

### University of Oregon News

Considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed throughout the state with the high school debating leagues in their present form. So great has this been in places that coveri threats have been made that the league will not exist unless certain measures are incorporated for the series next year. The University is at the head of the league, and the final contests will be held here during the spring.

The first complaint seems to lie in the question for debate, for the reason that the same proposition could not be used by all, but that several have been studied, a case in some instances having to be worked out in two weeks. This compels the debaters in a high school to do little else than work on the question, to the neglect of their studies, and occasions plenty of complaint.

The second complaint is that the methods are radically different, for some high schools have worked out their questions without attempting to learn written pieces by heart, while others have had mere recitations, the body of which was written by a coach. It is claimed, and learned by heart, and recited in the contests. From the sentiment in some towns there seems to be the belief that this is an undue advantage.

For remedies the plan to have one general question is offered, and that the sides shall not be assigned until a short stated time before the debate, thus compelling the debaters to speak to a large degree extemporaneously. A point concerning judges will also be brought up. The present methods of choice is for each team to select one, and a third to be appointed. All three judges, it is claimed, should be appointed for the reason that then none of them will feel indebted to either side for their position.

Bert W. Prescott was chosen Intercollegiate orator last Friday night in a splendid contest, and will compete for honors at the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association contest at Monmouth March 21.

The winner is from Baker City and a member of the senior class. Since entering the University he has always been active in student affairs and is at present president of the Associated Students. During the past three years Prescott has been a member of the senior section of the "Varsity" club. His oration was on "Mercy That Condemns." The oration dealt with the evil of our country and reproached present public opinion and officials for being too lax.

The contestants were:  
Jesse H. Bond, "Evolution of Character."  
Mozelle H. Hair, "The Army of the Dawn."  
Bert W. Prescott, "Mercy That Condemns."  
Marold J. Rounds, "The Nobility of Robert Burns."  
Clarence L. Wheelton, "Commercial Machiavellianism."  
Henry Davies, who was also a contestant, was unable to enter the try-out on account of illness.

In accordance with the constitution of the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association all of the eight colleges in the league held their annual try-out on Friday evening. The winners at the other colleges are as follows:  
Pacific College, Harry Maxfield, "Educational Emancipation."  
McMinnville College, Joseph G. Richardson, "The Trend of the Hour."  
Pacific University, W. E. Gwynn, "Vindication of a Nation."  
Albany College, Wallace Plumer, "The Cry of the Oppressed."  
Oregon State Normal School, Mrs. L. Bryant, "A Prophetic Record."  
Willamette University, C. R. Belknap, "Twentieth Century Stars."  
Oregon Agricultural College, John G. Schroeder, "Nature's Calls."

The final tryout for interstate orators will take place on Friday, February 21. Those who will compete at that time are Bert W. Prescott, R. D. McCarty, Cecil K. Lyons, Clarence L. Wheelton, Jesse H. Bond and A. C. Marsters. The preliminaries were

not held as half of those who filed their names withdrew.  
**Debate Coaches**  
The debate coaches for the interstate teams are Dr. Gilbert, Oregon; Professor A. R. Priest, Washington; and Professor Edward Hulse, Idaho. This will be the first team that Dr. Gilbert has handled here, and he is entering the task with energy and decision. The other two men are well known. Washington, it is reported, has six coaches, one for each team. The members of the Oregon team are working hard on their question.

**Basketball Team.**  
The basketball team will leave on its trip through Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho next Saturday noon. The first game will be played with Chemawa. Saturday night, the next two, Monday and Tuesday, with Idaho in Moscow, the fourth with Washington State College at Pullman, and the fifth with Whitman at Walla Walla, and the next two in Pendleton and Portland with the high school and Multnomah Club respectively.

The men who will make the trip are Loosely, Van Scoy, Moore, Watson, Farrington, Charman, Strong, Stevenson, Coach Murphy and Manager Nelson.

Last Saturday night the team went down to defeat before the O. A. C. by the score of 30 to 14. The first half was 19 to 3, but in the second the boys got over their stage fright and the score stood 12 to 11. Van Scoy threw most of the baskets.

**Varsity Notes.**  
The Laurean Debating Society has nominated officers as follows: President, F. R. Mount and C. K. Lyons; vice president, Gordon C. Moores; secretary, William Wattenburg; assistant secretary, W. L. Dunton; treasurer, C. A. Steel and Ben Williams; sergeant-at-arms, L. Mayer; censor, C. B. Hamble.

It seems quite likely that a freshman football game will be played with O. A. C. next year at Corvallis. It is also likely that a first team game will be played with Whitworth College at Tacoma in the future. The latter hold O. A. C. down to a close score this year.

Coach Chase, of the second team, has left for the East.  
Physical Director Hayward has received a letter from Dan Kelly. The latter is about to join the Twenty-second regiment, National Guard of New York, which maintains an excellent athletic organization.

The Y. M. C. A. of the University has one of the largest memberships of any college in the United States. It now claims 114.

Examinations for the first semester began last Wednesday. So far they are reported as rather severe.  
Today at Walla Walla representatives of the six big institutions of the Northwest are holding a meeting under the auspices of Whitman College in order to make rules governing or regulating football relations between the institutions. President Campbell and Carl McClain are representing the varsity.

Adelle Goff, '08, met with an accident on Thursday afternoon which will keep her from classes for some time.  
Ethan Collier, '08, has been put at the head of the Bible study committee of the Y. M. C. A. and will have charge of that department of the association work hereafter.

Delegates representing the eight colleges of the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association met at Monmouth last Saturday afternoon and elected judges for the coming contest in March. Those present were: Pacific College, John L. Wright; McMinnville College, Henry Y. Knott; Albany College, William P. Neal; Oregon Agricultural College, Peter I. Lockwood; Willamette University, Walter R. Wilson; Pacific University, Sam Lawrence; Oregon State Normal School, Virgil Goodie; University of Oregon, Thomas R. Townsend.

Night before last the night watchman at the University discovered an attempt to enter the library to secure, he thinks, examination questions. The windows were all securely fastened.

### WEEKLY REPORT OF EUGENE MARKET

Chittim bark—4 1-2@5c.  
Wool—15c.  
**Poultry, Eggs, etc.**  
Eggs, per doz 21c.  
Dairy Butter—Per roll—50@45.  
Creamery Butter—Per roll, 60@  
Hens—Per lb. 9c.  
Frys—Per lb. 9c.  
Geese—Per lb. 7c.  
Ducks—Per lb. 9c.  
Turkeys—Per lb. 12 1/2c.  
**Fruits, Vegetables, Etc.**  
New Potatoes—50c per cwt.  
Onions—Per cwt., \$3.75.  
Lemons—Per case, \$3.75.  
Oranges—\$2.75.

**Livestock Market.**  
Steers—Per lb., 3@3 1/2c.  
Good cows—3 @ 2 1-2c.  
Good prime dressed veal—5@6c.  
Mutton on foot—Per lb., 3 1/2@4c.  
Fat hogs—4 1-2@5c.  
Fat hogs, dressed—6c.  
**Grain and Feed.**  
Flour—\$4.25.  
Oat hay—\$16.  
Cheat hay—per ton \$14.  
Timothy hay—Per ton—\$15.  
New oats—Per bu., 42c.  
Bran, per ton, \$26.  
Mixed feed—Per ton, \$23.  
Shorts, per ton, \$39.  
New Wheat—Per bu., 75c.  
Rolled barley—Per ton, \$35.  
Chopped feed—\$21 per ton.

### PORTLAND MARKET REPORT

Portland, Feb. 6.—The egg market, which was more or less unsettled yesterday because of the uncertainty of the weather conditions, for the immediate future, was weak again today on the return of warm weather. Yesterday some dealers held for 27 to 28 cents for Oregon ranch stock, but it is understood that no important sales were made at those figures. Today's prices were 25 to 26 cents, and at these prices the market was not active. Eggs stocks generally are large, and the receipts today were considerably in excess of the demand.

There was no change of importance in the poultry market, which usually is not active until later in the week. While receipts of hens and chickens were not large, they were rather heavier than the requirements for the day.

In the orange market just now there is a serious shortage in large sizes, while the supply of the smaller grades is sufficient for the present. There is a chance, however, for a shortage in all grades in the near future, for the movement of the fruit from the south is almost at a standstill. One carload is on the way to this market, but when more will come is not known. The interruption in shipments is due to the bad weather that has prevailed in the orange districts for some time past. Prices here today were unchanged.

One car of lemons was received here today. The market is slow and steady, with no change in the quotations in force last week.  
The Pearson-Puge Company received one car of sweet potatoes, which held firmly at \$3.25 per hundred. The market is strong here and in the south. A car of Jersey Island celery is due tomorrow.

W. B. Glafke & Co. will this month make the last shipment for the season of apples to the Vladivostok market. This consignment will be about a carload, and it will probably leave within a week or ten days. Only the best late-keeping varieties will be included in the shipment.

The local apple market improves in a slow but steady way, though the prices have undergone no change for a week or more. The latest addition to local stocks was a small shipment that came in from Coos Bay.

**Onion Growers Still Bullish.**  
"I can see nothing in the condition of the southern onion market to warrant paying more than \$2.50 for Oregon products at this time," said a local dealer today. "But many of the growers still maintain their bullish views. They demand \$3. They may get that figure, but it is doubtful, despite the fact that the San Francisco market is now fairly firm and stocks here limited. It must be remembered that Eastern onions are now going to the Southern markets, and it will be but a short time before there are supplies from Japan, to say nothing of the early California offerings that will be ready for the market next month."

**Hops and Prohibition.**  
North Yakima, Feb. 4.—The hop-growers of this state at the coming general election will have a power they have never had before, and as a result something in the nature of a combination between the hop producers and the liquor interests in Washington is not an impossibility and perhaps not improbable.

In four counties of the state they will be able to elect representatives to the legislature who will go pledged to support legislation demanded by them. In others they may be able to combine with other forces and in this way secure friends in the next legislature. It is apparent that the liquor interests, especially the breweries of the state, will really combine on any proposition looking to mutual strength, because the brewer has always found the hopgrower an enemy to prohibition. In Washington the liquor interests have always been active at election time, and an able lobby is always maintained at Olympia during the law-making season.

The organization of the Washington Hopgrowers' Association at Pullman last week in which over 100 of the leading producers in the state took part, promises to revolutionize the industry in this part of the Northwest. At the meeting the state was divided into three sections and growers here are now perfecting an organization of a branch to have charge of the work in Western Washington. The association will at once affiliate with the Pacific Coast Hopgrowers' union.  
The reduction of the hop acreage and the elimination of the middleman are urged as two fundamental elements looking to the perpetuation of

the industry. An effort has been made to secure a pledge from growers to reduce acreage and give up lands where good results have not been secured. In every field of over three five acres there will be reduction.

**PORTLAND MARKET REPORT**  
Creamery Butter—30c@35c.  
Eggs, 25@26c.  
Chickens—12@13c.  
Wheat—Valley, 53c; bluestem, 55c.  
Oats—Per ton, \$27@28.  
Barley—Per ton, \$27@28.  
Hay—Timothy, \$18; cheat, \$14.  
Grain Hay—\$14@15.  
Mohair—Choice, 29@30c.  
Wool—Valley 18c@20c.  
Hops—Prime, 4 1/2c@7.  
Potatoes—50@60c.  
Onions—\$2.40@2.50.  
Chittim bark—4@5 1/2c.

### NEW ELECTRIC THEATRE OPENS MONDAY NIGHT

S. S. Range will open his new electric theatre in the Hodges building on Willamette street next Monday evening. He will put on the Passion Play and the price of admission for this performance will be 10 cents, although after that it will be only 5 cents. The place will seat 150 persons at one time. Performances will be given in the afternoon and evening. The little theatre will be fitted up handsomely and will no doubt prove a popular place of amusement. Its name will be the Electric theatre.

### HOUND TRAVELS 1500 MILES BY INSTINCT

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—The instinct of dogs, which often leads them long distances to their original homes has again been instanced at Oakland. Sent to the Western part of Montana last December a grayhound yesterday appeared at its old home in Oakland, much to the surprise of "Doc" Michael Ryan, its former owner.  
Ryan conducts kennels at 1902 Union street, and last December sold two grayhounds to a person going to Montana.

Yesterday a travel-stained and foot-worn grayhound appeared at the kennels. Ryan went out to drive it away, but upon seeing him the dog gave an eager bark and leaped to welcome him.  
"Am I dreaming?" queried Ryan. The lick of the grayhound's tongue against his face assured him that he was very much awake, and now Ryan is very much puzzled as to how "Mooney" traveled over 1500 miles, guided entirely by animal instinct.

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**Notice of Final Settlement.**  
Estate of William A. Marshall, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that N. S. Marshall, administrator of the estate of William A. Marshall, deceased, has filed his account for final settlement of the said estate, and Monday, the 10th day of February, 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the county court room at the court house in Eugene, Lane county, Oregon, has been set by the Honorable G. R. Chrisman, county judge of said county, to hear objections to the same.  
Dated this 27th day of December, A. D. 1907.  
N. S. MARSHALL, Administrator.

**JESSE G. WELLS, Attorney for said estate.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**  
Notice is hereby given that Mary Elizabeth Heller has been appointed executrix of the estate of Philip Heller, deceased, by the County Court of Lane county, Oregon, this 2nd day of January, 1908, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to said Executrix duly verified as by law required at the office of L. N. Harbaugh, situated 4 Room 5 over the First National Bank in the City of Eugene, Lane county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.  
Dated this 3rd day of January, 1908.  
MARY ELIZABETH HELLER, Executrix.

**L. N. Harbaugh, Attorney for Estate.**

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