Members of Chi Psi.

## Clean Cords or Nothing Slogan at Stanford Ball

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, May 18.—(P.L.P.)—The Cord Ball, which opened the festivities of Junior Week, was held from two to five o'clock in the afternoon. "Clean Cords or Nothing" was chosen as a slogan by the committee in charge.

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## Dr. Philip Parsons Finds Notable Progress in Social Work of South

Unusual progress in social work of the southern states was the discovery of Dr. Philip A. Parsons, professor of applied sociology at the University of Oregon, who has returned from a month's visit in the east part of the south, attending social work conventions.

"It was a complete eye-opener to me to see what the South is doing in social work," he said. "In the past she has been very sensitive to criticism about her failure to take an active interest in this problem of her people." Since the war the South has been taking a hearty interest and today is ahead of many of the northern and western states in this respect. "It is especially remarkable, because of the fact that she had to start from 'scratch,' and build from the bottom."

Dr. Parsons feels that the rest of America will soon be looking to the South for help in the teaching of sociology, research and the right way to attack the problem. "Many of the experimenters and social work leaders will come from southern America because of the enthusiasm and interest in working out something that is new."

The universities are formulating new courses in social work and research projects. States are inaugurating departments of public welfare with commissioners in charge. While in the south, the Oregon professor took time to investigate what was being done.

At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill he made a study of the North Carolina system of social work. As the University of Virginia is spending much time in sociology research, its ideas were also considered. Although not a delegate, Dr. Parsons attended the southern section of the Political Science Association held at Nashville, Tennessee April

30 and May 1. Here he found men from all of the south, except Kentucky, talking on what the south is doing in the social work field. They had as one of their duties the working out of courses in the sociological lines.

The National Conference of Social Workers was at Memphis from May 2 to 9, and during this meeting two papers were read by Dr. Parsons, one on "Training of Social Workers" and one concerning "The Undifferentiated Social Work." The latter subject had to do with social work in communities where no other aid is given to the people than through social workers.

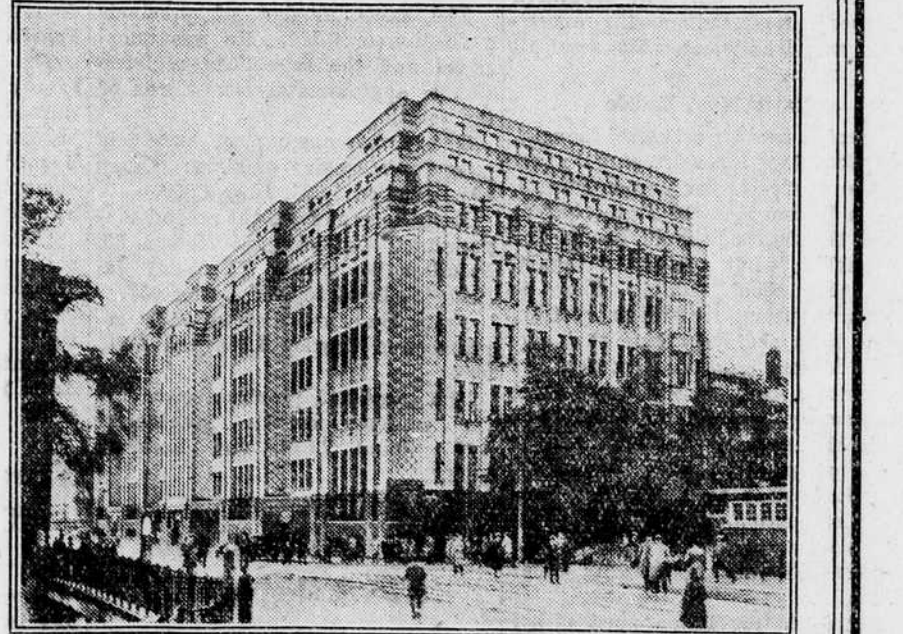
At the same time the annual meeting of the American Association of Schools of Social Work was held. The Portland School of Social Work is a member of this organization.

Several conferences with Judge Charles W. Hoffman, of the court of domestic relations of Cincinnati, were had by Dr. Parsons. Judge Hoffman has gained much attention because he believes that divorce is a social rather than a legal problem and should be solved as such. In all divorce cases coming before him, he always considers what will be best for the children, if any, and has social-work advisors to give him their side of the question. They obtain special social data on each case.

## President Hall Talks At Roseburg Meeting

Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall has gone to Roseburg to address the Business and Professional Women's club on "American World Politics," at their luncheon today, it is learned.

## When a full blooded American Indian was the world's champion athlete



When Jim Thorpe won the Pentathlon and Decathlon at the Stockholm Olympic Games in 1912, the world was electrified. By securing a majority of points in broad and high jumps, discus and javelin throwing, putting the shot, running races and dashes, Thorpe was awarded the title of World Champion.

THE 1928 Olympics will be in Amsterdam. One of its showplaces is the magnificent new Bank of the Netherlands Trading Co. No doubt this bank would be proud to have one of Holland's native sons win world fame similar to Thorpe's, but they do not believe in compelling clerks to practice marathons and weight lifting in their daily work. You will find in this bank 24 Otis Elevators of the most modern type from the micro-driven passenger elevators that annihilate time and space in their 100 foot lift, to smaller elevators and dumbwaiters that carry valuables and strong boxes, books and safes, ashes and food—all products of every type and purpose—all products of Otis. It should be a real thrill to visiting Americans to contemplate one of America's great industries as a necessary adjunct to the march of civilization—even in countries of the old world that were making history when American Indians were yet to look upon the face of a white man.

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