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MORAL STANDING.

No little comment has been elicited from the press of the Pacific Coast upon the recent ruling of the faculty of Stanford University in regard to drunkenness and the effort of faculty members to abolish saloons. Students of the institution regarded the action of the faculty very lightly and continued to imbibe as freely as they saw fit, after the first announcement of the new rules. A committee was then appointed by the faculty to deal with the situation and still the students did not lose many nights of sleep in worrying over the fact that their nights of revelry were to be cut short. "Wheelbarrow parties" were still fashionable until last week when two prominent fraternity men of the college were caught on the Stanford campus in an intoxicated condition. The affair was at once taken charge of by the committee and the students expelled forthwith. Now those in attendance are satisfied that the faculty committee really means business.

This editorial is not written in a "holier than thou" attitude. Neither does the writer wish to place the University of Oregon in relation to Stanford University in proportion as the Biblical Pharisee stood to the poor Publican. It is not our intention to boast of our morality in comparison with that of others; but it is well to call to mind a few traditions of the University which make any public disgrace like that which recently happened at Stanford University, impossible. At the University of Oregon, which is

not a denominational college, drunkenness, ribaldry and fast living are frowned down upon. A student of this sort if caught, would be quickly ejected from the University dormitory. So high a respect do the students bear for the University, that very seldom is any one disrespectful enough to even smoke on the campus. This last item is not spoken of lightly. It is a tradition to be proud of. Never has any rule been laid down that smoking shall be prohibited on the college grounds; but so strong has grown the custom that now, no one will break it.

The public disgrace, such as that which Stanford University is compelled to suffer in having her affairs aired through the press of the country, is unfortunate. We sympathize greatly with the students and faculty of the institution. May the University of Oregon never suffer a like disgrace.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL

Since the last issue of the Oregon Weekly there have been three public meetings which have had an important relation to the University appropriation bill. The first meeting was on last Monday in Villard Hall when the visitors from Roseburg, Cottage Grove, Springfield and Junction City met in Villard hall at the University and discussed the situation. Judge Hamilton of Roseburg pledged the votes of Douglas county and Southern Oregon to the cause of the University. Editor Moorhead of Junction City said that his section of Lane county was unanimous for higher education and Tom Richardson, of the Portland Commercial club said that Multnomah county was a unit for the University.

At the second meeting of citizens at the court house on Wednesday evening much favorable comment was brought out for the University as was also displayed at the student assembly last Wednesday morning.

Here in Eugene we hear nothing but favorable reports of the University. Things look very bright for the cause; but we, as students, must remember that there are many voters in the more remote districts who are unaware of the work of the University, or of its needs. There are many likewise in the cities and towns who are also ignorant of the real conditions of the University of Oregon. These must be informed. Students must send their friends all over the state, information about Oregon. We must not think that we will have an easy campaign. It is true that the majority of those who have visited the buildings and classes of the University will, like the Roseburg citizens, be

glad to support our cause; but those who have not seen the 'Varsity are not aware of our needs and consequently, unknowingly, they may act contrary to what they would otherwise do. If these people are to be informed of the Varsity's needs, it is the duty of the students and alumni to give the information. Let us make an effective campaign upon our friends.

A FEW CORRECTIONS

Our attention has been called to the fact that the last issue of the Oregon Weekly contained some inaccuracies with regard to the previous career of Robert W. Forbes, the new football coach.

The complete record of the facts is as follows: Mr. Forbes played guard and tackle at Wesleyan University in 1902 and 1903. Wesleyan is located at Middleton, Connecticut and is not Ohio Wesleyan. Coach Forbes was elected captain of his team for 1904; but did not return to college. Instead he entered Yale, where the one year's residence rule prevented him from playing during his first year in college, and he therefore made only the "scrub" eleven. In 1905 he played tackle on the Yale 'Varsity. During this year he made Walter Camp's All-American second team; but was a first team man in many other selections. In 1906 Forbes played end on the Yale eleven and made Camp's All-American first team as well as the majority of theoretical elevens picked by other critics. He graduated from Yale in 1907 and in the same fall coached the West Point eleven. Thus it can be seen that he has both played and coached one year under the new rules. Mr. Forbes is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

ELECT DELEGATES

The members of the different classes of the University should not forget that the state Intercollegiate oratorical contest will be held at Monmouth on Friday evening, March 13. During the afternoon of this day the annual business meeting of the association will be held in the assembly room of the Oregon State Normal School. The delegates of the eight colleges of the league will be expected to be on hand for this meeting.

Each college is expected to send eight delegates—two from each class. Oregon's delegates should be picked from those who are likely to be future representatives of the University in oratory or debate; but this, however, is not a fixed rule.