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## University and College.

**T**HE brief of Oregon Agricultural college filed with the board of higher curricula as an answer to the contention of the University of Oregon that the college is encroaching upon the university's branches of teaching, goes much further than that. It turns aside from the issue made before the board of higher curricula to attack the methods of the university's administration and conduct, and makes a plain appeal to class feeling and an equally plain effort to arouse opposition among Oregon's farmer population against the university. Such an effort seems badly advised, as well as regrettable from every standpoint.

In certain concessions which it offers, as outlined in the press dispatches concerning the college brief, the judgment will be that the college has pleaded guilty to the charge that it has carried courses not properly to be included in the curriculum of a college of technical education. It offers to drop some of these studies.

If there are, as there seem to be, over-lapping and duplicate courses in Oregon's two schools of higher education, the public, which pays the bills, is entitled to have those duplications removed. It will be the business of the board of higher curricula to determine the questions point by point and decide the issues. But the issue should not, and in all likelihood will not, be decided on the basis of demagogic appeal.

Governor Pierce is entirely right in his declaration that, for the good of both, the university and the college ought to avoid a public quarrel and public recriminations. He is right in his declaration that such a controversy can result in no good, and that the taxpayers will not be disposed to patience with such a controversy. A bad start has been made, but there is yet time for representatives of the two institutions to get together, "stop quarreling," as the governor advises and confine their activities in the questions at issue to a genuine effort to eliminate duplication of studies as between the two schools and promote by this means the practical economy to which the taxpayers are entitled in their conduct and management.

In the press comments throughout the state on the faculty changes made recently at the University of Oregon there is quite generally manifested a disposition to give the board of regents full credit and commendation for their efforts to effect economies. Some papers express the opinion that a "shake-up" in the university faculty and administration has long been overdue. Nearly all agree that the board of regents erred in failing to inform the public what had been done and why it had been done.

An exception on this latter point is the Oregon Voter, which while saying it believes it is in possession of "the full facts involved in this tempest" shows quite clearly that it has not the full facts by declaring that "the board did give out all the facts that it considered essential." The board, of course, gave out nothing. Its own members say so. Instead of seeing to it that the public was fully informed as to what had been done and why, the board left that to the administration, and the administration gave out only a misleading fragment which purported to be a statement of what had been done at the meeting. That the board in doing this merely followed custom, would seem to be a justification wholly inadequate. That the administration rather than the board has carried this custom through the years likewise fails to justify the board, because it is the board which is responsible.

Some newspapers in their comments indicate that they believe students were back of the demonstrations of protest recently made. A fairer view is that the demonstration originated with members of the faculty and that the student protest was, if not actually the outgrowth of that, at most only supplemental. The peremptoriness of the method followed in making the few removals and demotions that were decreed, and the secrecy with which those actions were hedged, spread apprehension throughout the faculty. Had the same actions been taken in a more tactful and frank way there would have been no alarm and no demonstration.

The great recent growth of attendance at the university and the failure of its revenues to keep pace with that growth have undeniably created a situation which calls for economy. In whatever course to this end they may take the board of regents will have full public support, if they will let the public know as they go along what they are doing and why. But continuation of a policy of leaving to the mixed judgment of a divided administration the decision as to what facts are to be given to the public and what facts are to be covered up, will mean that nothing less than confusion can be expected to result. The public, which supports the university, is entitled to all the facts.

This newspaper believes recent events have shown forth quite clearly that there is need for the placing of a strong man at the head of the university administration for the interim of the president's illness. It believes the board of regents could perform at this time no other service to the university so great as to select and install such a man.

It was Oregon first again when Earl Sande, web-foot jockey, rode home the winner in the Kentucky derby Saturday.

## COMMENT OF THE PRESS

**Willamette Distinction**  
(Salem Capital Journal)  
One of the best things about Willamette university is that it has no winning football team, and probably never will have, to demoralize its students, who have a serious purpose in life and attend to secure an education and not to play games or witness spectacles.  
However the influence of commercialized college athletics has spread to the high schools, where its influence is much more pernicious as the pupils have neither the judgment nor perspective of college students, so the reaction is more injurious both to the student body and the athlete.

**An Out of Date Study**  
(Corvallis Gazette-Times)  
Because the Oregonian has objected to fills in the public schools, the Oregonian takes it to task for encouraging and sponsoring a spelling contest. The Oregonian is right. Spelling

according to the present day view of those who run the schools, is merely a side issue, somewhat of a bore, and, in fact, altogether too old fashioned.

**A Great Remover**  
(Christian Science Monitor)  
As a remover of things, alcohol has few equals, says the Journal of Menlo, Pa., in calling attention to the fact that alcohol will remove grease stains from summer clothes. It adds the following highly pertinent comment: That's right; it will also remove spring and winter clothes, not only from the man who drinks it, but also from his wife and children. It will remove household furniture from the house and establish from the pantry; the happiness from his home, and the smiles from the faces of his wife. Truly as the copy-reader put it in his heading: "It's a Great Remover."

## 25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of May 18, 1910)  
THE city park looks better this year than ever before. The roses and other flowers are in bloom, and the lawn is neatly kept. It is quite an improvement over old times. Small Eugene succeeded in getting the Fourth regiment band to give a good idea to build a new and more commodious band stand in the park for the summer concerts. South Park street is being filled up, and the sidewalk taken up for repairs.

Messrs. Skipworth and Harris spoke to about 50 people at Creswell yesterday afternoon in the interest of the campaign.

Several Eugene people went to Cottage Grove today to hear the candidates orate.

A loose runaway horse fell on the sidewalk on the south side of the Lane County bank today, causing some excitement for a time.

C. H. Baker of Waterville, and Frank Jordan of Cottage Grove, are business visitors in the city today.

Believing that a majority of the business community favors the celebrating of the Fourth of July, a Guard representative this morning went out on a tour of interviews with results fore than favorable. More than 70 prominent citizens and firms gave their support of the movement for the celebration.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church have announced that they will sponsor a baby show June 9.

## Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL  
HOW did Britain manage to go on the gold standard, when most of the gold to do it was not in Britain, but in America?

The answer is simple enough. It is a matter, not of metal, but of goods and credit. Any nation can go on the gold standard if it has a balanced budget, a favorable balance of trade, and the confidence of its people and of the world that these conditions will continue.

The goods and the credit provide the gold to pay balances, and modern methods of banking and exchange eliminate everything but the balances. In all these things, the world needs to learn to think in terms of goods, rather than of money. Economists have always done this, but the people, because they measured their own transactions in money, tended to do the same with national affairs.

## Tom Sims Says—

KING of Bagdad has had his pay cut in half. What the king business needs is a strong union.

Nebraska girl is champion speller of five states. She didn't learn by being a stenographer.

The London zoo has mice smaller than bees, which may look as big as horses to some women.

Great Britain's back on the gold standard. So are our dentists.

Doesn't matter, but Liangling Chang, new Chinese consul, may have been named for a fire wagon.

Boston cops are using tear gas. It is not made of spring onions.

Girl who met a millionaire in Florida will marry him in California. It was quite a chase.

Uncomfortable chairs in the office will get a lot of work done.

Little poker bids often are raised on the bottle.

**MR. THOMPSON REJOINS**  
EUGENE, May 16.—(To the Editor.)—Please accept my thanks for your very courteous answers to my questions concerning the university. I said exact, not cross, editor. You characterize the utterances of the Emerald as "well balanced." How about that frantic howl and criticism of the board of regents for its secret meeting, when there was no secret meeting? Beating the air? It is not "unlawful" to be young, but it is unlawful for the young to dictate to their elders—bringing up father.  
The faculty should govern the students, but it seems that the students govern the faculty, and this encourages them to think they can encourage the board of regents by "petition."  
R. S. THOMPSON.

**FLEET IS COMING**  
SALEM, Ore., May 18.—Governor Pierce today received a telegram from the secretary of the navy stating that instruction have been issued to the commander of the battle fleet now in the Pacific to detail the submarine tender Savannah and submarine division No. 10, comprising submarines 82, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 to Portland for the annual Rose festival June 15 to 20. The governor had requested that a portion of the fleet be sent to Portland.

London has one telephone to every 18 inhabitants. The United States there, one and one-half telephone stations to each seven of the total population.

## Summer School



## EUROPEAN LOANS CAUSE WORRY

American Lenders Concerned Because of Unsettlement of Conditions on Other Side.

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
(NEA Service Writer)  
WASHINGTON, May 18.—The explanation that President Coolidge opposes any more American loans to European countries which can't forget the war and get back on a peace basis is the polite way of accounting for Ambassador Houghton's hint to that effect in his speech before the "Pilgrims" in London.

It wouldn't sound so well to say that Wall street provided the ambassador with his inspiration. The unromantic truth, however, unquestionably is that "big business" told the president it is worried over some of its European investments, and to the president passed the word along to Houghton to make the most of it.

What the ambassador said was meant principally for France. He certainly wasn't aiming at England. Indeed, the English probably are glad he said what he did. He expressed what certainly is exactly their

own idea and the fact that this country's diplomatic representative put it into words relieves them of the necessity of doing so.

The French are sure to resent it, and French resentment would mean more to a very near neighbor, like England than will to America.

For all her resentment, Houghton's warning may have a tranquillizing effect on France. She'll be tranquil, or anything else, for enough American money.

The administration is entitled to credit for doing what was unavoidably a disagreeable thing rather adroitly. If an American ambassador in France had spoken as Ambassador Houghton did, he would have risked making himself "persona non grata."

By putting "big business" words into the mouth of the American representative in London, however, and as his personal views at an unofficial dinner, the president managed to shut the French government off from any comeback. The French press will howl but the government can't.

A grain man by the name of Trees

**In Lighter Vein**

**Occupied**  
(Hotel Record)  
Of two friends staying at a small hotel where most keys fit most doors, one went to his room, undressed and returned, mistaking his friend's room for his own.  
Half an hour later the friend followed, saw his bed occupied, and returned to the lobby.  
"Did you see me go to my room?" "Yes, sir," was the reply.  
"Well, then, why didn't you tell me I'd come to bed already?" he grunted.

**Assistance**  
(Washington Star)  
"Has your boy Josh been any help to you?"  
"None," answered Farmer Cornshead. "He doesn't do much work, but he gives me many a helpful hint about the best show to see when I go to town."

**These Modern Cooks**  
(London Answers)  
Humphreys—"How did you make out in your search for a flat?"  
Nicholson—"All right. Found one with 32 rooms and eight baths, so."

**A THOUGHT**  
Three own mouth condemnments there, and not I; three own lips testify against thee.—Job, 15:3.

No more delay, vain boaster, but begin.—Dryden.

**In New York**

By JAMES W. DEAN  
NEW YORK, May 18.—See-sawing up and down Broadway I saw Willie Hoppe, the billiard shark. He runs a billiard parlor and tells me that even in his off-weeks he plays at least ten games of 500.... Seeing many girls, with the new Gloria Swanson bob, which is quite masculine, and necessitating washing the ears every morning.... Saw Big Bill Edwards mowing down the sidewalk like a steamroller down the Ohio avenue.... Saw Joe Punkert, the ball-headed manager of the Strand and radio entertainer....

## DECREASE NOTED IN LABOR DEMAND

With loggers being laid off at many camps and with a marked slump in the demand for help from fishing, mining and other industries, employment on the west coast last week showed the first general decline of the year, according to the 4L employment service letter received in Eugene today. The usual influx of laborers from California has already begun, the 4L report states, and they are adding to the already noticeable surplus of men here.

Employment east of the Cascades seems to have reached a seasonal height. Sawmill and camp crews there are well filled, while the demand for farm workers is now showing the usual falling off between planting and harvest. Condensed reports from the 4L letter are as follows:

At Marafield one large fir logging camp shut down this week and further curtailment is probable. The Thompson-Kelly mill has closed, and cedar operations are slowing. Sawmills are continuing curtailment, veneer plants have laid off night shifts, and many local building projects are nearing completion. Jetty and quarry work are operating with usual crews. Farm and highway work have absorbed a large percentage of men laid off in logging and lumbering industry. Very small number of unemployed here.

Portland reports a curtailment of log production along the Columbia river starting last week when several falling and bucking crews were laid off. It is reported that both camps of the Whitney company, on the Tillamook line, have been shut down. Labor turnover in the lumber industry has decreased. Calls for farm help have almost ceased, and Portland painters are on strike for an increase of wages.

Saw also Rexy Rothafel in a thousand brass buttons, more or less, on his way to a dinner of the Sojourners in his honor.... Saw Earl Carroll, producer of revues, talking to Zola D'Arcy, a stately blonde singer.... Saw Lionel Barrymore looking like a very sour plum.... Saw J. J. Shubert, the theater mogul, recuperating from a heavy cold that affected his eyes.... Saw George M. Cohen, who walks like a heavy rooster.... Saw Lucia Mendez, a Venezuelan chorus girl and niece of "The Way." She becomes a star this fall.... Saw Deems Taylor, the music critic. He has composed a piece called "The Family Ford".... Saw the jovial Paul Whiteman, back in town after dragging his jazz boys all over the map of the U. S. A. Tells me he gets \$7500 a week for playing in vaudeville.... Saw Mary Newcomb, the actress, and she says emphatically she hasn't remarried Robert Edson.... Saw State Senator Jimmy Walker, who makes more speeches than any man in New York. I wonder if he's the prototype of George F. Habbit.... Saw Will Irvin, the scribbler, and he is patching up an old thriller for a ride across the country. Ho, for a life of such freedom!

Those living in communities overlooking the lower bay need not go to movie theaters for entertainment these days. Ray Hopkins, of Bay Ridge, reports that while sitting at breakfast he often watches the coast guard pursuing run runners in fast motorboats, the exchange of many shots adding to the thrill of the chase.

Two things which New York lacks indicate the artificiality of life here. The city lacks sufficient room for its children to play. About the only green grass on Manhattan island is that in the public parks. Much of that is fenced in and broad swaths of it are posted with "keep off" signs.

Now Maror Hylan proposes to use 14 acres of Central park for a playground. His proposal has divided the city into two groups, those for keeping all the green grass that the city has and those for giving the kids a chance to play. The issue is more vital here than a presidential election.

W. F. Fulkerson, Oregon pioneer, died a few days ago at Seaside, aged 85 years. Mr. Fulkerson crossed the plains in 1849 and settled in Polk county, where he had spent most of his life.

From both sides of the Cascade range, members of the American Legion will make an attempt Sunday, May 31, to open to traffic the McKenzie pass highway across the Three Sisters lava beds.

In an opinion just rendered, Attorney General Van Winkle holds that the new training school for the month normal school can be legally located at Independence. The last legislature appropriated \$125,000 for the school.

Iri Barnes and James Eldon, high school students at Halfway, enlisted in the United States navy service last week as the result of a visit of George L. Trayer, recruiting officer at Portland.

Arthur Perkins is dead at his home in Lakeview as the result of injuries received when kicked by a horse last week. The deceased was a native of Oregon, born in Wallawa county in 1879.

Last Saturday's issue of the Roseburg News-Review was published by students of the Roseburg high school. Faculty instructors in journalism supervised the work and a force of 15 students supplied the news.

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