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The Emerald's Creed for Oregon

".... There is always the human temptation to forget that the erection of buildings, the formulation of new curricula, the expansion of departments, the creation of new functions, and similar routine duties of the administration are but means to an end. There is always a glowing sense of satisfaction in the natural impulse for expansion. This frequently leads to regarding achievements as ends in themselves, whereas the truth is that these various appearances of growth and achievement can be justified only in so far as they make substantial contribution to the ultimate objectives of education . . . providing adequate spiritual and intellectual training for youth of today—the citizenship of tomorrow. . . . The University should be a place where classroom experiences and faculty contacts should stimulate and train youth for the most effective use of all the resources with which nature has endowed them. Difficult and challenging problems, typical of the life and world in which they are to live, must be given them to solve. They must be taught under the expert supervision of instructors to approach the squittion of these problems in a workmanlike way, with a disciplined intellect, with a reasonable command of the techniques that ree involved, with a high sense of intellectual adventure, and with a genuine devotion to the ideals of intellectual integrity. . ."—From the Biennial Report of the University of Oregon for 1931-32.

The American people cannot be too careful in guarding the freedom of speech and of the press against curtailment as to the discussion of public affairs and the character and conduct of public men.

—Carl Schurz.

EXCELSIOR!

67-YEAR-OLD reformer, his courage and per-A ceptivity undiminished by the swift flight of wages" just as the board decides on a salary cut the years, today will look from his lofty place on which will make it impossible for him to continue and tactful academic advice might the ladder of life to those who are just beginning payments on that little home-four year's savings possibly "mark a new era in our to grasp its bottom rungs. Once again, as he has will be swept away; that long planned summer in history. on countless occasions in the past, Lincoln Steffens seclusion which would enable him to write that "Professors have become news; will attempt to instill in a group of the nation's book which the world has been waiting for fades—their cloistered detachment, with impress upon statesmanship, pos-

Lincoln Steffens is a thinker himself. He is not concerned with yesterday's rainstorm nor tomorrow's entertainment, but is occupied in wider circles. He estimates human beings, their frailties and their strengths. He looks back over the high- tion of fact. If you have an eye for drama, here it road of history and he looks down the road into the is. But the show must go on. vista of the future. And, shrewdly valuating what he sees, he visualizes the destiny of civilization. On more than one occasion he has rebelled vigorously against what he saw and in those instances his courage and tenacity have stampeded his foes and rallied his friends.

Probably Lincoln Steffens has talked to more college students than ever passed through the portals of the University of Oregon in all its decades of existence. In that vast group there have been students whose blank minds and spineless backbones have been as impervious to Mr. Steffens' cold logic and vivid facts as blank paper. But there have been students who have thought, in whose keen minds Mr. Steffens planted the seeds of ideas and purposes. And from the latter group there have emerged leaders of their fellows-youths with the valor and audacity to defy the status quo, to seek for themselves the truth.

accept the ancients' conception of natural phe- the explosion that comes from the pricking of the nomena. Before him there were Jesus Christ and balloon. And, if we are to judge from the wailing his disciples, men in whose mind the fires of ideal- from many of our great institutions, some of the ism burned with head that Roman swords could not colleges have not yet begun to deflate." turn aside. More recently there have been Wash- The extent of the curtailment of college athletics ington, Lafayette, Jefferson and the immortal back- in recent months is revealed in a survey conducted gested by a coterie of Columbia woodsman, Abraham Lincoln. An idealist with by the New York Times. According to the survey. courage was Woodrow Wilson, whose zeal for his in every section except in the Rocky mountain area, country broke him in mind and body. An even where there has never been any football inflation more ardent attacker of the fortresses of reaction and where the falling off in football revenue has is Upton Sinclair, who refuses to print what he does not had such serious consequences, schedules have

Lincoln Steffens. Though the world be against other economies effected in order to balance bud- have been protests, honest as well them, they have had the will to succeed and the gets. At many institutions activities have had to as dishonest. A Boston financier determination to hold their own. Retreat they never be suspended in both major and minor sports. do; go forward they always will.

the redcoats, that brought blue-coated cavalry activities here will be drastically curtailed. from the plains of the west in answer to Lincoln's

address ideals and purposes to urge them on to Bruin.

greater conquests and new advancement in the days to come.

It is no crime to progress; it is absurd to be reactionary. In the words of William Allen White, also a celebrated journalist:

"The ideal student is always in revolt. Conformity is death to youth. Later in life youth will learn to conform with wisdom; but at the home plate, with the bat in its hand, before the bases are run, youth should revolt, free, on its toes rarin' to

GOING NOWHERE FAST

THE CURTAIN is raised and the farce is on. I One political party sits in Buddha-like complacency viewing, with drooping lids, the untroubled panorama. Spring term politics have caused as little stir as a blond in the follies. The lethargy has crept into the publication field as well. Only three students entered their names for editor of the Emerald, two for editor of the Oregana, and one each for business manager of each publication.

Self government has reached a sorry level when all the elective offices are practically uncontested. The race indeed is short and the victory hollow. The highest office of all, president of the Associated Students, draws only one man who believes he is qualified to hold the job. Our alleged student democracy has foundered itself under its own weight of bureaucracy, house allignments, ticket voting and lack of real issues. For all practical purposes it matters not whether Luke McGluck of Marcola, or Jim Zilch of Canyon City is elected. Neither of them stand for anything nor take sides upon any issue. All they can promise their backers is the rather dubious honors to be bestowed in the way of committee chairmanships.

Nor can we blame a disgruntled student body for looking with cynical eye upon the ingratiating gyrations of office-seekers. It is hardly worth our time to go to the polls so that some quasi-politician can later be addressed as "Chairman of the Electric Light Bulb Committee."

But in this ironical tirade of ours is a note of desperation. We ask vehemently: "If student government is not worth having, why have it?" If it is not, what is there to take its place? No one can doubt the decadence of the present system. Leadership, decisive action, and a thorough housecleaning are desperate needs at the present time.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON

SOME time ago the cinema "cashed in" on films depicting the backstage melodrama of an actor's career. The Jazz-Singing hero sang most soulfully to an audience that did not know that he knew that his aged mother lay dying. A last performance might mean the death of the matriarch of the stage-but the show must go on. Or the sad eyed heroine was forced by dramatic tradition to sing baby songs while a misunderstood lover was speed- fairs and his continued gain in Roosevelt's Columbia aids, he said

pared to those enacted in life before Joe College administration, which, in fact, fact material, any assumption of and Betty Co-ed of today. The instructor in "places the university on trial," leadership by them would be re-Romance Languages literally re-enacts the "Last Lesson in French" before an unsuspecting audience. The history professor must go on with a clares. very learned dissertation describing minutely the details of the 15th Century Inquisition just after he has learned that "in the interests of economy" his services will not be required next year. Or Dr. So-and-So discusses the "subsistence theory of youth the valor and desire to think for themselves. at the moment of realization—into a mere tantalizits unreality or its ultimate philoing dream; and the little woman who is bringing their potential president into the world must do so without the comforts she so richly deserves.

Sentimental? Perhaps. But not an exaggera-

On Other Campuses

Deflating College Athletics

TWO YEARS ago when the Association of American College Professors and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching were de- denatured by a competent journalcrying the overemphasis of college sport, the high- ist. er institutions gave little heed and continued to

expand their athletic programs. Today everything has changed. Throughout the nation, college and universities, faced with evermounting deficits in athletic budgets, are curtailing sports programs far more drastically than was advocated two years ago.

Writing in the New York Herald-Tribune, W. O. McGechan, describes this deflation process.

"We find that college sports are being deflated the economists, the educationists, so swiftly and effectively that even the advocates the political scientists, the sociol-SUCH a man was Galileo, who centuries ago was of deflation are alarmed," McGeehan declares. willing to be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be to the tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be to the tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be to the tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be to the tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be to the tortured because he refused to "They wanted a gentle and gradual deflation, not be to the tortured because he refused to the tortured because he refused to the to

been curtailed, salaries and personnel have been state affairs would arouse univer-And all these men and more are the type of reduced, squad rosters have been cut down and

Although the deflation of college sports started from Europe asserted with much So today we have an opportunity to hear the in the east, it already has reached the Pacific coast vehemence that the main trouble words and logic that have made men think since as evidenced by the recently announced budget cuts time immemorial. We will hear the cry to progress at Berkeley, Oregon, and other Coast conference and advance—the cry that encouraged the Chris- universities. With receipts from football at this tians to overthrow Rome, that urged the Russian university far below expectations and with the A. S. serfs to rebel against the lash, that called the New U. C. facing an \$18,000 deficit for the year, it is a life and accept the bounty of men England citizenry from its farms to war against foregone conclusion that athletics as well as other who faced battles in the real

The results of this forced deflation are difficult to foretell. Undoubtedly the trend toward intramural sports will be stimulated. Perhaps the time A ND THERE will be some of us who will neglect this golden opportunity, either because of lack universities will be able to present a sensible, same of intelligence and courage or by foolishly remain- program of athletics for the benefit of all students, in the Capitol on the wicked intering away. But there will be some in the audience instead of the present highly professionalized brand nationalism of two Columbia at Gerlinger hall who will take from Mr. Steffens' of sports for the benefit of the few.-U. C. L. A.

Pan Ameaican Day By STANLEY ROBE



"Obviously, referring to Mr

ing to the president-elect against

"The professor interest has

never been so prominent in Amer-

ican politics before - outside of

Wisconsin. How far is it practic-

able in a democracy? And how

desirable? These are the ques-

tions very much to the fore in a

new national administration. If

offered with becoming tact from

Columbia or elsewhere, academic

influence may set an immediate

sibly marking an era in our his-

tory. The university is on trial."

-New York Herald-Tribune.

Assault and

Battery by Parks Hitchcock

Seven hundred bandsters are

TRIP TO EXAMINE ROCK

(Headline, Ore. Emerald)

partment?

Jim Smith

Rock of Ages, or the Econ De-

Latest dope on the College Side

It is claimed that Dye is a ringer

booth-sitting contest:

employing academic spokesmen.

KALEIDOSCOPE

[News and comment from and about persons and institutions prominent in current educational circles.]

THE EVER-INCREASING acti-vity of the university professor down on professors.' in political and governmental afprominence in the news has that while the legislators would These scenes are but petty melodrama com- reached its peak under the new gladly call upon professors for an editorial in the current "Colum- sented; it was a side-long warnbia University Quarterly" de-

Pointing to the varied comment caused by the participation of Professor Raymond Moley, Rexford G. Tugwell and A. A. Berle in the recent campaign, the editorial expresses no opinion one way or the other, but asserts that intelligent

sophy - as you will - seems now but a curiosity of history," says "The Quarterly," of which Professor Dixon Ryan Fox, of the department of history, is editor.

"The fact is that the lineal descendants of the academic scholars of a hundred years ago, the classicists, the philosophers, the mathematicians, the rhetoricians, the pure scientists, are about as much 'detached' as were their ancestors. expected on the campus today. It Their work finds little hospitality in headlines unless it is skilfully now taking flute lessons. simplified and perhaps somewhat

"But during the last 50 years while the world's life changed with constantly dizzier speed, universi- Colonial.) ties-which exist to answer the world's general questions - have DR. SMITH TAKES FIELD paid more and more attention to what are called the social sciences. The name is half-humorously given and accepted, but no one questions the growing prestige of

Continuing, the editorial asserts Jupe Prescott that in view of the fact that "the Harry Handball data and ideas presented by the successful presidential candidate as he is not actually registered in in the late campaign were sug- school at present, but he objects professors," it is only natural that the professors should make the headlines, although it denies that they sought such prominence.

"It was not expected that academic influence on national and sal gratification," it states. "There recently interviewed on a return with the country was this professor influence, that it had been so for 10 years . Professors, he said. were cowards and weaklings anyworld and won a success.

"Henry Ford a day or so later intimated that professors knew very little of what they were talking about. Then Representative Tinkham instructed his colleagues scholars. The journalist. David Lawrence, headed a syndicated

will continue in the contest. After last night's walkout of

O. S. C. players on the boxing itiative of Mr. Douglas, routine Charles Lindbergh. card, it looks as if the traditional Orange had turned one shade lighter.

ON THE POLICE BLOTTER: Hack Miller waiting for his pants to be pressed Ralph Brown back at his pigging George Howard watching the beer sell . . . Roland McMasters walking down the well known street . . .

Sandy Platt watching somebody else lose their nickel on the slot machine . . . Althea Peterson driving the Peterson jollope. . .

Contemporary Opinion . . .

(Editor's note: Because of recent controversies here over the manner in which the federal budget should be balanced, the following from the New York Times is of special interest to University students.)

Routine Costs

THE untiring director of budget, Mr. Douglas, is planning further economies at Washington. TUTORING GERMAN - By ex-He has made it clear that the administration does not intend to stand on the large reduction it has already made in the outlay for veterans' relief. It is also seeking means of retrenchment in the routine costs of the government.

is rumored that the Chi Psi's are That there is opportunity for substantial savings here may be demonstrated by comparing expen-We nominate for the Keg club: ditures last year with those ten George Belts because he has years earlier. Such a comparison moved into a new apartment. does not ignore the realities of the (This means a free pass to the situation. For the purchasing power of the dollar last year was 33 per cent greater than in 1922, and

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the same amount of government funds could be expected to stretch further. Yet instead of falling, as the purchasing power of the dollar rose, the routine costs of most federal departments increased greatly during the period. Comparative figures for 1922 and 1932 are shown here, in millions of dol-

1922	1932
Agriculture\$144	\$319
Commerce 21	53
Interior 7	7 81
Justice 18	52
Labor 6	15
Navy 459	358
Postoffice 68	203
State 10	19
Treasury 156	288
War 402	467
Total\$1.361	\$1.855

Only in one case, that of the navy department, did expenditures decline between 1922 and 1932largely in consequence first of the limitations imposed by the Washington treaty of 1922 and then of failure to build up to those set at London eight years later. Expenditures in one other department, that of the interior, advanced only slightly. But elsewhere large increases were recorded. In terms of dollars, the greatest were in the department of agriculture, which has immensely multiplied its real and imaginary services to ment, which is charged with a ginning: large part of the expenditure for public works, and the postoffice department, which had a heavy deficit in 1932 and will have another this year. In terms of percentage of increase, the postoffice and the departments of commerce and justice were the largest gain-The administration has two pow-

ers which can be used effectively drew Jackson." in curtailing routine costs. One is authority, already exercised by the president, to reduce federal salar- cluster about any one name; strenuously to this charge. He ies. The other is a practically free hand in the rearrangement and prise for some in the number and consolidation of bureaus and commissions. If, on the energetic incosts can be brought back to the level of 1922, and if the resultant economy is added to that already achieved by retrenchment in veterans' relief, the administration will perform the remarkable feat of cutting nearly \$1,000,000,000 from last year's budget.

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Current LITERATURE

By JOHN SELBY HERE is something new for the parlor table.

It is called "Great Americans as Seen by the Poets," and it is, strictly speaking, the product of a great nostalgia. For five years, recently, Burton Stevenson lived in Europe. The longer he lived there, the better America looked to him. He took a vow. When he came home, he would do something about it.

He compiled this anthology, a quaint libation to his country's historical past, and perhaps rather a valuable one, for it is obvious that the history which endures best is rhymed and metered.

What curious partners have resulted! Arthur Guiterman and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; William Makepeace Thackeray and Mrs. M. M. Webster; Walt Whitman and Zona Gale; Fitz-Greene Halleck and Vachel Lindsay; Hamlin Garland and Herman Melville. And what curiosities, for that

matter, including several by that great contributor to anthologies, "Unknown." There is a poem, for the farmer; the treasury depart- example, on Benedict Arnold be-"Arnold, thy name, as heretofore,

Shall now be Benedict no more: Since, instigated by the devil, Thy ways are turned from good

to evil.' There is a certain naivete in the presentation of the biographical

data which introduces the poems. Some of the verse is quite fine, notably Lindsay's "Old Old An-It was not Mr. Stevenson's purpose to print all the verse that

nevertheless, there may be a surquality of poems about such moderns as Woodrow Wilson and The whole work is enclosed be-

tween two apostrophes. The first is "Dear Land of All My Love" by that gentle poet-flutist, Sidney Lanier; the last an apostrophe to Lindbergh by John G. Neihardt.

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