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THIRD ANNUAL BIBLE STUDY INSTITUTE

Washington State College and University of Idaho Hold Joint Discussion of Young Men's Christian Association Problems.

Several Prominent Secretaries From Pacific Coast Cities Present and Are of Practical Help in the Work of the Institute.

Saturday and Sunday, January 13 and 14, the third Bible Study Institute between Washington State College, Whitman College and the University of Idaho, took place at Moscow. It was rendered an Idaho-W. S. C. Institute, from the fact that Whitman, at the last moment, found it impossible to send any delegates. The State College Y. M. C. A. sent over twenty-one representatives.

The session of Saturday morning was to have started off with a talk from Mr. E. N. Parmelee, of the Seattle Y. M. C. A., but neither Mr. Parmelee, or Mr. Ivan B. Rhodes, of the Portland Y. M. C. A., the other secretary secured for the Institute, arrived in Moscow until noon.

At 10 a. m., R. E. Gay, of W. S. C., gave a report of the work of the Association at his college. His report took up the matter of the Y. M. C. A. hand book, Gearheart, finances and finally Bible Study. W. S. C. has over 70 men in Bible Study classes. Idaho, according to the report given next, by W. W. Goble, has about 40 men in classes. W. S. C. has a Y. M. C. A. membership, active and associate of 75. The reports were discussed by the delegates from the two institutions who were interested in the solution of various association problems.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. W. H. Fry, gave a short but very interesting address on "The Other Fellow." He presented the fact of the spirit of helpfulness which should characterize all Christian Association work.

The first part of the afternoon meetings were devoted to two short addresses, one on the "Qualifications and Preparation of a Leader," by Chas. A. Montandon, and the other on "How to Enlist and Hold Men in Classes," by H. B. Berry, of W. S. C., who was to have made the second talk was unable to be present but sent a paper on the subject. Eli Ludwig, of the State College spoke briefly on the subject and read Mr. Berry's paper.

Mr. Ivan B. Rhodes, Educational Director of the Portland Y. M. C. A. next addressed the Institute on "The Morning Watch." Mr. Rhodes is a man of exceptional ability combined with an attractive personality and his words were received with serious attention. After his address the delegates proceeded to discussion of general Association problems.

At 7 in the evening, a preliminary song service was followed by a short address by Mr. E. N. Parmelee, religious work director of the Seattle Association. Mr. Parmelee was last year general secretary of the association at Northwestern. He is an alumnus of the University of Washington.

At 8 the delegates crossed over to the Dormitory where the Y. W. C. A. tendered them a reception. Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Parmelee and Eli Ludwig gave short addresses in the course of the evening. Cordiality and good feeling between the erstwhile enemies was a very pleasant characteristic of the reception.

On Sunday morning the W. S. C. delegates visited the various Bible Study classes of the University Y. M. C. A. At 10:15 they gathered at the Administration building for a short prayer service after which they dispersed to the various city churches.

The regular Sunday afternoon devotional meeting took place at 2 o'clock, and was led by Nichols. The subject was "The Value of a High Purpose in Life." After this meeting Rhodes gave a very effective talk on "The Claim of Jesus Christ on College men of today."

The evening was given up to a union service of the churches held in the Methodist building. Rhodes and Parmelee made addresses. They spoke to an audience which filled the church to the limit.

Those attending the institute expressed in highest terms the benefit derived. As one result, arrangements have been perfected for more frequent communication between the two Y. M. C. A.'s on matters of common importance. One other effect of the institute was to forge ties of friendship between students of the two colleges, which will not be strained by the rivalry of subsequent intercollegiate competitions.

Question Chosen.

A telegram from J. C. Veatch, of the University of Oregon, announces that the question for the triangular debates, as submitted by Oregon, has been chosen. It reads, "Resolved, that the Interstate Commerce Commission should be given Power to prescribe reasonable Maximum Railroad Rates in cases brought before it, these rates to go into effect within a reasonable time, and to obtain from thence onward, subject to review by the courts."

CORRUPTION IN OREGON.

Seattle Times Claims to Have Found Concrete Evidence of Graft in Football.

From the following report the football men at the Oregon Agricultural college take nothing but football courses:

Portland, Ore., Friday, Jan. 11.—Investigation of the various Oregon colleges has resulted in sensational charges being made against the methods employed at the various institutions to secure strong football material. The football season is closed and the teams have disbanded and there has been a singular dropping of famous athletes.

Taking the state institutions—the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis and the State University at Eugene—as fair examples, investigation discloses a startling result. Of the fifteen men who constituted the Corvallis team, four were graduates and two were in the institute longer than the required length of time for graduation. Three entered late and all of them left immediately after the last game of the season. Four more left school and six of these cannot properly be classed as undergraduates.

At the recent term examination the team failed to pass 45 per cent of the studies, although most of them were taking lighter work than were the average students. One player had no classes whatever. A similar condition is shown at both Eugene and the Willamette University at Salem.—Seattle Times.

The football team at the U. of Oregon, unanimously elected W. G. Chandler, as captain to lead the '06 football team. Chandler has played right end on the team for four years, and is regarded by football critics as one of the best in the west.

The Spokane league team will stay two weeks in Pullman next spring and every day the college team and the league team will have a game.

The Inspection.

Lieut. Col. John McBirney, of the National Guard of Idaho, inspected and reviewed the cadet companies, on Friday of last week. The inspection took place in the armory and each company was put through a light drill. The companies show a surprising degree of proficiency and showed thorough discipline. The ceremonies went off smoothly and were of much interest to many of the students who do not drill. The battalion was commanded by Captain and Adjutant J. D. Matthews, who is acting commandant.

The band was out and played for the review. The hearts of the band boys were made glad when Lieut. Col. McBirney announced that he would have a set of band instruments sent to the University. The boys at present furnish their own instruments, consequently the number of good instruments are limited and the boys are badly handicapped.

CLEARLY DEFEATED

W. S. C. Takes First Basketball Game, Winning by Virtue of Wonderful Team Work.

Idaho Team Makes Excellent Showing but is Handicapped by Lack of Systematic Training.

Basketball was ushered into the realm of athletic events by a defeat for the Idaho team in the W. S. C. gymnasium last Saturday evening. It was a game in which knowledge of the game and experience weighed heavily against determination. The game was fast and exciting. The large crowd was kept on edge by accurate and spectacular goal throwing by the W. S. C. forwards.

The team work of the home team was superb. High tosses and characterized their style of play and they always jumped to meet the ball. The goal throwing of Huxtable and Fulton was a revelation, the former making goals from some exceedingly difficult positions. These two men were easily the stars of the home team. But much of W. S. C.'s success was due to their excellent guarding ability. Guarding, such as was done by Davis would keep anyone from landing goals.

The Idaho team showed lack of experience and were extremely nervous. This fact accounts for the big lead secured by the state college in the first half. The Idaho boys were not in the game with spirit and their team work during this half was ragged. Balderston was the star of the Idaho team. He landed four of the five goals secured by our boys. Wyman was badly excited and did not play his usual game either at guarding or at goal throwing. Captain Robertson was totally out of condition and his customary fine passing was absent. In justice to him it must be stated that he was a sick boy when the game started. Small also was nervous during this half but became steadier as the game progressed.

The game started off with a rush. Idaho drew first blood. Scarcely had the ball been put in play when Balderston landed a goal. Then W. S. C. landed two goals in quick succession and Balderston tied the score. Idaho's team work went to pieces and before the half closed W. S. C. had banked seven more goals. Robertson threw one goal from foul making the score at the end of the first half 18 to 5.

The second half was as pretty basketball as one could wish for.

Galloway took Homes' place at guard and played an excellent game. The team gained more confidence and fought harder. On the other hand, W. S. C. seemed to tire and fouled repeatedly. During this half W. S. C. threw

five goals from the field. Idaho threw three goals from the field and one from foul. The final score stood, W. S. C. 28; Idaho, 12.

Coach Griffith was exceedingly well pleased with the showing made by his team. That they held the veteran team down to such a low score in the second half shows what they can do when their fright and newness to the game wears away. With a few slight changes in the lineup and the style of play Griffith expects to put a formidable team before the farmers January 26. They will come here then and be prepared for the contest of their lives.

During the game W. S. C. threw the fourteen goals from the field to Idaho's five. W. S. C. fouled nine times to Idaho's two. Robertson converted two of the free chances into goals.

Summary:

Goals from field
W. S. C.: Huxtable, 6; Fulton, 5; Maloney, 3.
Idaho: Balderston, 4; Wyman, 3.

Goals from foul.
Robertson, 2.

Line-up

W. S. C.—Center, Maloney, (Capt.) Forward, Huxtable, Fulton; Guards, Smead, Davis.

Idaho.—Center, Wyman; Forwards, Robertson (Capt.) Balderston; Guards, Small, Horne, Galloway.

Referees: Sweeley, W. S. C.; Griffith, Idaho.

Before the game and between halves the state college band gave a concert. The band consists of forty-five pieces and is one of the best bands in the Island Empire.

Just before going into the game Saturday, the team elected W. E. Robertson, '07, to captain the team. Robertson is one of the best players in the college and has the confidence of every one of the team. He is an aggressive player and appreciates the advantage of fast work. The team is not yet permanently selected and Captain Robertson will still continue to tryout new men. From now until the end of the season the team will find no end to hard practice.

Idaho Graduate Practicing Medicine.

Dr. Carroll Lee Smith has just announced his permanent location at 405 Traders' Bank Building, Spokane, Wash., Dr. Smith graduated at the University in 1901. He took his medical course at Northwestern University.

After graduating at that institution he entered the office of Dr. C. P. Thomas, at Spokane. There he remained for one and a half years. On January 1st, Dr. Smith severed connections with Dr. Thomas and determined to establish an independent office. His practice is commencing with excellent prospects for success in his private undertaking.

Carroll Smith was one of Idaho's popular students and during his senior year he managed football.

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The arrival of the debating season after a period of unexampled criticism of football, the other great intercollegiate activity, makes the broaching of some modest skepticism about debate not inappropriate.

In the "Nation" in 1900, R. C. Ringwalt, author of a recently published book of, briefs and a person of long interest in debate, wrote: "I have listened to but one discussion from which it seemed to me an outsider of ordinary intelligence, given to reading the newspapers, could have obtained any enlightenment." The Princeton Debating Committee, last year in an article in "Bathside,"

pointed out universal tendencies of quibbling evasions and failures to join issue, which make, Mr. Ringwalt's statement seem quite plausible. Must we not all admit that, of the debates we hear, all too large a number are fought out on technicalities. Then, to, we are all familiar with the evasions of the question which characterize many debates, and we have listened rather frequently we must admit, to forensic contests in which one or both side have fought the air until the closing speakers have struck upon the real issue. No wonder that the average man goes away unenlightened, about any great and vital issues of the day, when the debaters are concerned, not with the merits of the question, but with how they may quibble over it or evade it, and so win a victory. Wherein is the value of debate? Not, we believe, in the facility cultivated in quibbling and evasions. Surely no important issues of life are decided by being ignored or by the opportune introduction of technicalities in their discussion. The value of debate should unquestionably be in the ability produced to get thorough and impartial information on the problems, political and economical which are some day to comfort college men and to demand solution. There is room for reasonable doubt whether debating tends to have this value.

One more consideration, which has also entered into the criticism of football, is that of time. Just now Idaho, Oregon and Washington debaters are at work on the railroad rate question. To gain a good knowledge of the subject demands faithful and constant study for a long time. Buried deep in magazines and Congressional Records the patient debater recalls with inward apprehension the fact that examinations, too, are almost upon him! This is a typical rather than an exceptional instance. It is a condition that compares not too creditably with that of a football eleven reeling off signal practice by moonlight.

George Hug, weight man, has been chosen to lead the U. of O. track team, next spring. Hug captained the season last spring.

One of the noticeable defects of the high school papers that come to our table is the character of the exchange columns. Some of the editors of these sheets have a very erroneous idea of the purpose which the exchange column is to conserve. They seem to think that it is a medium created solely to criticize other similar publications. Consequently too many of our high school sheets are given to false and impotent criticisms of their exchanges. The exchange column is supposed to chronicle interesting bits of news from the college world and not to make remarks about other papers that might be misinterpreted. Too many of these editors have not the experience nor ability justly to criticize these sheets as a self appointed judge. The high school papers are constantly filled with petty wranglings and troubles that are neither interesting nor pleasing to read. The sooner the secondary schools change the character and spirit of their exchange column, the sooner the unpleasant aspects of high school intercourse will be eliminated.

Athletic Minstrel.

Plans are, progressing nicely for the athletic show, to be given for the benefit of the athletic association. Griffith has been given charge of the athletic department of the show and has picked seven or eight of the best gymnasts in the school and has started to work. The athletics will consist of pyramid building, boxing, tumbling, and bar work. If possible a wrestling match will be pulled off between the Idaho light weight champion and the W. S. C. champion. If this match can be arranged it promises to be of especial interest.

The boys will be assisted in the black face work by several of the old stars who have made these shows so popular in the past. Several of these men are in the city and have volunteered their services. A good director will be secured to train the chorus and the singing will be a feature.

There is an abundance of material in college this year and this show stands a good chance of being the best ever produced by the students. Those who have been asked to assist have gladly consented and no trouble will be experienced in securing talent.

Much depends upon this enterprise. If it be a success the University will have a track trainer and the undertaking is being engineered for this special purpose. Furthermore, the baseball team must have new suits. Therefore, it is plain that the coming season will be an exceptionally expensive one. The show will be presented in the early part of February.

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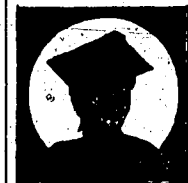
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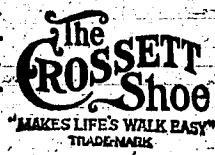
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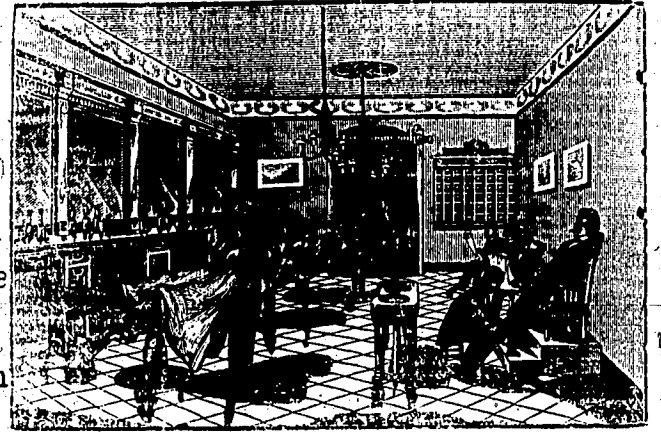
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Prof. Hulme was in Spokane, Monday, on a business and pleasure trip.

Maud McKinley, '08, has left school and returned to her home, at Wallace, Saturday.

Nick Sheridan was confined to his room, by a slight illness, the latter part of the week.

Fawcett will enter school again the second semester and be a candidate for the track team.

Andrew P. Peterson, '08, received his M. A. degree from Chicago University on Dec. 19

Professor Janes ran the levels for the new mill, last week. The new building will be 85x96 feet.

G. O. P. Mix, '01, has leased the Moscow hotel and will personally conduct the well-known hostelry.

Domestic Science classes were dismissed, Wednesday, on account of temporary defects in the heating apparatus.

At the meeting of the board of managers, Monday the report of the football manager, Horton, was presented and discussed.

Mrs. Max Lueddemann, nee Olive McConnell, '98, of Antelope, Oregon, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McConnell, of this city.

About thirty students accompanied the basketball team to Pullman, Saturday, and were treated with a first class exhibition of the indoor sport.

Miss Mamie Hunter, '01, has resigned her position as teacher in the Moscow public schools and will leave in a few days to make a year's visit to California.

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Albert Swinerton, ex '08, came down from Wardner, Thursday, to attend the dedicatory services at the Elks temple. Albert spent Friday at the college renewing acquaintances.

Jay Jelick is ordering a fine lot of class watch fobs. The metallic part of the fob is in the shape of an old Roman coin and is the newest design for college fobs. Place your order with him at once.

Miss Chrissie Playfair, '08, will be married on the 23rd inst to Mr. Wm. Dollar, a prominent banker of Coeur d'Alene city. Miss Playfair has been teaching in the Coeur d'Alene city schools since graduation.

Professor Thor van Pyk, will be at the Varsity again, Thursday to meet his regular class. The class in vocal is rapidly increasing in numbers and the professor is much encouraged with the success of his plans.

Prof. Morley was out of town on business, Wednesday.

Prof. Janes will talk at the next assembly, the subject of his discourse to be, "Some Mining Experience."

O. M. Edgett, ex-'04, came down from Wallace, last week, and made a short visit to his parents and Varsity friends. Edgett will be remembered by all of the old students as the man who at one time was the star center on our football team.

Intercollegiate.

President Harper, of the University of Chicago, has finally succumbed, after making a brave fight against a cancerous growth, which has been tearing him down for several years. The end came last Thursday.

The Agricultural College and Experiment Station staff will hold a farmer's Normal Institute at Caldwell, Jan. 28 to 31. Prof. French, Judson, Henderson, and Miss Ryan will be among the speakers.

The University of Washington has decided to put forth a crew this year and have secured an old Cornell man to do the coaching. They will meet Stanford and Berkeley on the water this spring.

W. S. O. has suffered a heavy loss in losing Hardy, on whom they have been banking to win the high hurdles next spring. However, they have gained several good men and have promise of the best team in its history.

At the beginning of the winter term, Chicago University received a bunch of recruits from other schools that insure her of a wonderful track team. They stand an excellent chance of administering another defeat to Michigan this year.

The University of Washington football men are still warring with the athletic board of that institution over the question of athletic emblems. The matter has quieted down but has never been amicably settled.

From good authority comes the report that President Roosevelt is going to succeed the late President Harper, of Chicago University. President Roosevelt was the idol of the deceased educator and it was planned many months ago for the head of the nation to become head of the great institution at the expiration of his present term of office.

It seems to be the unanimous opinion of the members of the committee, appointed by the representatives of several eastern colleges that football must stay, but must be modified. Walter Camp has again been chosen to edit the rules, but the committee will incorporate some radical changes in them. The most important change now being discussed is that of making it necessary to make ten yards for a first down.

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Freshmen Tryout.

Last Saturday afternoon the Freshmen held their tryout to select a debate team to meet a team from the Lewiston State Normal School. There were seven contestants in the tryout, thus making keen competition for places on the team. The interest shown in the tryout was good, and the work of the speakers showed reading, study and logical reasoning in preparation.

The question debated upon was the subject of federal regulation of railway rates. General interest was attracted to the freshman tryout, because this is the subject for the triangular debate with Oregon and Washington.

The seven contestants who entered the tryout were: Jones, Barto, Thomas, Sutton, Turley, Mason and Kincaid. The team selected consists of Jones, Mason and Kincaid in the order mentioned.

Jones was clearly the best speaker in the contest. His gestures are too stiff and his speech a little too fast. He, however, has force and is a clear thinker. His closing rebuttal of two minutes was clear, concise and effective. Mr. Jones was last year a member of an inter-collegiate team at the Montana Agricultural College. That previous work was much in his favor in the present tryout.

Mason was clear and distinct in argument and delivery, and has an excellent appearance on the rostrum.

Kincaid presented the best outlined case. His argument was well arranged and his material showed research and preparation.

His appearance is good, but his voice is a trifle weak.

The team chosen will well represent the class in this contest with the Normal school.

The other contestants of the tryout also did well. With further efforts in debate they will prove successful in competition for college teams. It was not because they were poor, but because the others were better that they did not make the team this time.

The judges for the contest were Professors Hulme and Allen and Myers, Montandon and Price.

The debate will be held at Lewiston. The question has not yet been received.

Prospects for Baseball.

As the spring semester approaches the athletic enthusiasts of the colleges begin to figure on prospects for baseball and track teams. From all reports both W. S. C. and Whiman will be represented by the strongest baseball teams of their history. It is rumored that Samuels, the crack twirler of the Spokane high school will enter the W. S. C. and do their twirling. Whitman has also drawn several prize athletes from Spokane.

Base ball men at our own institution are exceedingly optimistic over the prospects for a winning team. All of the old men are back in college with the exception of two, and they all have avowed their intention of again trying for the team. Miller, second baseman, and Holohan, catcher, will be missing this spring. The team is in need of a heavy catcher to catch its speedy pitcher. There are some men in the freshman class who have good high school records. Numbers, Savidge, Durston and Balderston have all signified their intention to try for this position.

The team will be exceptionally strong in the pitching department. Middleton and Roosevelt are probably the best college box artists in the Northwest.

First base will be a bone for contention. Hunter who played the position last year will be out again. Small, who played a great game at first, for Lewiston high school, last year, will also contest for the position. There is no announced candidate for second base as yet. For shortstop, Thomas and Robertson will be in the race while Johnny Middleton will probably rest on the third cushion. Magee, Robertson, Wynan and Galloway are after out field positions. There are a score of new men who will give these old men the keenest of competition and this competition will make a first class team.

Manager Rogers is planning to tour the Northwest with the team and meet all of the college teams and several athletic club teams.

Junior Annual.

Negotiations have reached such a stage that it can be said with certainty that the Wilhainson-Haffner Co. of Denver, Col., will publish the 1907 annual. The company is a very reliable one and has done some excellent work along this line. They usually put out the annuals for the Colorado colleges and the University of Nebraska and these institutions express utmost satisfaction at the quality of their work. The contract for the job will be drawn up at once and the work of engraving begun.

The design for the cover of the book is about decided upon. The book will be bound in the best half kid and will be trimmed in gold. In the upper right hand corner, will appear the name of the book, "The Gem of the Mountains," and in the lower right hand corner the class numeral. The college flower, the chrysanthemum, will appear on the cover.

The work in all departments is rapidly being done with the exception of the Joke department. Here is where the staff must call for help. It is impossible for the editors of this department to think of and write all the jokes. Everyone in college who knows a

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joke on some person can make the book merrier by a little effort. Humorists and jokers, here is a chance to get even. Joke revenge through the medium of the 1907 annual.

Plan For Track Meet.

The Junior Class is considering plans for an inter-class track meet to be held in the early spring. If the plans materialize the collegiate classes will be eligible to compete. The fosterers of this scheme have a threefold purpose in mind for its introduction: By this plan they expect to develop men who have ability and who would otherwise escape notice by the coaches and trainers. Secondly, they wish to establish this as a safe, sane way of testing class strength and rivalries. The third desired effect from the inauguration of this plan would not benefit the college at large, in its immediate effects, but indirectly would benefit all. The Junior Class would receive the proceeds of the result and in this way have an opportunity to raise the inevitable deficit on their annual. By this plan each class would have its turn in the responsibility of the meet and to them would accrue the surplus proceeds.

The class is contemplating the offering of a silver cup to the class winning first in two out of three successive meets. The present class would have the price of the cup as a source of expense which the two following classes would escape.

No men are to be barred from the meet but each class is expected to put forth her best material.

The meet from the spectators point of view would be very interesting. There would be manifested true class spirit and class rivalry, would serve as a better stimulus to better college spirit. There are many in the college who have expressed themselves in favor of this proposition but this is the first indication of any plans assuming definite form.

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