

## NOVICE MEET ON WEDNESDAY

### Brought Out Many Athletes Who Have Ability, But Who Have Not Yet a Reputation

Men of all classes, the tall, the short, the fat, the lean, contested on Kincaid Field for supremacy in the novice meet last Wednesday afternoon. Bill Hayward was present and conducted the affairs with all the solemnity of an intercollegiate championship affair. No man with a previous athletic record was allowed to enter though many who took part are of recognized athletic ability. The time was naturally a little slow, the distances a little short, and the heights a trifle low, but competition was keen, and men who have been getting on the track "for the exercise" were pleased to have a real meet in which they could take part in hope of winning points. The game work of Steele in winning the half and mile excited commendation. The fact that several events had to be run in heats made the time before dinner too short for all the events, so the meet was somewhat curtailed.

The winners were:

100-yard dash: 1st, Swart; 2d, Kestley, third Eaton. McEwen in an exhibition race tied the time of the winner.

880-yd. run—1st, Steele; 2d, Applegate; 3d, Terry.

440 yd. dash—1st, Swart; 2d, Dean; 3d, Nicholas.

Shot put—1st, Neill, 37 feet, 6 inches, 2d, Struck; 3d, Dean.

220 yd. dash—1st, McEwen; 2d, Loosley; 3d, Kestley.

Broad jump—1st, Trew; 2d, Cooper; 3d, Stevenson.

120 yd. hurdles—1st, McEwen; 2d, Eaton, 3d, Swart.

Pole vault—1st, Williams; 2d, Ohrt; 3d, Steele.

High jump—1st, Stevenson, 2d, Kilpatrick; 3d, tie among Johnson, Struck, Neill, Dean.

Mile—1st, Steele; 2d, Applegate.

Mr. Sharp, one of the musicians in the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is a senior at Chicago University. He is acquainted with Mark Wheeler and Carl Davis. Mr. Sharp will re-enter Chicago and complete his course upon his return east.

The LaGrande Commercial club recently passed resolutions strongly urging the passage of the University appropriation bill and condemning in scathing terms the action of those who have called the referendum upon it.

## Engineering Club.

At the last meeting of the club, on April 10, Prof. McAlister gave an address on "Some Effects of Tides." He showed how the solid material of the earth and moon were distorted by tides. This effect of tides between the earth and moon has caused the moon to cease rotating with respect to the earth. Thus the moon always presents one side to the earth. The tide also has the effect of driving the moon away from the earth. It is also the cause of the lengthening of the day on the earth. The following theory may be advanced. The earth and moon were once one mass, rotating once every 3 hours. Centrifugal force caused the moon to be thrown off. The moon and earth then rotated near each other and at approximately the same rate. Since then the moon has been receding from the earth and its period of rotation has lengthened to 28 days, thus always presenting one face to the earth. The period of rotation of the earth has lengthened to 24 hours. This seems to indicate that the earth will some time cease rotating and then one side will be in perpetual darkness. The sun also causes tides on the earth and moon and has been instrumental in bringing about the above stated conditions.

The dormitory elected captains and managers for its track and baseball teams last Wednesday evening. The usual ceremony of bathtubbing the successful candidates was not neglected.

Teams of women from Albany College and Willamette University will meet in debate at Salem on May 1, discussing the question of the advisability of retaining the Philippines.

Prof. A. C. Terrill, of the Mining department, has gone, with his wife, to San Diego, Calif., where he will spend the spring vacation and see Uncle Sam's big warfleet.

The last hope of the striking Stanford students vanished April 8th, when the student affairs committee refused to entertain a petition from Alumni in their behalf.

The Oregon Missionary Convention strongly favored the University appropriation in a resolution passed at its recent session.

The Oregonian commented editorially upon the recent April Frolic, praising it as fostering a spirit of democracy.

## PRACTICAL WORK FOR MINERS

### Students in the Department of Mining Engineering Go to Black Butte Mines

A party of mining engineering students left Thursday evening to visit the quicksilver mine at Black Butte, near Cottage Grove. The party is under the supervision of Engineer Walter M. Eaton, as Prof. Arthur C. Terrill, head of the mining department, is at present in California. While at the mine the students will divide into two parties to survey the mine, making all possible computations regarding the mile or more of tunnels belonging to the mine. The Black Butte quicksilver mine, which is located eighteen miles south of Cottage Grove is the best equipped mine in Lane county, and is known throughout the mining world for certain patented improvements which are installed there. The study of this mine and the conditions under which it is worked will be of great value to the students. They have had the trip in prospect for some time and have made elaborate preparation for the work in hand. Night after night they have crept into the attic of Deady Hall and in the pitchy darkness which prevails there in the wee sma' hours, have plied plumb line and figured by dim candle light. They say that the four-story winding stairway of Deady very much resembles in the dark the shaft of a mine, and as they have computed it thoroughly, they anticipate no trouble with the more practical work which they have set out to do. Prof. Stafford, Dr. Shinn, A. J. Elton, and Walter McIntyre will follow Monday to assist Mr. Eaton's group in its investigation.

The freshman inter-society debate will take place on the second Saturday following Easter holidays. This date has been fixed upon by two committees, appointed for the purpose by the Laurean and Philologist presidents.

Leland Steiwer, who has been ill, is much better and is again attending classes.

A dormitory track meet will be held in the near future. Three teams will take part representing the second floor, the third floor, and the day-boarders. Two dormitory baseball teams have also been organized, in harmony with the recent recommendation of Coach Leonard.

Carl McClain has returned from Portland.