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IT IS more than likely that our debaters will take no part this year in the proceedings of the state intercollegiate debating league. Although his attention was called to the matter early in December, the president of the league, (Mr. S. A. Siewert, of Willamette University) has not yet (Jan. 16) called any meeting of the executive committee to arrange a schedule for the present year. Our men have a debate arranged for May 25 with the University of Washington, and will not now be able to take part in more than one other contest before that one. In spite of this, the gentlemen from Pacific and Willamette universities insist that Oregon have the first debate with Willamette and that the winner then meet Pacific for the "championship." This plan would compel our men to prepare two debates, or perhaps three, in four months. Our opponents insist upon this arrangement, although they have no preponderance of precedent, or other argument in their favor. Knowing that U. O. had arranged a debate with Washington, our sapient league officials might, as a mere matter of courtesy, have arranged the preliminary for December or January and the final for March. Failing in this, the first contest might have been slated between P. U. and W. U. and the "Championship" for an early date in April. Neither of these courses has been followed, no schedule has been arranged, and in three weeks, our men will have to submit their question to Washington. The result is that Oregon will have no state debate this year. However, we do not regret being thus edged out of the league. Our past experience in it has not been either so pleasant or so profitable our opponents will say for the lack of victories) that we should desire a repetition thereof. We regret that the contests of last season were lost so we must quit the field with lowered colors. We wish Willamette and Pacific Universities much joy in their annual debate for the "intercollegiate championship of Oregon."

THE FINANCES of the foot-ball team are in a bad way, but no reflection should be cast on the manner in which Mr. Goodrich has handled the financial affairs of the team. Perhaps had our men not gone to California, not played the Washington game or not employed so expensive a coach, the finances might be in better shape. But we wanted all of these and had them. Now, the season is over and there are seventy dollars worth of bills unpaid. If any one cares to donate a few dollars, or suggest a means of raising the deficit, let him confer with Mr. Goodrich, for something must be done, and that quickly. When these bills were contracted, the manager gave his word that they would be paid, but

the many friends of the team should not permit him to pay them out of his own pocket.

COLLEGE patriotism, said Dr. Strong at the assembly last week, counts for naught, unless the student realizes his duties and responsibilities in the classroom, and is willing to comply with the laws and regulations necessary for the good government of the University. This may not be all poetry for some of us, but nevertheless it is an unimpeachable truth and one which cannot be dodged with impunity. To have freedom, there must be laws, and until the time comes when college students can be safely left to their own sense of responsibility we who are college students should deport ourselves accordingly and after a manner that will eventually make us able to use our responsibilities rightly.

WITH Redmond as manager and Ziegler as captain, the foot-ball team of 1901 ought to be a very strong one. There will be plenty of valuable material from which to choose an eleven.

At Stanford.

Dr. Ross has been engaged by the University of Nebraska as professor of sociology. He will begin work in February at a salary of \$2,000 per year. In order to avail itself of his services, it was necessary for the university to create a new position, as it already had a professor of economics.

John Johnson, fullback on the Northwestern University football team, has announced his intention to leave that institution and to enter Stanford. Johnson is celebrated for his wonderful dodging and tackling ability, and more especially for his field goal by which his team tied Iowa in the last Thanksgiving game. He has been prominent in athletic affairs at Northwestern since his entrance there, not only in football, but also in baseball and track work.—Daily Palo Alto.

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