STANFORD STUDENT EXPOSES SLANDEROUS EDITORIAL ATTACK AGAINST UNIVERSITY

Relative to the recent trouble at Stanford university, the following self-explanatory letter from one of the students, James W. Mott, of Salem, shows the peculiar form of fanaticism which pervades the faculty there and which has given rise to the trouble. The following letter was written to R. M. Hofer of Salem:

Stanford University, March 31, 1908—I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th and have read the Oregonian editorial headed "Anarchy at Stanford."

Your letter commenting upon the absurd and erroneous sentiments entertained by our people at large concerning the situation at Stanford, and the ridiculous Oregonian editorial, which is no doubt responsible for much of this sentiment, puts the matter before me in an impersonal light, and from this view point I can and have a right to discuss the subject for the people at large, to try if I can, to vindicate the good name of Stanford, to show who is responsible for the unmerited disgrace that has seemingly fallen upon it, and the almost unbelievable methods by which it has been brought about.

I shall try to deal with the Oregonian editorial in a dignified manner, though whether I shall succeed or not I do not know.

I am informed that this brand of editorial abuse is prevalent through the entire northwest. This is not surprising, since in a case of this kind the prejudice is naturally in favor of the authorities and the burden of proof rests with the students. However, I cannot believe that the obviously ridiculous attitude taken by this Oregonian writer is typical of the sentiment in my home community. Nevertheless, such charges, absurd as they are, are apt to be believed, and for this reason they are a direct slander on the good name of Stanford and call for an answer. I shall therefore touch upon some of the most flagrant falsehoods contained in the editorial and for the rest confine myself to a statement of fact concerning the situation at Stanford.

Editorial Falsehoods.

I say that there is not one single element of truth in the editorial as a whole or in any particular part of it, and whether intentionally malicious or due entirely to the writer's ignorance every statement in the editorial is an unqualified falsehood.

In the first place, student drunkenness as such does not exist and never has existed at Stanford. I wonder what the Oregonian writer considers "student drunkenness?" His article would seem to indicate that the students at this institution are continually intoxicated and divide their time between smashing university furniture and lying about the campus in a drunken stupor. Let me inform him that "student drunkenness" as considered by faculty and students alike at Stanford admits of no such broad interpretation. Stanford men are not and never have been allowed to get drunk at all, whether they do any damage when drunk or not.

In the two years that I have been at Stanford only two students have been expelled for drunkenness, and these two students, according to the report of the student affairs committee, were "not badly, but only noticeably under the influence of liquor." Does this look as though Stanford were a "hell-hole of drunkenness?"

University Morally Clean.

If the Oregonian writer would visit Stanford, he would find out from professors of national and even international experience and reputation that Stanford is the cleanest morally of any large university in the world. One thousand young men and 500 young women associate here together. Most of them live on the campus side by side in the halls and fraternity houses, and in the 15 years of Stanford existence there is yet to appear the first instance of any form of scandal whatsoever. Can any one point to another large university in this country with such a record?

If he has taken the trouble to inform on college scholarship, he certainly knows that the standard of scholarship at Stanford is higher than at any other university in the United States.

The same conditions in the matter of scholarship, drinking, etc., that exist at present have always existed here. To use the words of Dr. Jordan, no graduate of Stanford has ever disgraced the name of his alma mater. As for scholarship, the record of Stanford in its short existence of fifteen years is without a parallel in the history of American universities. And when the Oregonian mentions football and wine suppers as things which Stanford students regard more than their studies, I reply that when American football reached such a stage that it was overshadowing everything else in nearly every large college in the country, Stanford and California were the only two universities that did away with the game, and substituted for it a sport in which the students had almost no interest. As for wine suppers, I am unable to learn of such a thing ever having been given at Stanford.

High Standard of Study.

It ought to be obvious to any one that it would be a physical impossibility for students to behave as the Oregonian says they do and yet remain in a college with scholarship restrictions like those of Stanford.

No one will attempt to deny that moderate drinking of beer is and always has been indulged in at Stanford, although in a smaller degree than at other representative universities. It is impossible to obtain the exact figures, but from what I have been able to gather I should say that considerably more than fifty per cent of the students do not drink at all, and as for immoderate drinking, I personally do not know of a single man in this university who is an immoderate drinker.

Now drinking at Stanford, unlike that at other universities, confines itself almost exclusively to the socalled "beer busts."

These celebrations are innocent, even more than the name implies, and traditionally unobjectionable, and many faculty members have repeatedly declared such form of celebration beneficial to the students and college as it prevented the men from going to the city to celebrate intercollegiate victories, as they would do if they had no chance to let out their enthusiasm at home. Only two cases of disturbance have resulted, and in obedience to the request of the faculty committee no beer has since been drunk in the houses in question.

Students Always Fair.

These examples should be sufficient to show that the students have always been willing to meet the Student Affairs committee more than half way, and that every time any crowd of students has been told to stop drinking they have stopped. These things happened under the old committee, men who were known, loved and respected by every man in the university. This old committee never considered this form of student drinking as objectionable as Menlo.

President Jordan began his campaign four months ago when the situation on the campus was the same as it is now and always has been. He gave utterance to the most absurd and groundless statements, statements that contained no element of truth, and which, in one instance which occurred recently, he was forced by decency to apologize for.

James W. Mott, Stanford Student From Salem.

Dr. Jordan never addressed the students on the situation. Had he done so it is safe to say that, no matter how absurd his contentions were, the student body would have complied with any request he might have made. They had done so in the two cases above mentioned and they would have done so again. He refused to deal with them as gentlemen, as the committee had done. Instead he made speeches all over the country calling Stanford a "hellhole of vice and drunkenness." He gave interviews to newspaper reporters containing nothing even remotely resembling the truth. These things were said away from the university where the president spends a great deal of his time.

Jordan the Unfair One.

He never went about talking with the students as the committee was in the habit of doing. I do not remember ever to have heard him discuss the situation in the student body meetings, but he still persisted in making his ridiculous remarks to the outside world. The newspapers took it up and sent it broadcast over the country, giving the morally cleanest university in the world and the one most free from vice and drunkenness, the most unsavory and the most undeserved reputation.

The students resigned themselves to the only posible view to be taken under the circumstances; namely, that President Jordan seemed actually trying to ruin the university. Personally I cannot bring myself to believe that Dr. Jordan would intentionally do anything to hurt the good name of Stanford, but the cold-blooded fact remains that he has hurt Stanford, and that he, personally, more than anyone or anything else is responsible for the whole disgraceful position in which Stanford is placed at present. What his intentions were he has not explained. I shall certainly not try to interpret them.

I wish to make this statement calmly and deliberately, and I have no hesitation in saying that it will be backed up by every student, man and woman in this university, that the parade of March 12, in itself and in the importance attached to it by the participants, was absolutely insignificant, that it did no damage and no harm to any person or to anything, and that it called for no drastic action or even serious consideration by the student affairs committee.

Dr. Jordan's ceaseless and absurd ranting on student drunkenness developed in his demand for drastic action, and the faculty committee refusing to act drastically, believing the situation did not warrant it, were asked to, and did resign.

Bad Judgment in Appointments.

Dr. Jordan straightway appointed another committee. The contrast was startling. In place of the venerable and beloved chairman of the old committee the president appointed one, A. B. Clark, head of the drawing department, prohibition mayor of Mayfield, and the most thoroughly hated member of the entire Stanford faculty. Probably the worst mistake of Dr. Jordan's next to appointing Professor Clark, was in the appointment of Professor Whitaker, a hot-headed young man entirely out of sympathy with the students. This is the same professor who struck the Stanford graduate in the face at a political meeting in Palo Alto several months ago, and who at a recent meeting of the Unitarian club characterized the suspension of the 41 students as a huge and amusing joke.

This new committee never held any meetings or consultations with the students as is the custom of committees to do. Instead, on the evening of March 12 it issued an ultimatum of a vague and hostile character which no one understood. It spoke of "student drunkenness" and other things equally absurd, and ended with an edict which some construed as prohibiting drinking of any kind at any time or place, and which others considered as having no meaning at all.

It was considered entirely superfluous and unwarranted.

There was no semblance of organized protest. Just after dinner we heard a cry of "Parade!" "Parade!" from one of the houses on the next street. Everybody poured out into the street. A chance for a parade was not to be missed. Those who had band instruments brought them along, and the parade started spontaneously and without organization, headed for no place in particular. Some one suggested that Professor Clark address the multitude, so everybody started for his house. Clark was not at home, so the parade went back to the "Quad." It marched through the library and out into the memorial court, where the ultimatum was read and the three cheers given for the old committee. The parade then disbanded and as the next day was Friday, the students returned home and went to work. The parade consumed little more than an hour's time.

Parade Merely for Fun.

This was all there was to it. It was entered into with a spirit of levity, it was spontaneous, it was not an organized demonstration, and nobody was bullied. There were no ringleaders and everybody was equally guilty, if there is any guilt to be attached to it.

A great number of students were in the parade who never tasted a drop of beer in their lives; among these were the president and secretary of the Students' Temperance association.

Regarding the suspension of the paraders, the students felt that these 12 men had been severely and unjustly treated by the committee, that they had done nothing for which they should be suspended from the university. Moreover, the rest of the participants felt that it was not fair to punish 12 men and let the others go.

A student body meeting was called at once, and the 247 men who were in the parade signed a paper stating that they were equally blameworthy with the 12 men. They stated in a gentlemanly-like manner that they thought that the action of the committee was too severe and asked for a reconsideration of the cases of the 12 men, and further, that if this were impossible, the whole 243 should be treated alike.

Six hundred other students who attended the meeting signed another petition asking that the men be reinstated. Instead of meeting these statements in the manly way in which they were offered, the committee posted a notice saying that they had prima facie evidence that 247 more men had participated in the parade and that they would be examined and dealt with accordingly.

Show Disrespect for Apologies.

Another student body meeting was called and, although student sentiment was at the boiling point, 1,000 men voted unanimously to send in another apology to the committee, regretting each feature of the parade in detail, namely, the trespassing on Professor Clark's premises, the marching through the library, and the gathering in the Memorial court. In this apology the action of the committee was not even mentioned, and no demand was made in regard to the reinstatement of the 12 men.

But chairman and his committee ignored this apology, stating that although they were glad to receive it, it would have no effect upon their action and intimating that a direct apology without any demands or reservations would be more to the point.

The 247 thereupon handed in a direct apology, without demands or reservations, over their own individual signatures; previous to this the 12 men had already apologized, but they, also, added their names to the apology of the 247. Now I want to ask you people who have been the victims of Oregonian editorials, "Does this look like anarchy?" And I ask you again, "What should you expect from the committee after you had done all this? After you had apologized three different times for something which you felt called for no apology in the first place? Would you not expect the committee to meet you half way at least?" So did we.

But Chairman Clark ignored all these apologies absolutely and the extreme penalty of suspension inflicted upon a larger number, from which there is no appeal.

President to Blame.

I shall draw no conclusions to my arguments. Everything I have stated is absolutely correct, and if the reader cannot see that the action of Chairman Clark is not only unjust, but criminally outrageous, I have nothing further to say. It is not alone the suspension of the 41 upper classmen in itself, nor yet the filthy smirch with which Dr. Jordan and his fanatical committee have blackened the fair name of Stanford.

The students can stand it, and the university can stand it. But it is not so with the parents of many of the men on whom this committee's malicious ax has fallen. They have read what Dr. Jordan has said in the papers. They do not know his ideas nor the methods he has used to bring about this crisis, and they cannot believe that he would say things of which he surely knows are not true. They read from colored press dispatches and from abusive, malignant editorials like those of the Oregonian that a "monstrous demonstration upholding drunkenness" has occurred at Stanford. They learn that their son has participated in this monstrous anarchistic parade, and they finally learn that he has been suspended from college.

Needless Sorrow Results.

They do not know the facts, and are not in a position to know them. They do not know that this parade was not seriously connected with any phase of any drinking problem; they do not know that it was entered into in a spirit of harmless levity, and that it did no harm to anyone; they do not know that a large number of the participants were total abstainers, and that none of the participants were "booze-fighters"; they do not know that the majority of the faculty members are on the side of the students, nor that a silent edict has gone forth from the "throne" forbidding any faculty member to uphold the cause of the students on pain of losing his position. They know none of these things, and it will take a long time to explain them. I have seen letters to men who were in this parade from parents who have saved and stinted and denied themselves that their sons might have the benefits of a college education; and the uncalled-for and undeserved picture of their blasted hopes and broken hearts has made my blood boil, and I have wondered what justice it is that allows such things to happen.

This it is that is the worst outrage that Dr. Jordan and his underlings have perpetrated. I do not doubt that time will soon remedy their whole disgraceful blunder, that the places of responsibility will soon be filled with professors who are men, and not fanatics, and that the good name of Stanford will be quickly purged from the stain that has so unnecessarily and unjustly fallen upon it. Yours sincerely,

JAMES W. MOTT.

MONTANA MINING INDUSTRY REVIVES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Helena, Mont., April 13.—As an evidence of the great activity in the mining industry in Montana, considered separately from the resumption at Butte, reference may be made to the fact that the American Smelting & Refining company has found it necessary to blow in another furnace at its East Helena plant, thus giving employment to 60 of the old men who were laid off during the temporary shutdown. Two of the large blast furnaces are now in operation and Manager Smith states that he thinks it will be necessary to fire two more within the next month. The fact that the Montana Mining association has concluded a deal for the Panhandle smelter near Sandpoint, Idaho, is also evidence of unwonted activity. In addition, the Washoe smelter at Anaconda will treat commercial ores in a limited quantity. Many large operators have entered into contracts for the treatment of their ore at the Panhandle smelter, all of which shows that more ore is now being produced than at any time within the history of the state.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Louisville, April 13.—Governor Johnson of Minnesota has arrived here and tonight will deliver a speech before the Louisville Commercial club, his first important speech. Politicians from surrounding cities are swarming to Louisville to attend the meeting.

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HOT HIKE FROM HUNGRY HORDE

Tacoma's Mayor-Elect Goes Bubbling Away, None Knoweth Whither.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tacoma, Wash., April 13.—If any one can locate Judge John W. Linck, Tacoma's newly elected mayor, a liberal reward could be realized for the information by applying to the 1,500 or more office seekers of Tacoma. Since the election last Tuesday the life of the mayor-elect has been made unbearable by hundreds of office seekers. To escape them, with several intimate friends he left the city Friday and spent the day in the country. On returning to town Saturday he found both his home and his office in a state of siege, surrounded by the hungry hundreds of the jobless. The situation was such that he merely turned his automobile and the last seen of him he was disappearing in a cloud of dust in the direction of Olympia.

"I am not just certain when he will come back to the city," said Mrs. Linck. "For the past few days the pressure upon him has been so great that he is almost in a state of physical prostration. So he just left me to answer the telephone bombardment we are getting here at the house, until he gets back I don't know where he is, and when he left he did not know where he was going. The only thing he was certain of was that he would keep away from Tacoma for a time. 'I'll out-wind these office seekers,' he said as he was leaving, 'if there is any speed and staying power in this automobile.'"

WILL PUT PARTIES OUT OF BUSINESS

Effect of G. O. P. Machine Tactics Viewed Gloomily by Col. Hofer.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., April 13. — At a large meeting of Republicans of Liberty precinct Saturday night Colonel E. Hofer of this city paid his respects to machine politics in general and to some of the manifestations of the political machine in Oregon. He sprung several new propositions, one of which was that the disposition of the political machine to fight the direct primary law and Statement No. 1 was driving Democrats, Socialists and Prohibitionists to enter the Republican organization by registering as Republicans and helping to purify the organization.

If the machine kept up that fight against reforms there would be but one party in Oregon, composed of two factions, machine and anti-machine, and all issues that could not be fought out at the primaries would afterward be fought out at the general election. This would evolve a new political system, in which the people would have two chances to defeat improper nominations. He warned the Republican managers not to further antagonize popular measures, as they were driving the people to disintegrate all political parties, which he did not believe was a good result.

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CANADIAN BOY TRIES TO COMMIT SUICIDE

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, April 13.—The call of the road ended in attempted suicide early this morning for frank Willis, a 14-year-old lad, who beat his way on the brakebeams to this city from Vancouver, British Columbia. Dismal, travel weary, hungry and without friends, Willis, after tramping the streets for hours, invested his last quarter in a room at the Hotel Filmore, a cheap lodging house, where he turned on the gas and tossed himself on the bed to die.

The smell of gas in the hallway attracted the attention of Charles Wilson, preprietor of the place, this evening. Willis was hurried to the Central Emergency hospital, where he is tossing about in delirium tonight, calling for a mother whom, in his lucid moments, he said was dead. When he could answer questions he said that he had a father living in Vancouver.

"I wanted to see the world," he said. "But now I am afraid of it. I want to go home."

Dr. Shadworth, who is attending Willis at the hospital, believes he has an even chance for recovery.

NORMAL BOARD TO TOUR THE STATE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., April 13.—J. M. Powers, city superintendent of the Salem schools and member of the visiting board of the state normal schools, left yesterday on the annual inspection of the normals. He will be joined today at Weston by the other members of the board, J. A. Churchill, city superintendent at Baker City, and R. R. Turner, city superintendent at Grants Pass.

The board will visit the normal schools at Weston, Ashland and Monmouth. Two or three days will be spent at each place. At the end of the inspection a report will be made on the condition of the schools and the work during the year. The report will be ready about June 30.

NEW LIBEL SUIT AGAINST GOODING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Boise, Ida., April 13.—State Auditor Bragaw has just filed a new libel suit against Governor Gooding and the publishers of the Daily Statesman in which he asks $50,000 damages for an interview with Gooding published in the Statesman relative to the conduct of the auditor's office on the part of Bragaw. In the first suit started by Bragaw Judge Wood sustained the demurrer of the defendant on the ground that the plaintiff did not allege in what paper the article appeared. Bragaw was permitted to withdraw the original complaint and file a new suit.

Berlin Clears for Alaska.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., April 13.—The American ship Berlin cleared at the custom-house Saturday for Nushagak river, Alaska, with supplies for the Portland-Alaska Packers' association cannery. She will ship her crew and sail about Wednesday.

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$9.45

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