

late, and no one complained at the prospect of an eighty mile ride in a stuffy day coach, carrying, perhaps, thirty Americans, forty Italians, a half a dozen Japs and a couple of Umatilla "braves." The mingling in this congress of all nations would not have been so desirable, but for the fact that the Glee Club earned a side attraction every year. The after-dinner speeches of Mr. Gross occurred almost any time the speaker deemed it "fitting and appropriate to make a few remarks," and they always received the applause deserved, whether the spasmodic burst of oratory was given behind the scenes in the opera house, in the stuffy day coach to a group of astonished foreigners, or in the dining room at the hotel. At the latter place he was always seen and heard at his best, and the well chosen words, and brief, spicy flow of oratory—following of course, the usual preliminary of swallowing a few lumps of embarrassment and nervously toying with his napkin rivalled the famous after dinner speeches of Chauncey Depew.

Bad weather, coupled with late financial stringency in the Northwest, cut down the receipts in some towns, while in others the boys had the pleasure of singing before packed houses. True to the Oregon spirit to do their best at all times, the club gave probably the best concert of the trip at Walla Walla in the "enemy's camp." The attendance was very small, owing to the negligence of the Walla Walla management in getting out the advertising. The Whitman Glee Club had given their concert the evening before and as expected, a small but very appreciative audience was present. The boys did their best, however, and the liberal applause and flattering press notices showed the efforts were appreciated.

During the closing sketch at La Grande the O. A. C. boys of that place dropped from the flies a gigantic banner in O. A. C. colors, on which was printed, "O. A. C.—Northwest Championship, 1907." The show was discontinued for a few minutes and everybody joined in the hearty laugh, we must confess, at our expense. The boys are still trying to think up some way to even up the score, but as O. A. C. never had a glee club, and as far as known, never had a stu-