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Married-Woman Complaint

BECAUSE forty school teachers in Lane county are out of work, the county school superintendent believes that married women should not be employed in public schools.

"There are too many married women teaching," he is reported as saying. "They don't give the girls a fair chance. Some districts now will not hire married women."

That is probably no direct concern of University students. Yet the truth of the matter is obvious, even from this long-range guessing-point. There is no surplus of excellent or even merely good instructors in any scholastic division from the most elementary to the highest. No matter how well Oregon teachers rank in comparison with those of other states, Oregon grade and high school teachers have been unsatisfactory.

As products of a school system so much dependent on dollars as the Oregon system seems to be, that judgment is not made at quite so long a range as it first seemed.

It is quite easy to grant that between persons of equal ability the one needing the employment most should be given preference. We would not even quarrel with the superintendent as to the necessities of a mother and of a daughter. We would rather place emphasis upon another statement made by the politico-educator.

"Three normal schools in the state are trying their best to graduate teachers, and there are not jobs enough to go around."

The normal schools are not alone. University of Oregon and Oregon State college contribute equally as much to the surplus of not-so-good instructors who produce a not-so-good graduate. We would hate to see further evidence of slackening of interest in educational requirements in order to make way for marital ones.

There's even that fitting suggestion quoted by Ted Cook. It asks that President Hoover by proclamation secure everybody's immediate divorce to end this married-woman complaint.

Collegiate Impressions

APPROXIMATELY five hundred high school students, representing almost every high school in the state, will gather on the campus this week-end to be guests of the Associated Students at the eleventh annual High School Conference. They will attend gatherings in order to better equip themselves to tackle the many problems facing the leaders in the secondary institutions.

Many things have been planned by the committee in charge of the affair and every member of the faculty will co-operate to make the event a success. There is little doubt but that the visitors will return home after the conference with many ideas which will help them with their work.

While the Associated Students and members of the faculty will work together to make the conference better than ever before, it will be necessary for the various living organizations on the campus to do their share. The visitors will form their real impressions of college life from their contacts with the houses—when all is said and done, it will be the session around a cheery fireplace that will be remembered the longest.

Several times in past years some organization has made an unfavorable impression on its guests with a harmless though foolish prank. Nothing serious has ever come of these frivolities, but they tend to give a visiting high school student the wrong idea of college life.

While the delegates come here primarily for the valuable information they will receive in the meetings, they also come with a longing to see typical college life at first hand. Let's try to make their visit interesting, do our best to show them a good time, and act as college men and women should.

Our Turn To Bow

FOLLOWING the lead of metropolitan dailies, the Emerald must perform claim credit for the innovation of campus improvements which it has advocated editorially.

Hence we point with pride to the constructions of a temporary causeway across the morass which in the summertime is a dirt path leading from Condon hall to the women's quadrangle. The gravel path which now raises itself above high-water level is indeed an improvement, and hundreds of students are no doubt quietly grateful.

But the construction of a cement or board walk offers the only permanently satisfactory solution to this local locomotion problem, and it remains to be seen whether or not the top of the gravel walk will remain above water after the first really sincere rain or snow storm.

MARGIN NOTES

By Lester McDonald

Outstanding Recent Books

"Heaven Folk," by Waldemar Bonsels.

"Memories and Vagaries," by Axel Munthe.
"N and E," by Rockwell Kent.
"Partis," by Carl Van Vechten.

"Lone Cowboy," by Will James.

"Waters Under the Earth," by Martha Ostenso.

Collected Poems by D. H. Lawrence.

"College Graduates and Civilization," by Mary Lee.

With the unsatisfactory fiction year of 1930 behind us, one wonders if this year will bring a richer yield of novels? Certainly, among the Americans, at least, there are not more than three or four novels published during the past twelve months to which we can point with any pride. Publishers and booksellers have naturally suffered immensely because of the unmentionable. The dollar book scheme has been far from successful. The knowledge of astute publishers with an eye to the ledger that good books do not make much money—unless they are chosen by one of the monthly distributing clubs—has kept them within the field of republishing established favorites or the Zane Gray-Temple Bailey type of opus.

Yet there are some worthwhile names in America whose books would not be a financial loss. What has become of these great ones of several years ago? Might we not expect something from at least several of them during the coming year? The list includes Sherwood Anderson, Theodore Dreiser, Willa Cather, Ben Hecht, Glenway Wescott, Ruth Suckow, Sinclair Lewis, and Floyd Dell.

In "A Vagabond De Duxe," by John Marshall, is found a new kind of travel book. A young University of Illinois graduate goes about the world without money but carrying a complete outfit of what the best dressed young men should wear—including a tuxedo. He gets all the way around on plain intestinal stamina, getting the best of hotel accommodations, long airplane rides, and good meals from momentary friends he picks up en route.

On the whole it is rather unsatisfactory, the reader becoming a little bored with endless details on how he works people. Little is told of the countries he visits. The number of miles traveled or how he worms his way into the "best circles" entirely usurps and overshadows the appeal of far places.

In one part he tells of meeting two young University of Oregon lads playing in an orchestra on the President Pierce, voyaging in the Orient.

Norman Douglas, author of "South Wind," has recently published a non-fiction work called "Goodbye to Western Culture." To this writer the book seems shockingly immature and weak to come from such an eminently original thinker. In the book Douglas scores our civilization as against that of India, and throws his lot in with the latter. His facts are well gleaned, but there is too much evidence of blind anger at things western to make it a serious criticism.

Prolific Arnold Bennett has just published a new novel, "Imperial Palace," in which he describes the management of a hotel in exasperating detail. When one is finished there is little about a hotel he doesn't know. Mr. Bennett was recently excooriated in Somerset Maugham's novel, "Cakes and Ale; or a Skeleton in the Cupboard," along with Thomas Hardy.

This fall and winter has seen more republishing of classics than has been done for several years. The Modern Library's most recent contribution is Bayard Taylor's translation of "Faust," Stevenson's "Kidnapped," illustrated by Rowland Hilder, has been printed by the Oxford Press. Dutton's are issuing a "Swan's Shakespeare," in three volumes. From the Viking Press comes an attractive edition of "Handley Cross," by Sirtees, with an introduction by Siegfried Sassoon, and with Leech's illustrations in full color. One thousand volumes comprise the American quota. William Cobbett's "Advice to Young Men and (Incidentally) to Young Women," with illustrations by Gilbray, has just been republished by Alfred Knopf.

Clerks at Co-op Snowed Under by Textbook Buyers

Ex-try!! Latest news from the front! Harrassed Co-op employees are demanding roller skates. The situation at the textbook counter is especially serious. Reports from the scene of the encounter announce that ammunition is running low. The defenders are optimistic; one "Romantic Poets" remains; minor cuts and injuries abound, but no fatalities have yet been reported. Members of both parties suffer from fallen arches.

Severe shock was sustained by one gallant worker when a well-meaning versification stude demanded "The Wicked Horses" Anthology." He finally succumbed to "The Winged Horse Anthology."

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EPITAPH

Gone in body but still in mind, Is Peter H. McGunn; Morn and night he boasted that He was a native son.

And let that be a warning to my roommate from the sunny southland. I haven't done anything about it yet, but some of these days—

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INTERESTING SPEAKERS HEARD AT MEETING

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by Professor Thorstenberg of this University, who died recently. "They constitute the first authentic collection of the type to date, and in addition are very interesting reading," Dr. Thompson said. He also commended the efforts of Dr. E. L. Packard, chairman of the University of Oregon research council, to get them published.

Two former Oregon faculty members were on the program of the Modern Language association meeting. They were Dr. K. F. Reinhardt, now of Stanford, and Dr. A. H. Rowbotham, now of the University of California. Dr. Wright also saw Verne Blue, who was on this campus last year, and who is now doing research work under the federal government.

Dr. Wright read a paper at each of the conventions which he attended.

"In New England, they charged me with bringing a snow storm from Oregon. I denied it and told them that that kind of weather was not Oregonian," Dr. Wright said. Dr. Wright says that he was glad to get back to Oregon and see green grass and green hills again.

SATURDAY CLASSES DISLIKED BY WOMEN

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duties around the house and there is not so much time to rest. Why couldn't we have afternoon classes instead? Everyone would like them a lot better.

"I think that one of the ideas in mind when Saturday classes were introduced was the keeping of students on the campus. Everyone has a right to leave the campus over the week-end, without having to cut a class to do it. If Saturday classes are not meeting their aim, they should be abolished."

The majority of women with who she has discussed the subject are not in favor of Saturday classes, according to Irma Logan, junior in sociology.

"I think that they are pretty

We see by yesterday's Emerald that Prof. Smith says that north-erners often sail in South America. We might have suggested, looking over last term's reports, that Dr. Smith did not have to go so far from home to find a place where they fail.

A bit weak, perhaps, but none the less the principle still remains sound.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT APPROXIMATELY 30 PER CENT OF THE MEMBERS OF ONE OF THE ECON CLASSES FLUNKED DURING THE PAST TERM. WHAT A SHAME THAT THE FACULTY FLUNKS SO MANY OUT OF SO FEW FREE COURSES IN THE UNIVERSITY.

Little Muriel says that, in the eyes of the administration, popularity may be preserved but never pickled.

We were all elated when we read yesterday morning's Emerald and read that Richard Byrd was slated to speak. We were all primed to attend and learn how to fly across the North Pole in one easy lesson until we read the last paragraph.

Well, if anyone hears any scandal or anything they won't have to read this.

much of a failure. One of the reasons, I think, is that the professor himself is very frequently opposed to them.

"Then again," she continued, "by Saturday one more or less expects recreation and if one has to attend class, you never enter into the spirit of it. I think that we should have another day besides Sunday entirely free of classes.

"I don't think that they accomplish their aim of relieving building congestion which I understand is one of the chief reasons for their inception. Then, also, I think that it looks rather out of place to have a six-day week when the general trend in business and labor is toward a five-day week."

Dorothy Kirk, senior in journalism and president of Theta Sigma Phi, woman's journalism honorary, says, "Saturday classes are certainly not very popular and they are evidently not a success. They interfere with the students who work and make it hard for those who like to go home over the week-ends, although I think that they are advisable for some laboratory sections when afternoon schedules are crowded."

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Trip to Mexico Made by Faville During Holidays

A five-day boat trip to Mexico with stopovers at Los Angeles and San Diego was made by Dean Faville of the school of business administration during the holidays.

Two boats of a San Francisco steamship line cleared from San Francisco for Ensenada December 29, and returned January 3. The highlights of the trip, according to Dean Faville, were the dignified manner with which the New Year was welcomed-in aboard ship and the landing of the passengers by launch at the pier at Ensenada.

The pier, a quivery thing built from railroad rails and long since rusted to mere shadows of their former selves, offered scant security to sea-going legs. Most visitors made but one trip ashore despite glowing offers on the part of the steamship company that as many trips ashore as the passengers desired could be made.

Graduate at Flying School Arlen E. McCarty, graduate of the University last June, captain in the R. O. T. C., and member of Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity, is now in the aviation school at San Antonio, Texas.

Spencer Goes to Meeting Carlton E. Spencer, professor of law, attended a meeting of the committee on jurisprudence of the Oregon State Bar association, which met in Portland, December 29.

PLEDGING ANNOUNCEMENT Sigma Alpha Epsilon announces the pledging of Ben Blair, of San Francisco, California, and Milton Gallagher, of Portland.

Theta Chi announces the pledging of Hal Verble of Fresno, California; Wilbur Campbell of Eugene, and William Daggett of Portland.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Christian Science organization meets tonight in the Y. W. C. A. bungalow at 7:30.

House managers' association will have special meeting today in 110 Johnson at 4 o'clock.

Mens' varsity debate squad will meet in room 2 of Friendly hall from 4 to 5 o'clock.

Alpha Delta Sigma special meeting at 5 p. m. today in Mr. Thacher's office. Very important.

All the Oregon representatives please be at the Pi Beta Phi house tonight at 7:30. Very important.

Sigma Delta Chi meeting at noon today at College Side Inn.

Honorary report when ready for Oregon group pictures.

Athletic representatives of various living organizations meet at 4:30 today in the office of the men's gym.

Tryouts for Studio Plays will be held in Guild hall this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Everyone welcome to try out for the plays.

Eagle Scout dinner meeting at 6 o'clock tonight at the Anchorage. All Eagle Scouts are urged to be present.

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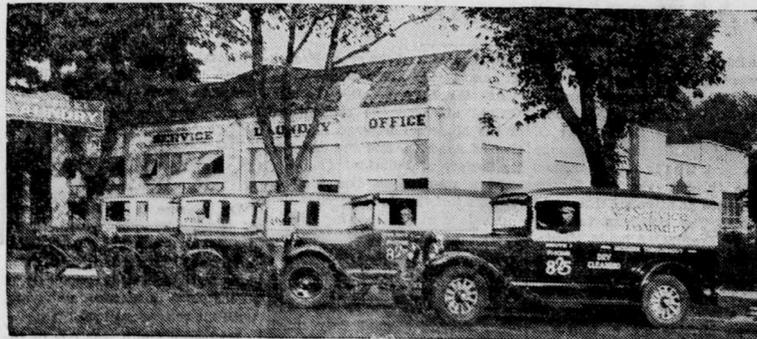
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