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DIRECT BENEFIT

Sometime ago the University office published a bulletin in which are printed the names of all of the graduates of the institution since its establishment. Besides their names it gives their year of graduation, their present location and occupation. It is very interesting and is besides, a valuable aid as a directory. A study of it affords ample proof of the utility of the University as a factor in developing useful and efficient citizens. The record shows that since 1878, 512 students have completed a four years course in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts and the College of Engineering. This of course excludes graduates of the departments of medicine, law and music, which are not closely associated with the others, but of this total number, 25 have died leaving 487 Oregon alumni engaged in the activities of life.

That the State of Oregon is getting direct benefits from her investment in a school of higher learning is shown from the fact that out of this 487, 311 have located within the boundaries of the state, a percentage of almost 65.

These 487 graduates are engaged in various lines of activities. A great per cent of the women have of course married, but almost all have devoted several years following their departure from the halls of their Alma Mater to active work. Of the men not a few

have entered into professional lives. 42 have entered into the practice of law, 31 into that of medicine and 16 into that of theology. 95, partly men and partly women, are engaged in the profession of instruction. These four claim the largest number, but many other occupations are represented. Banking, commercial industry, engineering, civil, electrical, chemical and mining, journalism, and farming, each have several in their following. Oregon graduates holding state and county offices are by no means infrequent. Such men as the late Judge Frazer of Portland, Supreme Judge R. S. Bean of Oregon, Supreme Judge Wallace Mount of Washington, Judge Lawrence T. Harris, Hon. Jerry Bronaugh and Hon. F. W. Mulkey are men whose names are widely known.

Many of the members of the graduating classes of the last few years are in Eastern colleges receiving higher instruction in specialized courses and will on their completion of such, for the most part, return to their native state.

Thus is shown the good results of the work of the University of Oregon and these results are very pleasing to those who have the welfare of the state institution at heart and who believe in her as a power of much good to the commonwealth.

AN IDEAL ELECTION

The annual student body election just passed was an ideal one. It is true that the rivalry over some of the offices was intensely keen but through it all there was a friendly spirit of good sportsmanship. Party lines made very little difference in the election. Students voted for the candidate rather than the party. Practically no "knocking" was done, and thus the best of feeling prevailed. When the election was over the defeated candidates all showed their true sportsmanship by being among the first to congratulate the winners.

The results of the election are highly satisfactory. All factions, if there are such, have representatives in office. There was a good scattering of winners among the various groups. No organization can have just cause for complaint on account of the final outcome.

It is best that our elections of the future should end as successfully as this one. When we can all "hang together like one great happy family" we can make a great institution out of the University of Oregon—and not till then.

NO SPECIAL EDITION

Much against our will the Weekly staff is forced to announce this week that there will be no special edition of the Weekly this year with special regard to the University appropriation bill. The reason of it all is that there are no funds on hand with which to meet the necessary expense of the big edition.

The members of the Alumni had intended providing the money necessary for the big edition, but as there has been a constant drain upon their finances during the campaign, they don't feel able to furnish the amount and so our special edition must be given up.

A movement is on foot however among the co-eds of the Varsity to put out a women's edition of the Weekly before the close of the year. As yet no definite organization has been effected; but from all reports, the girls will take up the offer made by the Weekly on May 4. If they do, the feminine publication will appear on June 1, the day of the election. Four more editions of the paper will appear after the present issue making thirty six issues for the year, six more than last year.

JUNIOR WEEK END

A new annual custom is to be introduced this week into University of Oregon traditions. On Friday and Saturday of this week the class of 1909 will be hosts to the students, faculty and friends of the University. On Friday the men of the University will construct a large block "O" on Skinner's Butte, will build one hundred and fifty feet of bleachers on the athletic field and will construct forty-five feet of cement walk in front of Deady Hall. At noon a sumptuous lunch will be served in the Dormitory Club rooms by the co-eds. In the afternoon, Oregon will meet O. A. C. on the track. In the evening seven juniors will take part in Junior Orations. Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon will see the representatives of Oregon and O. A. C. on the baseball diamond and Saturday evening the closing and crowning event—the Junior Prom—will take place at the Armory.

All students who have not yet paid their Oregon Weekly subscription, will confer a great favor on the manager by seeing him at once. We need the money.