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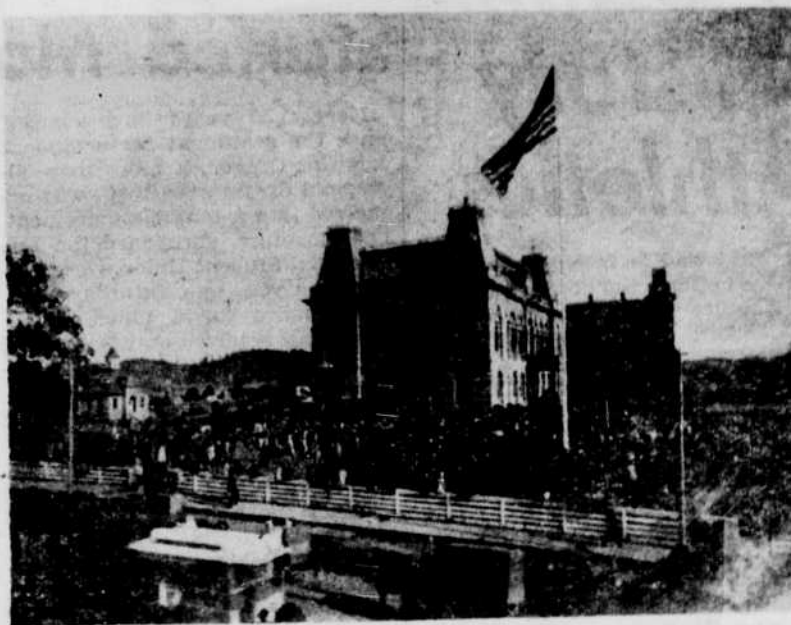
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Ceremonies at Villard Hall



FLAG RAISING ceremonies at Villard hall in early 80s drew big crowds. Notice board walks, horse-drawn carriages and mite-sized street car.

Oregon Library Had Few Books In Early Days

For the first five years of its existence, the University had a few books but no library worthy of the name. Then in 1881, from Henry Villard's gift, \$1,000 was allocated to the library and used mostly for the purchase of reference works.

A continuing fund for the purchase of books was made available from a further grant of \$50,000, mostly earnings from Northern Pacific bonds of the noted railroad-builder. Books purchased from the Villard gifts are identifiable from the stickers on the inside of the cover.

The University's first little supply of books was kept in Professor Mark Bailey's room, "greatly to his inconvenience," as reported in the Oregon State Journal of Jan. 17, 1885.

First Library in 1907

The first building on the campus devoted principally to library purpose, though housing several academic departments, was erected in 1907 at a cost—in those days of low prices—of \$25,000. The three-story structure, now the home of the law school, served as the University library for 30 years.

The present library, a spacious structure of three stories and a basement, was provided by the federal government and built by the Works Progress Administration. It was opened in the spring of 1937.

Formerly it took a permit to get an undergraduate into the stacks where he could pick out his own books, but now that stackroom space is increased, direct access there is permitted all students.

More than 400,000 books are now housed in the main library. Volumes kept in the subsidiary libraries—law, art and architecture, University high school, dental and medical schools—expand this total to 512,000. In addition to this are 35,000 maps, 23,000 photographs, 3,000 sound recordings and 34,000 film strips and slides.

Building Costs Noted

Nearly one-fourth of the entire student body can be seated in the library. The cost of the recently-completed addition—\$750,000, or nearly double that of the original building—reflects the inflation in building costs in 14 years. Cost of the entire building was in excess of \$1,000,000.

The usefulness of the library to researchers and advanced students as well as to the undergraduates is enhanced by the numerous collections donated by friends of the University.

Collections include incunabula and rare books, reference works and phonograph records in music. The art museum also houses an extensive collection of works on the art of the Orient.

Collier Foresaw Radio's Invention

Back in the early 1880s the question, "Do you think that we will ever be able to transmit telegraphic messages without the intervention of wires?" was directed to the University of Oregon's first physics professor, George H. Collier.

"No question of it," Professor Collier replied, "I may not live to see it, but the rest of you will." It was through such foresight as this that Professor Collier gained the admiration of his students in the respect of possessing a fine constructive imagination, and it was through B. E. Beekman, a graduate of 1884, that the story was brought to the attention of today's Oregon student.

Professor Collier joined the University staff in 1879, the year that the first class was graduated. It was President Chapman's pressure to force retirement on Professor Collier and Professor Mark Bailey in 1895 that brought about the in-harmony and the eventual resignation of the president four years later.

Hollis Made Mark As Student Here

For 23 years Oregon students have been fading with near unanimity to meet the scholastic mark set by Orlando John Hollis, dean of the law school, when he was a student there.

Dean Hollis joined the faculty of the law school in 1928 and succeeded United States Senator Wayne Morse as dean of the school in 1944. Following the death of President Donald M. Erb in 1943, Dean Hollis was made acting president until President Harry K. Newburn assumed the presidency in 1945.

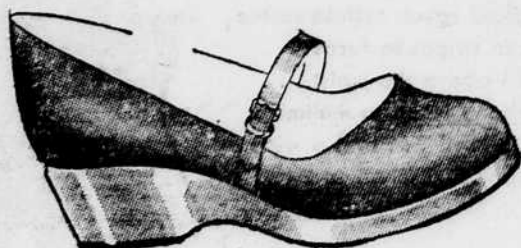
Besides his duties in the law school, one of which is to maintain the high scholastic standards for which the law school has long been recognized, Dean Hollis is Oregon representative in the Pacific Coast conference.

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