

## Economic Research Work in the University of Oregon



THE state of Oregon expects, and rightly, adequate returns from the University of Oregon for the money spent in maintaining the University. Not only does the University strive to give value received through the culture of the students, but there are some lines of University work that have a direct value to the state. One of these lines of activity is the work of the economic research classes.

Economic research is pursued by members of the senior class under the direction of Professor F. G. Young, head of the department of Economics. For the past several years the research has been into matters of particular interest to the state of Oregon, and questions of Oregon history and policy.

For the present year such subjects are being worked out by members of the class: "Oregon school lands," "The direct primary law in Oregon, as compared with the law in other states," "Fees and other emoluments of officials in the state of Oregon," "The railroad lands of Oregon," "Oregon treasury balances," and "Development of Oregon County system."

A large amount of material relating to Oregon questions, gathered by the research class, was used by the committees of the state legislative assembly at its recent session. One paper in particular, that relating to banking laws, was found very useful in drafting the bills presented at that session.

A second value to the state of the research work in the University is the training that it is giving to a body of young men who are each year going to make up the citizenship of the commonwealth. Under Professor Young's direction the student is taught the best method of approaching a mass of more or less related material, and having selected the part that bears upon his subject, he is expected to present the results in the manner in which they will be easiest understood, and most graphically perceived. Comparative studies of a law in several states are tabulated, so that relations between like phases can be seen at a glance. Where figures are concerned, graphic curves are drawn to represent the relations.