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THE SENIOR PLAY

A Creditable Amateur Production Given in Villard Hall Friday Evening

A moderate sized crowd came out to witness the production of Niobe under the auspices of the Senior class last Friday evening. The universal verdict seems to be that it was one of the best performances ever given by local talent. The April vacation was well improved in making preparations. The stage scenery was admirably arranged and the whole effect was particularly pleasing.

The play itself was an attraction. It is a three act comedy brim-full of ludicrous complications. The cause of all the amusement for the audience is a certain statue of Niobe. Mr. Dunn's company is carrying a heavy risk on this piece of ancient art which is the property of a venerable art connoisseur by the name of Tompkins. The statue is set up in his residence for safe keeping. Some mischievous fellow twines a few electric wires about Niobe's feet and when the current is turned on the marble piece becomes a living, breathing creature of exquisite beauty.

Professor Glen as Mr. Dunn headed the cast and fitted the part so perfectly that people pronounced it one of the best pieces of work ever seen in Eugene. There was not a touch of artificiality about anything he did or said. He was wholly absorbed in his character. Miss Luckey as Niobe was an artistic success. She was a perfect statue and, as a real live girl, tender and sentimental, impressed with awe at the strangeness of a modern world, she displayed talent of a rare kind.

Miss Michell as Hattie Griffin the vivacious and impudent damsel of seventeen, with a store of quick wit and a ready command of modern slang, had a very attractive part and handled it in a most charming manner. Mr. Plummer took the part of Cornelius Griffin, the brother-in-law and confidential adviser of Mr. Dunn. His work was good throughout but especially fine in the scene where he meets Niobe for the first time, supposing her to be Miss Mifflon.

Mr. Ralph Fenton as Tompkins, the lover of the antique and a hater of the up-to-date was a success particularly in his makeup.

Miss Travis as Caroline Dunn, the sufferer; Miss Miller as Helen Griffin, the real mistress of the house and ever-solicitous about Hattie's welfare; Miss Smith as Madeline Mifflon, the persecuted governess; Miss Cundiff as Bertrice Silox; Mr. Eyre as Phineas Innings; and Mr. Thayer as Parker G. Silox had minor parts and won as much credit as their limited sphere would allow.

CAPITOLA TEA

The University girls were charmingly entertained on last Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Elizabeth Logan, '02. The afternoon was spent in lively conversation until five o'clock when the hostess served a dainty tea to her guests. The girls feel indebted to Miss Logan for one of the pleasantest events of the season.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Dr. Sheldon Gives an Interesting Talk On Opportunities for Graduate Work.

The third in the series of Saturday evening lectures was given last week by Dr. Henry D. Sheldon, of the department of education. The purpose of the lecture was to furnish information about the scholarships and fellowships in the colleges of the United States. Up to 1870 the American colleges paid little attention to post-graduate or special study. Ninety-eight per cent of the graduates who wished to go beyond the regular A. B. course were compelled to go abroad for their work. Johns Hopkins laid the foundation of post-graduate work, and for a while enjoyed a monopoly of students in advanced lines. Chicago, founded in 1893 by John D. Rockefeller, has outstripped all other universities in providing facilities for specialized study. There are now upwards of five thousand students in the graduate departments of American colleges.

Scholarships and fellowships are designed to encourage promising students to pursue studies beyond their regular college courses. They are in the nature of a reward for ability.

To facilitate discussion, the lecturer divided the colleges of the United States into three classes according to location—those of the New England states, of the Middle states and of the West—and then took up the leading colleges of each division. Harvard offers a number of scholarships and fellowships, but they are usually granted to their own graduates. Yale does not offer as good opportunities for graduate work as some other universities, but the scholarships are open to outsiders. Clark has but few departments, but devotes its whole attention to graduate work. A number of aids to students are offered, but they yield but little. Columbia offers a number of choice fellowships, and is anxious to enroll students from the West. No scholarships are granted at Cornell until after a residence of one year. The scholarships at Johns Hopkins are given mainly to Southern students. Chicago goes ahead of all other universities and offers eighty fellowships. The opportunities here for work in the laboratory sciences are especially good.

The speaker then called attention to a table showing the number of fellowships in the various colleges and the total amount they yield. He then classified them according to subjects. The table revealed the fact that by far the largest number are offered in the social sciences. Mathematics comes next, and the languages occupy third place.

In order to get a scholarship or fellowship, a student must show an aptitude for some special line of work. From his Junior year on the aspiring candidate should shape his course with some specific end in view. Modern languages should not be neglected, for the majority of the references used in advanced work will be in French and German. Something in the way of a creditable thesis is a great recommendation for a candidate. Some of our professors, also, are known in Eastern universities, and a high recommendation from them would go far toward securing the coveted prize.

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

State Superintendent Ackerman and George A. Noland, '83, Present

Miss Stinson sang at the opening of Assembly Wednesday. Rev. M. J. J. offered prayer.

State School Superintendent Ackerman then addressed the students on, "The Success of the College Graduate."

"There have never been greater opportunities than are yours in these first years of the twentieth century. This is an age of rivalry. Among the nations the leading powers are battling for mastery. The great corporations are jostling each other for supremacy. We are living in an extraordinary age. In every department of human affairs there have been such marvelous advances that few people realize them.

"The value of an education depends upon the person who has it. The question has often been raised, 'Does education fit a person for a business career?' The successful business man who had no education in his early days, is pointed out as proof that there is no relation between an education and a business career. Again the example of a highly educated man who has missed his calling, is cited as a proof that a college education is detrimental to a business career. The quantity of education required to make a man successful in business depends wholly upon the man himself. Brain power is essential in business, and so long as education develops brain power it is of advantage in a business career. But what is business success? The successful man who makes a great fortune? This is not the success which comes to the rank and file of men. From the examples of men who have failed in business we see that there are many which have been misplaced. Few men who have started in the wrong line have had the courage to turn and reenter the right line after they have realized their mistake.

"Corporation movements have tended to create a demand for educated men. The first requirement for a man to succeed must be character. A young man with a college education can get farther up the ladder of success and quicker than the uneducated man. A man recently going through the offices of a great railroad took a sort of census and found that ninety per cent of the heads of departments were college graduates, while the subordinate positions were mostly held by men not college graduates."

Mr. Geo. A. Noland, '83, now a leading attorney in Astoria, was present and spoke. He paid a tender and fitting tribute to the pioneer educators, President Johnson, and Professors Condon, Bailey and Spiller, who began the work of the State University years ago. The crudeness of everything in those days in the way of apparatus, buildings and athletics was mentioned. But Mr. Noland said that he thought the old boys of '76 could hold their own with any of our men now. He closed by saying that he hoped that our memories of the instructors under whom we have labored, would be as pleasant as was his of the four veteran educators that made up the first faculty.

ON THE TRACK

Trainer Ray Arrives Wednesday—Schedule of Meets Already Arranged.

The cold showers last week kept the men off the track most of the time, but indoor work in some measure took the place of the regular outside practices. The men are anxiously awaiting the completion of the new track. Trainer Ray will arrive in Eugene Wednesday and will take the men in hand. From then on the work will be continuous until the first meet with Albany College.

Manager Earl has been busily at work arranging for track meets with colleges in the valley. Four contests will be held during the season as follows:

- U. O. vs. Albany, Eugene, May 16.
- U. O. vs. O. A. C., Corvallis, May 25.
- U. O. vs. Pacific, Forest Grove, May 28.
- U. O. vs. M. A. A. C., Portland, May 30.

SENIOR CLASS MEETS

The Senior class held a meeting Wednesday just after assembly. Several samples of commencement invitations were submitted by the committee and a simple design selected. The invitation will be printed on a single sheet, without the names of graduates or mention of program.

The committee on class memorial submitted some estimates on statuary, and it was finally decided to secure four busts of the following Americans: Longfellow, John Marshall, Wendell Phillips and Daniel Webster. The heads will be placed on brackets between the windows on both sides of Villard Hall.

A WELCOME GIFT

Senator R. A. Booth, of Eugene, has presented the music department with four new pianos. The gift is greatly appreciated. The new instruments will take the place of rented ones and a considerable item of expense in the shape of rentals will be eliminated.

Regent Friendly has offered a scholarship in vocal music in the department, which will entitle the holder to free tuition. The fortunate person will be determined by competition. The scholarship will be opened next fall, and others may be offered later.

The University Library has received as a gift from Mr. John S. Pierson, of New York, thirty-four recently published books of travel, biography and history, chosen for their connection with the subject of foreign missions.

Professor F. G. Young will address the assembly Wednesday morning on the subject, "Oregon and its part in the Lewis and Clark Expedition." Professor Young is a member of the commission and is intimately acquainted with the plans for the big fair. The address will undoubtedly be an interesting one.

The judges for the U. O.—Pacific debate have been agreed upon. The following named gentlemen will act in that capacity: Judge A. F. Sears and Judge J. B. Cleland, of Portland, and President H. L. Boardman, of McMinnville.