

# COMMENCEMENT AT OREGON UNIVERSITY

## Sermon by Rev. Dr. Stephen S. Wise to Open the Annual Ceremonies--Alumni Gathering at Eugene from All Parts of State.

(Journal Special Service.)  
EUGENE, Or., June 13.—Commencement begins tomorrow at the University of Oregon with the annual baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. Dr. Stephen S. Wise of Portland, with the usual festivities and ceremonies that pertain to such college functions. Ex-colleagues and alumni have been gathering in this city for several days and Eugene takes on the delightful aspect that marks the college town when the end of the school year comes.

With the graduation of the class of '03, 37 in number, with two receiving master's degrees in addition, the university ends its 31st year of existence, and the 37th since instruction began. The total net enrollment for the past year was 484, divided thus:

Graduate school	13
Academic colleges and schools	344
School of Music	114
School of Medicine	11
School of Law	16
Total	498
Names entered twice	27
Net total	463
The officers and instructors number 74.	

### THE CLASS OF '03.

- Degrees will be conferred as follows:
- Bertha L. Slater, A. B., La Grande.
  - Julie Ann Ankeny, A. B., Eugene.
  - Lula Maude Craig, A. B., North Yaluma, Wash.
  - James H. Gilbert, A. B., Watsonville, Cal.
  - Ma L. Hendricks, A. B., Eugene.
  - Ruby Villard Hendricks, A. B., Eugene.
  - Estella Viola Armitage, A. B., Eugene.
  - Charles V. Ross, A. B., Lebanon.
  - Harvey Bruce Bensmore, A. B., Eugene.
  - Ralph Albert Feuten, A. B., Portland.
  - Harriette Patterson, A. B., Eugene.
  - Edna Ford Traylor, A. B., Eugene.
  - Lourence Anna Hudson, A. B., Tangent.
  - Frank Edwin Billington, A. B., Eugene.
  - Maria Merriman Bradley, A. B., Medford.
  - Alice Mae Smith, A. B., Monmouth.
  - Alice McKinlay, A. B., Centerville, Cal.
  - Fred G. Theyer, A. B., Toledo.
  - Gene Crawford, A. B., Portland.
  - Wesley T. Miller, A. B., Eugene.
  - Homer I. Watts, A. B., Athens.
  - John S. ... A. B., Eugene.
  - George W. Eyre, A. B., Dayton, Wash.
  - Robert A. B. ... A. B., Pleasant Hill.
  - Thomasarkin Williams, A. B., La Grande.
  - Wynyl Estella Kuykendall, A. B., Eugene.
  - Hess Mills Plummer, A. B., Portland.
  - William D. Murphy, A. B., Monmouth.
  - Harry Stanley Lamb, A. B., Monmouth.
  - Condon Roy Bean, R. S., Salem.
  - Calvin Castel, B. S., Signalum.
  - George Centennial Fisher, B. S., Bay City.
  - Kerneth Charles Miller, B. S., Eugene.
  - Walter T. Carroll, B. S., Eugene.
  - Earle Ray Norris, B. S., Oregon City.
  - Fred Stockton, B. S., Ballston.
  - Holt Stockton, B. S., Ballston.

### Graduate Degrees.

- Romer Rex Renshaw, M. S., Eugene.
- Ugert A. Cleveland, Jr., M. A., Astoria.

### Contemplated Improvements.

Some notable improvements are to be made in the physical equipment, the expense of which is provided for by the regular annual appropriation of \$47,500, under the legislative act which sets aside that sum yearly for support and maintenance of "construction" of buildings, and additions to the library and laboratory facilities, and the special appropriation of \$25,000 made at the 1902 session of the Legislative Assembly. The special appropriation is being expended as follows: For repairs and improvements on the dormitory, \$12,800; for reupholstering the campus, \$1,200; for new equipment, \$10,800, to which will be added about \$1,200 from the general fund. The new equipment money will be as follows: For the electrical engineering department, \$4,000; for the civil engineering department, \$2,000; for the library, \$4,000; the balance for the department of physics and probably some additional for the electrical equipment.

### Kincaid Field, the new athletic grounds, located on leased land across Thirteenth street from the campus, has been put into proper condition by the expenditure of about \$1,000 and will give University of Oregon athletics an impetus forward.

### The New Dormitory.

The \$12,000 that is to be spent in improving the dormitory will make that building attractive and comfortable. It is a three-story structure, facing the center of the campus on the east side, and contains, besides rooms for students, also the library.

One feature of the new "orm" is to be a large drawingroom in which the students may assemble, or alumni or faculty give receptions. The dormitory will accommodate 70 students when all improvements have been made.

In connection with this dormitory naturally follows the comment that the university should have a library building. The library now is on the first and second floors in the north end. And the facilities are not what they should be.

### Policy of the Institution.

And when one runs off from mere statement of fact into the realm of suggestion and opinion immediately opens out endless opportunity for contention. The observer is impressed with one central truth, which is that there must be a radical alteration in policy if the university is to take its proper place as the center of educational influences for the State of Oregon. This is said not in hostility to, but in close sympathy with the school. It is charmingly located in the best town in the Willamette Valley, provided with a beautiful site, good buildings and in all respects is delightful and attractive to the ambitious young persons who matriculate.

Ten years from today the University of Oregon must have 1,000 students. A rate of growth less than that will not have realized the reasonable expectations of the people who pay for its maintenance.

### President Must Be Supreme.

If these larger experiences come to the university they will have to come because the president is placed at the head with absolute authority to direct the governance of the students and selection of instructors. Anyone acquainted with the conditions existing here will indorse that proposition heartily. It admits of no dispute. One cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that the president of the university is not invested with authority such as he should exercise. He is not in the sense he should be the manager of the institution. He is not given freedom such as the regents should allow him. He has not the authority over the faculty he should wield. His word is not so final with the students as it should be. In short, the president is not actually the center of the school, but has a subordinate position. The regents and faculty are the real power.

the members of the faculty and their relations to the student body.

**We Should Get Results.**  
There is but one proper course to be pursued by the Board of Regents. These gentlemen would act wisely if they came to Eugene, summoned the president before them, and said:

"President Campbell, we are going to alter our policy radically for the future. Hereafter, you are to be the very head of the University of Oregon. We are going to look to you for results. You are going to be responsible for all de-

would transform the institution. They would rather students who now go elsewhere. They probably would eliminate some of the features of student governance that now are rather more appropriate to schools in which much younger persons are matriculated. Professor Condon to have Assistant. Announcement has been made that Professor Thomas Condon, the eminent geologist, is to have an assistant next year. This assistant is to be appointed in response to a request by Dr. Condon himself, who wishes to be relieved of some of the details of class work and to devote his time more especially to enjoying the fruitage of his magnificent life-work and to giving the world some further gainings in his chosen field of investigation. Dr. Condon has been 22 years at the head of the department of geology, and has a name above that of any other geologist in the West.

**Moderating the Curriculum.**  
One commendable trend is noticeable—the attention given to the study of the sciences. The University is well equipped now and will be better equipped when the new apparatus comes, for the scientific work that



MRS. JOSEPH MEAD MCCORMICK  
Formerly Miss Ruth Hanna, youngest daughter of Senator and Mrs. Marcus H. Hanna, who was married last Wednesday, at Cleveland, O.

tails. We are not going to step beyond you in any particular. You are to be to the University what Charles Schwab is to the Steel Trust, an actual head, with absolute authority. Then, if results are not secured, we will find another man who will secure them. Of then to the faculty, those Regents should say:

"President Campbell is hereafter to be the head of the University. You will report to him, as the absolute fountain of authority. Precedents will have no binding force. If precedents and progress do not comport together, quit the premises."

**Then Would Results Be Secured.**  
There is not a shadow of doubt that this policy would place the University upon the proper basis, and enable the reorganization necessary to its deserved future. The plant of the University is

forms a large part of the curriculum. Good men are at the head of the departments, and earnest work is done by the students.

A system of electives by groups is in force, recognizing the individual quality as in all institutions of standing throughout the country.

In fact, the conditions are prime for bounds forward such as would surprise and please all friends of the University, and this progress is being accomplished in spite of some hampering by reason of things herein stated. Perhaps there is yet a lack of college spirit. One observes too many students going to the trains so soon as they have passed their final "exams," and not waiting for the festivities of commencement week. As one of the members of the faculty remarked to the writer: "It would not be bad if there



MISS FRANCES LEWIS  
Popular Portland society girl who was one of the bridesmaids at the Hanna-McCormick wedding, solemnized at Cleveland, O., last Wednesday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

excellent. The age is sufficient to give considerable backing of alumni support, and to throw about it that atmosphere of tradition and reminiscence so essential to the life of college and university. However, not only now, but in the past, and to quote the last incumbent of the presidency, Dr. Frank L. Strong, who preceded President P. L. Campbell: "The President of the University of Oregon is too much of a figurehead. He has not enough power. He is responsible without potency to meet responsibility."

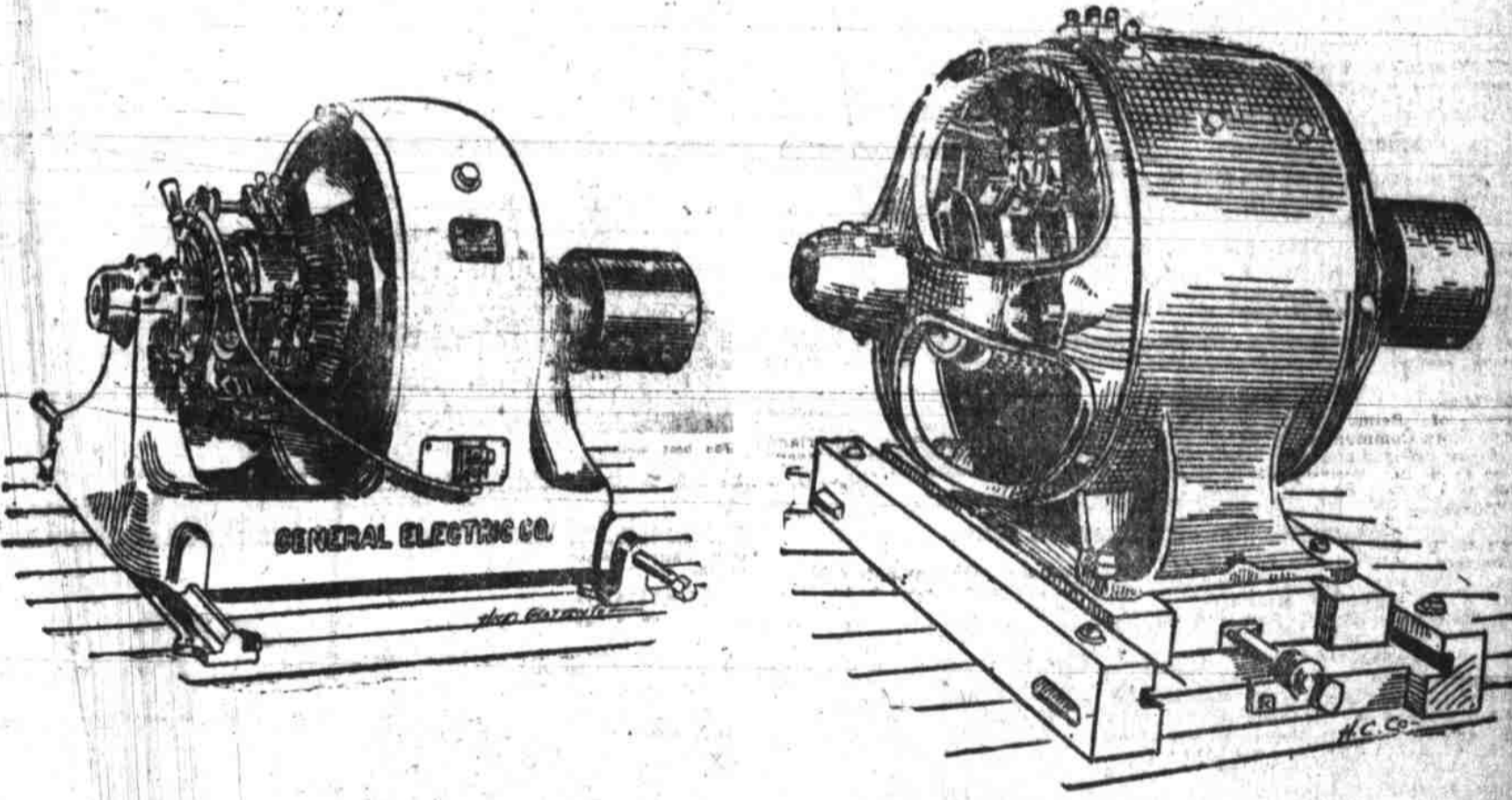
were more of the ebullitions of college spirit, even though they were occasionally accompanied by a few Comanche Indian yells." But that will come with time and progress, and is by no means now entirely lacking. It is a charming town, set as a gem between circling green hills threaded by the many streams that make into the Willamette near by. It is Oregon's State University. And, because it is, perhaps the Board of Regents will paragon the presumption of one who hereafter makes some suggestions and passes some opinions for what they are worth.

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