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Base Ball. The bad weather has not been very favorable for the national American game in the Willamette valley. Still, several of our baseball men have been pegging away whenever it was possible, and we can say that the team is practicing regularly. With the prospects of several good games this spring, interest ought not to weaken in this work. It is more than likely that a league will be formed with some of the colleges down the valley and a series of games arranged. Then besides, Multnomah is organizing a team and is always ready to accommodate Oregon, especially if the chances for victory are in favor of the club men. But that is no concern of ours if we get a game with them. There is also some likelihood that the University of California team will make a trip north after the University session closes, if the inducements and the number of games are sufficiently large. At first thought we might conclude that they would have no difficulty in winning, but it is to be remembered that Oregon men gave the Californians a hard "rub" on their first invasion into southern territory, and that the second trip was a partly victorious one. There are some of the best players in the state at the University. This fact was demonstrated in the playing last spring. If there are any men not on the track who can play baseball, they should get out by all means. There were never better

prospects for baseball in the history of the University than at the present time, and it is up to us to take advantage of this opening while we may.

The opportunity has been granted to the University of Oregon to extend its oratorical work beyond the confines of the state. This offer is an excellent one, for it opens a large field of activity, and there is no well founded reason why the invitation should not be accepted. In the first place, no intercollegiate relations exist between the states of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, in the oratorical line. The Oregon Intercollegiate Association saw fit to withdraw from the Interstate League, and, of course, that was practically breaking it up. Furthermore, an alliance of this kind would bring the state universities into close relations along intellectual lines. Our two debates with Washington in the past have given satisfactory results, and present conditions justify their continued existence. The University of Oregon has always been able to hold her own in these interstate contests, such as have been held in the past. Of the four interstate oratorical contests held at various times, Oregon has won three, and in two of them the State University was represented.

From the reports that come occasionally, Oregon students abroad seem to be acquiring fame and honor for their state in Eastern schools. Three of the University's former students now hold scholarships in Eastern institutions and are doing well. A Harvard man recently remarked to another that the University of Oregon seems to be coming to the front. It is true that Western students in general going East usually mean business, and go into their work with all the energy they possess. The result is that they are usually found in the van. It is only a prejudice that can be and has been disproved, that the Westerners are not as capable as the Easterners.

The "Honor system" has been agitated at the University of California, and voted down. There has never been much said about it at the University of Oregon. Perhaps conditions have not yet reached the stage which would warrant such a course here. In some ways this system is commendable, and in certain other respects it is not so acceptable. Circumstances seem to point out that western students are not ready for such a system and are not willing to adopt it.

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