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#### No Tax Exemption in Sight

THE attempts of Oregon Greek-letter organizations to secure tax exemption privileges failed with the ending of the long session of the state legislature last week. The bill, which the organizations had sponsored to gain relief from the tax burden, lacked sufficient support in either house of the legislature to get serious consideration.

It will be remembered that Oregon fraternities lost their first fight on the question of the constitutionality of taxation of their properties when their test case in the Oregon supreme court was decided against them. Since that time the organizations have had to pay the large amounts of increased property taxes, though not without much complaint at what they considered an unjust burden.

But the fraternities in this state need not feel that they are suffering alone. Most of the states in the union now tax fraternity property, and recent developments show that there is a definite trend in states that had not previously imposed the tax to adopt it. At the present time the states of Oklahoma and Kansas are on the point of passing laws that would make the fraternities in those states no longer tax-exempt.

Greek-letter organizations at the University may as well accept the fact, now, that they will never gain their purpose by working along the lines they are now following. Social fustification for tax exemption lies in the two following heads:

1. That the state shall not tax itself, its property or agencies. 2. That religious, educational, and charitable institutions are exempt on the principle that they assist the state in the fulfill-

Since the state courts are deciding that college fraternities do not fall into either of the above categories, it would be futile to attempt further to establish a right to tax exemption. The mere fact that the organizations are non-profit-making does not exempt them from a property tax-although it does quite obviously relieve from income taxes.

Practically the only means left for the Greek orders to get under the tax exemption shelter is to come to some sort of an agreement with the University administration which would bring them into a position to claim social justification for exemption. The step would most certainly be a hard one for the fraternities to take as it would probably mean the leasing of their properties to the University, or, at least, the placing of the organizations under the closer supervision of the administration. But unless the fraternities are willing to do just this thingno matter how distasteful it might be to them-they may as well resign themselves to the payment of the lawful taxes.

#### Collegians Call on Congress

STUDENTS of nine universities and colleges, including Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Johns Hopkins, Maryland, Swarthmore, and Georgetown, called on members of the United States senate shortly before adjournment ten days ago, bearing a petition signed by 10,000 college students in 55 colleges, asking congress to put an end to the appropriation of money to educational institutions in which military training is compulsory.

"Intelligent college men will refuse to fight in any war," said the spokesman of the group, "unless every member of both houses of congress who votes for war and every member of the national administration who favors war goes into active service, and until every last dollar of wealth needed is conscripted to pay for the war."

Of course this is not true. The \$27,000,000 or thereabouts which the war department spends on military training in colleges and training every year is not spent in vain. If another war breaks out, the old cries of devotion to the nation, of giving everything for the sake of national honor or imperiled foreign markets will be reinforced by stringent draft laws, and the young men of the country, whether in college or out, will be shot down by machine-gun fire, bombed and gassed into unrecognizable pulps, and the agricultural acreage devoted to crops of little white crosses will grow and grow.

And at home? Will the members of congress lock up the capitol and shoulder rifles? Of course not! Nor is it desirable that they should. 'They would be worse than useless at the front and furthermore are needed at home to fill dollar-a-year jobs.

No, when the next war comes, if come it must, it will be the same sorry and horrible business that it has always been. Its horrors will be magnified by the wonders of destructive science, but the principles of control will be the same. Our successors in college will pay with their blood and their lives, and the big business men who deal in war supplies will buy more and more "Liberty" bonds, or perhaps next time it will be se-

P. S.-Seven senators out of 92 voted in favor of the bill to curtail R. O. T. C. appropriations. Ho hum!

"All the News That's Foot To Print"

Well, here we are with just \* weren't for the period which \* is to follow. But then, being \* somewhat a student of grammar from time to time, we find that everything is followed by a period and some things, which we are forbidden to mention in this column, \* by a coma; It is also esti-\* mated that 95% of the lectures 'given produce a semi- \* coma among the listeners. \* Will you take our hats and quotes, Jenkins?

> **EPITAPH** He had it coming,-Art student Boone; Sez he with a yawn "I'm thru Monday noon."

But then, we aren't kicking. Everyone (especially the law student) pities the members of the it is understood that there is some law school because they have ex- plan afoot whereby they will be aminations four hours long, one hour of which is usually spent out extra ping pong table and a recigarettes and looking like their hear themselves play. millionaire aunt had just died, willing her fortune to charity.

And now we read that eight stu- our fraternities it will probably dents have been hauled up on the carpet for various things (which we aren't permitted to mention in have been given the none-toorusty-hinged gate.

If this sort of thing keeps up bad. for long we plainly see that our fees are going to be raised another couple of notches. This is the sort of the Greater Oregon Committee to throw his hands up in despair and wonder what the deuce is the

Officers To Be Elected

Eloise Beaumont, vice-president.

A Decade Ago

Wednesday, March 9, 1921

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The Lenten cantata, "The Seven

Last Words of Christ," will be

given at the Methodist church next

Sunday night under the direction

Colonel Falls, R. O. T. C. in-

specting officer, will be here on

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#### Congress Club To Debate For Westminster Guild On Ethics of War Tonight

PLACE TO LOOK FOR SNIPES.

A SMOKING ROOM?

The ethics of war will be the in its power and depth. Election of officers for the coming year will be the feature of subject which the Congress club Westminster Guild's meeting this will debate and discuss tonight at evening at 9 o'clock at the West- 7:30 in College Side Inn. This minster house. Alice Spurgin, who topic, according to Wallace Camphas been president of the group bell, Congress club president, for the past year, will preside over promises to provide interesting argument on both sides.

The nominated officers to come That war has no ethical justiup for election are: president, Al- fication whatever will be the opinice Redetzke; vice president, Gwen Metzger; secretary-treasurer, Elin journalism, who will attack all ics of War." eanor Lonergan. Other nominamilitaristic principles which tend tions will be made from the floor. to cause discord in the world. War The retiring officers are: Alice will be defended by George Ben-Spurgin, president: Margaret nett, freshman in social science, Sprague, secretary-treasurer; and Music and special readings will contend to be its ethical qualities. the principal speaker. When the debate is over, everyone will be given an opportunity to express his views.

#### PIANIST AND VIOLINIST SHOW SKILL, ARTISTRY Baseball practice has started

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Mrs. Margaret Stone, of New its rich suggestive power. The York, grand president of Theta mood changed in the closing al-Sigma Phi, is visiting the local legro. The restless surge of a spirit that would be free flowed from strings and keys in a vivid richness that closed in a haunting weird passage almost metaphysical in its import.

piano which displayed convincingly the consistency of her talents in every department of piano technique. MacDowel's "To the Sea" showed what convincing tonal power her skillful manipulation of wrist and forearm could produce. In Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in E-And now we come around to the flat" the interest of the audience Emerald KORE contest. Despite was centered on the fluency and one more issue to go, which \* all the precautions on the part of the sheer grace of her interpretawould be a real pleasure if it \* the Emerald, the story seems to tion, and Juon's "Humoresque" have leaked out late the night be- | brought out pleasingly nimble lightness of her stacatto.

> Miss Brockman played only The Phi Sigs nabbed the prize three solo numbers, but they were mistake me though. I haven't with "A musician's dream." If it sufficient to convince a discerning been over to his house for dinner, was like the majority of the mu- listener that she has a violin techsicians that we know, it was prob- nique which is years ahead of her with him on these balmy afterably a day dream. If this contest age. She opened with Kreisler's noons. I have merely been reading gets much hotter in the future, "Viennese Melody," which is very his daily contribution in the Emer- river for navigation and water they'll probably have to start little other than melody, but how ald. combing the coast for a couple of she did make the most of all the piccolo players, a bassoon player, possibilities of that melody! and a professional director. George Her real achievement was her Barron should have won the indi- last two numbers. Nearly every

vidual award, so concensus of violinist can play Spanish dances, opinion goes, for the exquisite and but it takes an exceptional one to graceful manner in which he han- play Sarasate's No. 8 with the died the baton. There was enough spirit, the well-founded confidence brass represented in this program that this young lady showed. She to supply buttons for the unfi- played it with the rhythmic tempo, forms of all the policemen in the the skillful shading and mastery nation. The boys are undecided of tone range without which a Spanish dance all too often what to do with the new radio but descends to the level of street mu-

Her finale was Paganini's able to trade the radio in on an "Witches' Dance," famous, or rathon the curb consuming cartons of cording panatrope so they can er notorious as one of the most difficult compositions for violin ever composed. But Miss Brockman The Sigma Pi Taus managed to was fully equal to every technical requirement, and she played its cop a \$50 table lamp. If we know most difficult passages with a brilliant assurance that never once decorate the house manager's desk. gave the audience the uneasy moment which makes too many stu-The A. B. C.'s and yeomen win this column) and that five of them free trips to the theater. Oh well, dent recitals strangely embarrass-

you know about the yeomen. The None of the four compositions Delta Gams placed last and managed to collect two prizes. Not in Miss Foster's last group was even moderately long, but each was a work of art in its own way AND WHAT'S THIS WE HEAR Debussy's "Cloches a travers les ABOUT THE PI PHIS UTILIZ- feuilles" (Bells through the leaves) of thing that causes the chairman ING THE CHI-O GARAGES AS was a program piece done with a soft pastel effect in shaded tone which the pianist did full justice OH, GOODY, GOODY, A NEW to. Scriabin's "Desir" is a short tone-poem of emotion which Miss Foster made as charming as a jeweled miniature. Chasins "Etude in C-sharp minor" was short and brilliant, and the closing "Etude in D-sharp minor" was climactic

#### AMPUS -ALENDAR

Congress club will meet tonight t 7:30 in College Side Inn for deion upheld by Merlin Blais, junior bate and discussion on "The Eth-

Pan Xenia, national foreign trade honorary, will hold a meeting at the College Side Inn tonight and Claude Conder, sophomore in at 7:30. Dr. V. P. Morris, associpolitical science, on what they ate professor of economics, will be

> at the Woman's building. Everyone is invited.

Westminster Guild meets at 9 o'clock tonight at Westminster house. Election of officers.

Crossroads will not meet this Thursday on account of conflicting Sigma Xi lecture by Dr. Haas.

Campus Camp Fire club meets tonight at 8:45 at the Y. W. C. A. bungalow. Miss Nunn will speak Miss Foster played three short and refreshments will be served.

#### The Safety Valve An Outlet for Campus Steam

All communications are to be addressed to The Editor, Oregon Daily Emerald. They shall not exceed 200 words. Each letter must be signed; however, should the author desire, only initials will be published. The editor maintains the right to withhold publication should he see fit.

I wonder how many students feel, as I do, that they have a new friend on the campus? I know that I have, and in none other than Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall. Don't nor have I gone on any long walks

When the first of these appeared, some two or three weeks ago, I wondered how on earth a man who is as busy with boards of higher education, Carnegie foundations. and research councils, could afford the time to write the daily advantage of pre-registration becommunication. But then I began ing tried out by the school, David thinking. After all, he's president E. Faville, dean of the school, said of the University. And the stu- yesterday. dents ARE the University. Thererative duties.

After stating, unreservedly, that think Dr. Hall's column is a distinct success, and that I heartily favor this medium as establishing closer understanding between students and administration. I would like to make a suggestion. But in making this suggestion, be provided whereby the purposes of the column might become more

Wouldn't it be better to tie the splendid ideals and hopes that Dr. Hall expresses, together with circumstances and happenings that we are familiar with? Let me illustrate. The three of these daily writings that I remember best were about the Portland Symphony orchestra, the basketball team, and fraternity initiations. They stuck with me, I believe, because the moral (I don't know what else to call it) was definitely associated with something that I was interested in at the time.

Although I have criticized the president of the University, it has -I hope-at least been constructive, and it in no way alters my assertion at the first, which is no more nor less than the fact, that the inclusion of the department in the Emerald can become one of the strongest and finest traditions on the campus.

-ARCADIA.

#### HODGE RELATES STUDY OF COLUMBIA RIVER

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tains. The lake rose so high that it spilled across a low pass in the Cascade mountains forming a new outlet to the sea. The steep gradient, enormous supply of water, and ample supply of cutting tools The woman's all-star basketball enabled the river to cut down so team will play tonight at 5 o'clock rapidly that it left a gorge in the Cascade mountains, the tributary valleys of which were all stranded and suspended on the high level

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#### **Commerce School Tries** Out Pre-Registration Plan

Approximately 200 students in business administration have taken

The system gives the student the fore, why shouldn't his time be advantage of a more deliberate directed in channels of contact counselling period with his adviswith students as well as adminis- er, and avoids the rush an inconvenience of standing in line to see an adviser on registration day, Dean Faville believes. The system is still an experiment and whether if will be continued will depend upon the students' attitude toward it. Although the pre-registration was offered for a period of three weeks only one-third of the students I hope only, that a means might availed themselves of the opportunity for counselling with their advisers, he pointed out.

#### 'EAR AND 'AIR

is the Supposition that Collerians Wild True or Untrue?

"They aren't wild. They are simply bored-all except those who are in love."-Mack Miller, sophomore in law.

"Although they get wild-eyed at times from wine, women and exams, sooner or later they will be brought back to earth through the pursuit of knowledge."-Bill Barendrick, junior in pre-medics.

"College students on a whole are not wild. There are some, however, who like to be thought so or who think a slight shade of that reputation desirable."-Gladys Foster, junior in music.

"Oh, they are not as wild as some magazines and movies make them out to be but they are inclined to be so a little."-Maurice Kinney, senior in chemistry.

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