

There is another matter that should be given due consideration. What we refer to is the publication of a comic paper, a paper devoted entirely to wit and humor, such as nearly all well-known universities support. Harvard has her *Lampoon*, Princeton has her *Tiger*, Cornell her *Widow* and Stanford her *Chaparral*; all are papers known throughout the country for the rare quality of their humour. Are we so overburdened with work or so seriously devoted to some form of athletics that there is not enough wit remaining in us to keep such a paper alive? Probably not. We have supported other things in a manner that has excited the envy of some of our sister institutions, and the publication of such a paper, if attempted, would in all probability be accorded like support.

Debate Two years ago the University of Oregon could proudly boast of the record of her men in forensics. In that year her debaters won every contest in which they participated and throughout the state the news was spread that Oregon students were champions with brain as well as with brawn. Last year, however, due to many circumstances which we shall not mention here, Oregon did not win a single debate. Perhaps, since Oregon never offers an excuse for defeat, the less said about this the better; but nevertheless, the record of this year's teams must and shall be different from that of last year.

Defeat and failure never did deter Oregon in anything. In fact it is a tradition of which our alumni and friends often boast, that Oregon men always fight harder and work with more vim and energy when they expect defeat than when victory is anticipated. An Oregon team in football, baseball, track or debate, has never been known to "quit." All over the Northwest the term "last ditch fighters" is continually applied to the students who are representing our University in any department.

This year and every year, Oregon has stood well in athletics. But this year we must also stand well in forensics. We must win back all the laurels we have lost and establish standards in this department which can be pointed to with as much pride as the record of our debating team of 1907.

Four men of experience in debate remain in college. About twenty men are signed up for the preliminary tryout which will be held on Saturday, December 12. From this number six champion