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DEBATE AND ORATORY IN WORDY COMBAT

With the close of the football season the gods of Brain and Brawn are deposited at the University of Oregon. For the next four months the votaries of Debate and Oratory will be undisturbed in their offerings. The death knell of the former gods was sounded last Monday evening when twenty striplings met in wordy combat over the question of the Judicial Recall. The forum was gory at the close, and there were thumbs up for ten and thumbs down for ten others.

And now these ten whose names follow are the squad, from which will be chosen the six men who are to uphold the honor in debate of the Varsity against Utah, Washington and Stanford: Carlton Spencer, Cottage Grove; Vernon Moteschenbacher, Klamath Falls; Earl Jones, Newburg; William Dunlap, Portland; Leon Ray, Eugene; David Pickett, Prineville; Peter Crockett, Pendleton; Herbert Lombard, Eugene; Ralph Moores, Salem; William St. John, Eugene.

The question for all three debates is, "Resolved, that judges should be subject to the recall." The two final tryouts to pick the Oregon team will be held December 5th and 12th. The date for the Utah debate is Friday, January 19, and will be held in Eugene. The date for the Triangular Debate, with Washington and Stanford, is March 15.

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GOVERNOR WEST'S PRISON POLICY WINS DECISION

Saturday evening, Nov. 25th, Governor West's prison policy regarding the paroling of convicts was threshed out pro and con by the Laurean Debating Society of the University. Notwithstanding that the policy received a severe drilling at the hands of the negative team, the affirmative side, which supported the governor's policy, won the decision of the judges. The question centered wholly on the paroling of convicts, since it was drawn up and agreed upon before the announcement of Governor West's lately made known policy of commuting to life imprisonment the sentence of murderers condemned to die. By decision of the chair, the negative was forced to exclude this latter question from the discussion.

The Laurean Literary Society is the oldest and strongest literary organization in the University, being founded in 1879. Many prominent men of the state of Oregon were Laureans in their college days. Federal Judge R. S. Bean, of Portland, who is also president of the University Board of Regents, was the first president of the society.

Any male student of the University is eligible to membership, the only requisite being that members maintain an active interest in the discussions of the society. Questions for debate are generally political. For over thirty years the Laureans have been meeting in the same room in Dandy Hall, the oldest building on the campus. Every Saturday night they assemble to tear the atmosphere for an hour or more. To the Laureans more than to any other organization in the University is due the credit for the University's consistent winning for many years its intercollegiate debates.

WILL SING IN EASTERN OREGON

A schedule of 17 concerts has been arranged for the Glee and Mandolin Clubs of the Oregon Agricultural College for the spring inter-semester vacation. The first home concert will be given Dec. 14th and the last after the return from the trip north and east.

The schedule is as follows: Independence, February 19; Dallas, Feb. 20; McMinnville, 21; Newberg, 22; Forest Grove, 23; Portland, 24; Hood River, 26; The Dalles, 27; Heppner, 28; Pendleton, March 1; La Grande, 2; Baker, 3; Woodburn, 5; Salem, 6, and Albany, 7.

SPEAKING DOES NOT REQUIRE GREAT GENIUS

Leroy Johnstone, an instructor in the Department of Public Speaking in the University of Oregon, has adopted a novel manner of training his class of seniors in the art of extemporaneous address. At each meeting of the class the students assume that a banquet or a meeting of some organization is taking place, and each makes a speech befitting the occasion.

At the last recitation a banquet, in honor of Oregon's defeated football team, with everything but the "cats," was held. Chester Moores, a Salem boy, gave each speaker a flattering introduction. Miss Birdie Wise, of Astoria, was brought into the spirit of the occasion by being called on to speak in behalf of the coeds of the University. A meeting of the near future will imitate the fraternity of newspapermen's famous Gridiron Club. It is probable that the Faculty will come in for friendly roasts and be the butt of the usual jokes.

Mr. Johnstone's theory is that speaking does not require genius, but that it is an art that any reasonably intelligent man or woman can acquire by practice and study.

OFFERS FINE OPENINGS TO TWO ENTOMOLOGISTS

State Horticultural Commissioner A. J. Cook, of California, has written Dean A. B. Cordley, of the Oregon Agricultural College, asking him to recommend two men for assistants in the commission. One is to act in the insectary as assistant, with a salary of \$1,800 a year, the other as field deputy at the same salary with expenses, traveling through Mexico, Tahiti, and like districts, collecting and breeding predaceous and parasitic insects for economic studies.

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Among the projects for which money is expected to be forthcoming is \$1,000,000 for the Columbia River jetty, while between Portland and the sea channel improvements are estimated to need \$475,000. The Cello Canal is listed for \$600,000 and improvements above Cello call for \$50,000 more.

Other recommendations included in the report are: Columbia, Bridgeport to Kettle Falls, \$25,000; Willamette, above Portland, \$20,000; Sluslaw River, \$120,500; Snake River, \$25,000; Coos River, \$3,000; Tillamook Bay, \$5,000; Clatskanie River, \$1,000.

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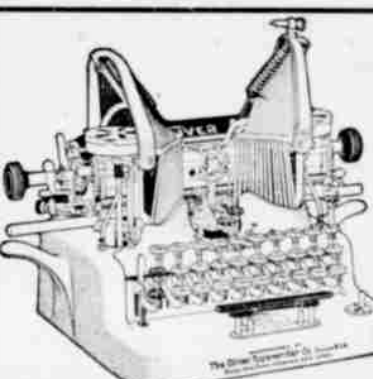
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