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A REPLY

In our last issue of the Weekly we printed an editorial, "An Unwise Move," the sentiment of which was that the Oregon-O. A. C. game should not be moved from the college campus to Portland. The sentiment is the prevailing one on the part of Oregon students. Very few desire a change from the present system of alternating the games yearly on the college gridirons at Corvallis and Eugene.

The Varsity Athletic Council went on record Saturday as being strongly opposed to the game being taken away from the campus after next year. From present indications, it is a settled fact that the 1908 contest with O. A. C. will be fought out on Multnomah field in Portland.

Mr. Clifton McArthur, who represented the University of Oregon in the recent meeting of representatives of the two institutions at Portland, has written to the Weekly a rather lengthy explanation of his stand in the matter, in order that the students of the University may more fully understand conditions. On account of its length, we have not printed the reply this week; but have requested Mr. McArthur to prepare a somewhat more condensed statement of his reasons which we will be glad to print in our next issue.

It is the policy of the Weekly to be perfectly fair in all such matters as this one and we are willing to have both sides discussed briefly. We do not consider it wise, however, to enter

into any lengthy discussion of the affair which is sure to create ill feeling. The matter is now settled and the less said about it, the better it will be, for all concerned.

THINK IT OVER

Few students realize how hard it will be for Oregon to win on the track this year. Secure in the hope of a championship team, many have neglected to figure out just what are the chances for such a team. In fact, the chances are slighter than many will believe.

It is true that we have some distance men this year. But so have other colleges, as all who saw the Pullman meet last year know. Nine points in the distance runs cannot compensate for the possible loss of twenty-five or thirty points in the weights. We have no pole vaulter and few jumpers. A comparison of the records of the men at Oregon and at O. A. C. will show that, on paper at least, that meet will be very close.

Next year, with the loss of Moores, Zacharius and Kuykendall, our chances will be still less, if men are not developed to take the places, which these men will leave vacant in the weights, hurdles and jumps.

Whether he can run or not, every freshman should put on a track suit and get to work. Especially the freshmen who have four seasons to train, should be out to the last man. The development will be invaluable individually and to the University as well. The Oregon track team has furnished striking examples of awkward, ungainly and positively slow freshmen developing into point-winning juniors.

No one should allow the reputation of men now on the team to keep him from trying. They will be gone soon, and the men who are to take their places must be developed now.

No team ever wins on past reputation. It is hard work and consistent training that is victorious. Let everybody get to work, and do it now. Training for track has begun, the gym is at your disposal, the best trainer in the Northwest is ready to develop all that is in you, and old Oregon needs your best effort.

COMMENT FROM O. A. C.

"The State of Washington gave \$502,000 to their State University; Idaho gave \$179,150. What did the State of Oregon give to our State University? It is a very deplorable state of affairs when the institutions of

learning must go begging. Washington gives more money to one of its institutions than the State of Oregon gives to them all. We have no normal appropriation, and now the opponents of a higher education would like to cripple the University. Oregon should have the first place providing for its schools, instead of trailing at the end. We are certainly able to give a liberal appropriation to all those institutions which stand for education and enlightenment. Here's our heartiest wishes to the U. of O. that she will obtain the appropriation so much needed."—O. A. C. Barometer.

The above clipping from the Oregon Agricultural College Barometer is but one instance which shows the friendly feeling which now exists between the state's two educational institution. We have at least found out that our individual success depends upon our ability to work together in harmony.

THE FIELD OF ATHLETICS

The three colleges in the United States having the largest enrollment are Harvard, Valparaiso and Chicago. These colleges have an attendance of over 5000 students; Michigan, Minnesota, Columbia and Illinois, have over 4000 students. Many others have an enrollment of over three thousand.

It is no doubt a fact that will surprise many to see Valparaiso College among the leading institutions of the country in regard to numbers. Nine students out of ten have never heard of the institution. It is a fact that an educational institution nowadays which takes little part in college athletics is not much talked of. Athletic contests advertise a college. It is true that there are many evils in the modern college athletic circles; but the institution which puts out men who have the amount of grit and nerve to win athletic contests, usually has a student body behind the teams possessed of an equal amount of fighting spirit and who will be able to make strong men and women in their after life when college days are over.

An editor in Southern Oregon has been arrested and fined \$150 for daring to criticise. It's a poor rule that wont work both ways. If an editor can be fined for criticising his readers, why can't his readers be fined for criticising him. Think it over.

Professor Luella Clay Carson spent the last of the week in Portland.