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THE MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

All week at the University of Oregon the main topic of conversation has been the Musical Festival given by the Eugene Oratorio Society in conjunction with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Since the concerts are over comment has been no less than before, so great has been the success of the combination of voices and instruments. The artistic and educational success of the festival was due almost wholly to the ability and untiring efforts of Prof. Irving M. Glen, who has again shown himself to be a master of choral music. Perfectly at home when in charge of the combined chorus and orchestra, he proved himself a director and conductor in whom any city might take deep pride.

The chorus, made up largely of University people, is according to Rosenbecker, the wizard leader of the great orchestra, among the best which has sung the two beautiful oratorios on the present trip of the Chicago musicians. In very glowing terms, Rosenbecker praised the chorus of one hundred and seventy-five voices and chiefly Prof. Irving M. Glen, as director.

So great an enthusiasm has been aroused by the success of the big musical event that there is now a movement on foot to establish as an annual feature, the Spring Musical Festival. No one who participated in the festival

just closed either as a participant or listener will withhold from such an effort the support and co-operation it so justly deserves. Keep up the enthusiasm. Let us make the University of Oregon the hub of the state wheel in music as well as in higher education.

BASEBALL LANGUAGE.

Throughout the United States reforms of all kinds are now very popular. There are very many kinds of reform before the American Public and very many reformers.

The latest addition to the list is the reformer of the English language. For many years there has been a powerful tendency, even on the part of leading periodicals of the country to show a fondness for the rise of common colloquialisms better known as "slang". So frequent has been the use of slang that among the sporting element, a reporter is in many places considered a very poor success if he is not an adept at the use of language "a la George Ade."

Reports of baseball games all over the United States have for a long time been daily chronicled in the latest vernacular of the Bowery tough. The reporter who can frequently coin some new orthographical expression peculiar to the literary sense of the average baseball fan has been the popular writer of the red sheets of many of the best Sunday papers.

Now that the evil is before us, reformers have come forward with the remedy. In the baseball world, chiefly the difficulty has been hard to meet. However, a group of Eastern dailies have submitted the proposition to the baseball fans who read the papers and have asked for a vote on the matter. If the fans wish a continuance of the slang style the papers will not give it up. If the fans are willing, the newspapers will be only too glad to report the games in pure English.

Realizing that the college press has some influence in the purification of the English language, the Oregon Weekly will chronicle the baseball games for 1908, couched in the purest English in the possession of the reporter who attends the game. While it may displease some, we feel that it is better for the Weekly as the official spokesman of the University to use English becoming to a college paper.

SPECIAL EDITION LATER

During the Spring vacation much can be done for the University and her appropriation bill. It was the inten-

tion of the Oregon Weekly to issue a special edition during the present vacation upon the present situation of the University from the standpoint of the students; but we have concluded that the edition will perhaps be more effective if published later in the season.

Another paper will appear on next Monday, as usual, giving the students two papers which are not usually printed at this time of the year as it is not customary for the editors to work during vacation periods. For the year, the Weekly will run six editions ahead of schedule. Last year only thirty papers were printed during the year. This year thirty-six and perhaps thirty-seven papers will be put out for which the staff of the paper gets no salary nor college credit.

THE SPRING VACATION

When the regents of the University of Oregon established the annual spring vacation at Easter time they took a wise step in the right direction. The proposition of whether or not a vacation at this time is desirable, is not by any means a debatable question. Nobody could get along without it. Faculty, students and even janitors are glad of the week's "refrainment" from college work.

Spring fever comes to the college student in exactly the same way that it comes to anyone else. A week's rest will do all good.

Many a man is like a giant river in an unexplored country. He has unlimited power, but it has never been utilized. Other men are like mill streams. Every bit of the power that is in them is being put into use.

Among eastern colleges the subject of summer base-ball is being discussed pretty freely. The idea is gaining weight that a man who is a skilled base-ball player ought to be allowed to market his commodity just as a student does in any other line of work. The eastern college press is strongly in favor of allowing students to play summer base-ball under sufficiently stringent rules.—Carneigie Tartan.

At Columbia University the department of Zoology has secured a farm of fifty acres for the raising of dogs, pigeons, guinea pigs, mice, etc. They are endeavoring to have an experimental station for pedigree breeding established also.—Ex.

The Y. M. C. A. social announced last week has been postponed to a date in the near future.