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### STUDENTS IN ENGINEERING

#### Are Making Practical Tests of the Effect of Clay Upon the Strength of Cement.

What effect does clay have upon the strength of cement? This question, which has been debated theoretically by experts for several years, is about to be solved in a practical manner by some of the engineering students of the University of Oregon. Under the able direction of Instructor Carl McClain, samples are being prepared which will show the relative strength of cement containing a varying proportion of a given clay. Samples with one per cent, ten per cent, etc., of clay are being prepared and will be allowed to stand for one, three and six months, that the effect of age may also be judged. The necessity that the sand used be absolutely pure has led to the construction of two ingenious machines which may be seen at Mechanical Hall. One of them is a dryer, which dries the washed sand. The other is a power screen, on the plan of a fan which separates and grades the material from the large pebbles to sand as fine as dust. Both machines are the work of Mr. McClain, who constructed them wholly from materials found at hand.

The tests, if successful, will contribute a valuable addition to the knowledge of cement construction.

College students like all other live Americans must have a fad which takes the fancy. Now that skating season is over nearly every student in college has learned the difficult game of diablo. Even some members of the faculty have been caught spinning the french twirler, so fascinating is the game.

President Campbell spent the holiday session in Eastern Oregon. While in Pendleton, a banquet was given by the Alpha Psi fraternity of Pendleton High School in honor of President Campbell and Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson.

Dr. Joseph Schafer of the Dept. of History embarked for America April 24, on his return from a year's absence in Europe. He will again take up his work as instructor in History at the University of Oregon in September.

### INTERCOLLEGIATE EDITION

The present issue of the Weekly contains some college news; but in the main it is devoted to news of the Intercollegiate world. From the customs in vogue at other colleges, perhaps many ideas can be obtained which will be helpful and beneficial to Oregon students. Some of these customs will be discussed editorially later on this Spring.

#### Interstate Oratorical Contest.

The annual interstate oratorical contest between Washington, Idaho, and Oregon will be held at Seattle, Washington, on May 22. According to the constitution of the Interstate Oratorical Association the university where the contest is held has the privilege of selecting any date between May 1 and the close of the college year. Idaho's representative is W. K. Gwin, '09, on the subject "Breakers Ahead." Gwin was a member of Idaho's debating team which recently defeated Washington at Moscow. Washington's representative will be Herman Allen, '08, who was a member of Washington's debating team which overcame California at Seattle recently. Oregon's representative is Jesse H. Bond who debated against Idaho on March 26. Bond's subject is "The Evolution of Character."

The preliminary tryout for Failing and Beekman orators will take place on Saturday, May 2. Out of a considerable number of possibilities, it is probable that about twelve speakers will try-out, of whom six will be chosen for the final contest on June 24.

The Dorm Club gave a pleasant dance on Friday, April 24, to the students who remained in Eugene for vacation. About sixty people were present. The patronesses were Mrs. Church, Miss Kent and Miss Parker.

Several University students kept in training last week by wielding pick and shovel on the city streets.

Several members of the senior class spent last week in finishing theses and preparing orations.

Bert Prescott has been enjoying a visit from his sister, Mrs. Datson of Baker City.

### FRESHMAN MEET ON FRIDAY

#### Trainer Hayward Is Rounding the 1911 Athletes into Shape For the Contest

A track meet between Portland High School and the Oregon freshmen will take place on Kincaid Field next Friday, May 1. Preparation for this meet will be Trainer Hayward's sole aim during the coming week. The Oregon freshmen have never before had a meet all of their own, but it is planned to have one each year in the future. The Portland team is an unknown quantity, though it is known to be a formidable one. The class of 1911, but one year removed from the high schools of the state, has some good men, among them Sievers, May, Struck, Roberts, Moon, Downs, Goodall, Fariss, Dean and Johnson. Manager Bean also extended an invitation to the Eugene High School to enter a team and it has been accepted. With such athletes as Kuykendall, Krieger and Ullmaker in the sprints and hurdles, the points will be divided and both the freshmen and Portland teams will lose points which may be the deciding ones.

Miss Elizabeth Harris, a national student-volunteer secretary will be in Eugene Thursday and Friday and will probably address a meeting of the Y. W. C. A. and possibly a mass meeting of the girls of the University. Miss Harris devotes all her time to this work and travels throughout the United States looking after the interests of the student volunteer movement in the ranks of the Y. W. C. A. Miss Harris will grant conferences during her stay to any who wish to speak with her concerning particular or general problems connected with missionary work.

Allen Eaton and H. M. McKinney are two University graduates who were chosen at the recent primaries as nominees for the legislature.

A debate was held in Portland recently between Eugene Palmer and some of the friends of the University under the auspices of the Portland Y. M. C. A.

Professor Carson spent the holidays in Portland.