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SPEAKS OF THE ETRUSCANS

Professor Dunn Lectures Before Societas
Quirinalis on Popular Subject

The Societas Quirinalis and the general public listened to an address on "The Passing of the Etruscans," delivered by Professor Frederick S. Dunn, last Monday evening, in his own peculiarly pleasing manner. The lecture treated fully of this great nation of which we have so little left, besides archaeological findings, drawing upon Latin authors for many interesting tales and legends. In scant detail the lecture follows:

"Centuries before Rome was thought of there preceded her a race whose history is now entirely lost to us. Though its history is almost a blank, there are still to be found in modern Tuscany the walls built by the Etruscans, and which modern engineers could hardly hope to construct. This great nation ruled the Italies and swept the seas. Twelve great cities rose to be great centers; a powerful navy was developed which became a source of terror and power upon the seas. While the history of these great gaps is lost, it is pleasant to see how they are bridged over by the good old stories of Livy and Virgil. The twelve cities fell one by one because they failed to help each other. Etruria may have hardly noticed the little colony of people who settled on the banks of the Tiber. Rome was not built all at once on the sight of the seven hills. Etruria kindly received the young republic and fondled in her bosom the viper that afterwards was her death. The Etruscans were skilled in magic and divination and were acquainted with all sorts of luxuries long before Rome ever knew about them. For years Rome alone stood in the way of a complete hegemony in Italy, but the proud young state fell to the power of Etruria at the time when the Etruscans were reaching their zenith. Rome's first fall was at the hands of Lars Parsena. She was completely humiliated. It seemed that all things were passing over to the Etruscans; Etruria was at her zenith, but she rushed into a most ignominious defeat. Rome lost no time in regaining her strength. Scarcely five years afterward was Rome in arms again, and that too, in the very heart of Italy. The world was watching for the one blow that was to fell Etruria. The naval power of Carthage and Etruria was shattered and replaced by

the Greeks. As all things had once contributed to the rise of Etruria, so now all contributed to her fall. The closing scene of Etruria's downfall gathered around the city of Veii. Wars and truces followed the feud between Veii and Rome, until Etruria settled herself for her last struggle. Etruria sank before Rome not by force of arms but by the force of crushing destiny. While Rome struggled with her, there burst upon the scene Brennus, the Gaul, with his mystic band from the north. Livy says that the Etruscans were the first to bring the Gauls into Italy, in their despicable internal dissension. The Gauls were inticed to this country by the richness of the country and the sunny climate. Or they may have been forced to migrate from the north. Crippled and weakened by the repeated attacks of the Gauls on the north and Rome on the south, it was only a question of time when Etruria should fall. After thirteen successive wars Rome settled down to a determined siege of Veii. The city stood before Rome and laughed at her besiegers, until Camillus undermined the city and the Roman army rushed in. Camillus triumphed as never Roman had done before. The same day was doubly disgraceful for Etruria, for her great stronghold in the north also fell. The Gauls now fell upon Italy and Etruria melted away before them. The curse of Veii now fell upon Rome herself and the Gauls camped about the seven hills. Rome, however, recouped herself and rose again. Etruria, however, was crushed and never rose again."

"The buried Etruscan city of Volscium was discovered about eighty years ago, when a peasant in plowing had his oxen fall into a cavern in the earth. Since that time the Etruscan has been resurrected and re-habilitated in the very garments of the Tarquins. Are these cities and walls all that remain of that great empire that defied Rome?"

A Glee Club has been organized at Willamette and a trip is being planned.

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EXCHANGES

A Democratic Club was recently organized at Willamette.

Force, tackle on the California 'Varsity team, has been chosen captain of next year's team.

Michigan team averages 199 1/2 pounds. The two tackles, Curtis and Graham, weigh 240 and 235 respectively.

The financial report of the Stanford-California game shows that the gross receipts were \$30,308, the expenses \$1,000, thereby leaving \$29,308 to be divided between the two universities.

J. Loyal Adkinson, who graduated from the University of Idaho

last spring, entered politics immediately after his graduation and was elected state representative from Idaho County.

It is expected that Rockwell, the brilliant Oregonian who is now playing quarter-back on the Yale 'Varsity football team, will be chosen captain of the eleven for next year.

George Eyre, '03, is professor of Science, Latin and Geometry at Pendleton High School. The Ilakawinn says: "Mr. Eyre comes to us from the Astoria High School. He is a U. of O. man, gentlemanly and enthusiastic, and his experience as a teacher has been marked with success from its very beginning."

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