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NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

The representatives of the "big six" institutions of the Pacific Northwest drew up articles of agreement at Walla Walla, last week regulating college athletics in the Northwest colleges. The conference was free from wrangling of any sort and the delegates thrashed out each issue in all its phases. There was a general spirit of good will and feeling for one another. All concerned admitted the mistakes of the past and worked with all seriousness and earnestness to remedy these mistakes to the best interests of all. The harmony among the delegates of the conference was surprising, and the deliberation of the representatives on each question before adoption or rejection was thoroughly weighed. For two days the conference was busy day and night. The fairness in which the institutions concerned treated the other institutions is to be highly commended. The questions of eligibility and scholarship were unanimously approved, while with a single exception the question of amateurism was doubted as feasible at the present time. It was thought best to adopt articles of agreement rather than a constitution, and to eliminate all red-tape measure possible.

The responsibility of enforcing the athletic regulations was left to the athletic authorities and self-respect of the institutions themselves. The conference was a success from every standpoint. It has brought the in-

stitutions in closer touch with one another. A general understanding has been reached. Athletic relations of the colleges of the Northwest have entered upon a new era. A wave of clean and wholesome athletics has been begun, and from present indications the vital problems relating to intercollegiate athletics contests have been put well underway.

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A DRAMATIC CLUB

At a great many of the leading universities, at the present time, strong, well conducted dramatic clubs are formed; and in most cases much valuable training is given to the members. This is especially true in the Eastern colleges and it is a noticeable fact that such organizations are getting more and more popular in the West. All ready three of the leading universities on the coast are supporting dramatic clubs.

At the University of Minnesota it is considered one of the highest honors to become a member of the college Dramatic Club. The membership of the organization is limited to fifty and at times there are as many as 300 students on the waiting list. Members are chosen by competitive rehearsals in the various lines of dramatic art. Each year the club members give a number of plays written by their own members.

Plays of a classical and artistic nature as well as comedies are rendered at regular intervals and the result is highly gratifying.

Every year the senior class at the University of Oregon puts on a play—usually of a classical nature. Thus far under able instruction, the seniors have always made a most creditable showing; but the stage training has been limited to only one year.

How much more true histrionic talent, and dramatic art, could be developed if the instruction in impersonation could begin while the student is still an under classman. How much stronger and better would the cast of characters in our annual senior play be, if the members had each had three or more years of training? By all means we should have a dramatic club.

The Philologist society has challenged the Laureans to an inter-society Freshman debate to be held in the spring. It is needless to add that the Laureans will probably cheerfully accept the defi.

EDITORIAL BRIEFS

The teachers in the Pendleton Public schools at a meeting held last week decided to enroll as a body in the correspondence courses now being offered by the University of Oregon. The course which the teachers will study are in Pedagogy and English Literature. The teachers took the step upon their own initiative and were not asked to do so by the school board. All over the state the correspondence courses are getting more popular.

At the recent meeting of the Alumni Association at Portland, Pres. Campbell recommended the establishment of a biological station on the ocean beach south of Coos Bay. It has been found by Prof. A. R. Sweetser, of the department of biology, that a section of that beach is particularly rich in material for biological research and is also conveniently situated to serve as the location of the station.

It is thought that an announcement will be made soon concerning the selection of a football coach for next year.

Examinations will be over on next Saturday.

DON'T COMPLAIN

It may seem to many that this week's issue of the Weekly is over-balanced with advertising; but if you think so, don't complain. It has heretofore been the custom for the editors of the Oregon Weekly to take a week off and not put out a paper during the examinations, so you can regard this issue of the paper as a gift. All ready the Weekly is two issues ahead of schedule,—the Christmas issue was another gift,—so that readers have small grounds for complaint. Read this paper, ads and all, and if you are not satisfied, keep it to yourself.

TRYOUT NEXT WEEK

The tryouts for places on the teams in the five-mile inter-class relay race will take place next week, immediately after the re-opening of college. The first five men to qualify in each class tryout, will be the class representatives in the final event, which will be the culmination of all the cross-country and distance training of the winter. Each member of the winning team will receive a gold medal. All classes, even the seniors who failed to enter the cross-country run, will be represented.