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## THE ADVANTAGES OF THE O. A. C.

The president of the Oregon agricultural college has issued his biennial report, a bulky volume consisting of some 255 pages. There is much, however, of an interesting nature to be found in it, as it delineates in full the advantages of the college, and the splendid work it is doing for the youth of the state.

The work which the college has undertaken is not alone confined to youth, as the ages of students range from 15 to 50, the average age being 19.77. The two extremes are represented by 28 students 15 years of age, and 17 over 50 years of age. The largest numbers are between 17 and 20, there being 126, 203, 178 and 157 who are respectively 17, 18, 19 and 20. Of the number registered on November 19, 1908, 857 were men and 263 were women.

These students come from various walks of life, they being divided as follows: Farmers, including dairymen, horticulturists, etc., 51 per cent; architects, engineers, miners, 14 per cent; mechanics, 11 per cent; merchants, druggists, bankers, hotel proprietors, 15 per cent; lumbermen, laborers, 10 per cent; employes, including bookkeepers and traveling salesmen, 4 per cent; lawyers, editors, physicians, teachers, 5 per cent. The table in detail, which is too lengthy for publication here, shows the wide range of the college constituency. Practically all of the professions and trades are represented, there being approximately 95 per cent of the students representing industrial occupations, while the remaining 5 per cent come from the homes of such professions as medicine, law, journalism, education and the ministry.

All of this augurs well for the state, for nothing tends more towards development of the resources of the commonwealth than this small army of educated youth going out into its fields to labor with intelligence. This education so increases the productive capacity of the farm youth that from this standpoint alone it will pay its own cost several times over—with better homes, better rural civilization. The welfare of the future fathers and mothers in our farm homes, as well as the welfare of our country as a whole demands that our farm youth be better schooled both in technique and in general subjects.

A careful consideration of the subject of technical education, and of its importance in conserving and developing the natural resources of the country as outlined by President Kerr will show that the entire plan of agricultural college work is most ideal and comprehensive, including the subjects required in training for good citizenship, as well as for industrial efficiency in any of the great fields of production, manufacture, and commerce. There is a vital inter-dependence of the agricultural, engineering, commercial and other distinctive work that makes for unity, efficiency and mutual helpfulness. The development of agriculture depends not only upon the application of scientific principles in the production of crops, but also upon a demand for farm products, and an easy and economic means of transporting them to market. Under present conditions, adequate transportation facilities constitute a most essential factor in the growth of agriculture. An increase in transportation facilities, by the improvement of highways and inland waterways, and by the extension of railroads, most precede, or accompany, any great agricultural advancement. Other important factors are the construction of factories for the manufacture of the most improved farm machinery and implements, and of the different articles made from the products of the farm; the utilization of waste power for manufacturing and transportation; and the manufacture of structural steel and cement used in building cities, thereby increasing the demand for farm products. On the other hand, there can be no great progress in building factories, railroads, and cities, except through a corresponding development of agriculture and forestry. Farmers must have the raw material required, and a market for their products; transportation must precede the movement of commodities westward, while the growth of most cities at least is dependent alike upon the prosperity of both the farmer and the manufacturer. Thus, again, the combined efforts of engineers and agricultural experts are required in the drainage of swampy lands, and in the reclamation of large arid tracts by irrigation, while success in any modern enterprise is possible only through the application of business principles. Special training in business methods is essential to agriculture, in manufacturing, and in transportation, as it is in merchandising. Moreover, the prosperity and civilization of a country depend upon the character of its homes, and the modern home requires special training in the sciences and arts relating to home life.

KING VICTOR DEAKES  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
NIGHTMARE SUGGESTED BY  
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## THINK THEY SEE CLEVER SCHEME OF PANAMA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—A feature of the objections to the treaty between the United States and Panama, now pending in the senate, is the protest voiced by the American employed by the infamous canal commission and Panama railroad. These Americans through committees have requested the senate not to ratify the treaty, because, in their opinion, it threatens the commercial system of the canal zone. They declare that they fear the signing of the treaty, which provides that all differences that may arise between the Panama and the United States governments, shall be submitted to a board of arbitration for final decision, means the only right to be obtained by Panama relating to the curtailment of privileges granted in the treaty of 1903 in which it is provided that all articles necessary and convenient for the employees and their families may be imported duty free.

## WILL MARK SITE WHERE LINCOLN WAS NOMINATED

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—As the final features of Lincoln's centenary work in Chicago, special services and programs in honor of the great emancipator will be held in a special all-branch ceremony, and the daughters of the American Revolution will dedicate a tablet to mark the site of the old wagon where Lincoln was nominated for the presidential office.

## TO DISSOLVE MERGE REACH CRISIS IN RAILWAY DEAL

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 12.—Officers of the federal government in custody the alleged merger of the two big American railway systems, the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific, reach a crisis at the beginning of the hearing in this city today. Senators have been sworn on their oaths and other representatives of Cleveland who are to be heard in the case.

## ACTOR HANFORD TALKS TO WOODLAND PUPILS

WOODLAND, Cal., Feb. 12.—The pupils of Woodland high school were delighted to learn Monday afternoon that actor Hanford, who will give some dramatic readings and recitations over at a few days' notice, has been invited to visit the school.

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