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A FEW OBSERVATIONS

The Whitman game is over and Oregon is victorious by a score of 6 to 0. In last Saturday's game the team failed to make the showing some expected. We had overestimated our own strength and had underestimated the strength of the men from Albany. We had "come out to see a reed shaken by the wind." After the game the football men were temporarily discouraged. We learned a few valuable lessons from our contact with the Albany boys. The individual players had relied too much on their own prowess, and the team work was poor. Every man had tried to fight his own battle and the team had failed to win. The boys went to work with a determination to strengthen their weak points. Three days wrought an almost miraculous change in the team. When they went onto the field Wednesday, they knew it would be a hard battle but felt that victory was reasonably sure.

The first half decided the contest. The home team bore the ball over the Whitman line amid the deafening shouts of the crowd. Some who had predicted an easy victory for the Whitman eleven now began to feel badly over it. The second half was a fiercer fight than the first, but when the time was up the ball was dangerously near to the Whitman goal. The visitors deserve much credit. They played a remarkable game from start to finish. In such a victory glory; in such a defeat no disgrace.

Student enthusiasm helped to win that game. For a time we were strangely indifferent. We rushed from class room to library and from library to laboratory, seemingly unconscious that a squad of faithful men were working away to build

up a football team. Then came a rally, a sudden revival of interest, an outburst of enthusiasm. The boys began to realize our sympathies were with them. They knew what we wanted them to do; they knew what we expected them to do. They went to work with a will to do it. With the same tireless, determined work on the part of the team, the same faithful support from the student body, the team of 1902 ought not to lose a game.

ON A RECENT RUMOR

A very thoughtful and influential newspaper published at Portland, the Evening Telegram, is, or was, somewhat concerned over some mythical cases of severe hazing here. The facts are that a few Freshmen ate some sugared oysters, others ran around the track, or did stunts on a barrel while one nominal Senior who butted into these sophomoric festivities was deservedly cast into the race. Nothing was done to endanger any one's life, limb or self-respect. The average Freshman is a self-centered, inconsiderate animal that sorely needs to be "suasioned" into the conviction that there are others to whom obedience and respect is due. As meeting this necessity, hazing of the milder and more humane sort is a good thing. To prove this we only have to adduce the evident fact that the grapevine editor of the Telegram was never hazed, or perhaps he was.

One can not help but note the unmistakable signs of a revival in society work at the University. At the meetings Friday evening there were not seats enough to accommodate the crowd. The incoming Freshman class has brought with it some good debaters and active society men. These have not been slow to identify themselves with the literary society of their choice. They will carry earnestness and enthusiasm into both societies.

The prospects of at least three debates with other colleges in Oregon and Washington have served a good purpose. We have risen in our own full strength to meet our adversaries. Two teams have been selected and a try-out debate will be held in two or three weeks. The scheme is to keep at least two teams in action so that one may give the other some valuable practice. This will also insure a thorough study of both sides of the question. There is also a scheme afoot to have a series of inter-society debates for a trophy of some kind. We believe such friendly rivalry would stimulate interest and bring out the best there is in both societies. There is no reason why this year should not mark the beginning of a new era in society work.

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