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A CAMPUS GAME

College work has been resumed after a vacation filled with pleasant memories. The Thanksgiving feeling is accentuated by the satisfying recollections of two victories, sweeter because hard-won and not wholly expected. Many of the students spent the entire week in Portland at their homes or as the guests of friends. The college atmosphere was everywhere perceptible in Portland last week. The warm feeling of the people of that city toward us has been increased, because both their understanding of the meaning of the institution and their sympathies for it have been enlarged. A week spent in Portland by a large number of representative students has done a great deal of beneficial advertising for the University.

The respite from classroom cares has freshened the minds of the students, has brought them back prepared to do better work because of a week of pleasure.

Yet notwithstanding the many indisputable advantages of the vacation due to the playing of the O. A. C. game in Portland this year, it is the opinion of *The Weekly*, that this game should not be played in Portland, but alternately in Corvallis and Eugene; that it never should have been taken away from the campus, and that it should in future be a campus game. When agitation was begun last year by Portland alumni to bring the big game to Portland, the student members of the athletic council were strongly opposed to the suggestion. It so happened, however, that the members of the council at O. A. C. favored a Portland game, probably for financial reasons. Since the O. A. C. council desired a Port-

land game, and since the game was not to be in Eugene this year, in any event, the University committee agreed to let it go to Portland for one year only. It is to be hoped that they will insist upon bringing it back to the campus next year. Student sentiment at O. A. C. is reported as being strongly in favor of a campus game.

There are many reasons why this game should be strictly a college affair at the homes of one of the participating colleges.

Only on the campus can there be an atmosphere favorable to a contest of this nature. College spirit is at its best only on the campus. There it is most powerful, even if most unconscious. In the life of a city it is submerged, or is assumed in externals only by luke-warm sympathizers. A negress wearing an Oregon rooter's hat was noticed on the streets of Portland. Her enthusiasm was limited to her admiration of the bright colors, yet such enthusiasm is what must come in in the city game, to alloy with its baser metal the true Oregon spirit. The team on the field plays the harder for the cheering when they know that the hearts of the rooters are filled with the same desires and motives as their own, and not cheering because it is fashionable to yell at a football game or because yellow chrysanthemums are prettier than orange ribbon. Oregon spirit is too real to be paraded before the gaze of a public which perceives in it only a crowd of yelling madmen in wide pantaloons. In short the atmosphere of city and of college environment are so totally different from each other as to make a college game utterly incongruous in a city. It degrades the dignity of the game, in that it is played, not for the glory of alma mater, but for the edification of the spectators. From the level of the Marathon race of ancient Athens, it brings college football down to the plane of a gladiatorial contest. A club game is, of course, a different matter, or a game wherein one of the teams is a resident in the city, but to transport a game between two outside teams to a city can be defended only on the grounds of financial advantage and of advertisement of the contesting colleges.

The financial phase should not be considered at all by Oregon in connection with the O. A. C. game. The University does not play football for the money to be made thereby. The M. A. A. C. game always makes finances easy for the manager. Two games in Portland are very nice from a business standpoint, but Oregon football is not supposedly run on the "cold cash" basis which characterizes professional teams and even the amount to be cleared by having the game in Portland is nearly offset by the heavy expense of four hundred students in Portland, some of them for an entire week. So that financially, a Portland game, means a heavy indirect tax upon the members of the student-body.

As an advertising medium, many methods excel that of professionalizing college football by moving it from

the campus. There is advertising in the bare fact that the colleges prefer to play at home rather than play in the city and make money at the sacrifice of college spirit. The Multnomah game advertises Oregon as thoroughly as it is advisable to advertise a University by means of football. And after all, the best way to gain popular approval is not to go to seek it, but to stay at home and mind one's own business.

If Portland must see a college game there is the Idaho-Oregon game which can be more conveniently played there than at Moscow or Eugene. O. A. C. could doubtless find a big game in Portland also.

Intercollegiate football is kept alive and made of value by the active interest of students and by the spirit which it engenders. That interest is best manifested and that spirit best engendered on the campus.

A GREAT PLAYER

Oregon has had many great football players in her history. The memory of all-American Dick Smith has become a tradition, and the pages of our football annals are filled with names of great stars. But this year the lips of the Oregon rooters have shouted the name of Oregon's greatest. Fred Moullen by his wonderful work this season has established a claim upon the title of the greatest place kicker in America and every supporter of football who has followed his career will sanction that claim.

Since he won his place on the Oregon football team in his freshman year Moullen has made 106 points for his University.

His record of goals from the field is as follows:

Against Stanford	'05	1
Against Astoria	'06	1
Against Idaho		3
Against Willamette		1
Against Multnomah		2
Against Idaho	'07	1
Against Multnomah		1
Against Alumni	'08	1
Against Willamette		1
Against Idaho		4
Against Whitworth		1
Against O. A. C.		2
Against Multnomah		1

Oregon is proud of her football captain. Time and time again, the University has come into national notice through her athletes and she has every reason to feel proud of her great sons. If Walter Camp were conversant with football conditions upon the coast there is little doubt but that Oregon would again be represented on the All-American team. And with our feelings of pride there is mingled one regret and that is that Fred Moullen, Walter McIntire and Lee Hurd, the seniors on the team, have played their last football game for old Oregon.