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RETURNS FOR VISIT AFTER 23 YEARS

Dr. J. C. Adkins, of Marion, Ind., who has been in Medford for the past month visiting his brother, Dr. B. F. Adkins, of this city, left Saturday for Portland where he will visit for a couple of weeks after which he will join Mrs. Adkins who is visiting at Walla Walla.

ASHLAND DEFEATS MEDFORD 41-20

Ashland high school Friday evening defeated the Medford high school basketball team by a score of 41 to 20. The game was played at Ashland. Medford showed a great improvement in form over the recent Central Point game, but was no match for the Ashlanders, who have evidently realized that a team must train before the season and not depend upon its main games for practice.

LOCAL MASONIC LODGE CHOOSE NEW OFFICERS

The annual election of officers was held by Medford lodge, No. 103, A. F. & A. M. Friday evening, the election being followed by a light repast. The newly elected officers are: E. E. Gore, W. M.; Harry H. Hicks, S. W.; L. A. Gregory, J. W.; J. A. Perry, treasurer, and W. T. Goulder, secretary. They will be installed next week.

O. N. G. ELECT FIRST LIEUTENANT WEDNESDAY

The Oregon National Guards met Wednesday evening and the general business that always comes up at the weekly meetings was transacted. Tom Osgood was elected first lieutenant and E. T. Foss still held the second lieutenantship. Phillip P. Marlon, who was first lieutenant, has been transferred to Seattle by the telephone company, thus leaving a vacancy. Foss, who was second lieutenant, should have been promoted to first lieutenant, but on his own behalf and for the benefit of the company he nominated Osgood.

SULZER GUEST OF HONOR AT BANQUET

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—William Sulzer, governor-elect of New York, will be the guest of honor at a banquet here tomorrow night at the Waldorf Astoria, to be given by leading New York democrats.

John A. Perl Undertaker

28 S. BARTLETT Phone M. 471 and 473 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

THE O. A. C.—ITS COST TO THE STATE.

PRESIDENT KERR of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis has a communication in this issue on the attitudes platitudes and finances of the O. A. C. A discussion of these subjects is timely, as the college has requested of the new legislature \$249,000 more for buildings and repairs, and an increase in the maintenance fund of \$50,000 annually, making it \$290,000 a year.

According to Lord's Oregon laws, the O. A. C. has the following revenues:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Sec. 4269 annual maintenance \$80,000; Sec. 4263 annual agricultural institutes 2500; Sec. 4265 annual dry land experiments 2500; Sec. 4275 annual Umatilla irrigation project 3000.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. The 1911 Legislature appropriated as follows: Chap. 30, 1911, annually additional maintenance \$70,000; Chap. 75, 1911, annually agricultural experiments Southern Oregon 5,000; Chap. 144, 1911, annually investigating crop pests 15,000; Chap. 230, 1911, annually agricultural investigation 10,000; Chap. 227, 1911, annually Bureau of mines 1,000.

If the legislature grants the demands of the board the O. A. C. and its stations will cost the taxpayers for the coming two years:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Annual maintenance \$239,000 a year \$478,000; New buildings and repairs 249,000; Total \$727,000.

From the above it is plain that despite the large appropriations received two years ago, and the plea of economy and dire need, made by President Kerr, the O. A. C. is demanding more and more—and will yet demand more.

And what do the taxpayers receive from this? Eliminating the cost of the various experiment stations and other side issues, which is relatively little, the entire amount goes to the college proper. The number of students enrolled by actual count in the O. A. C. catalogue is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. In college work—University grade—Graduates, 27; Seniors, 127; Juniors, 100; Sophomores, 162; Freshmen, 351; total 767; Preparatory—First year, 85; second year, 111; total 196; Optional, 20; Specials, 60; Pharmacy, short course, 23; total 183.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Total regular attendants college year 1060; In winter short courses of a few weeks duration: Agriculture—Graduates, 56; non-graduates, Agriculture, 2; Agronomy 50; Animal H. 37; Dairy Hus. 44; Poultry 7; Horticulture, 274; total 470; Domestic Science 194; Mechanical Arts 23; Business Methods 11; Forestry 4.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Total in winter short courses 618; Music school 91; Summer school, short course 143; total 234.

These figures are compiled from the O. A. C. catalogue, yet the catalogue gives the total of students attending as 2,868, showing 956 names lacking. This shows the enrollment padded—and presumably padded by including visitors who are always asked to register. Was it padded to make a showing to secure large appropriations?

An analysis of these figures shows that only a relatively small proportion of the students remain throughout the year—most of those are short term students who attend from a week or two to a few months. The preparatory students should be in high schools and not educated at state expense. The catalogue shows 215 students in preparatory, 618 in winter short courses, 143 in summer school, yet they are compared with the full year students in other colleges as a basis of cost.

The O. A. C. claims in agriculture 1735 students. The actual count in the catalogue shows only 303 students in regular term, and 470 in short courses, a total of 773, making a deficiency of 962 names—in other words padded or inflated to this number. It is because the farmer and people generally are under the impression that a great number of students are studying agriculture that the O. A. C. has been enabled to grab big appropriations, while the university has met referendums.

On the basis of unit student enrollment, followed by the higher educational institutions of the country, that is, instruction for one student for an average school year, or thirty-six weeks, the student units at the O. A. C. totals \$72 for 1910-11, so that the per student billings value is \$735, as against \$396 at the University of Illinois, \$507 at the University of Minnesota, \$695 at the University of Wisconsin, and \$255 at the University of Oregon.

Oregon is rapidly growing and expanding and educational institutions should not be crippled by niggardly revenues. Neither should they be inflated or built up out of proportion to results. So much for finances.

As to whether the O. A. C. fought the millage bill—this is a matter hard to prove. It certainly did not support it—and there is good reason to believe it fought it. The official vote on the millage bill in Benton county was Yes 908, No 1333. If the sentiment of the O. A. C. had been friendly to the bill, it would have certainly carried Benton. Attention is called to the following letter sent every O. A. C. alumnus and student just previous to the election:

Pendleton, Oregon, Oct. 31, 1912. Dear Fellow Graduate: Upon my individual responsibility, but with the advice of some good friends of O. A. C. I write to ask you to oppose Initiative Bill No. 320-321. It is the millage bill which if adopted will throw the U. of O. and the O. A. C. under a single board of regents. I am convinced that this bill can do our Alma Mater no good and may cause the school much harm if adopted.

can get all the money it needs. Let the University look out for itself and fare according to its deserts. Vote NO on the single board of regents bill. Get your friends to do the same. Yours for O. A. C. E. B. ALDRICH, '09.

O. A. C. Needs, Finances and Attitude Discussed by President Kerr

To the Editor: My attention has just been called to your editorial, "Inviting the Fate of the Normals," in which it is alleged (1) that the Oregon State Agricultural college has obtained excessive appropriations from the state legislature; (2) that it is antagonistic to the state university; (3) that it has contributed to the defeat of the university appropriations, and (4) that its object is eventually "to absorb the university."

And yet the college is not asking for an appropriation for a new gymnasium or for an auditorium. In many other respects the demands upon the college are greater than can be met because of inadequate funds; e. g., the work in highway engineering was suspended this year for want of money with which to pay the professor. These are only illustrations of the policy being pursued by the college, given in justification of the claim that its demands upon the legislature have not been excessive, but that the institution is most economical and considerate in its claims upon the state.

Regarding the attitude of the Agricultural college toward the state university, it is only necessary to say that this institution has not been antagonistic toward the university and that any statement to the contrary is not true, no matter from what source the information came. The Agricultural college had nothing whatever to do with the referendum against the university appropriations, neither did it oppose the millage bill. Furthermore, the Agricultural college not only has not promoted, but on the contrary has openly opposed the consolidation of these institutions.

The fact is, the Oregon State Agricultural college is attending strictly to its own business. Its chief concern is that the resources at its command shall be utilized in the most effective way in rendering the service for which it is maintained. It occupies its own distinctive field, without envy, jealousy or animosity toward any other institution. Its policy is entirely in the open. There is no reason why any one should misunderstand it. There is no effort or desire to conceal, minimize or magnify anything. Its entire policy is based upon the belief that, as a public institution, the people have a right to know what it is and what it is doing or attempting to do.

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