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NEW UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

At a recent meeting, the faculty of the University of Oregon made rulings which will result in important changes in the conduct of the institution. These changes are so revolutionary in character that it is remarkable that they are so quietly inaugurated, with little evidence of dissent on the part of the conservatives who are to be found on every college faculty.

Perhaps the explanation for this unanimity lies in the fact that the college program has for a year been under consideration by committees from the faculty and the student body, that the reports finally adopted represent the result of long and careful study, with general discussions which have taught every resident of the campus something of the need and the desirability of these changes.

So happily undertaken, the new plan has added prospect of success.

The new program, as announced, establishes a line of demarcation at the end of the sophomore year, making the first two years a junior college, from which one may "graduate" with a feeling that he has completed something. There are many students who cannot profitably devote more than these two years to college life, and by securing their graceful retirement at this point, the university clears its decks for the better action of the students who remain.

Furthermore, the ambitious student will be granted greater liberties in his junior and senior years, to order his own work and follow the trails of his curiosity to their conclusion. The one who wants to study will be relieved of the routine devised for those who must be made to study. The effect of the new plan is to get away from the teaching of classes, to the education of the individual.

There is so much of dry-as-dust mechanics in our educational system that one is moved to welcome any change, as indicating life and growth. One that offers such promise as this is all the more to be commended. The people of the state will watch its operation with interest, and since they realize the difficulties of any novel undertaking, they should await its experiment with patience.—Portland Telegram.

A vivid comparison of British and American law and court procedure stands out this week wherein a London murderer was convicted and turned over by the court for execution in short order, and the escape of three convict murderers from the Joliet, Illinois jail. Nearly a year ago these convicts with three others had murdered a prison warden in an attempted escape from the penitentiary. By long, tedious process they had been convicted and sentenced to the death penalty. But instead of the sentence being executed they have been kept in jail on one pretext or another for months, protected by provisions of the criminal code, and when they made their escape, shooting down two officers in their effort, a judge was about ready to grant a review of the murder case. Is it any wonder that Chicago with its hordes of "skos," "ittis," "skis," and "offsays" and other banditti scum, is looked upon as being the world's cradle of crime and murder?

More and more the process of bulking instead of sacking the grain crops of Umatilla county, is being favored by wheatraisers. A substantial addition to the Farmers Grain Elevator plant at Athena is under way of construction, for additional storage of bulk grain. A second elevator of 75,000 bushels capacity is being built at Adams, by one of the big farmers of that section. Other farmers are looking toward the building of storage tanks on their farms in anticipation of using them for temporary storage purposes during the harvest season, later hauling the bulked crop to the receiving elevator. The difference in the cost of sacks, as against the bulking cost is said to be more than enough to justify the change.

Either they have mighty good lawyers at Pendleton, or justice court juries are easy to get along with down there. A man charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated was found not guilty. Too drunk to know what he was doing and temporary insanity, persuaded the jury to acquit him.

It would appear that Clark Wood was very much of a success as speaker before the conference of Oregon newspaper men at Eugene. We fellows of Eastern Oregon have

long passed the buck up to Wood, for being clever, and now the Willamette brethren have learned why.

The "arf and arf" is the latest bob, in which the hair is drawn back severely on one side. The ear on this side is not permitted to show. On the other side the ear is permitted to show, and it is on this side that you are supposed to do your whispering.

Either boneheads should hereafter do the diving stunts in swimming tank exhibitions, or else spring mattresses should be provided to cover the tank bottoms. Altogether too many fractured skulls for the good of aquatic sports.

Who said the groundhog is not a good weather prophet? And then comes Easter with seven Sundays thereafter.

They are trying to take the lid off down in Nevada. The State assembly voted to legalize gambling by 20 to 14, and it is likely that the senate will follow suit—not with cards—votes.

Eleven-year-old Portland girl "hooked" from school for six days, sleeping in barns and woods, selling stolen milk bottles for food, and had a peck of fun riding a stolen bicycle; a case of experience vs. school tests.

Scotland distillery interests say their liquor exports have been cut one-half. The lost half may be located by the canny Scots in the label rooms of American lithographers.

"German Duchess Broke," reads headline. First we had heard of it.

Entertained Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McFadden entertained a party of friends at dinner, Monday evening. Daffodils graced the centerpiece arrangement, while place cards and favors were carried out in a St. Patrick's Day motif and following the dinner hour, the evening was spent at bridge, four tables being in play. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Prestby, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Prestby, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lieuallen Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McFadden, Mrs. E. C. Prestby and Mr. Dudley won the honors at bridge.

California Prospects Good

Henry Collins, miller and grain dealer of Pendleton, returning from California, said to the East Oregonian: "California has the best crop prospects in years. The wheat crop will be unusually large and will be from 20 to 25 million bushels and barley 700,000 tons. The rains have been very heavy and it rained every day while I was in California, which is very unusual for that country."

Went 50 Straight

Marion Hansell and Steve took their mascot (Bert Ramsey) down to the Pendleton shoot last Sunday, and dinged it both the lads didn't run up a score of 50 targets straight. Of course, Ramsey is claiming all the credit for the fine score, but the boys did the shooting. Four shooters went 25 straight.

Scouts on Hike

Pilot Rock boy scouts made a 20-mile hike, from Pilot Rock to McKay dam and return. Campfire lunch was enjoyed by the young troopers on their arrival at the dam.

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For Sale—A small car at a bargain. Mrs. Zeltha McIntyre, Athena, Oregon.

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Horses and Mules

George Shaver of Union has arrived in Athena with a carload of good young stock—all broke to work.

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Wait for this bunch, it's a good one. See them at Bolin's Corral near Lumber Yard.

Otterson-Miller

Orting, Washington, Exchange: Coming as a surprise to their many friends here was the report that Mr. Irving Otterson and Miss Hazel Miller were united in marriage in Tacoma on Wednesday, March 9. The ceremony was performed by Justice Blanche Miller in the afternoon. The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few friends and relatives of the couple witnessing the marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd West accompanied the happy pair and attended them during the ceremony.

Both the parties are well known to Orting people, Mr. Otterson having grown to young manhood in this community and gained many friends through his cheerful and enterprising manner. The bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Miller, of Athena, Oregon, has become well acquainted here through her visits with relatives at this place.

The newly wedded pair will reside in the home owned by Mr. Otterson on Railroad avenue, and are at home to their friends.

Etude Club

A sacred program arranged by Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton and Mrs. O. O. Stephens was given at the meeting of the Etude club at the home of Miss Edna Pinkerton Thursday of last week. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton and Mrs. Stephens. Guests were, Miss Hilda Dickenson, Mrs. Fred Pinkerton, Mrs. Will Pinkerton and Mrs. Alex McIntyre. The program follows: Song, "He Keeps Me Singing"; Etude club; Reading, "Child's Prayer" Mrs. C. M. Eager; Piano solo, Mrs. Max Hopper; Paper on Sacred music, Mrs. Lewis Stewart; Duet, "Rock of Ages" Mrs. R. B. McEwen and Miss Edna Pinkerton; Solo, Mrs. David Stone; Quartette, "I Love to Think of Jesus" Mrs. Archie McIntyre, Miss Sadie Pambrun, Mrs. Arthur Douglas and Mrs. Frank Ames; Contest of familiar hymns; Reading, Miss Bateman; Trio, Mrs. Bryce Baker, Mrs. Lloyd Michener and Miss Rodman; Duet Miss Terry and Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton; Reading, Mrs. Hadley.

Bank of Stanfield Closed.

The Bank of Stanfield, at Stanfield, Oregon, was closed Saturday by order of the state banking department. Guy Hickok, examiner of the state banking department, said that the closing was the result of withdrawals of deposits following the death of Dr. Henry Waldo Coe of Portland, who had been aiding the bank for some time.

Snow-Clad Hills

What may be the departing gesture of winter greeted Athena people when they arose from bed Monday morning and beheld a light fall of snow on the ground. Low down on the foothills the ground remained white until Wednesday, with freezing temperatures at night. So far no damage has been reported from frost.

What Interested Him

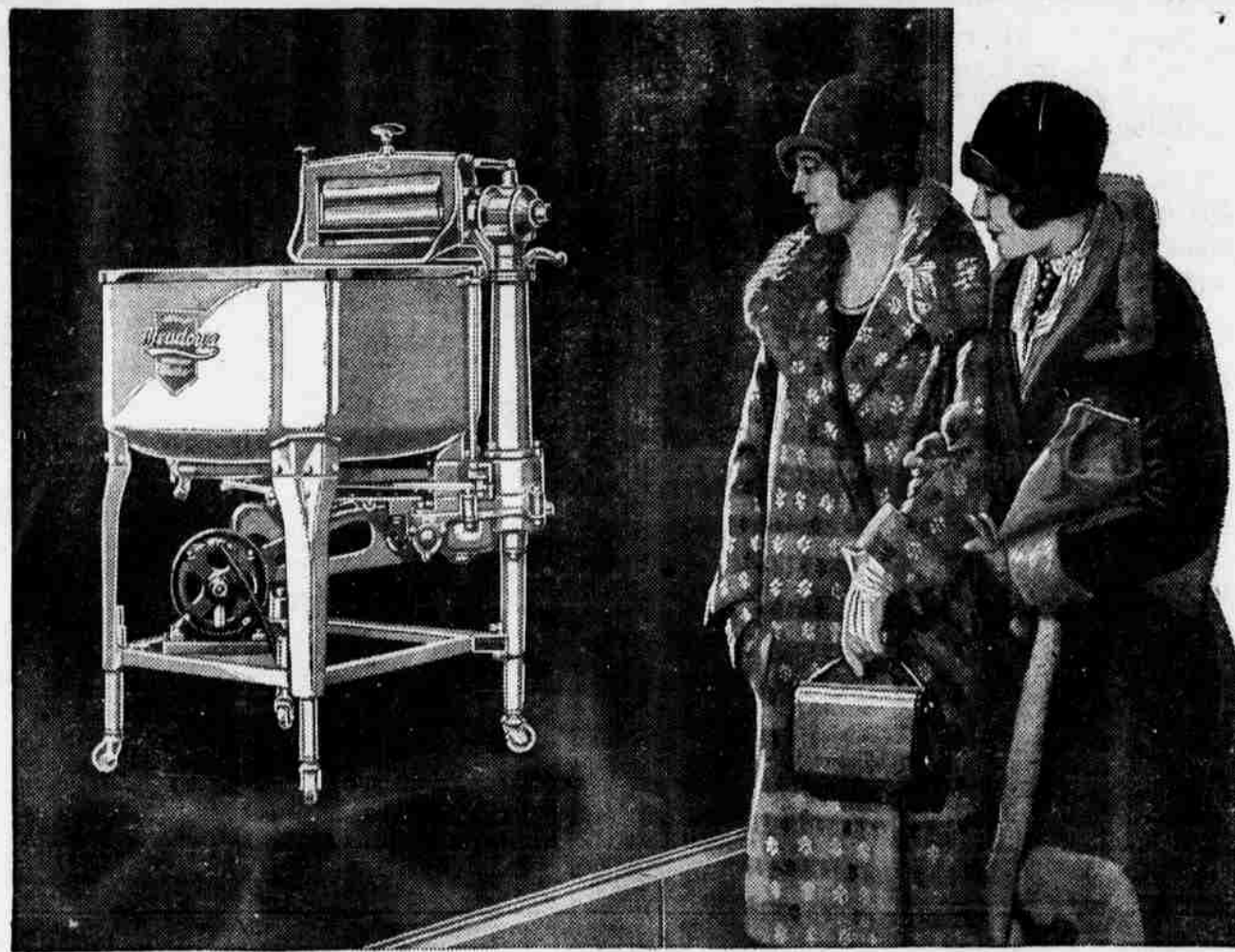
One of our customers is a merchant who thinks, eats, and sleeps in terms of business. His business interests him more than anything else in the world. One night, according to the story, his wife discovered him standing over his baby's crib. She saw in his face rapture, doubt, admiration, despair, ecstasy, incredulity. Naturally, she was touched at this somewhat unusual parental attitude, so with glistening eyes she arose and slipped her arms around him. "A penny for your thoughts," she said in a voice tremulous with tenderness. Started into consciousness, he blurted out: "For the life of me, I can't see how anybody can make a crib like that for \$3.49."—Old Colony News-Letter.

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Colonel Deport, inventor of the "75," the rapid-firing gun that saved France, died a few years after the war. Before he passed away the colonel wrote the story of the gun and revealed how France came within an ace of losing the plans and models long before the war. When the first models had been constructed, they were carefully sealed in a freight car and shipped to an isolated section of the country for a tryout. The car was by mistake hooked up to a goods train, destined for Germany and actually landed on German soil. The Germans opened the car and immediately officers of the artillery school came down to examine the guns minutely. But they let them go again, reporting that no officer would be able to manage a battery of guns that could each fire a hundred shots per minute. And so the gun came back, though the Germans managed to make an imperfect copy. The real secret of the hydropneumatic was never mastered in Germany, even in 1914, when the Kaiser's armies captured plenty of models.—Pierre Van Paassen, in the Atlanta Constitution.

Feminist Bride of Senator Dill

Cold Springs Harbor, N. Y.—Miss Rosalie Gardner Jones, prominent feminist, Tuesday became the bride of United States Senator Clarence C. Dill of Washington. They were married in the Episcopal church of St. John here with the rector, the Rev. Harry Barrett, officiating. Only intimate friends attended the ceremony. Miss Louise Jones, older sister of the bride, was her sole attendant.

Billiards on Horseback

One of the novelties introduced in the game of billiards was the playing of a game on horseback by the members of the Paris Jockey club in 1838. The horses were taken up a flight of stairs to the billiard room with great difficulty. The game was for 12 points up and was finished in 20 minutes.

The origin of the game of billiards is rather hazy. Too great proficiency at billiards even today is said by many to be a sign of a misspent youth, and it was perhaps this idea that kept our forefathers so quiet upon the subject, says a writer in Tit-Bits. That it existed centuries ago is indicated by a passage in Shakespeare's "Cleopatra" in which she invites Charmion to play billiards with her.

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