



STATES OF NORTHWEST LIBERAL IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Universities and Agricultural Colleges of Exceptional Merit Are Maintained in States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

LIBERAL provision has been made by the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho for the public education of their youth. Not only have grammar and high schools been organized which would do credit to much older states, but the advanced schools rank with the best in the United States. These schools are liberally supported by legislative appropriations and revenue from land formerly set aside for this purpose. That they receive public indorsement is evident from the large registration and the willingness with which income from taxes is turned over to their support.

Oregon Agricultural College is the oldest public institution in this state and has the largest attendance of any school in Oregon. It has an excellent location at Corvallis and its growth has been phenomenal. In buildings and equipment this school surpasses all others in Oregon and its faculty is large and competent. It is broader than the name indicates, as courses in literature, music and many other departments are given in addition to the best of scientific and technical training.

The University of Oregon stands high among the state universities of the country. Its courses of study are thorough and the school has always held a prominent place in athletics and other lines of student activity. Its equipment is all that could be desired and the location ideal.

Oregon also maintains normal schools at Monmouth, Ashland and Weston. State support has been withdrawn from a fourth normal school at Drain and it will be conducted as a private institution.

The University of Washington, maintained by that state at Seattle, is one of the great universities of the West. In attendance it bids fair soon to equal the larger institutions of the East. The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, to be held next year at Seattle, is a boon to this institution as three permanent buildings are to be erected for the fair which will become the permanent property of the university. The Washington State College is located at Pullman and normal schools of high standing are located at Bellingham and Ellensburg.

In Idaho the university and agricultural college are combined in one institution, the University of Idaho at Moscow. This school, situated in the rich inland Empire, has a broad field to draw from, and surpasses in importance all other educational institutions in Idaho. The school has a landed endowment of great value.

In athletics and other branches of intercollegiate rivalry, the state institutions of Oregon, Washington and Idaho stand high. The Oregon Agricultural College last year won the football championship of the Pacific Coast by defeating the California champions and beating its rivals in the Northwest. In addition to other sports, the University of Washington trains crews for boat races each year, being located on Lake Washington, which affords exceptional advantages for this popular sport.

The attendance at the state institutions is increasing more rapidly than at the private institutions and in each of the three states mentioned the public colleges lead in point of registration. This, of course, is due in part to the fact that no tuition is charged at the state schools.

STATE SCHOOL AT EUGENE
University of Oregon Heads the Public School System.

With a constantly increasing attendance and a curriculum that has been carefully selected, the University of Oregon at Eugene is fulfilling its mission as the highest institution of the public school system in this state. Although comparatively one of the younger schools of the state, having been founded in 1876, it has a very important place in the educational life of Oregon. That it is recognized as doing a valuable work for the state at large was shown when, at the election in June, the voters of Oregon sustained a large legislative appropriation on which the referendum had been called.

The original building, Deady Hall, was erected by the citizens of Lane County and presented to the Board of Regents. The courses of instruction were at first

limited practically to literary lines. The university grew rapidly, however, and the demand for a broader curriculum was met by the addition of engineering, scientific and technical courses. The law school was established in 1884 and the medical school in 1887. These two branches of the university are conducted in Portland.

When the university first opened its doors, the work of the different courses was practically all required. After a few years options were allowed, and finally, three years ago, the regents adopted a free elective system, with a major requirement not to exceed one-third of the 120 semester hours necessary for graduation.

Eugene, located 123 miles south of Portland, is an ideal university city. The university buildings are situated on an attractive campus and student life is very pleasant. The main building, Villard Hall, was named in honor of the greatest donor to the university, Henry Villard, who in 1882 presented \$50,000 as a general endowment. McClure Hall, devoted to the departments of chemistry and mining, has three floors with laboratory facilities for 200 students. Mechanical Hall contains the general heating plant of the university and the departments of civil and electrical engineering. There are also dormitories for men and women, a library and a gymnasium.

The athletic teams of the university rank high and the best of coaches are employed to direct work along this line. Forensics also are given a prominent place in student life. The school is a member of the State Oratorical Association, including eight of the leading colleges, and of a league comprising the State Universities of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The same schools conduct a debating league.

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WHEN the young man or young woman is determining what school he shall select for his preparatory or collegiate course, one of the first points that he investigates is the character of the undergraduate life. Opportunity for social, athletic and other activities is usually regarded as close in importance to the main mission of gaining an education. In the freedom, democracy and healthful spirit of the student activities, the schools of the Pacific Coast will bear comparison with those of the East and, indeed, have many points to recommend them in preference to the institutions in the more thickly populated states.

Progress of athletics in schools of the Pacific Coast has been rapid and the various intercollegiate sport are perhaps more free from professionalism and other taint than in any other section of the United States. Not only this, but in football and track athletics, the chief branches of college sport, teams of the Far West are fast coming to be of as high standard as those in the older colleges and universities. Some of the best athletes of the United States are being developed in the institutions of Oregon, Washington and California. As evidence of this it might be mentioned that world's records in three of the principal track and field events are held by Oregon men. These records are in the high hurdles, pole vault and 100-yard dash, held, respectively, by Smithson, formerly of the Oregon Agricultural College; Gilbert, formerly of Pacific University, and Kelly, formerly of the University of Oregon. All

of these men are members of the American team now abroad.

Athletics have been more closely organized in the Pacific Northwest during the past year by the formation of a league, composed of six of the largest institutions. These schools are: Oregon Agricultural College, University of Oregon, University of Washington, Washington State College, Whitman College and the University of Idaho. This league has adopted a set of rules that stand for the highest class of amateur athletics and which will probably be adhered to by several colleges outside of the league, as well as those within it, as the spirit of these regulations has prevailed at all times. Besides football and track athletics, baseball and basketball have their followers in nearly all of the colleges, academies and high schools, while gymnasium work in many cases is compulsory and in practically all instances is available. Although athletics is given prominence in nearly all of the schools of the Coast, it is not allowed to interfere with studies, and in this respect many of the Eastern schools are at fault.

Debating and oratory, as intercollegiate events, have been given prominent places on the Coast. A successful triangular debating league has for its members the State Universities of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, and a similar organization is maintained by Pacific University, Willamette University and Whitman College. An Oregon debating league is also conducted by Oregon Agricultural College, McMinnville College, Dallas College and Albany College. An annual oratorical

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