

**DEBATING AND ATHLETICS  
INTEREST SONS OF MARC.**

**Boys and Girls Are Working Hard at Music—Flutter Over the Rhodes Scholarships to be Awarded.**

Walla Walla, March 24.—Debating and athletics are the main topics of interest to students of Whitman college this month. Last Wednesday the Whitman academy sent a team against Klickitat academy, of Goldendale, Wash. This is the first time Whitman has debated with an academy. A great deal of interest was taken in the contest. Walter Eels, Roy Radio and Eugene Hilbert represented Whitman academy and the question discussed was: "Resolved, That United States senators should be elected by the legally qualified voters of the different states."

The principal debating interest, however, centers in the intercollegiate contests which will occur early in April. The debate with the Washington Agricultural college and school of science takes place in Pullman about April 2. It was originally set for Friday of last week, but was postponed on account of the smallpox scare at Pullman. Whitman representatives are Edward D. Baldwin, Robert Lee Ringer and H. Elmer Brown. The question of railroad pooling is the issue and Whitman college will uphold the affirmative.

About the same time Whitman sends another team consisting of Guy Galloway, Victor Price and Bert Palmer against the University of Idaho. They will defend the policy of taxing personal property. Whitman won with the university last year and she is very confident of giving a good account of herself in this contest.

**Athletes Sign the Rules.**

Training began in good earnest last week, on Tuesday afternoon when all candidates for the different teams signed the new-training rules. These rules declare that no athlete or aspirant for a place on any athletic team shall drink, smoke or chew and that he shall be in bed promptly at 10:30 o'clock every night, and every man signing them agreed to abide by these conditions. Coach Allen is their author.

Whitman's prospects on the track are brilliant. She has most all of her best men back again and a great deal of good new material. Among the old men are: Lasater, a 10-second man in the 100-yard dash, champion

of Washington last year; Guy Galloway, champion hammer thrower of Washington and Idaho last year; his brother, "Abe," mile runner; Tom Dutcher, a coming discus thrower; Hank Lyman, who won the half mile run against Idaho; Marion Kees, pole vaulter; David Graham, shot putter, and Will Toner, high jumper. The Merritt boys from Portland, who were in the track team two years ago, are back again, and will give a good account of themselves in the sprints and runs, as will Leonard, of Pocatello, Idaho, in the hurdles.

The new quarter-mile track will be scraped and leveled off as soon as the ground dries up sufficiently. Captain Brown has had his men out on the diamond several times and the nucleus of a first-rate team is already evident. Of last year's team there are left Captain Brown, catcher; Robert Ringer, right fielder; Tom Dutcher, who was one of the best amateurs on third in the Island Empire last year; Perringer, center field, and Walter Brown, left field. Good new material is plentiful. Among the best are: Louis Sutherland, of the Walla Walla high school, and C. D. Brainard, of Salt Lake City. Pitching talent is a little short and Whitman feels the loss of her great "south-paw," Marquis, but Captain Brown thinks that he can work up Dutcher and Graham to twirl in proper form, and he may himself go into the box again.

**In the Societies.**

Both the boys' and girls' glee clubs are practicing hard under the direction of Professor Fischer, of the conservatory. The boys' glee club, which numbers 12, will not take a trip away from home this year, but the two clubs will give a big home concert in Walla Walla about the middle of April. This combined concert is a new feature but a splendid program is being worked up and the concert promises to be a great success.

At the monthly literary meeting of the Whitman college Greek club this week, two Walla Walla men read papers. The Rev. Austin Rice of the Congregational church, gave a most scholarly and interesting discourse of "Paul and the Stoics," while Prof. Ryan, principal of the Baker school, told of "Youthfulness as an Element in Greek Life." At the next literary meeting of the club in April several student members will read papers.

**Rhodes Scholarships.**

The announcement that Whitman would be entitled to name the Washington recipient of the Rhodes scholarship for next year from among its students caused considerable excitement for a time among the students. The faculty has not decided how the award will be made yet, but there will not be a competitive examination. Several books on Oxford and its life have been sent for and will be placed in the college library for the benefit of those interested in the scholarships.



Jeannie—I'm an American girl until I have to stand up in the electric car.  
Jessup—What are you then?  
Jeannie—A laplander.

**UNDERMINED BY WORMS.**

**Foundations of Milwaukee Business Houses Damaged by a Singular Insect.**

"Milwaukee buildings are being imperiled by a worm eating away the foundations and there appears no way of preventing it," said Raleigh T. Jacobs, of the western city, to a Washington Star man recently. "The city building officials are much worked up over the effects of the worm, which is known to science as the limboria. The attention of the building department has been called to the sinking of buildings and the bulging of walls on business blocks, and in many instances it has been necessary to brace the buildings with heavy beams to keep them from falling."

"The old buildings, mostly of brick, which line the sides of the river in Milwaukee were built upon what builders call floating foundations. First a layer of railroad ties was laid and the stone foundation was placed on them. It is on these ties the worms are apparently at work. The

worm floats along the surface of the water, and when the water recedes the worm is left stuck to the docks and walls. It works its way inside the foundation and bores continuously, so it can very easily be seen the amount of damage that can be done. The newer buildings erected on piles covered with cement are not affected by the worms."

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Benedict Perry, aged 20, of New Haven, Conn., has turned out some wonderful articles with a jack-knife made to represent a modern city. He intends to exhibit his work at the World's fair, St. Louis, 1904, and there will be few exhibits which will represent more skill and patience.

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