

University and College News

Summer Sessions Are On

Oregon Agricultural College
Registration at the beginning of the second week of the Oregon Agricultural college summer sessions reached 212. This is a larger registration than that of last year, with prospects for a further considerable increase. Increased attendance is due quite largely to interest in teaching vocational subjects, although the department of pedagogy is well represented.

Due to curtailment by the recent Oregon legislature of funds for maintaining the work of the college experiment station, the board of regents has found it necessary to grant indefinite leave of absence to nine members of the staff. Most of these specialists were engaged in practical problems of scientific agriculture, many of the problems being in an unfinished stage. Investigations along horticultural by-product lines will come almost to a standstill until provision is made for resuming them.

Twelve members of the Oregon Agricultural college faculty and nine alumni engaged in teaching in Oregon schools have gone to Berkeley to study for the summer. Among the latter is Miss Carrie Primm, instructor of home economics for the last two years in the Eugene high school, who will continue her journey to New York, where she will do graduate work in Columbia during the coming year.

University of Washington
Facilities such as are possessed by only two other universities in the United States are offered students in the summer, as well as regular session of the University of Washington for the study of distinctive children. They are made possible through a \$53,000 benefaction known as the Bailey and Babbette Gatzert foundation for child welfare.

The laboratory and equipment of this foundation, established by Sigmund Schwabacher and the executors of the will of the late Abraham Schwabacher, will be utilized throughout the summer session. An expert will be in charge and demonstration work will be available for those who take the courses offered. Classes are conducted with especial consideration of the needs of those who are preparing to teach exceptional children, or to do juvenile court work, and to superintendents who need to make provision for these classes in public schools.

Washington State College
One hundred and twenty-five candidates took degrees at the commencement at the state college June 10. Ten candidates took advanced degrees. Thirty-five were granted normal diplomas for teaching, and two gained life diplomas.

An interesting feature of the commencement day exercises was the naming of the auditorium, "The E. A. Bryan Hall," in honor of President Bryan.

The dedication of the new mechanic arts building was another feature of the commencement week.

University of California
Seventy per cent more students than have ever applied before for admission at a summer school in Berkeley is shown in the statistics given out recently by Dean Riechen in charge of the summer school registration. The total number that will attend is 4600.

The chance to combine visits to the exposition with study in the summer school is one reason for this extraordinary expansion. The long list of practical courses on all phases of household economics, a large number of commercial courses and other reasons for the success of this summer school.

The Oregon club will continue its existence during the summer school the same as ever. H. B. McGuire, the president of the club, will attend the summer school. Miss Louise Harvey, ex-president of the club, will also take work at the six weeks' session and is chairman of the membership committee. Altogether there will be a membership of 100 at the coming session, including members of the faculty. The entertainment committee is planning a dance for the first week of the session.

A list of the members of the Oregon club has been left at the Oregon building at the Panama-Pacific international exposition. In this way Oregon people having friends at the University of California will be informed as to their whereabouts. The members of the Oregon commission have extended to the members of the club an invitation to all the dances at the Oregon building.

William F. Ogburn, professor of economics and sociology at Reed college, is among the visiting members of the faculty of the University of California summer school. He will lecture on social economics.

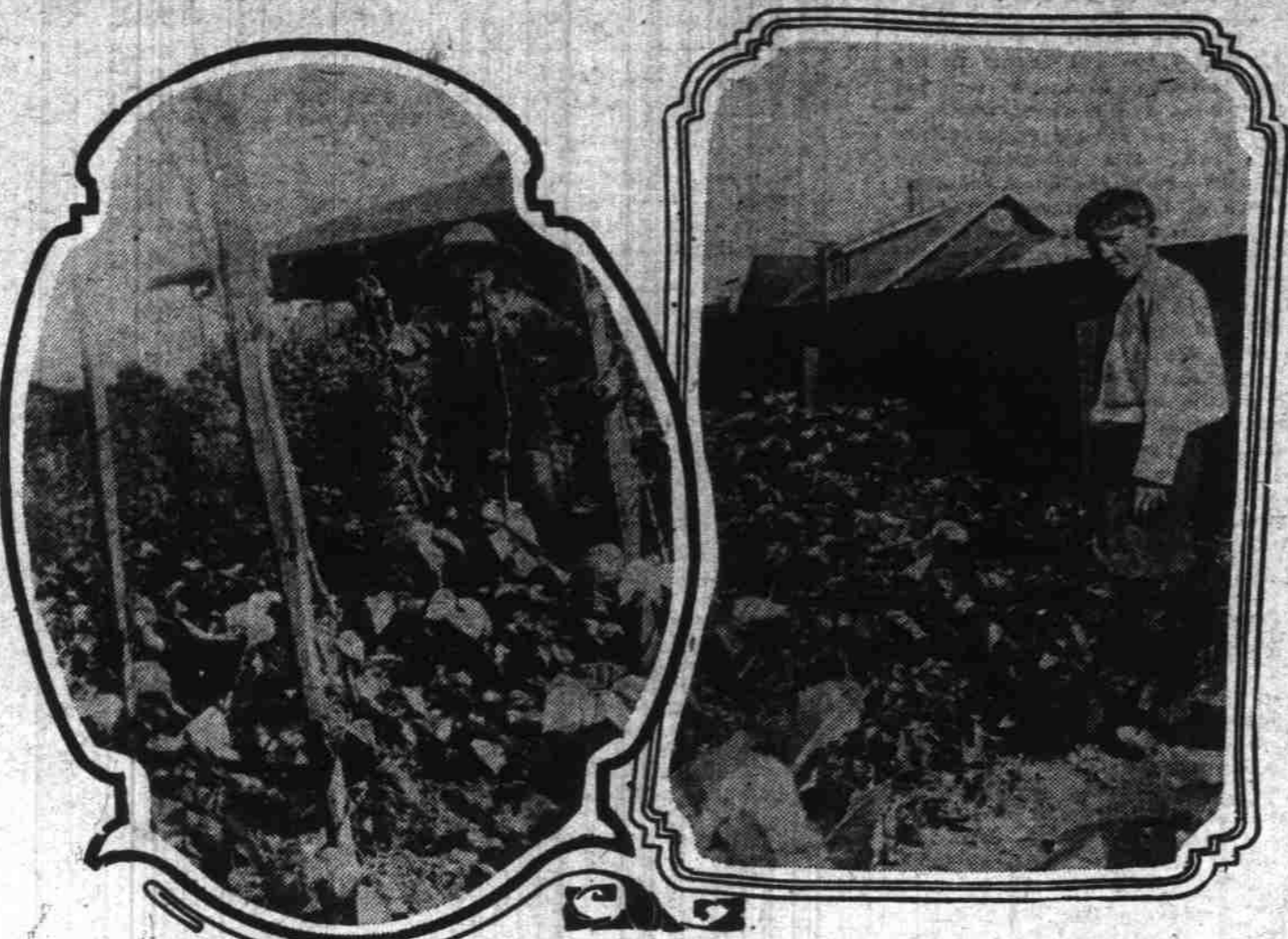
Amhurst.
The principal speakers at the Amhurst college commencement this year will be President Melickoff and Governor Charles S. Whitman of New York.

Governor Whitman is a member of the class of '98, and will be present at the twenty-fifth reunion of his class. Baccalaureate Sunday is June 27. On Monday will be the Musical club's concert, the Hyde and Kellogg prize-speaking contests, the baseball game with the Chinese university at Hawaii, and the senior dramatics; on Tuesday, the class day and grove exercises; on Wednesday, the reception and the lawn fete, and on Wednesday the meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa society, the commencement exercises and the alumni dinner.

Vassar College
Far away in South America, on a small and unfrequented island in the Lake of Titicaca, stands a little crumbling tombstone roughly built of stones by sympathetic hands, which serves to mark the last resting place of a once noted American explorer and professor James Orton, professor of natural history in Vassar college 40 years ago.

Only in the hearts of his surviving relatives and of Vassar graduates of some 40 years ago is his memory enshrined, and until recently comparatively few even of these remembered how Orton lost his life and where his body lay interred. They have now, however, learned something of the particulars of his death and the location of his grave, and a movement has been started among the Vassar alumnae of the days of the early seventies, among their daughters and their grand-

ARLETA HOME GARDENS SUCCESSFUL



Left to right—Alonzo Conroy in his garden of beans on East Sixty-sixth street southeast; Harold Brown in his garden on East Forty-fifth street southeast. The school garden activities of the Arleta school this year were confined to home gardens, of which more than five hundred were planted and cared for by the boys and girls under the supervision of Miss Ada McLoughlin of the Arleta school. The products from the gardens were on exhibit and sale at the exhibit of school and garden work June 17.

daughters, and soon a marble shaft will rise to mark the spot where, "Far from tourist travel and the world's unheeding race," James Orton sleeps. The general education board has promised a sum not to exceed \$200,000 towards the Million Dollar Endowment fund of Vassar college, with the understanding that of the \$1,000,000 raised, \$850,000 will be used for educational endowment and \$150,000 may be appropriated for the erection of buildings.

The endowment committee of the Alumnae association announces that it has on hand gifts from the alumnae of \$50,900 toward this fund, that the class gifts amount to about \$9000, and that about \$16,000 more had been pledged. This makes \$75,000 which the alumnae have already promised toward the Million Dollar fund. In this sum are included the following reunion gifts: From the class of 1885, \$600; from the class of 1890, \$1000; from the class of 1895, \$1000; from the class of 1910, \$3000; from the class of 1912, \$3000.

University of Chicago
The summer quarter of the University of Chicago opened June 21 and will end September 3. This is the most largely attended quarter of the year. Two hundred and seventy members of the university faculty and of the faculties of other institutions are giving instruction during the quarter, and more than 600 courses are offered in the schools of arts, literature and science and in the professional schools.

Allegheny College
One hundred and twenty-five heads of American colleges and universities and representatives of institutions of learning and educational societies met in Meadville, Pa., last week for a two days' session in connection with the centennial of Allegheny college for a "Conference on the American College." A memorial tablet was unveiled Tuesday at Allegheny college to the

late President William McKinley, in Bentley hall, where the literary society of which he was a member met while he was a student at Allegheny college, which he left to go into the Civil war.

West Point.
Two Oregonians, J. H. Reaney of Eugene, and L. A. Walton, of Salem, were graduates, from the West Point academy June 22 in the class of 164 second lieutenants of all arms of the service. This was the number of young men who received from Colonel C. P. Townley, the superintendent of the military academy, the diplomas that marked their transfer from cadetship to actual army service. It was the largest class ever graduated since West Point was founded by George Washington, more than a century ago, and in scholarship, military efficiency, and in character it was, as Secretary of War Garrison himself said, a class the graduation of which was a matter of national congratulation.

Ohio State University
Estimates of the entrance board at the Ohio State university indicate a large increase in the enrollment for the summer session, considering the late issue of the summer school bulletin, according to Lester E. Wolfe, secretary of the board. Applications and letters of inquiry received are larger than last year at this time.

Gas "Protectors" Are Found Deadly

Italy Hares Alleged Plot to Furnish Troops With Face Masks That Will Kill the Wearers.

Rome, June 26.—Italian soldiers at the front are all to be supplied with special masks as protection against the asphyxiating gases which it is feared the Austrians will use. Many women have offered to manufacture

the masks. These appliances consist of medicinally prepared gauze through which the wearers may breathe the poisoned air with impunity. It has been discovered by the war office that some of the masks which were offered free of charge had been soaked in some poisonous substance, which was evidently intended to kill instead of to protect the soldiers. The authorities have now decided that only masks which have been analyzed and certified as harmless by army surgeons shall be supplied to the soldiers at the front. The offering of poisoned masks is attributed to a plot by secret enemies.

Catches Poe's Air Messages.
Paris, June 26.—A report issued by Admiral Thon di Revel, chief of the Italian naval staff, shows that Austrian wireless messages are intercepted regularly by the Italians, says a special dispatch from Rome. The Italians have been enabled to obtain this information, which is of immense military value, by the use of a new device invented by Guglielmo Marconi. The device is said to make it impossible for the Austrians to intercept Italian messages.

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Ireland Is Afraid Of Hybrid Cabinet

Unionists and Nationalists Are Agreed That a Coalition Government is Dangerous to Home Rule Cause.

Dublin, June 25.—Political parties in Ireland are curiously affected by the formation of a coalition government. Home rule is of course the great question, and how it will be affected by a hybrid cabinet is the topic of the moment. With remarkable unanimity, both Unionists and Nationalists are agreed that a coalition cabinet is bad and dangerous. On the one hand, Unionists fear that their leaders, by joining with the government, will be regarded as giving some sort of acquiescence in the establishment of home rule. Nationalists, on the other hand, are equally confident that if Unionists are allowed within the government circle they will exercise a malevolent influence and perhaps successfully prevent the measure now hung up from ever coming into operation. Both sides equally agree in denouncing the coalition.

Italy Aids Foe's Soldiers.
Verona, Italy, June 25.—The Italian government, considering the poverty and miserable condition of the inhabitants in the districts just conquered, has decided to give the families of Italians serving in the Austrian army from these districts the same allowances as the families of Italian soldiers, it is stated.

Living Cost Soars Higher Than Ever

Government Figures Show Increase for Average Family of \$60.43 Over the Cost in 1907.

Washington, June 25.—The cost of living is higher than ever before in the United States, as far as government statistics show, and is increasing each year. In 1914, the year's cost of filling the market basket of the average American workingman's family was \$6.68 higher than it was in 1913, and \$60.43 higher than it was in 1907, calculating on relative price figures announced by the federal bureau of labor statistics, as a result of its most recent investigation of retail prices.

These figures represent prices of 15 articles, aggregating approximately two thirds of the expenditure for food by the average workingman's family. The cost of these articles in 1913 cost \$323.90, making the 1914 cost \$340.58, while in 1907 it was \$280.15. Calculating these amounts as two thirds of the workingman's family food expenditure, the total spent for food in these years would be: In 1913, \$480.85; in 1914, \$510.87, and 1907, \$420.23. The bureau's investigation covered prices in 44 important industrial cities, representing 33 states.

Princess to Be a Nurse.
Rome, June 25.—Princess Zenia of Montenegro, sister of the Queen of Italy, has entered a hospital at Naples to prepare herself for nursing the wounded in the war.

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