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## ORATORICAL LEAGUE.

### An Agreement Among U. I. U. W. and U. O. Probable.

The University of Washington has expressed a desire to join the University of Oregon and the University of Idaho in the formation of a permanent oratorical league. It is stated that the Seattle Bar Association will offer a prize of \$100 to the winner of the proposed contest. If the league is effected the first contest will be held in Seattle perhaps sometime in June.

Friday morning the associated students of the University of Oregon met in Vitell Hall and decided to participate in the proposed league if satisfactory arrangements can be made. It was decided to hold a local contest in which all who desired might take part. If a permanent league may be formed there is little doubt that the university will enter.

Proposed arrangements have been requested of U. W. and U. I. and in a short time something definite will be known. The offer of the Seattle Bar Association is so liberal that there is a strong tendency in favor of accepting it.

#### Y. W. C. A.

On April 16th there was a small but earnest gathering for the regular Y. W. C. A. meeting. Miss Elsie Smith, as leader of the meeting, read selections from the Bible to illustrate her talk on "Loyalty to Christ."

The meeting for April 23 will be presided over by the following ladies: Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Shafer and Mrs. Johnson.

Miss Stafford, the late secretary, will be with us again, sometime during the last of the week; and Miss Conde will be here soon afterward. Prayer circles are being organized for the success of Miss Conde's work while here. They will be held every day at 8:50 A. M. and 1:50 P. M. The Berkeley girls write in glowing terms of Miss Conde and her work.

Misses Leila Straub, Elizabeth Logan and Oleta Cooley have gone as delegates to the Y. W. C. A. State convention at Forest Grove.

Everyone is delighted to find that half rates can be obtained to Capitola and back during the convention.

#### Eutaxians

At the meeting of the Eutaxian society Florence Hudson read the second chapter in the serial story. The expectations of the audience were fully realized as the plot thickened. Minnie Morden gave current events, Virginia Cleaver a recitation, and Victoria Mitchell a reading. The President called on Grace Wold for an extemporaneous address on Faculty love affairs.

## ON TRACK AND DIAMOND.

### Men Getting Into Shape for the Athletic Teams.

Training goes on merrily between showers and the men on the track are getting into shape. "Run-outs" are being held for both old and new men in preparation for the final try-out on next Saturday. Among the new men, Galey and Jaspe are showing up well for beginners. Shevis and Casteel, among the old men, are rounding rapidly into form for the distance runs. Payne, the old stand-by, is doing well. In the weight events, Grider has done the best this season with the discus, and is improving with the shot and hammer. Henderson, also, is doing exceptionally well with the weights, while Penland, Wagner and Frost are not so slow themselves along the same line.

The sod is being removed from the baseball ground, and a good, smooth diamond is the result. The outfields are still rather rough, however. The boys are having good, stiff practice right along, and there is going to be hot competition for most of the places on the team. It is probable that a practice game will be played with the Faculty next Saturday afternoon. Arrangements are pending for several games in the near future, and it is probable, though not certain, that a game will be played in Eugene with Willamette University during the first week in May.

#### Y. M. C. A.

The meeting on Friday evening of the Young Mens' Christian Association was led by Mr. Glass. He talked on stamina in the christian life, showing the importance of it and the apparent lack of it in so many people. He told how Moses had stamina enough to choose afflictions rather than the pleasures of sin for a season and in quoting a prominent judge who had sentenced three college students to the penitentiary said: "Oh! that the young men of our land would learn that true happiness comes only in virtue." Mr. Glass made a strong plea for pure and courageous christian living and one that went home to each young man present.

Besides the regular meeting of the association a short business meeting of the cabinet was held in the afternoon.

#### How About This?

The old law says that one must go away from home for news. Take a look at the following clipped from the University of Chicago Weekly:

A fraternity at the University of Oregon is fitting up a houseboat for a chapter house. The boat, which will be expensively furnished, will be moored in the city during the winter and will be taken up the river into the country for the summer months.

## ASSEMBLY.

### Rabbi Wise Gives an Able Talk Before the Students.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise of Portland was the speaker at Assembly Wednesday morning. After a few introductory remarks, whose wit and pointedness were fully appreciated by his hearers he said: "There is one thing about which I want to talk to you today, and that is the culture for which university life is rightly expected to stand. Culture comes from a word which means to grow; and to me it contains every aspect of agricultural toil. There is plowing, fertilizing, sowing and reaping. Plowing is the early childhood study which prepares and tills the soil; fertilizing is the daily instruction which you and I receive; sowing is the thinking, getting things deep in the soil; and the reaping is, of course, the garnering of all this for yourself and others.

"Culture is not something to be acquired once and for all, it is to be gained all the time; it is a process of continual growth. The old Jewish teachers said that a man could not stand still. This is true today, and the man who tries to stand still loses that which he has.

Emerson says that culture is a word of ambition in the age. It is still a word of ambition and inspiration in our age. You are to be the band that leads the hosts in the search for the things that make for culture. The lives of university trained men and women are the only thing that will save the world from being submerged in the waves of commercialism.

"I have been regretting an incongruity of the will of the late Cecil Rhodes, because that commercialism for which he stood stands in no relation to university life except that university men and women must feel themselves bound to go forth in the world and do battle against the monsters, commercialism and materialism. Nothing worse could happen than that the material spirit should come into university life through benefits. No matter what gifts a millionaire may give to your university, still feel that your lives stand for things absolutely opposed to the dollar sign.

"Is culture a useless thing? Many think so. I admit that they are right if money is the only thing of importance in the world. Culture is best defined by Arnold who says it is to know the best things which are known and said in the world. I would add to this if I might, that it is the possession of the best thing known, said and done in the world for culture is an equivalent of character.

There is one mistake I want to warn you against. Culture is not the gaining of a large library. It is better to be the master of one book by a mind, like Plato's or Emerson's or some master's, than to be mastered by a thousand books.

In one of the ancient races the palm

of victory went not to him who first reached the goal, but to him who reached the goal carrying his lighted torch. So you will be runners in the race of life if you become and remain bearers of the torch of the culture which in the world of intellect stands for honest seeking after truth, and in the world of action for character.

#### Prof. Washburn in California.

Prof. F. L. Washburn, on his way from Oregon to Minnesota, has stopped at the California Experiment Station at Berkeley, and while here has been asked by the director to take charge of some investigations being made on the peach borer in Santa Clara valley, near San Jose. This insect is one of the most serious pests which the fruit raiser has to contend with, and in the past he has depended largely upon removing the borers with a knife or instrument made for the purpose. This not only takes time—and time means money—but it wounds the tree to such an alarming extent that it sometimes appears that the remedy is worse than the disease. The California entomologist, Professor Woodworth, is working now with bisulphide of carbon, and from the present outlook this agent seems to promise what the growers most desire, a safe and expeditious means of eradicating this troublesome pest. Certain precautions have to be observed in its use to insure safety to trees.

Mr. Washburn has just returned from San Jose and speaks highly of the outlook in this line. In speaking of his visit to San Jose, he says:

"I drove for thirty miles in a continuous orchard, white with bloom, on roads as level and clean and hard as a barn floor, and saw hardly a foot of land not under cultivation in this 30 mile drive. The roads are all macadamized and for miles out of San Jose are sprinkled in summer. The trees are French prune, apricot, peach, cherry, some olive and almond. English walnuts shade the roads outside of the fences in places. Some growers irrigate and some do not, depending upon individual views, and on the length of the purse. I saw a few vineyards near San Jose, not attractive now with their short stumps of vines, but I have been assured that when in leaf they add to the landscape."

Mr. Washburn leaves for his Minnesota post within a week.—Daily Guard.

#### U. C. Wins from Stanford.

On Saturday afternoon, the intercollegiate field meet between the University of California and Stanford was held on Stanford campus, and resulted in a victory for U. C. The score was 78½ to 43½. Several events were fiercely contested. Stanford did better this year than last, when she scored only 32 or 33 points. In a special trial after the meet, Captain McCaughern, of Stanford, ran 220 yards in 22 seconds flat. With the good showing her men made in this meet, California has excellent chances of victories on the Eastern trip.