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## DEBATE SUBJECTS SUBMITTED

Oregon Submits Commission Plan—  
Idaho Prefers Cuban Question—  
Washington's Is Income Tax

"The commission plan of city government" is the general subject submitted by Oregon for interstate debate this year. Washington has submitted the question of the income tax and Idaho favors the question of the removal of United States authority from Cuba. The constitution of the interstate league, consisting of the three state universities of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, provides that the choice of each university for general subject for debate be submitted not later than October 10th. All three subjects are now in the hands of Jesse H. Bond, who is acting as secretary of the league for the current year.

The subject submitted by Oregon was selected at a meeting of the Committee on Oratory and Debate held last Saturday at the home of President Campbell. Several questions were discussed, all of current interest, and that of the commission plan of city government was finally chosen, because it seemed to be one free from the taint of political bias, and remarkably evenly divided.

The three questions of commission plan, income tax, and removal of authority from Cuba will now be voted upon by the three universities, each institution registering its first, second and third choice with the secretary of the league. A first choice vote counts three points, a second choice, two points, and a third choice, one point. A majority of votes selects the question.

When the question has been selected, each university will frame a proposition upon the question. These propositions will then be voted upon in the same way as the subjects, and the successful proposition will be the one discussed in the championship debate on March 26, 1909.

Washington has been agitating the reduction of the number of men on the teams from three to two. This idea did not meet with favor from the members of the committee at the meeting. As Oregon enters only the one intercollegiate contest, it is the opinion of the members of the committee that at least six men should be given the opportunity to represent the University in debate. A member of the committee will soon be appointed to take the place of C. L. Whealdon.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS

Much Routine Business is Transacted  
At the First Meeting of the  
New Council

Much business was despatched by the executive committee of the associated students at its first regular meeting for the year Friday afternoon. T. R. Townsend, president of the student-body presided, and a full attendance of members was present with the exception of Harvard Moore. The report of A. R. Tiffany, treasurer of the Associated Students, was heard. It shows the finances of the student body to be in a prosperous condition. It will be read again at the meeting of the student body on Wednesday.

Fay Clark, '12, and Benj. Williams, '10, were confirmed as associate editors



JESSE H. BOND

Who has been elected president of the Senior Class.

of the Oregon Weekly, having been appointed by the editor. The appointment by the editor of the Monthly of four associate editors was confirmed. The names of the new scribes are Greta Bristow, '08; Sam Robinson, '10; Leslie Emmons, '12; and Tom Word, '12. Gerald Eastham, '11, was elected to fill the place of associate editor of the Oregon Monthly left vacant by the absence of Neta Bartlet from college this semester.

The selection of Merle R. Chessman as manager of the Glee Club was ap-

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## CLASS TELLS FUNNY STORIES

Samuel Eliot Institutes Novel Method  
of Teaching Public Speaking to  
Beginners

Students throughout the University are discussing with interest a novel method of teaching elocution instituted in freshman classes by Samuel Eliot, Oxford scholar, and assistant in Psychology and Public Speaking. Mr. Eliot, who has two of the five large divisions of the beginning elocution classes, undertakes his novel method with the full consent of Professor I. M. Glen, the head of the department. The first interest on the campus was drawn to the matter by the report of some of the freshmen that they had to tell funny stories in elocution classes. Investigation proved that such was indeed the case, and conversation with Mr. Eliot showed the motive of such a seeming departure from generally accepted ideas concerning the teaching of elocution.

"The method," said Mr. Eliot, "is new so far as my observation has extended. It is based upon two common sense principles, first that the mind, to grasp an idea, must come to it with interest; and second, that as only so much attention can be given to a process, the more the process is simplified, the more likely it is that good results will follow.

"By having the students tell stories, I aim to secure their active interest, to get them 'warmed' up to the subject in hand.

"By having them thus put practice before theory, I hope to give a basis, whereon to apply theory. A football coach does not tell a man how to fall on a ball the first thing. He throws the ball on the ground and has the man fall on it. Then he corrects the method of falling, and has only to correct the errors in the operation. So the aim in my method is to get the student to speak first without rules. He is bound to do it partly right. Then correction will be made and theory applied upon the basis of the showing made at the start."

Miss Helen Frink and Miss Mildred Cagley are new arrivals at Mary Spiller Hall.

Byron Goodall, '11, sprained his ankle Sunday afternoon by slipping while descending the stairs of the dormitory.

A co-operative store has been started at W. S. C.