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Men must be at liberty to say in print whatever they have a mind to say, provided it wrongs no one.

—Charles Anderson Dana, New York Sun

AN IDEA OF SCHOOL SPIRIT

MARK TWAIN once said about the weather: "Everyone talks about it, but no one ever does anything about it." At least the first half of that pertinent aphorism pertains to what is commonly known as "school spirit." Virtually everyone refers to school spirit in a deferential, off-hand manner, yet comparatively few bother to reason out what it actually means and represents.

The average layman is inclined to regard school spirit as being represented by the success or failure of a university's football team. If the eleven wins its games, that college has attained the zenith, so far as school spirit is concerned. Should the team lose its battles and end in the cellar of the conference, school spirit is at a low ebb and all is lost.

Unfortunately, this attitude prevails generally in our fair land. A considerable proportion of high school students measure universities and colleges by the standard of athletic success and junior proms, and then matriculate accordingly. A large part of this is the fault of zealous high school journalists, who fill their columns with long tirades on how the sixth term ball or the recent baseball victory is certain to make their high school outstanding among its kind.

This is to be regretted for several reasons. Only one need be set forth here. It is ample. The light in which school spirit is largely regarded is not a true one. Football victories and rallies and dances do not produce school spirit. After all, colleges are essentially cultural and educational centers, and a notable achievement in research is far more important than a basket from the center of the court or the latest dippy-doo waltz.

The Harvard university football team was battered about from pillar to post this autumn. It even lost its traditional game with Yale by three touchdowns. In the common conception of school spirit, this event would lower Harvard's morale to a zero point, while Yale's would increase proportionately.

The incongruity of this attitude is apparent at once. Harvard students still take a deep pride in their school. Thousands of fathers who hope to make attorneys of their sons continue to look covetously on the Crimson's splendid law school. Yale won several football games, yet no more young men hope to enter its excellent scientific department than did before.

School spirit does not represent rallies, serenades, bonfires and dances. It might be represented to a small degree by such events, but that is as far as the connection goes. It rather stands for a militant loyalty and enthusiasm that has been built up for years and years and rests on a foundation that wild-eyed pep rallies cannot strengthen nor lack of such tear asunder.

Academic excellence, founded upon tradition, is the surest way to attain such a spirit and attitude. Outstanding examples of colleges whose cultural and educational achievements have established a school spirit that will exist for generations are Dartmouth, Yale, Brown, Rutgers, Harvard, Princeton and Stanford.

We conclude by clarifying our points. We do not believe the under-graduates should transfer their enthusiasm from athletics to classes, giving three cheers for the mathematics department instead of rallying for the football team, but we are of the opinion that a school spirit founded upon academic achievements and a deep-rooted pride in the college itself will be far more durable and steadfast than one which depends upon the fleeting aura of athletic glory and social delights.

UNDER WAY AT LAST

TO REFER in sports vernacular to a matter that vitally concerns sports, the Oregon athletic committee started for first base yesterday after keeping its bat on its shoulder for a considerable time.

The placing of full responsibility and power in the jurisdiction of one responsible person was an encouraging forward step. Now, more than ever, the A. S. U. O. needs an individual in charge of its athletic department who can be responsible to the executive council and student body for the success or failure of the system. The present financial exigency required and demanded the legislation which was effected yesterday.

Now that H. E. Rosson has been named what literally amounts to the University's executive athletic officer, this paper is satisfied that the first step has been taken in the gradual elimination of the athletic committee as an instrument of legislation. The Emerald believes its function should be, at most, advisory, and that it presently will either be relegated to that status, or abolished completely by vote of the student body.

This paper, when it made its initial plea for an executive head of the athletic department, advocated no particular individual. It was ready to cooperate with whomever obtained the post. Therefore, it wishes Mr. Rosson the best of luck upon the assumption of his new power and responsibilities. The Emerald believes it is wise that responsibility accompanies the authority, because under such an arrangement the student body is assured of the maximum in endeavor and cooperation.

The first step in the reconstruction of Oregon's athletic structure has been made. Further progress and advance should be imminent.

IS LEADERSHIP BANKRUPT?

IN AN address to students at Oberlin college, James G. McDonald, chairman of the Foreign Policy association, said, "The older people have very little to say which is worthwhile for young people to listen to, for we have made a mess of our job while you have been growing up. . . . There is a bankruptcy of leadership in a very real sense, whether from the national or international point of view. . . . They have failed to lead in any worthwhile or constructive accomplishments."

The speaker concluded his talk by saying that the world that the college students are about to enter is much different from that which preceding generations have entered, adding that America's hope is that the students may be able to give the qualities of leadership which the world so sorely needs.

There is considerable truth in what Mr. McDonald told the Oberlin students, and he is in a position to know what he is talking about. His outlook for the future is much more optimistic than his judgment of the present and the past.

The world needs leaders, and it is looking to the college men and women for that leadership. It was gratifying to learn recently that one Oregon graduate, Yosuke Matsuo, a member of the University of Oregon graduating class of 1900, is the leading member of the Japanese parliament and has been representative for the League of Nations meeting that will be held in Geneva in November in connection with the Manchurian difficulties.

After all, Mr. McDonald was referring to international leadership probably more than anything else, and it is in that great worldwide movement that college students are going to find a place as leaders in the future. Every Oregon graduating class should have in its membership some men and women who will go into the world as international leaders, although it is not to be expected that everyone can be a delegate to Geneva, an ambassador, or a member of the president's cabinet.

THE OREGONA WILL BE PUBLISHED

IN SPITE of the depression, curtailed income, and feeble support from students, the Oregona will come out as usual spring term of 1933. With the budget slashed almost in half, the executives of the year book, promise an annual that will not be materially reduced in size or quality. Part of this saving comes from the general decreasing price of materials and labor. The rest of it comes from a more careful buying and placing of contracts.

It is seldom that the Oregona makes money. Last year and the year before, small cash surpluses accrued, which were returned to the general A. S. U. O. revolving fund. Most Oregonas have gone in the hole, it being the theory of those in charge that the cost of the book should equal the income received.

The Oregona is a fine tradition of the University of Oregon. It preserves in a durable form activities and memories of college days. Its utility is evident around fraternity and sorority houses. No one, we believe, would seriously consider doing away with the Oregona. Every student on the campus uses it at various times, the only objection to its existence comes at times from those who are asked to support it financially.

The Oregona will be published. The executive council has promised that. Under the capable leadership of Virginia Wentz and Roger Bailey, the book should be of as good quality as in former years.

POST CARDS AS EMBLEMS OF GOOD WILL

THE DOVE has long been a symbol of world peace, but how about postcards as emblems of good will? Students and faculty members who had personal contacts with the members of the Japanese Good Will team last week received post cards yesterday from members of the group. Such thoughtfulness showed that these students were really interested in promoting good will everywhere they went.

"Many, many thanks for your kind hospitality shown toward me during our stay in Eugene. You were so good to me that I didn't feel like being in a foreign land," was the manner in which Tai Yamada expressed his gratitude to one of his Eugene hosts. It was typical of the other cards.

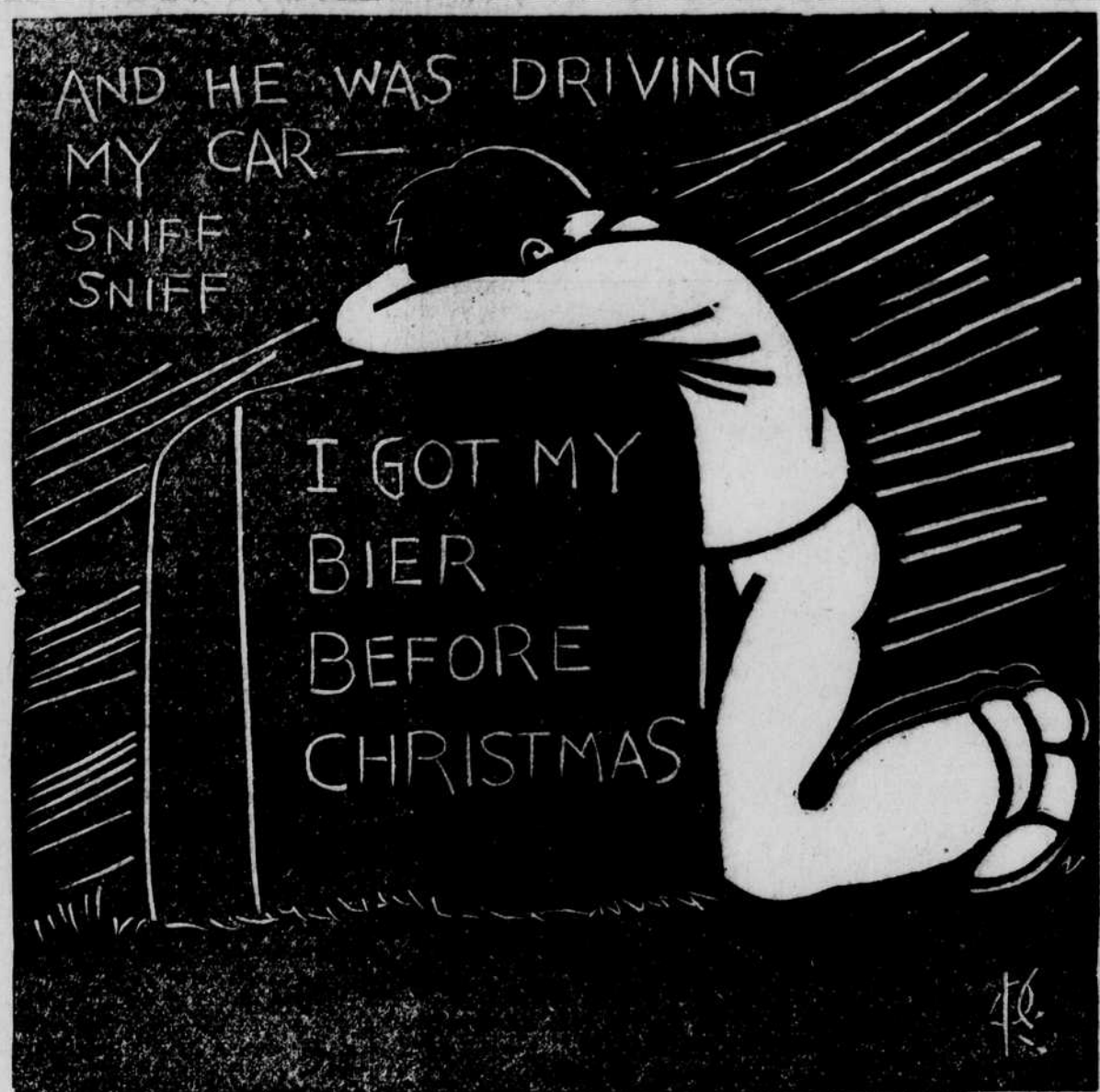
The Japanese mail from the United States to Japan has recently decreased, due perhaps to conditions of the times and not to any enmity. Yet sensitive Japanese have felt that it was an attitude of dislike. If you have friends in Japan, write to them. Post cards are trifles, but it may be the trifling things that will mean the most in bringing about international good will.

Hypocrisy is the homage vice pays to virtue.—La Rochefoucauld.

Switzerland has only two radio broadcasting stations.

STRONG BEER

By KEN FERGUSON



CAMPUS CARAVAN

By DAVE WILSON

WHY worry about a drop in the football receipts? We'll just borrow a hundred thousand dollars or so from the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

"Well, why not? Doesn't the government owe everyone a living? Sure. Just like Europe owes us the war debts."

And while we are seminary on finance, I note that the freshman class has \$143.70 left out of the sum allotted for fall term by the graduate manager's office. Does this mean that they spent \$6.30 on THAT bonfire?

Here's a sane suggestion for solving the cotton-suit vs. wool-suit in re sanitary tank swimming controversy. Abolish mixed parties and let nature-in-the-raw prevail.

Esteemed-contemporary Carol Hurlburt, the brains of "Promenade," warns that "the back lines will be down on formal dresses this season." The old wheeze about "How far is up?" will soon become "How far is down?"

"How far is down?" replied Eddie Bolds. "Well, I hear that dresses are to be worn around the

shoe-tops this season."

You may take your seat, Edward.

Optimism is not dead in America. The downtown merchants have sunk real cash in Yuletide decorations.

Internecine strife has broken out in the committee in charge of the Christmas Revels. They can't decide who's going to be Santa Claus.

It was first voted to accord the honor to Chancellor Kerr on the grounds of seniority and decades of experience at making everyone happy. When the chancellor declined the offer, the battle was on.

N. B. Zane, George Andrieni, John Casteel and Andrew Fish, all candidates, were declared ineligible on the grounds that they fell below the Santa Claus weight division. Steve Smith was willing, but refused to shave off his mustache for the occasion, as he did when he played Ben Franklin at the Colonial Road last winter. Ernest Moll dropped out of the race when he learned that he would have to make his beard and mustachios a platinum blonde for the evening.

Waldo Schumacher and Virgil Earl are now fighting it out alone. The winner will swoop down from the balcony of Gerlinger hall aboard a flying trapeze. There is no chimney.

Wonder if Amos Burg ever climbed Skinner's Butte?

Contemporary Opinion

A New Idea

The experiment conducted in small Westminster college, Fulton, Mo., offers interesting and important information for those who care to absorb it.

Last year Westminster boasted a football eleven that was undefeated. It had a wealth of letter-men returning for the next season. It possessed in its hire an excellent coach.

All of these gridiron points of advantage notwithstanding, the board of trustees of Westminster decided to abandon football as a sport unduly emphasized and, as a demoralizing influence on the student body.

In spite of the fact that the action raised a storm of protest, the board of trustees had the following favorable report to make after a short experience under the new order:

"It has been deemed impossible to have an undergraduate body enthuse over a college without the inspiration of a winning eleven. But faculty and upperclassmen are practically of one opinion: there is a better spirit on the campus than has been noted for several years. Possibly the reason is because every one of the approximately 300 men is himself actively interested in some sport, as compared with former times when about 40 men were on the football field and the rest had little to do but complain."

In the matter of attendance, the effect of abandoning football apparently had little influence. The report revealed a 75 per cent drop in the freshman enrollment, which

drop was considerably less than that suffered by many Missouri schools that were athletically orthodox.

It appears, therefore, that on the surface Westminster college has conclusively proved that intercollegiate football is not so desirable a quantity as it ordinarily is considered to be, and that the sport, much to the contrary, is a decided detriment to education. However, to avoid the risk of seeming superficial, let us look into the situation a second time.

Our first important point of interest is the fact that the enrollment of Westminster is "approximately 300." Immediately we must discount much of the report given by the trustees before we can apply it to any educational institution that is from 10 to 100 times as large.

We marvel that Westminster should have done as well as she evidently did in her 1931 football schedule. Any college that approaches the size of the Missouri institution could not be expected to maintain for long a team which would accomplish the same results and purpose that is accomplished by the football eleven of a larger school. We must therefore remove all common grounds for comparison on this basis for the simple reason that, financially, football at Westminster never was capable of contributing to the success of so-called minor athletics in the manner as football in larger institutions.

Three hundred athletes, the entire student body, actively inter-

ested in athletics again appeals to our sense of amazement. Some of this emotion is natural surprise that such an Utopian situation could be attained, but the greater feeling is a curiosity as to where Westminister got the money to finance this "athletics for all" program. Neither Purdue, nor any other school of its size and circumstances could even approach such an ideal condition were it not for football receipts.

The small amount of evidence on the detrimental effect of football upon grades and spirit is neither common nor sufficient to convince us that a college is not made a more enjoyable place to be educated by the fact that its students can take their fall week-ends off to witness a thrilling contest in which there still exists, regardless of comments to the contrary, an appreciable amount of pure spirit.—Purdue Exponent.

promenade by carol hurlburt

"THIS little pig went to market; This little pig stayed home; This little pig had roast beef; This little pig had none, And this little pig cried wee-wee-wee All the way home."

And so on . . . one line for each of your little pink toes.

In writing a column of this nature, one must note each passing whim and fancy of that fickle jade, Lady Fashion, but, remember, even so, that when one is in Eugene, one must do as Chancellor Kerr, bless his heart, and the dean of women dictate. So here is a fashion which I am not advocating and about which you may use your own judgment.

On the Riviera none of the women are wearing stockings with their evening clothes, and, open-work sandals being in vogue, they all have beautifully pedicured feet, the brilliant and shiny toe-nails peeping out like provocative imps from under the delicate strapplings.

In Monte Carlo toe-nails are lacquered a deepish pink; at Cannes, St. Tropez, and St. Maxime they are lacquered a brilliant garnet. At Cannes these charming little toes look like "japonica blossoms," while at Monte Carlo "they are more like pink shells. At Cannes both the finger and toe nails are painted garnet right to the tip of the nail with sometimes even the underside of the point reddened.

Artists have always insisted that the best way to improve the human race would be to decrease the amount of clothing, for then people would be forced to take exquisite care of their bodies. "The vogue of the open-sandals certainly supports this theory," says one correspondent. "Never have feet been so attractively soignée as they are today."

In France the profession of pedicure has become so important that a number of hair-dressing establishments have attached Chinese masters of the art. Sometimes women wait hours for an extremely clever one. (Capitalizing on this fact might be an idea for some of our unemployed!)

Aside from this polish, very little make-up is worn. Eyes are scarcely shadowed; cheeks are lightly touched with rouge. Only

the lips are a brilliant pomegranate. Hair is cut short, sometimes with almost a boyish verge, or it is tucked behind the ears and curled high on the nape of the neck.

The Orientals have for a long time paid a great deal of attention to the feet of their women-folk, and it has been a question which I have long pondered as to why Oriental fashions have not influenced our mode of dressing, internationalism being one of the creeds of our modern society. In one of the last issues of Vogue, however, a tea gown was pictured under the title, "Seduction after the Japanese." It was fashioned of starkly white satin with full kimono sleeves which were lined with brilliant cerise.

We select for Promenade: Marguerite Tarbell because she wears a smart campus frock of wine and green plaid, made with huge puffed sleeves terminating just above the elbow, finished at the throat with a white man's collar, and trimmed with shiny green and metal buttons down the front.

Washington Bystander

By KIRKE SIMPSON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30 — (AP) — Less than a week after his election as president, Governor Roosevelt was called upon to give the country—and the world, incidentally—an advance taste of his qualities.

He was called upon to formulate what amounted to "No. 1" in the file of the records of his administration, and that nearly four months before he actually was to become president.

Whatever else may be said of that initial document of the Roosevelt presidency, none can read his acceptance of President Hoover's invitation to discuss at the White House the war debt and other unspecified national problems without sighting again that quality of political astuteness in Mr. Roosevelt now so widely proclaimed.

It ran through every line of the Roosevelt telegram. It was apparent even in the cheerfully informal and personal tone that characterized it all.

Some commentators scented a bit of mischief in the Roosevelt declaration that he would be "delighted" to meet the president as the latter had suggested. They seemed to think he had adopted that famous Rooseveltism of another epoch with malice aforethought.

What impressed the Bystander particularly was something quite different. Left open to surround himself with a battery of expert advisers of his own selection, Mr. Hoover having made his invitation wide enough for that, Mr. Roosevelt elected instead an informal cross-table talk with the president.

He neither committed himself in advance to any course of action or policy, nor did he embarrass in any way the personal problem he must so soon tackle of picking out his own cabinet. It looked like a neat escape from a possibly perplexing situation.

Then Mr. Roosevelt also suggested that "in the last analysis" responsibility in meeting the immediate issue raised by the debt notes rested with President Hoover "and legislative authority." That last phrase especially impressed the Bystander.

It appears to be a graceful recognition of present congressional leadership, including that of the democratic house, from the titular head of the party whose own functions do not apply directly at all to the present congress.

That idea is supported by Mr. Roosevelt's explanation to the president that he expected to hold conferences with party congressional leaders—that is leaders in the present congress—at Warm Springs, and that what might develop in his talk with Mr. Hoover as to the president's views on the debt situation would be "helpful" in that connection.

Certainly no democratic senator or representative now charged with responsibility could have his feelings hurt by this delicate suggestion that Mr. Roosevelt merely hopes to be helpful to them in reaching decisions that only they can reach.

The governor makes his first move in the game of national leadership in diplomatic fashion that suggests to political observers keen understanding of the human elements in the situation.

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Three Decades Ago

From Oregon Weekly, December 1, 1902

We Have Progressed
In the Thanksgiving day game with the Multnomah club, the varsity suffered from sawdust and stage fright, putting up the poorest game of the season, save only that first affair with Albany. Oregon lost, 16 to 0, before a large crowd—about 4,600.

Regent S. H. Friendly made a trip to Portland Wednesday, partly to see the big game.

The Good Old Days
The football team went to the Baker Thursday evening after the game and gave a few Oregon yells, just to let the people know they were there.

Professor Condon will address the assembly next Wednesday on "The State University at Work."

Cryptic Statement
One of the town papers says there is a Societas Quirinalis at the University. There used to be.

In the junior farce, "To Oblige Benson," Dave Graham (in his makeup) was as handsome, attractive and fascinating a young man as any lawyer's wife would wish to receive attention from.

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