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AS TO AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS.

The Agricultural College has critics. In the main, they are small newspapers unacquainted with the subject they discuss. They complain that there are not enough students in the agricultural course, and one goes so far as to say that in this respect the college is like the play of Hamlet without Hamlet in the cast.

There is no justification for the criticism, nor is there virtue in it. The occasion for it is doubtless a widely prevalent notion that, because of its name, the function of the agriculture college is to teach agriculture, and but little else. The fact is that, while agriculture is an important essential in the prescribed course of instruction there are vital provisions for other and equally essential courses. All these courses, agricultural included, are set out in instructions supplied administrative officers of so-called Agricultural colleges by officials at Washington, D. C., charged with care of the funds appropriated by Congress for founding and maintaining the colleges. Under date of Nov 26, 1900, instructions sent out by Commissioner Harris and signed by Secretary Hitchcock, prescribed the following for the curriculum of Agricultural colleges:

Schedule A, Instruction in Agriculture—Agriculture, horticulture, forestry, agronomy, animal husbandry, dairying, veterinary science, poultry industry, apiculture.

Schedule B, Instruction in Mechanic Arts—Mechanical engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, irrigation engineering, mining engineering, marine engineering, railway engineering, experimental engineering, textile industry, architecture, machine design, mechanical drawing, ceramics, stenography, typewriting, telegraphy, printing, shop work.

Schedule C Instruction in English Language—English language, English literature, composition, rhetoric, oratory.

Schedule D, Instruction in Mathematical Sciences—Mathematics, book-keeping, astronomy.

Schedule E, Instruction in Natural and Physical Sciences—Chemistry, physics, biology, botany, zoology, geology, mineralogy, metallurgy, entomology, physiology, bacteriology, pharmacy, physical geography, meteorology.

Schedule F, Instruction in Economic Sciences—Political economy, domestic economy, commercial geography.

Thus, the true function of these federally-endowed colleges is to train young men in the industrials, educating hand and brain together, fitting them for every sphere in the vast industrial life that is making this country greater than all others, and moulding them for a useful, educated, contented and self-supporting citizenship. In the above list every subject under schedule except forestry, is taught in the college at Corvallis, while of the other prescribed subjects many are untouched, which shows, that as a matter of fact, the agricultural phase of the college is emphasized and made prominent, while the other courses are, for lack of means opportunity and time for development, much neglected. The policy is thus maintained, because Oregon yet is largely an agricultural state and with a hope of doing the utmost for agricultural industry. It shows error in the complaint of those who criticize.

When critics insist that there should be more students in the agricultural course, they lose sight of the fact that you can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink. You can set an agricultural course before a college student, but you cannot make him take it. At Corvallis, the costliest building, the finest laboratories, the highest salaried instructors are devoted to agriculture. The course of study is made the broadest with the most elective and other attractive features in order to divert students into it. At matriculation time, from the president down, the watchword of the faculty is to steer as many students as possible into the agricultural course. But

all the boys in the institution do not enter that course. All of the boys do not want to study agriculture, and go to farming. Many a one of them is charged by mother or father before he leaves home, to study mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, mining engineering, or some other applied science in which the salary to be received after graduation promises to be larger than can be earned on the farm. Many a boy by birth and nature has a knack for something else and to force him to study agriculture and go back to the farm might ruin a first class mechanical engineer and spoil a fine farm. The question of how many students enter the agricultural course is controlled partly by God Almighty, partly by the parents, but mostly, by natural, inevitable causes, and are wholly beyond the reach or control of a college faculty or the board of managers. At Corvallis, the agricultural course is available for a thousand students if they want it, it is made the most attractive of all the courses in the institution and if the classes are not filled, whose would be the blame—whose but the boys themselves? Incidentally however, it is a fact, that, in spite of the critics, OAC graduates a larger per cent of students in the agricultural course than does any other so called agricultural college in the United States. At Cornell this year, of 300 graduates, 11 were in the agricultural course. At Berkeley, California, recently, in a class of more than 200, one was in the agricultural course, and she was a woman. At OAC this year, thirty per cent of the male students were graduated from the agricultural course.

As conducted, the Oregon Agricultural College seems to be a fairly successful educational institution. For two years in succession its attendance has been between 500 and 600, perhaps more than double the attendance of any other educational institution in Oregon. Attendance is a sure sign of whether or not a college is successful. Students attend, if they get what they want. If they do not get what they want they do not attend, and their numbers are accordingly limited, and the institution correspondingly unsuccessful. Further, the general government provides a certain sum to support the school. If only 200 young men and women are educated from these funds, the money will be but one-third as successfully spent as if 600 young people are educated from it. Attendance, therefore is a correct measure of an educational institution's success or failure, and so tested, the college at Corvallis is without a peer or a rival in Oregon. Possibly this fact explains why there are critics and criticism.

A broad and beautiful view of life is to build up rather than to tear down, and state pride in a noble state institution ought to preserve that institution from complaint, at least such complaint as is not based on accurate information.

Go to Blackledge's for window shades.

Dr. Lowe, the well known oculoptician, has returned from New York where he has been taking a course on the eye and will be in Corvallis at the Occidental Hotel, Wednesday, and Thursday noon, June 22 and 23. Dr. Lowe has all the latest and best ideas in his profession.

New Sawmill
Two miles west of Buelah church All kinds of rough lumber constantly on hand. Orders promptly filled. Address, Otis Skipton, R F D No 2, Corvallis.

Find any kind of 4th of July fireworks that you want at Hodes' gun store.

For fireworks with which to celebrate, go to Hodes gun store.

Painting and Paper Hanging. All orders promptly filled. Phone 05. Samuel Kerr.

Buy your firecrackers and ice-cream in Corvallis July 2, 3, & 4.

Blackledge keeps large assortment of matting.

TO MEET SATURDAY.
Corvallis Ladies to Consider Exhibits for Benton County at Fairs.

To the Ladies of Corvallis: Greeting:

The county court has appointed me to assist in collecting an exhibit of Benton county products for the Lewis and Clark fair. It is the wish of the court to have the exhibit prepared this year, so it can be shown at the State Fair in September and at the National Grange Fair in November, as well as at the great fair the next year. Now it seems to me that the preparations of fruits, jellies, and should be considered women's work as well as needlework, painting and other fancy articles.

In order to get together to talk it over and to decide what can be done, I ask the ladies of Corvallis and vicinity to meet at the court house on Saturday June 25th. at 2-30 o'clock to discuss the matter. I especially desire the co-operation of the ladies of the Lewis and Clark Club, the Grange and other societies whose object is the advancement of our county and city.

Let us make a great effort to have the county take an important place among the counties of our state at all these fairs.

Respectfully,
MARY HARRIS WHITBY.

PEELING CHITTIM.

The Price is Five Cents in Alsea—Large Quantities will be Peeled.

Chittim peeling is in progress in the Alsea country, and a large part of the population is engaged in the industry. Five cents per pound is offered for the bark at Wade Malone's store, according to Frank Hughes, who was in town Monday, but nobody is selling at that figure, except in rare instances, when an occasional small lot goes at that price. Most of the peelers will hold for a better figure, and unless many of them get 10 cents a pound they will hold over to another season.

It is estimated that seven-tenths of the remaining bark in the Alsea country will be peeled this season. Much of the bark on the railroad lands is being peeled. The chittim on these lands is disposed of to peelers on a basis of one-third to one-half for peeling, the bark to be delivered to the railroad company at Malone's store. Willis Vidto has been appointed agent of the railroad company, to look after their interests in the chittim business. So far, practically no bark has been delivered.

For Sale.
Span of mares. Inquire of Frank Francisco, Corvallis.

Cattle for Sale.
Milk cows and heifers in considerable numbers. Inquire of John Stahlbusch Corvallis.

Save Your Wood.
All persons wishing wood cut in the city can be accommodated on short notice. I have a gasolene outfit and it will cost you no more and save your wood.
Phone 531. W. E. Boddy, Corvallis.

For Sale.
A first class sewing machine in good condition. Also a fine walnut dining table. Inquire at Times office.

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When you are drinking Coffee it is our good fortune to hold the Sole Agency for the famous

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Foot Racing
Horse Racing
Sacred Concert
Band Music

GRAND BALL
OPERA HOUSE
MONDAY EVENING

PROGRAMME.
SATURDAY JULY 2nd.
9 a. m.—Shooting tournament on Avery's flat. Open to all. There will be some good purses offered.
1 p. m.—Championship baseball game, free for all, between two professional teams for purse of \$15.
3 p. m.—Horse racing on Kigers track. The best products of Oregon will be entered. Racing in all classes, such as trotting, running, pacing. These races open to all. \$250 in purses.

SUNDAY JULY 3rd.
This day will be devoted to Patriotic Union Services, held at the court house yard, and to be participated in by all the churches. The music will be a special feature. A Union Choir of all the churches. The afternoon a grand sacred concert and short speeches by prominent people.
MONDAY JULY 4th.
Salute at sunrise. Plenty of good stirring music by two bands. The parade will start at 10 a. m. and will be one of the most brilliant affairs ever witnessed in Corvallis.
1 p. m.—The racing will begin on Main street consisting of the following, open to all.
Bicycle race 1st prize \$10 2nd \$5
Hurdle race 1st \$10; 2nd \$5
440 yd race 1st \$10; 2nd \$5
50-yd dash 1st \$7; 2nd \$3
100-yd dash 1st \$10; 2nd \$5
Boys under 15 1st \$5; 2nd \$2.50
Fat Men's race 50 yd 1st \$10
Potatoe race 1st \$2.50
Hose race—wet test \$50
Other events on Main street:
Tug of war \$5
Climbing Greased Pole \$5
Best Decorated Float \$10
Best Looking Turnout, t w o horses \$5
Band concert on main street

P. A. Kline,
Grand Marshal
E. R. Bryson,
Geo Brown
Aides

J. B. Irvine,
Pres. of the Day
Hon L. T. Harris
Orator
Geo L. Paul,
Reader



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Horse races, hose races, bicycle and fat man's races, and lots of good things that have not been mentioned. In Corvallis, the 4th.

For Sale.
A few choice Poland China pigs, both sexes, from registered stock, \$5 per head inquire of Robert Wylie, Lewisburg.

Our sample line of swell summer clothing is now in. OAC Pressing Co

For Sale
First class, second growth fir wood of uniform length, no round sticks. Guaranteed 128 cubic feet per cord. Leave orders at P. M. Zierolf.

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