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MAKE IT AN HONOR.

Sixteen men entered the debating tryout on Saturday afternoon—the largest number who have ever tried out for the debating teams in the history of the University. The showing made by every man was commendable. Never before were the aspirants so well prepared nor the subjects better handled and delivered. It is certain that debate was never on so firm a footing at the University of Oregon as at present. When there are sixteen men who are willing to try for the Varsity teams, some of course have to fail; but those who do, can have the satisfaction of knowing that they made the victors work harder for their laurels. Competition on such a scale as this will insure good representatives in forensic lines.

It is no doubt a source of wonder to many that so large a number entered debate this year, exactly twice the number of competitors of last year. The answer is easily evident. Debate is now upon a higher plane. It is getting to be more and more of an honor to be a debater. There are laurels to be won which are creditable to any student.

The rally of last year which was held on the eve of the departure of the Oregon team for Moscow, Idaho, did much to bring this about. The crowd which took the men to the train at six o'clock in the morning was another strong factor. The same spirit that is shown athletic teams was shown to be behind the debaters last year and as a consequence not a debate was lost. The

achievements of last year's team will long be remembered. It is seldom the honor of winning the championship of eight states falls to a University with the limited number of students who are enrolled in the departments at Eugene. The reason that we win our athletic contests against larger institutions is that we have the spirit behind our teams. The reason that we won last year in debate was that we gave debate our same active support.

We must keep it up. Another big rally similar to that of last year would do much to arouse enthusiasm in debate and to spur on the members of this year's debating teams. Think this over, talk it up and help the debaters in their attempt to once more win the debating championship of the Northwest.

AN UNWISE MOVE

In an agreement entered into by committees representing the Oregon Agricultural College and the University of Oregon, provision is made to the effect that the annual football game between the two above institutions be played in the city of Portland, the date of the game to be November 21, for this year and thereafter on or after the second Saturday prior to Thanksgiving day.

The strongest argument in favor of the game being played in the metropolis is from a commercial and financial standpoint. The enormous amount of money secured by such a game for both institutions would fill the treasuries of the associated students with such an abundance of money that other student enterprises could be admirably supported. Such a fact can not be denied. But the game as now played alternately at Eugene and Corvallis nets each team yearly approximately \$1000, which is a sufficient sum to help pay the running expenses of the season. The game as it now stands is of sufficient inducement to make up all deficits. To have an ideal in football, such as the commercial ideal, is contrary to the very intention of college athletics. Such a tendency is a policy which will bring on evils that will ultimately lead to the abolishment of the game.

Not only is the financial objection alone, but in playing the game away from the college town, college spirit would soon be at a minimum. Whenever athletics contests are held away from the college campus, then soon lose their wholesomeness and degenerate into the various forms of professional sport. The old time college

rivalry will disappear. Football will be played to the throngs of thousands of people resembling the old contests in Ancient times. College enthusiasm will give way to the thoughts of the crowd raging with ancestral passions of thirst of blood and fight.

Our educational institutions can not afford to let their athletics degenerate into such an amusement for the pleasure of demanding public metropolitan sentiment. Such a gain would tend to kill the wholesome, keen, rival spirit which manifested itself so effectually in the game just past with the O. A. C. team.

Students of both institutions would be at a great expense in Portland and naturally, a great falling off in the number of student attendance would be evident. The people of the college town want the game in their city, and especially the enterprising citizens of Eugene who have so loyally supported us in our undertaking. We can not afford, we can not allow, the college game to go from our campus.

The effect of transferring our game with the Agricultural College to Portland, would have the tendency to commercialize our athletics, as well as to destroy the college spirit which has been the glory of an enthusiastic student body. We ought not, we must not change our policy. Let the Athletic council take careful consideration before they ratify the provision in regard to changing the place of our big annual football game.

POINTED REMARKS

The man who steals the other fellow's umbrella is always the one who is the most angry when somebody steals his.

The chronic critic is usually a person with so many faults that he can see no good in anybody else.

The egotist who is ever ready to give advice is as a rule a person who will seldom take it.

The man who lies low and speaks only when necessary will win out ahead of the continual spouter.

If a man climbs up the slippery mountain of prominence or popularity and is almost at the top, reach out a hand and pull him on up; don't knock him back.

No man ever made himself more popular by finding fault. The men who are really beloved are the men who give merit its due.

Many a man is a dark lantern. He never pulls aside the slide to show the real brilliancy that is in him.