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MONDAY, MAY 1, 1905

CALENDER

May 5—Kneisel String Quartet, Eugene Theatre.

May 5—Track Meet, Oregon vs. Willamette University, Eugene.

May 6—14—Pacific Northwest Student Conference of Y. M. C. A.'s, Gearhart Park.

May 20—Track Meet, Oregon vs. Washington, Eugene.

May 27—Track Meet, Oregon vs. Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis.

June 10—Intercollegiate Track Meet, Salem.

PATRIOTISM

The well known line from Horace—"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori"—expresses the time-honored and noble sentiment of dying for one's country. In a student's patriotism for his college, such sacrifices as are made for his country are not often required. There are, however, many altars whereat the man who would be an ideal student is called upon to immolate his talents. Foremost in our attention at the present time is the grim and ancient shrine of athletics, where youths are wont to pour forth offerings of physical strength. To many a man who is now on the track, his being there means a real and costly sacrifice of his time and effort. Some—able men, too—to whom it would be hardly a sacrifice at all to be on the track, are not there. Some men turn out for athletics eagerly, some dutifully; but there are those who are content to let others bear all the burdens, while they go free: a class who evidently do not believe that it is "pleasant and honorable to die for their country."

THE WAY AT CALIFORNIA

"In the number of our college activities and the time devoted to them we are exceeding common sense. Without a certain amount of college life nobody can be a real college man or woman. Without some book-knowledge nobody is educated. The University seeks to develop a well and sanely-balanced type, not overtrained in any one thing. But with so many activities to claim our time and attention, so many plays to take part in or attend, so many dances and games, we seem to be living in an atmosphere of continuous excitement and hurry. At least a third of our time is spent in backing up some team or helping out the University or the class by going to meetings or shows. A good thing is being run into the ground."—The Daily Californian.

This criticism can not well be made regarding our affairs here at home, but as we grow the tendency is constantly to increase the number of undertakings known as outside activities—enterprises not essentially of the class room. Cases have come up recently at different colleges where the administration has had to sit down on some of the activities.

ELECTIONS

The annual elections of the Associated Students will be here before many weeks. College elections have come to be very much like the political contests of our country. "Party," "ticket," "support" and all the terms of politicians are now common upon the college campus prior to elections. In this spirit of "ticket" politics, however, sight should not be lost of the importance of putting up the best candidates in college, and then electing the man who is ablest and best qualified to serve the place which he is to fill. Past records and trustworthy marks of ability ought to be the criterion for the choice of the several officers of the Associated Students, and its sub-organizations.

SPRING

Scarcely a newspaper in the land, it seems, can get by this time of the year without publishing either an "ode to spring" or a flowery editorial upon the beauties and allurements of the vernal season. THE WEEKLY will endeavor to pass through the crisis, having merely acknowledged that this is the season for such effusions to appear.

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