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MEET IN PORTLAND

For some time past there has been a growing conviction among those familiar with athletic conditions in the Northwest that the triangular meet which takes place between Oregon, Washington and Idaho each year at Seattle, should hereafter be held in Portland. Seattle has had the meet for the past four years and has failed to give it the support which it deserves. The fact that Oregon has had wonderfully strong teams in the past few years and has taken this meet as a matter of course has caused the Seattle public to lose interest in their team. Last year the posters advertising the meet appealed to the people of Seattle to come out and see the Oregon athletes win, with the result that there were only 416 paid admissions. On the other hand Portland has always been noted for the hearty support which it gives to sports in general and college athletics in particular. The new Multnomah field and grandstand furnish accommodations for the meet that cannot be equalled in Seattle. The people of Portland are proud of Oregon's great track team. They are anxious to see our athletes in action and would give the meet their most hearty support. And it is certain that Idaho would welcome the change for they are tired of losing money on the meet each year.

The strongest reason for changing the meet to Portland, however, as Trainer Hayward sees it, is the fact that Seattle has only a narrow track, and must run nearly every race in heats while the fine new Portland track will

accommodate a large number of runners at once.

WILL HAVE SECOND TEAM

Under the efficient direction of Mr. Eliot, there will be unusual activity in the debating department of the University this year. Besides the interstate debate it is likely that contests will be arranged with other colleges for both the men and women debaters. Among those who failed to make the first eight in the tryout a second eight has been chosen. The names of these are: Aubrey Bond, Hoisington, Huntington, Steel, St. John, and Williams. A tryout of these will be held on the first Saturday after vacation and a team of three men will be chosen. This team will debate with some college in the Northwest in the near future. Whitman and the O. A. C. are being considered. This policy is adopted in order to develop a large number of experienced men for the University.

The proposition of putting out a women's debating team is also proposed and is being considered by the University authorities. A plan of forming a woman's debating league among the various colleges in Oregon has been suggested by Albany College. A challenge has been received from Pacific University. It is hoped that a joint debate can be arranged with the University of Washington. The women of the University are generally favorable to a debating team and there is excellent material among them from which a strong team could be selected.

University of Washington has, through its debating council, authorized Dean Priest to arrange a co-ed debate with Oregon. It seems probable, therefore, that the first debate in which women of the University take part will be a contest with the girls of the northern University, to be held either in Seattle or in Eugene.

THREE SPECIAL EDITIONS

Three special editions of the Oregon Weekly will be issued during the coming months. The annual woman's edition will appear somewhat earlier than it did last year. The Y. M.-Y. W. C. A. edition will be published immediately after the election of officers of those organizations in April. As a new special feature, there will probably be an issue devoted to the interests of the Engineers of the University. The Engineers have already decided to issue two numbers of the regular University Bulletin, and they seem anxious also to have one issue of the college newspaper issued in their behalf. These editions will all be of larger than the usual size, and each will be edited by a special staff.

MULTNOMAH WILL QUIT

Multnomah Athletic Club has announced through the columns of the Portland papers its desire to sever football relations with the University by discontinuing the annual game. There has long been considerable senti-

ment in the ranks of the students in favor of cutting out this game, and the action of the club is considered by most students as a handy solution of the matter. Oregon has been charged with commercializing athletics from the fact that the Multnomah game has been in Portland every year, and has drawn large crowds. Hitherto, the strong likelihood of defeat has lent zest to the game, but as the time seems to have come when the superiority of the University over the club teams has been sufficiently demonstrated, Oregon supporters think it just as well that the effort formerly spent on the club game be now transferred to some contest more strictly collegiate.

NO PRELIMINARY

Owing to the fact that there were only six contestants wishing to try out for the intercollegiate oratorical contest on Friday afternoon, the preliminary tryout was dispensed with. The names of the contestants and their orations are as follows:

Jesse Bond, "The White Flower of a Blameless Life"; Horton Nicholas, "Hope Born of Despair"; Cornelius Beebe, "The Motive Power of Civilization"; Earl Strong, "The Inequality of Man"; Ben Williams, "The Dawn of Peace"; Wendell Barbour, "Technicalities of the Law."

The final tryout to choose the intercollegiate orator from among these men will occur on January 29th.

University Library will be open during vacation from nine to twelve in the forenoon and from two to five in the afternoon. It will be closed Christmas Day and New Years Day, nights, and Saturday afternoons.

A new feature of the Eutaxian program was a social hour last Monday at the Gamma Delta Gamma House—a novelty due to the Christmas season. Lively interest was taken in the business discussion and several new plans for future work were voted upon.

At a meeting of football men held Tuesday, it was decided to buy a wedding present for the coach, Robert W. Forbes, who is to become a benedict at Christmas time. Bill Hayward was authorized to select and present the gift.

Louis Pinkham is one of three Western football players to receive mention as being in the all-American class by Walter Camp in his annual article in Collier's Weekly.

Mr. J. O. Watts, the jeweler, will present a gold football to each of the thirteen men who played in the O. A. C. game.

Candidates for the baseball team are signing up at the gymnasium. It is expected that the number will reach seventy-five.

C. A. Osterholm spent the past week in Portland.

Harold Rounds was called to Portland last week on business.