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## PRIZE OFFERED.

A money prize, amounting at present to \$12.50, which will probably be increased to fifteen or twenty dollars, is offered for the best Oregon football yell or song submitted within the next two weeks. Trainer Bill Hayward, realizing the dearth of good football yells and songs, contributed five dollars toward a prize to be given to the deserving man or woman who can produce a winning composition. Manager McEwen, Yellmaster Loosley and the editor of the Oregon Weekly have made personal pledges of \$2.50 each to the same fund. If the fund reaches twenty dollars more, it may be decided to give half to the composer of the best song and half to the concocter of the best yell.

There is no restriction as to length, style, quality, matter, tune, or subject, although such considerations will of course weigh in the awarding of the prize. The idea is by this means to secure a full repertoire for Loosley's choir, as all compositions submitted will be considered the property of the awarding committee. This committee will consist of Trainer Hayward, Manager McEwen, Yell Leader Loosley, the editor of the Weekly, and others who may contribute to the prize fund. The contest will last about two weeks. The yells and songs submitted will be examined carefully and the most meritorious will probably be given a rehearsal by the rooters on the bleachers. To the one seeming most effective and appropriate will be awarded the prize. Of course the committee reserves the right to withhold award if no worthy composition is submitted.

Said Yellmaster Loosley today: "I hope that a great number of yells and songs will be submitted. Not only the hope of pecuniary reward, but the de-

sire for victory on the gridiron should stimulate every student to try his hand at the preparation of a yell or song. When several hundred great minds work together on a problem, something meritorious and startling is bound to be devised."

All competitors should hand in at once their compositions to some member of the committee, signing a pseudonym, and enclosing in a small sealed envelope the true name of the author.

## THE 1910 ANNUAL

For several years past it has been the custom for the junior class of the University of Oregon to issue a class book or annual. At first this was the Webfoot, and was a large volume, bound in boards, intended mainly for the members of the class. For the past three years, the size of the annual has been cut down, and a large number have been distributed gratis throughout the state. The issues of 1906 and 1907 were little better or larger than a special edition of the Monthly might be expected to be, yet the class levied heavy taxes and went through a great deal of red tape to produce the books. Last year the annual was better typographically, but in point of matter had little to boast over its immediate predecessors. Of course the issue of last year was especially adapted to the needs of the University campaign and thus served a useful purpose.

This year, however, it would seem that the time has come for a larger and better annual, such as is published by Whitman, Washington, O. A. C., and W. S. C. The size of the book should be increased at least four fold. Cuts and illustrations should be multiplied. A good junior annual is more than a static photograph of the institution from which it is issued; it should partake rather of the nature of a motion picture, a record of student life and customs. The editors and managers should properly be elected a year in advance. Such is the custom at Washington and Whitman. At Washington the work on the annual is so strenuous that the editor generally has to take five years to his college course. Such a great undertaking may not be advisable here, but certainly the class of 1910 can produce something better than a hand book of information. Literary matter and jokes are never out of place in an annual. Last year the juniors paid two dollars and a half class tax, and two dollars for a leather bound Beaver. For this amount 1910 should produce a book many times better.

If copies are furnished to the high schools, they should be the donation of the faculty and not of the junior class. Such a move will help the quality of the annual, rather than detract from it.

## COLLEGE HOUR

A custom inaugurated last year, which should not be allowed to fall into disuse is that of the College Hour.

Many students will remember the pleasant session under Condon Oaks last spring, where classes mingled freely and acquaintances were formed and renewed, while freshman and senior alike munched striped candy. The need for a College Hour is greater this year, since the incoming class is large. As the University grows continually larger, some such plan will be the only way to preserve unity and to keep alive college spirit, which even so small a university as Washington, admits to be gone with increasing numbers. Some one of the classes, preferably the sophomores, who know the freshmen best, should be hosts at the first gathering. The faculty will not hold aloof, as those who attended last year will testify. Class insignia should be worn, a minimum quantity of good speaking might be done; but the general business of the hour should be that of general and wider acquaintance among the students and faculty.

## DEPARTMENT ENLARGED

Among the many needed things which the University has been able to acquire on account of the increased appropriation are the new supplies recently obtained for the biological department. This department has been greatly enlarged of late, and now includes the third floor of Deady as well as the two rooms upon the second floor. A bacteriological laboratory has been established, equipped with an electrically heated incubator for developing germs. Two new sterilizers have been put in, and eight microscopes of the best and most up-to-date pattern obtainable have been purchased. In the herbarium room several cases have been placed for the purpose of storing the 15,000 plant specimens which were so generously donated to the University last year. A new room has been set aside for the anatomy and physiological laboratory, and several valuable skeletons have been added to the collection in this branch. Considerable new apparatus and supplies have been obtained for the botany, zoology, and histology rooms, and an electric elevator connecting second and third floors has been installed. Altogether the efficiency of the department has been greatly increased, and Professor Sweetser is well pleased with the improved equipment now at his command.

## THE ETERNAL QUESTION.

In the last issue of last year of the Oregon Weekly, the retiring editor made a very able appeal for remuneration either pecuniary or by college credit, for succeeding editors of the paper. The Weekly is a first class college journal and the Pioneer hopes that the Oregon faculty will recognize the service of the University editor to his institution and allow him a proper return.—Whitman College Pioneer.

Much news was crowded out of this issue, which emphasizes again the need of a semi-weekly. All copy must be in early to insure appearance.