

TOM BENNETT JR., DEFENDS STANFORD

Is Roasted By the Oregonian Which Regards the Whole Student Body As Drunkards and Riotous Persons

Stanford University, April 6. — (To the Editor.)—An editorial appeared in The Oregonian a short time since regarding the recent disturbance here and a good many of us are just beginning to realize the great amount of notoriety our alma mater is receiving at the hands of the press of this country, particularly of the Northwest. As I think the newspapers generally do not wish to misrepresent us, I thought that The Oregonian should understand the situation, not from the professors' standpoint, but also from the student body view.

I wish to say right here, and most emphatically, that we are not a "bunch of drunkards," as The Oregonian had it, nor are we striving to gain the right to act disorderly or become intoxicated, without being punished for it. We are not protesting against the prohibition of drunkenness—we heartily believe in it and favor the abolition of it, if such ever existed here. Personally I know of no one student at this time, whom I or any fair-minded man would call a "soak" or a "drunkard," but we are protesting against what we believe to be harshness, injustice and unfairness. It might be well to state that the report in regard to drinking at the university is terribly exaggerated. Drinking in moderation does occur on the campus at times, but very seldom is it carried to excess. I defy anyone to point to a university the size of Stanford where morals are higher or the standard of living better or nobler than right here at Stanford.

When The Oregonian says, "It appears from the accounts of their conduct, that the Stanford university students value the privilege of riot and debauchery above their education," it alleges that of which it knows nothing, absolutely nothing. It is either deliberately misleading its patient readers or has been most frightfully misinformed.

Again, The Oregonian says, "The faculty having forbidden them to drink grog on the campus or get tipsy anywhere else, they organized a monster 'demonstration' in protest; invaded the library, insulted the disciplinary committee of the university and sought to bully President Jordan." The above is not only untrue, but it is again misleading. The parade to which The Oregonian refers was not an organized monster demonstration of protest against the right to get "tipsy" anywhere, nor did the paraders desire to insult anyone. To those who took offense the paraders apologized and made no attempt to bully President Jordan. The Oregonian goes on in this evidently malicious and contemptible stab-you-in-the-back-with-a-knife manner and connects this insignificant overflow of levity with the graft in San Francisco and classifies all of us of the followers of Herr Most and Emma Goldman. The Oregonian even insinuates that we will all end in the penitentiary and classifies us as murderers. "The wonder to us is that the Stanford university students have refrained from murdering their professors."

Now, I think that any fair-minded man will agree with me when I say that any human being (I refuse to call him a man) who will comment as this writer of the editorial referred to has upon a situation of which he seems to know nothing, is among the most contemptible of creatures whom God has placed upon this earth. If he did not know the facts of that about which he wrote, the more blameworthy is he. In looking over The Oregonian's editorial, I fail to find a single point in regard to Stanford that it has interpreted in the proper light. Its assertions, to one who is familiar with the present unpleasantness, would seem very ludicrous indeed, did not one realize that some credulous persons might be inveigled into believing the venomous fallacies of The Oregonian in attempting to gain an audience by belittling others.

"Parades" at Stanford have become almost traditional and occur on many occasions, upon the slightest pretext. Such nearly always occur after athletic victories, change of student-affairs committees, and at times for no other reason than an over abundance of enthusiasm, or

purely in a spirit of levity. The parade of March 12 arose spontaneously, without being pre-arranged or organized, in the evening several hours after the student affairs committee had sent out its "edict" on students' behavior. To this no one would probably take serious offense, except that it was dictatorial, rather obscure, but most of all, uncalled for. This parade at first seemed to be bound for nowhere in particular, the paraders merely singing college songs and giving college yells. Some one suggested that Mr. Clarke, the head of the student affairs committee, be visited and requested to make a speech. He not being at home, the paraders marched through the library and shortly afterwards dispersed.

This, without going into the details, was the now "famous parade"—not one bit of property was damaged, nothing happened at which anyone could be deeply offended, and in fact it amounted to nothing. The college daily paper considered it of so little importance that the parade was not mentioned until it became notorious later.

For this insignificant, trivial offense, if it may rightfully be called an offense, 12 men were suspended from the university. Not the leaders but 12 who were noticed by a "spotter." This was certainly unfair, for the 12 suspended for the remainder of the semester were not the leaders nor was it claimed that they were—they were picked at random from the 259 and, again, the punishment was far too severe. We protested in an orderly and gentlemanly manner to what we considered as unfairness, injustice and harshness, and were rewarded for our gentlemanly protest by some 30 or more being added to the number expelled for this unimportant "parade."

I reiterate that we are not protesting for the "right to get drunk and smash college furniture." The present trouble between the student and faculty has nothing whatsoever to do with the drinking question, if one can rightly say there is such a question at Stanford. We are simply protesting against harshness and injustice.

Some there are, I suppose, who consider such a suspension as more or less of a disgrace, and while I am not one of them, to me, and I say it most emphatically, I do not consider it such, nor does any one who knows the facts. On the contrary, those 41 men were the best at Stanford, and I admire every one of them for doing the fair thing and for saying and standing up for what they thought right.

TOM BENNETT,
of Coos Bay, Or.

(Oregonian Comment.)

The writer of this letter and his companions are probably ashamed of themselves by this time, and desire to set the facts of their rebellion against the university authorities in the best light they will bear. For this they will not be blamed much, but some more skillful advocate should have been selected than young Bennett. His "defense" only makes the unpardonable guilt of the affair more glaring than it was before. Does this callow youth believe for a moment that his foolish statement of the case will be accepted against the word of President Jordan and the faculty of the uni-

Don't Buy

ground coffee—order whole roast and let your grocer grind it, or, better still, grind it at home.



Folger's
Golden
Gate

is whole roast—packed in aroma-tight tins. Never sold in bulk.

J. A. Folger & Co.,
San Francisco

versity? Does he imagine that anybody will credit his silly protest that the action of the student affairs committee was "dictatorial, obscure and uncalled for"; that the parade had no object; that no offense was committed; that 12 students were suspended for no adequate reason? Is the young man merely silly or merely temporarily blinded by conceit?

When he is older, we hope he will be wiser. At this stages of his experience it is probably useless to remind him that the notoriety his beloved alma mater is receiving is not the fault of the newspapers, but of himself and his fellow rioters. If they had behaved themselves properly, nobody would have dreamed that there was a question of drunkenness to be settled at Stanford; but since the students, by their rebellion brought the matter prominently before the public, it had to be dealt with by the press, and we trust that The Oregonian, at least, performed its duty in the premises adequately. Does young Bennett realize how fatuous it is to deny that there is a "drink question" at Stanford when President Jordan has admitted that drink was at the bottom of all the trouble? Does he realize how absurd it sounds to say that he and his comrades were expelled for making an orderly protest? They were expelled for breaking the rules of their college and defying the faculty and every high thinking person in the country believes that they got precisely what they deserve.

Stanford university stands a great deal higher today than it would have stood had the faculty compromised this affair in any particular. The students who were expelled have nobody to blame but themselves, and to whine over their punishment and rail at the newspapers will not help them an atom. The only rational thing for them to do now is to set resolutely at work, retrieve their past and, if possible, make men of themselves. Before they can do so, their ideals, judging from this letter, much change a good deal, but even this is possible if they try hard enough. With their efforts to reform, if they are genuine all worthy persons will sympathize, but attempts like young Bennett's to palliate, excuse, deny and throw the blame upon the faculty, can only make matters worse. The beginning of reform is confession and penitence.

(Capital Journal Comment.)

The Oregonian is always delightfully chivalrous to anyone who cannot strike back and it supposed it could roast a lot of university students at long range and escape all accountability. So it represented the Stanford students, 1000 miles away, who were suspended, as a choice lot of drunken and riotous rebels, defying the authorities, and making themselves a band of outlaws who were entitled to no respectful treatment whatever. It overlooked the fact that hundreds of these young men are just as good morally as the faculty that undertook to discipline them for a parade that had nothing to do with drunkenness. Many of these members of the faculty are themselves no more manly or honorable men than the students themselves, but the Oregonian saw a chance to pose its superior morality at the expense of a lot of boys away from home and who had no chance to defend themselves. But young men like James Mott, and the writer of the above letter are not the kind to take the fling of drunkard and anarchist with good grace. The Oregonian's advice to retrieve their bad reputations, which it has helped to make as gas as possible, is cheap advice, when it is considered that the worst and fraud thief and the most corrupt public official is treated with a great deal more kindness and consideration than these young men from the best families in the Pacific northwest. Every Stanford student who took part in that parade stands branded as a drunkard and an anarchist, and if he don't like it he can lump it, and so far as The Oregonian ever taking back or undoing an injury it does an individual or collection of individuals it has not that grace of civilization to its credit.

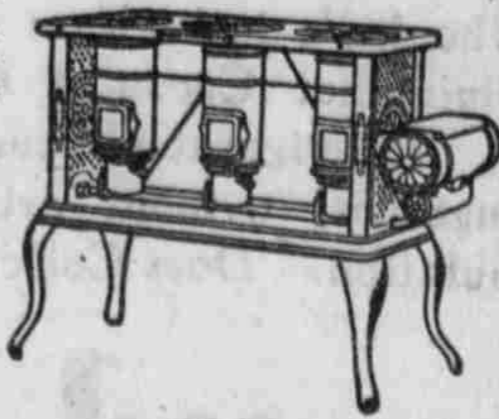
DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve. It is especially good for piles. Sold by all druggists.

Hue Wing Sang Co.

BIG STOCK OF GOODS
We make up all kinds of wrappers and white underwear, waists, kimono and skirts; all kinds of gentlemen's and ladies' furnishing goods; all kinds of silks and dress goods, hose, shoes, suits, pants, overalls, blankets, neckwear, matting, chinaware, trunks, embroidery and lace now selling at cost.
324 N. Commercial St. Salem, Or

Let the Coal Fire Go Out

A reasonably cool and pleasant place for kitchen work is the blessing enjoyed by every housewife who possesses a New Perfection Wick Blue Flame Oil Cook-Stove.



At the first suggestion of summer weather, let the range fire die out, set a

NEW PERFECTION Wick Blue Flame Oil Cook-Stove

in a corner of the kitchen and at once the family boiling, frying and baking may be done with comfort, because the New Perfection "delivers the heat under the kettle where you want it and not about the room where you don't want it. Made in three sizes, each capable of an astonishing range of work. If not with your dealer, write our nearest agency.

The **Rayo Lamp** gives a most agreeable light for reading, sewing or study—mellow, strong, continuous. No better lamp is made for every household use. If not at your dealer's, write our nearest agency.



STANDARD OIL COMPANY
(Incorporated)

BANK TALK No. 11

By the UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK, Salem, Or.

It's a Habit

—Down deep in your pocket the coins ache for freedom. They exert an influence over you to be put in circulation.
—No temptation to spend needlessly when the money is in the bank on interest. Try it, and experience that feeling of elation that rises within the savers breast as he steps into the bank to make his first deposit. Not only have you saved an amount of money, but you also see the material result of your determination to save. There is a great satisfaction in knowing that you have an increasing bank account.
—Don't allow your money to work you; make it work for you—this is the way to get a head.
—Open an account with us if you want to add a degree to each day's satisfaction.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK

BEER PROMOTES TEMPERANCE

Recognized as a Food Product, and So Dealt With by the Government

It is being recognized the world over that the drinking of beer promotes temperance and sobriety to a far greater extent than all the prohibition laws on the statute books.

All enlightened European nations are encouraging the manufacture and consumption of light beers containing about three and one-half per cent alcohol, and the result has been most gratifying to all sincere lovers of temperance.

The United States government has taken a positive stand in this direction, the war department holding that the re-establishing of the army canteen for the sale of beer being an absolute necessity in the interest of temperance and sobriety.

Beer is today recognized as a "Food Product," and is so dealt with by the government.

All the great insurance companies have contradicted the lies that have been given currency through prohibition sources that the drinking of beer was a bar to securing insurance, and have lately published to the world at large the statement that those drinking beer moderately (not more than two quarts during twenty-four hours) were the very best of risks. The latest British life insurance reports show that the ratio of death rate among abstainers is thirty per cent greater than among moderate drinkers.

Beer is pure and wholesome, and the day is not far distant when it will be as much a part of the daily subsistence of every family as are milk, bread and other food necessities.

The beer brewed by the Salem Brewery Association is in every sense the very best that modern enterprise can produce. It speaks for itself and is its own best advertisement.

SALEM BREWERY ASSOCIATION
SALEM, OREGON

READY TAILORED CLOTHES
FOR WELL DRESSED
MEN.

The **Racco System**
PRICE RANGE
\$ 20 TO \$ 40

SPRING SHOES



Shoes for summer wear. Just received. A big shipment of the latest styles and shapes: men's, boys', ladies and children's. Tennis shoes and light shoes. Easy and comfortable house slippers.

Jacob Vogt

345 State Street. Salem, Oregon



THE BEST ROAST THE FAMILY EVER HAD

Can be obtained from our prime tender and juicy beef, mutton or pork. All our meats are selected from the choicest, and prepared for the table to suit the demands of the fastidious. Our prices are lower for quality than you can find at any place in Salem.

E. C. CROSS,

Phone 291. 870 State St.

SALEM WATER COMPANY

OFFICE CITY HALL.

For water service apply at office. Bills payable monthly in advance.

Graber Bros.

PLUMBING
AND
GAS FITTING

Will give prompt attention to all orders, guarantee our work to give satisfaction and to be up to the sanitary standard.

WE WILL BE PLEASED TO
GIVE ESTIMATES ON
CONTRACTS.

Call at our shop on Liberty street, back of Barr's Jewelry Store. Phone 550.

TO OWNERS OF HORSES

The undersigned is prepared to break, handle and develop roadsters and trotting horses. For terms of board and care apply to

SAM CASTO,
Fair Grounds, Or.

Gold Dust Flour

Made by THE SYDNEY POWER COMPANY, Sidney, Oregon. Made for family use. Ask your grocer for it. Bran and shorts always on hand.

P. B. Wallace
AGENT

THE AVENUE

Creams, ices, cigars and confections. Corner of Seventeenth and Asylum avenues. N. E. Baker, proprietor.

MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS.

Never known to fail. Sold by all druggists. Price 25c per box. Will send three on trial, to be paid for when received. Sample free. If your druggist does not have them send your request to:

UNITED MEDICAL CO., 807 74, LANGFORD, Pa.
Sold in Salem by Dr. S. C. Stone