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Hereafter McMinnville College will naturally be found a little slow in monkeying with the buzz saw.

A comparative study of McMinnville College and a certain biblical character named Haman, makes a decidedly "interesting parallel."

Oregon should be preparing to give Pres. McKinley an unusually hearty reception when he visits the state in May, as she has the honor of being one of the first McKinley states, as well as one of the strongest considering her population. It should be a matter for congratulation in this regard that we are not handicapped this time with a governor whose name is Penneyer.

The editor of one of our exchanges is devoting his editorial acumen solely in glowing descriptive treatises on "Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter," each in a separate issue. This summary way of dealing with Oregon's incomparable climate is wholly unjust. The month of March alone is certainly justified in entering claim for one week's individual efforts.

From the standpoint of an outsider The Dalles Chronicle makes a good bit when it says that Willamette Valley contemporaries that are making such an ado over the alleged plagiarism of young Minchin, in connection with the recent inter-collegiate oratorical contest, are reminded that if there was a law making plagiarism a felony there isn't a blamed item-stealer of the whole gang of them that wouldn't be in the penitentiary.

Under the circumstances we must differ with the Telephone-Register which said last week that "young Mr. Minchin of Newberg is in hot water," being accused of plagiarism by McMinnville College. Far distant is the day Mr. Editor when any accusation brought by the college up the way is sufficient to put anybody in hot water. It turns out that McMinnville is now soaking at leisure in the warm bath which she so sedulously prepared for Mr. Minchin. If the Register would emulate the spirit of fairness displayed by the Reporter it would correct the statement it made to the effect that the charges were sustained by the executive committee.

Official statistics show that, despite the doleful claims often made that people are leaving the farms and flocking madly to the cities, agriculture is growing in favor all over the country. One reason for this may be in the fact that life on a farm today is not the isolated life it was a generation or so ago. For this fact we have to thank our inventive geniuses. The rural telephone, which is rapidly making its appearance in all the best developed agricultural districts of the country, with all the social advantages it makes possible, is a good example of the many agencies which tend to help the farmer live in the same world as his neighbors. It is a propitious day for the Nation if such advantages are leading the American farmer to stay by the staff instead of following the phantom vision of a metropolitan career of wealth and luxury, and such seems to be the case.

It is the weakness of human nature to do a great deal of denouncing on general principles. That's always easily done and costs nothing. The test of one's sincerity however must be brought down to individual action. In applying this to the fellow who yells loudest "Down with the trusts," a fellow editor thus makes a hard, practical bit which is far from a random shot: "Don't curse the blamed trusts and the minute you get ten dollars ahead send it to Montgomery Ward; Sears, Roebuck, etc., and help support one of the biggest trusts in the country. What if you do get your goods a little cheaper—that is what the trusts do. They crush competition. Every dollar sent to mail order houses just that much towards building up trusts. Montgomery Ward is not a philanthropist in any sense of the word. He is a shrewd business man and by judicious advertising, has built up a trust that bids fair to wreck a majority of small towns. If you desire this, send them your cash and get credit of your home merchants and denounce the trusts. Let your action speak for you and preach what you practice."

COLLEGE PESSIMISTS.
 It might well be asked, in view of a number of utterances within the last year or two, what there is in the atmosphere of certain American universities and colleges causing some of their leading officers and teachers to express themselves in an intensely pessimistic and even seditious spirit. Are any of the largest universities dying at the top? An opinion of this kind is forcing itself upon the public. Once those institutions were centers of vigorous patriotism and hopeful Americanism, but of late the spokesmen they put forward, or who thrust themselves forward, take great pains to disparage the republic now and hereafter. Many of the remarks of Prof. Norton, of Harvard, in

public addresses for the last two years, have been a bitter and spiteful denunciation not only of governmental policies, but of the government itself. The University of Chicago is a hot-bed of professors of the same stamp, and they devote so much of their time to an exposition of national pessimism that a lack of anything to do in their professional line is suggested. Much to the surprise of the many friends of Yale, President Hadley, the new head of that university, has joined the pessimistic brigade and is scarcely second to Norton in getting close to the seditious line.

In an address delivered in Boston last week, President Hadley is reported to have said: "We shall have an emperor in Washington within twenty-five years unless we can create a public sentiment which, regardless of legislation, will regulate the trusts." But what sensible man believes that there is any real danger of an emperor in this country? There are doleful prophets who foresee the end of the republic, and liberty in chains, the moment they get excited on any public question and find themselves on the losing side. Their doxy, whatever it may happen to be, is, as they claim, the sole salvation of the American people. And yet the country runs along as well as ever when the questions are disposed of in a way opposite to that insisted on by the declamatory Jeremiahs. "Our actions in politics and in a social and business sense," continued Mr. Hadley, "prove our moral standard in those directions is desperately low." Strong language that, a positive assertion that the people of this country, in business and social affairs, have deteriorated until their condition is almost hopeless.

The drift of President Hadley's address is that the worst trust is that of general degeneracy in politics, which must be overcome unless there is to be an emperor in Washington within a quarter of a century. "Public affairs," he said, "can no longer be played as a game, but must be directed by an intelligent and active public conscience. Individual effort is helpless and hopeless." With all due respect to collegiate cultivation it must be remarked that this language is totally uncalculated. It is grossly unpatriotic and pessimistic. It comes at a time when gifts and bequests to colleges are reaching an enormous total every year and far exceeding all former anticipations. Does President Hadley regard the fact that \$50,000,000 a year is presented to colleges one of the signs of desperate social degeneracy? This generosity is a noble development of the time, but gives will be discriminating in their largess if certain universities are to preach the gospel of pessimism and national decadence. Such teachings are not an emanation from a man who loves his country or from a sound, healthful mind.—Globe-Democrat.

MINCHIN THE AGITATOR.
 Not Guilty of Plagiarism as Charged by McMinnville College—He is Fully Exonerated by a Vote of Seven to One.

Elwood S. Minchin of Pacific College who won the medal in the Oregon inter-collegiate oratorical contest at Corvallis has been exonerated from the charge of plagiarism, the vote being seven to one in his favor. The matter came up before the executive committee at Salem last Saturday when the eight colleges were represented as follows: Pacific University, C. H. Williams, University of Oregon, C. A. Redmond, McMinnville College, W. L. Thompson, Albany College, M. Aheson, Monmouth Normal, H. B. Esson, Agricultural College, J. D. Zureher, Willamette University, H. W. Swafford, Pacific College, Emmer Newby.

After the decision was reached Mr. Esson of Monmouth introduced the following resolution which was adopted: "Resolved, That we the executive committee of the Inter-collegiate Oratorical Association of Oregon, do hereby exonerate Elwood S. Minchin, of Pacific College from the charge of plagiarism, preferred against him by McMinnville College, and that we assure him of our heartiest support in the interstate contest."

President Swafford ruled at the beginning that the decision of the judges of the contest at Corvallis was final and from this there could be no appeal. And since the constitution of the interstate association provided that the winner in the state contest should represent the state, if the committee should reject Mr. Minchin as its representative, Oregon would not be represented at Walla Walla.

Not until after the arrival of those who went to Salem from Newberg were the friends of Mr. Minchin able to secure a copy of the charges, and the next thing they were up against was the plea that young Thompson of McMinnville was insisting that the executive committee should sit behind closed doors. In ward politics this would have been considered a shrewd move but neither the friends of Minchin nor the delegates would hear to the suggestion for a minute. The second move was to object to Prof. Kelsey's being allowed to speak for Minchin but here Thompson was overruled. And after the question had been discussed by both sides and it was evident that the vote would be cast in favor of the accused, the young man from McMinnville arose and introduced a resolution to the effect that the oration be submitted to the presidents of Yale, Princeton and Harvard Colleges, respectively for their opinions on the question of plagiarism. The motion was not seconded and again McMinnville went down to defeat.

During the discussion Thompson tried to ring in some of the other colleges and make it appear that McMinnville was not alone in making the charges and said that one of the universities had consulted with them in the matter. This brought Mr. Williams of Forest Grove to his feet who denounced the assertion

and said that while one individual from his town did write a letter concerning the charges, neither the local oratorical association nor the university had anything to do with it.

In not one single instance was the young man who made such a touching appeal for "justice" sustained in a proposition by the committee and without it proved to be a cold day for McMinnville College.

Prof. Kelsey conducted the defense in an admirable manner, kept his head and made a very favorable impression on his hearers. He quoted from the written opinions of Judge Williams and other prominent people who had expressed themselves in a way favorably to Minchin in the newspapers. When he took from his pocket a copy of the Graphic and began to read from the opinions expressed by different people who reside in McMinnville, young Thompson and Mc Killop showed intense agitation and the former declared that these same people had talked just the opposite to him.

The discussion lasted some two and a half hours and when the final vote was taken it was found that McMinnville College was left alone to father one of the most disgraceful affairs that has ever taken place in the history of Oregon colleges, the charges having been brought as a result of jealousy and petty spite on the part of this institution.

Some have endeavored to excuse the college bringing the charges on the grounds that it was the work of hot headed students, but let it be remembered that in last Friday's Oregonian President Boardman published over his own signature a letter in which he said "I feel a little delicacy in making, as you request, a statement of my views on the subject of the alleged plagiarism in the Pacific College prize oration, since the local oratorical society of my own college has taken the initiative in making the protest. I may say however that I am in sympathy with the action taken." It is very evident that Boardman and his little handful thought they had a sure pinch this time and that there was nothing left for Newberg to do but to lay down and let them walk over. They know better now. Will they profit by the experience?

THE AGITATOR.
 Elwood Minchin proved to be considerable of an agitator himself. He has been found guilty of plagiarism by one or two anti-agitation newspapers, and by one of the disappointed candidates for the honor which Minchin won. The intercollegiate executive committee refused to confirm their verdict. Last week we "took off our hat" to Mr. Minchin. When we heard the charges against him we felt inclined to put it on again, until we learned that the charge was made by J. Sherman Wallace's school, McMinnville. In 1898 Wallace tried for half an hour and failed. He thereupon filed a protest but got left. He has been out of school for a couple of years and the contests have passed off smoothly. This year he re-entered the arena, and as it was decided that he wasn't the only toad in the puddle, another protest is filed, which has been turned down by the committee. There is a book entitled "Wendell Phillips, the Agitator." Minchin chose the same subject for his oration. The committee found some similarity between certain passages in the book and certain parts in the oration. Being on the same subject, it would be strange if this were not so. Minchin used quotation marks wherever required in his manuscript, but probably neglected to insert them in his voice. The Oregonian remarks that Minchin was not personally acquainted with Wendell Phillips and had to get his facts from some source. The charge in question is a grave one, reflecting on Mr. Minchin's honor, and should not be recklessly made because one's friend has met defeat.—Albany Press.

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