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INGRATITUDE.

SENT TO PORTLAND.—The action of the management of the Junior Annual for this year in sending the book to a Portland printing firm for publication is open to criticism. The book is supported by the advertising of local merchants and by subscriptions of Eugene people. A good price is charged for both and then the book is sent to Portland to be printed. The difference in prices could not be enough to justify sending abroad for the work. The work could be got out in Eugene and our printers should at least have been given an opportunity to bid on it.—Guard.

UNIVERSITY PRINTING.—Last evening's Guard contained a criticism on the action of the management of the Junior Annual in sending to Portland to have its book printed. Neither the Guard nor the Register could have hoped to get a chance to bid on this work, as it has seemed to be the policy to ignore both papers when there was any job work to be done. Both papers are now employing students to furnish news matter every day, giving it publicity through their columns, advertising the University and otherwise giving employment to students, yet the job printing of the institution seems to go to exclusive job offices.—Register.

UNGRATEFUL.—The students of the University of Oregon sent to Portland to get their Annual printed, and the Eugene papers are on the war path. They say the students ignore both papers constantly and get exclusive job offices to do their printing. Not so in Albany, for our college students realize the vast amount of good the local papers do them and they reciprocate. Eugene students are ungrateful.—Albany Herald.

Here is a chance to hit three birds with one stone, for these papers are "birds" in the small boy vernacular. The Albany Herald doesn't know what its talking about any more than do the Guard and Register.

The Junior Annual was sent to

Portland because the work can be done there, better, cheaper and sooner. That's all.

"The book is supported by the advertising of local merchants and the subscriptions of Eugene people," who are probably not anxious to sacrifice their interests in the Annual in order to give a country newspaper a job that it could not do. A man does not usually take his watch to a blacksmith to get it fixed, but occasionally he does and he gets it FIXED. So much for the Annual.

The present student body have never before had a job of importance done outside of Eugene. All work has been distributed among the six print shops of the town. The Register had its turn at printing the Oregon Monthly and the Oregon Weekly, and now exclusive job offices do the work because they do it more satisfactorily.

"Both papers are now employing students to furnish news matter every day." This is the best way to get University news, which it is the duty of the newspapers to publish. Individual students should and do appreciate this, and in return give the papers good service. If they do not they should be dismissed. The whole matter simmers down to a business proposition. Patronage will be given where it is merited. Small newspapers are apt to get themselves confused with charitable institutions and overestimate their importance to a community, but that being a cold fact can't be helped, so people are becoming used to the inevitable.

But, after all, hasn't this base ingratitude of the students of the University been productive of some good? Hasn't it brought two of the mighty newspapers of Eugene to a point of agreement? and now if they can only see themselves as others see them.

Amendments. At the next meeting of the Associated Students several important amendments to the constitution and by-laws will be voted upon. It is proposed to change the time of election of the executive committee to May instead of October. This plan would give the Senior class an opportunity to extend its influence into the next year and would insure the election by students who know for whom they vote. On the other hand, it would deprive new students of participation in the electing of officers which are to serve them. Since Seniors do not display any more wisdom than others at election time, it would seem wise for Commencement to sever their direct connection with student body politics. Then, too, those who pay for the privileges which the Associated Students afford should be the ones to exercise the rights paid for. Whether they vote wisely or not, a part of the responsibility of elections will be borne by the new students, not by graduates.

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