

## ELECTIONS

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faction of electing a man as a method neighboring faction.

Fortunately the good sense and honor of the average University of Oregon student has always kept the phenomena of group struggle within the bounds of courtesy and fair rivalry and the partizans of each faction have voted as justly as their prejudices permitted.

The present nominees for office are all capable of discharging the duties to which they aspire and the problem, for the honest voter, will be to cast a ballot for those whose record for service and talent gives them precedence over less meritorious competitors. While politics is a game which, like most other activities, offers opportunity for the time honored rule "support your friends and smite your enemies," the student-body is happily free from serious dissensions, and will remain so as long as its members act, as good college spirit dictates, with malice toward none, and sympathy toward all.

Editor.

## THE FOOL KILLER

One of the mysterious beings who aids the progress of humanity is the Fool Killer. He rules over a domain forbidden to mortals and metes out punishment to the unwary who trespass. Part of his territory is represented by the rapids near the tannery and those at the head of the race. Lately there has been a disposition on the part of certain college students to lay themselves liable, by shooting the rapids in a canoe, just for the excitement of the trick.

So far there has been no serious accident, though several have had to swim for their lives, while their overturned canoe was carried down stream, but then one must admit that the scourge of fools is after all a tender hearted ruler with a vast amount of patience and a special mercy for college students. Experience, however, suggests that the rapids are dangerous and he who trespasses takes unwarranted chances for the water cure.

## TIMBER STATION AT WORK

J. B. Knapp, of the Testing Plant, commenced a new series of tests on timber for car frames on Monday. The object of the tests will be to determine the strength of the standard 3x5 and 5x8 timbers used in the construction of flat cars and box cars. No such

tests have ever been made and the modern cars constructed with steel frames have come about partly because the strength of timber is not determined, and also because the cost of wood is increasing. One hundred tests will be made and an elaborate record of the timbers will be kept from the time they leave the mill pond in the log until they bend under the stress of the big testing machine.

The Oregon Timber Station has just completed a long series of tests to determine the behavior of bridge stringers of Oregon fir under stress to determine the effects of shapes and knots on the timber. The tests showed that Oregon timber is equal to the best grown in the United States and that knots under certain conditions actually add strength to the wood. The results are in the hands of the Department of Forestry and will shortly be published in a bulletin.

## EUTAXIAN

At the last meeting of the Eutaxian Literary Society Miss Eva Weinhart gave a very interesting paper on "The Life of Heine." Next Friday being University Day there will be no meeting of the society. At the meeting May 24th there will be the semi-annual election of officers. The following program will also be given at this meeting: Current Events, Mary Fosshay; Debate, Resolved, That a course in domestic science is more beneficial

than a course in "home kitchen." Affirmative, Livia Bond and Loretta Showers. Negative, Ruth Balderree and Carolyne Dunston.

## PICNIC ON THE M'KENZIE

Saturday, May 5th, a crowd of University students spent the day at Cold Spring on the McKenzie River. The party left early in the morning and did not return until late in the evening. Those who enjoyed this recreation were: Myra Loveridge, Vesta Wallace, of Albany, Mabel Kuykendall, Elizabeth Elliott, Belle VanDuyn, Bertha Dorris, Paul Willoughby, Dick Charman, Ormond Rankin, Merwin Rankin, "Cal." Sweek, and Walter Stafford.

Saturday afternoon after the Oregon-Multnomah baseball game a number went up the race. On the cumber of the students took their lunch to a picnic ground at the head of the race they built a large camp-fire and cooked their supper. The party consisted of Hazel Humphrey, Helene Robinson, Winnie Cockerline, Winnie Hadley, Edith Ragan, of Salem; Max Snow, Eberle Kuykendall, Dean Goodman, "Billy" Huggins, Ralph Cronise, and Edgar Smith.

Professor F. S. Dunn, of the Latin department of the University, gave a very interesting lecture Friday evening at the Methodist church on "The Catacombs."

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