

VALUE OF SPANISH

Few students realize the growing demand on the part of the Government for college trained men in our insular possessions and in the Canal Zone. In all these familiarity with the Spanish language is a prerequisite. In addition, our commercial relations in the South American field are becoming increasingly important. While German and French still remain the languages of the more advanced scientific text books the Spanish is coming to have the greatest practical value of any of the foreign languages.

BASEBALL PROSPECTS GOOD

Baseball practice will begin about the first of March. The selection of a coach has not yet been made. Among the applicants is Pearl Casey, the well known shortstop on Portland's team last year. Casey wishes to come and stay until about the last of March.

It is not likely that "Judge" McCredie, of Portland, will come as he would have to leave too early to do the team much good. The prospects for a winning team are unusually bright. It is thought that some radical changes will be made in the lineup. It is said that Hathaway will move from third base to shortstop, with Coleman on third, and Clark in the outfield. Leland Hurd and Clifford will be on hand to pitch, and "Chuck" Taylor will probably catch, though Carl King may give him some competition for this place. In fact there will be competition for nearly all the places on the team.

The diamond has not yet been located. It may be in the field across the car line from the cemetery, so as to give Capt. Briggs an opportunity to lay out a turf diamond for use next year and thereafter.

MUCH PRACTICAL WORK DONE

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that time. This year, the railway engineers of 1909 finished the structure. Besides building the trestle, the class, under their able instructor, Mr. Carl McClain, has made the necessary surveys for two miles of railroad, computing and locating all curves, and computing the earthwork. The work of this class has been more extensive this year than ever before. The engineering class of 1909 will be one of the strongest ever turned out of the University.

R. R. Poppleton was a visitor in Eugene last week.

Philologian Society

The Philologian Society met in Philo Hall last Saturday evening. C. C. Robinson delivered an interesting and instructive talk on the features of the Recall System. A lively debate was held on the question: "Resolved, That the state of Oregon should adopt a system of single tax on land and free capital." Curtis Gardner, '08, who has deep convictions in this matter, led the affirmative team, aided by L. B. Hoisington and W. C. Nicholas. Earl Marshall, the Portland High School Cyclone, led an impetuous attack upon the strong arguments of the affirmative. He was seconded by Earl Kilpatrick and C. C. Robinson. The decision of the judges was unanimously in favor of the negative.

The question was then thrown open to the house for discussion, and many of those present took part. It was decided to challenge the Laureans to a debate between freshman teams of the two societies. After some minutes of lively parliamentary drill, the society adjourned.

Loren Harris, '11, has been ill at his home in this city, but is now somewhat better.

Irene Simington, ex-'10, will re-enter college at the opening of the new semester.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ORATORY

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that time Oregon has won a fair proportion of the contests. During the past few years, however, her orators, while they have always stood high, have been unsuccessful in winning first laurels. The last winner for Oregon was Mr. Homer D. Angell of the Class of 1899.

In accordance with the constitution of the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association all of the eight colleges in the league held their annual tryout on Friday evening. The winners at the other colleges are as follows:

Pacific College, Harry Maxfield, "Educational Emancipation."

McMinnville College, Joseph G. Richardson, "The Trend of the Hour."

Pacific University, W. E. Gwynn, "Vindication of a Nation."

Albany College, Wallace Plumer, "The Cry of the Oppressed."

Oregon State Normal School, Mrs. L. Bryant, "A Prophetic Record."

Willamette University, C. R. Belknap, "Twentieth Century States."

Oregon Agricultural College, John G. Schroeder, "Nature's Calls."

BASKET BALL FIVE LOSES

To the Oregon Agricultural College Team—Score: O. A. C., 31; Oregon, 14.

On a larger floor than that to which they have been accustomed, the Oregon basketball five failed to score decisively against O. A. C. at Corvallis on Saturday evening. The short passes and speedy plays of the Oregon men were not adapted to the large floor and not until the second half did the University men get their bearings. The first seven minutes of the game was played desperately with no score by either side, the Oregon men playing splendid defensive ball. Then O. A. C. began to score and the half ended 19 to 3 in their favor.

The Second Half.

The game now became very even. Both sides played consistent ball, and O. A. C. had only one point the better of Oregon in this half. The O. A. C. forwards, Moore and Horton, played a clever spectacular game. Moore, for Oregon, was everywhere at once, and Van Scoy threw several difficult baskets and completely out-generated his opponent.

Loosely easily took the ball from the tall Foster on the tossups and played him to a standstill on the floor. Hathaway and Farrington did clever work, especially in the second half.

Lineup

O. A. C.		Oregon
Horton	F	Moore
Moore	F	Van Scoy
Foster	C	Loosley
Roper	G	Hathaway
Speirs	G	Farrington

The returning basketball team speaks in the highest terms of the kind treatment accorded it at Corvallis by the O. A. C. students, both before the game and while it was in progress.

Captain Hathaway will probably play forward at basketball hereafter. This will strengthen Oregon at throwing baskets.

The trip of the basketball team to Washington, which was planned for the examination holidays, will probably not take place, and a three days' trip to Portland will be substituted.

There will be a prize for the winner of each event in the tournament to be held at the armory March 6. The prizes are contributed by business men of Eugene.

Miss Mary Otten, who has been visiting her friend, Ethel Sharpe, returned to her home at Portland last week.