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## REQUEST GRANTED

**Executive Committee Applies for One Assembly in Each Month.**

**Hour Used Last Week in Discussing Student Enterprises.—Yells and Songs Practiced.**

The assembly on last Wednesday was handed over to the students and, for the introductory attempt, proved to be a pronounced success. Chas. A. Montandon explained briefly the steps taken to procure the student assembly, and its probable scope. The executive committee requested the faculty to give the student body charge of one assembly in each month. The request was granted and the students have ratified the action of the executive committee. The use of these student gatherings will be to discuss matters of undergraduate interest and to exercise student control in any department of student life which could thereby be bettered. As concrete instances, Mr. Montandon urged effort on the part of those who use the bulletin boards to make them neater in appearance and more servicable. Library discipline, thought the A. S. U. I. president, could be profitably influenced by strong student sentiment, born in the assembly.

Arthur Rogers spoke on the baseball prospects. He said that a baseball team was an assured fact. Games have been arranged with the leading Northwest teams. There is under consideration an indoor meet, to be held in the last week of February, between the four college classes. The proceeds would be used to buy new suits for the team.

Estel Hunter presented the status of affairs in regard to the proposed athletic field. He believed that no progress is possible under the committee as at present organized, and recommended a complete change in its personnel. The ball park, he said, is rapidly growing intolerable as an athletic field and has already cost the University Athletic Association a sum sufficient to advance the project for a new field near to success. Mr. Hunter also asked the students to be considering the feasibility of hiring a graduate manager for the University next year, as the question may become a practical one before the year's close. The speeches were interspersed with "Solomon Levi," "America," and all the Idaho yells. General approval of the student assembly plan was voiced and it is believed that the project will continue to be successful.

Remember the boxing contest at the minstrel show. Full reports will be received at the orchestra pit, by leased wire. Everyone is invited to be present.

## Come to the Minstrels

On February 16th

WHEN the curtain rises at the Moscow Theatre next Friday night at 8:20, the biggest and best minstrel show that the university students have ever presented, will have started. From that time until eleven o'clock there will be something doing every minute. The time for changes has been limited to two minutes; and there will be scarcely a moment during the entire performance that the front curtain will be down.

First, there will be the ring work. The chorus is bigger than ever before and some of the best singers in Moscow will be in the ring. The end men are all funny and the jokes are new and spicy. During the first part Grice will sing, "Nothin' from Nothin' Leaves You." Eugene Price will sing, "Nobody," a song full of local jabs. "Everybody Works But Father" is Dunton's Song. Kessler will sing, "Never, Never Do Nothing for Nobody." This song in itself is a treat.

Then in the oleo Mrs. George Steunenburg will whistle a solo. The tumblers will occupy the stage for about 20 minutes. Grice and Doyle will put on a musical specialty. In quick succession the bar work and another specialty will follow.

The sporting world are all acquainted with Larson and Dunton. Their scrap promises to be the one big sensation of the evening. More interest is attached to this than to any one event of the program. Both these fellows are big, both are scioned in the art of boxing. Each has a host of admirers. At any rate we will see an exhibition well worth the price of the minstrel. It will be a conflict of nationalities, Swede vs. Bohemian.

The show will be closed with a few selections by the University quartette, and a grand finale by the chorus. Remember the cause for which it is given: For the benefit of the Athletic Association. Box office open Thursday and Friday, Feb. 15 and 16.

### Prep Dance.

Saturday night the Preps gathered in the Club house to enjoy their second blowout for the year. It was a complete success in every way and from eight o'clock until twelve the time was spent in dancing two-steps and waltzes.

The Preps deviated somewhat from their traditional policy of excluding all other classes from this affair and, even went so far as to give an invitation to all Freshmen who cared to dance. About twenty couples responded and threw off all feelings of superiority and mingled freely with the lower class. Before the ball broke up they gave three rousing cheers for the Preps.

The music which was furnished by the University orchestra was highly satisfactory and we will all be glad to hear from it in future entertainments.

The spirits of the dancers were greatly revived by the big bowl of fruit juice to which all had free access.

The two basketball teams from the Lewiston High School, on their way home from Colfax, visited long enough to find out that the Preps are royal entertainers.

Mr. Hulme and Miss Jenkins acted as chaperons. The other members of the faculty present were Dr. MacLean, Miss Forney, and Mr. Reed.

### French Cartooned.

The Inland Stock Breeders' Association met in Moscow Friday and Saturday, last. Prof. H. T. French was one of the many spirits of the convention. The agricultural section of the last Twice-a-Week Spokesman-Review, has a striking cartoon of leading Inland Empire stock men in procession to the gathering. Prof. French, leading a handsome bovine labelled "Dorothy," occupies a prominent place in the procession.

## AMERICANS BARRED

**American College Athletes Shut Out of Olympic Games Because they Win.**

**Palo Alto Scribe's Overbold Editorial—Nevada University Burdened With Too Many Clubs.**

It is now certain that there will be no college athletes competing in the Olympic games to be held in Athens April 22 to May 2. It will be the first time since these famous Hellenic sports were revived in 1896 that an American college has not participated and won a majority of the events.

Since 1896, when the Princeton team carried off most of the honors at Athens, there has been a complaint from the Europeans, and especially the Greeks, that the Americans have scooped up all the prizes and honors.

At the Olympic games in Paris during the summer of 1900 the American teams, which represented nearly every university of importance in this country, made almost a clean sweep. At St. Louis this story was duplicated. But unless the American A. A. U. comes to the rescue by sending over a team the Europeans will have the field very much to themselves.

A peculiar feature of the present management is the offer of \$1500 to the A. A. U. to defray the expenses of a team from its ranks. With this assistance and special rates for boarding while in the Greek capital the American team, which has been limited to 20 members, will probably be able to make the trip. But no team can pretend to represent

the strength of America's track athletics that does not include the collegians.—Spokane Chronicle.

The editors of the Daily Palo Alto, and the Chaparral, of Stanford, have had to face the faculty, for writing certain editorials in criticism of a faculty governing committee. The Chaparral editor made a statement in expiation of his offense. The Daily Palo Alto man was questioned as to whether he believed he had the right to criticize any governing committee of the University. The editor replied that he did, if the criticism was honest and without malice. His case was left in suspense.

Students at the University of Nevada are criticizing the tendency to the rise and rapid decline of so many clubs and other student organizations in their institution. The English club is the only one which has been able to withstand the onslaughts of time. Dramatic societies, debating clubs, etc., spring up in quick succession, lead a mushroom existence and die out. The reason is found in the small student body and the predominance of engineering students.

### Graduates Today.

Robert L. Ghormley, formerly a student of the University, receives his diploma and graduates from the United States academy today. One hundred middies receive their diplomas today. Ghormley graduates with a "star" rank standing third in the class.

When at Idaho, Ghormley was one of her most popular students.

He was a member of the track and football teams and was an excellent student. He has made an enviable record at Annapolis both in studies and in athletics. He was a prominent member of the Navy track team and has played on the football team for two years.

## TRACK PROSPECTS

**An Abundance of Good Material Among New Men—Old Men In Each Event**

**Will Be the Best Balanced Team that Idaho Has Had for Several Years.**

The prospects for the track and baseball teams begin to be the main topic of discussion among the students as spring approaches. With the track men the question is, what is there in the new material? The old material has been tested and we know just what men there are that will make good. The new men are the unknown quantity. It is the new men upon which Idaho is depending to fill the vacancies of last year's team.

The most serious loss suffered by the team is in Murphy who, for four years was captain and the greatest point winner of the team. Last year Murphy won 40 points in two meets. However, several promising men are trying for his event. Keyes, Frazier, and Workman, a freshman, is trying for the high and broad jumps. Frazier did fine work in the high jump in the W. S. O. meet two years ago. Keyes won points in the jumps last year and pulled Idaho out of the cellar by his good broad jumping in the W. S. O. meet.

For the sprints, Meyers, Horton, and Fawcett, of the old men will try. Walker and H. R. Smith, of the new men have made good with high schools. Horton, Goble, and Brazaw will be out for the high hurdles while Wadsworth will try to handle the low ones. Wadsworth will also try for the pole vault, as will Frazier, Johnson, and Keefe. The weights will be taken care of by the same men as did the work last year. Larson, Henry Smith, and Nesbitt, all old men, will throw the hammer and discus. Oakes and Middleton are going to practice with the discus and their work last spring demonstrated what they can do by giving proper attention to their training. Peterson, '08, comes with a good record with the hammer. Larson, H. Smith and Dunton will hurl the shot.

The team will be exceptionally strong in the distances. Captain Matthews and Edmondson will run in the half and mile. Clifford Edmondson, who made such a game finish in the mile with W. S. O. last year is a promising candidate for the mile. Matthews, Fawcett, Edmondson, and Keyes will run the quarter.

The chances for a winning team are good. An old man is slated for nearly every event. More new material is available than has ever before been at hand. With consistent training and a usual amount of good fortune, Idaho is confident of winning a majority of the contests.


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On account of the editor's time being taken up with debate trials, the assistants are responsible for this issue.

Manager Grinstead is to be congratulated in his efforts to secure a dual meet between the three Universities of the Northwest. We believe in interstate relations. We believe that the interests of the state universities are in common, and that they should be more closely cemented in forensic and athletic contests. We hope that this is only the beginning of annual track meets between the three state universities.

It is our pleasant duty once again to thank Mr. John P. Vollmer for the annual Vollmer Debate Prize of twenty-five dollars, which this year was won by Mr. Charles A. Montandon, of the senior class. For three years the prize has been an incentive for the candidates for membership in a team that was to represent Idaho in an important debate to put forth their best efforts. And twice the prize has fallen to men who have been earning their way through college in whole or in part. For his continued interest in the University and its debate work we desire to thank Mr. Vollmer in behalf of the students and faculty.

The record that the Idaho boys are making in the United States academies are records of which we may well be proud. Nearly every graduate among the first ten of the classes a majority and of these boys are from the state University and their record reflects credit upon the University which produced them. It is interesting to note that every man receiving the star rank in the class which graduates today is a westerner.

The action of the student body in voting for a regular monthly student assembly is, to our mind a very commendable one; and we believe that it will be of great value to students in general. In the first place the student body is brought more closely in contact with its executive committee, and receives an insight to the workings of the organization. The student assembly furnishes a medium through which questions of general interest can be discussed. Questions concerning the discipline of the college, questions pertaining to the government of student enterprises which are entirely out of place when discussed before other bodies come up for consideration. There, too, the meetings will no longer be a menace to regular college work. The routine of

class work goes on uninterrupted. The students express their sincere thanks to the faculty for the concession granted.

The third annual Dewey Debae prize of twenty-five dollars was won by Mr. Victor E. Price, of the senior class. It is with pleasure that publically we thank Mr. Edward H. Dewey for the debate prize that he established in memory of his father. It has served an important additional stimulus and interest in the contests held for the selection of teams to represent the University of Idaho in debate. We are grateful to Mr. Dewey for his interest in the University and in our work. It is particularly gratifying to us to see such interest displayed in the state University by a resident of the Southern part of the state.

The following from the "Oregon Weekly" gives expression to sentiments that find ready approval among Idaho students:

"It has been frequently suggested that the relations of the State Universities of Washington, Idaho and Oregon should be very close. Few doubt this. Much has been done already to foster such a relationship, and more is being done. There is now the interstate oratorical contest which has been for several years, and the triangular debate, which is an innovation of this year. Efforts are also being made to bring the three universities into closer touch with each other in athletics. An interstate track meet to be held in Seattle this spring is being arranged for, and it has been suggested that Oregon's football games with Washington and Idaho be paramount to all others in the schedule. Perhaps baseball games may also be arranged.

There is every reason to believe that these three universities should be in close touch with each other. The Northwest is a growing country, developing perhaps more rapidly than any other part of the United States. We realize the truth of "Westward the Course of Empire." Those who will be the foremost men in this country in a few years should know and understand each other and be able to work in harmony for the best interests of the Northwest. The only way to develop our great country is for us all to cooperate, and to do this our relations should be closer, our interests the same. If a close, friendship is formed among these universities in their youth it will be of lasting benefit to our country's welfare."

### Triangular Track Meet.

For sometime Manager Grinstead of the University of Washington has been bending all his efforts towards perfecting plans for a big triangular track meet to be held in Seattle between the Universities of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The Oregon boys want to go to Seattle this spring and the Idaho management is also anxious to take the trip. Further definite arrangements cannot be made until later, but if present indications count for anything, the big meet will be held on Decoration Day.

There is no doubt but what this would be a great meet. Oregon and Washington are about equal in strength as tested last year. Idaho has never met

Oregon but the last meet with Washington ended in a tie after one of the most exciting contests in the history of Northwest track athletics.

There are many who believe that Idaho is equal to the other institutions in any branch of athletics, and this meet would either prove or disprove their belief. The comparative strength of the institutions has already been tested in football and baseball games. This meet should decide the real championship and would draw the interest of every athletic follower in the Northwest.

The Idaho track men are jubilant over the prospects for the meet and with this view are going into the spring training with renewed energy. Active training will begin next week and will not cease until the relay in the big meet is decided.

Manager Magee, of the basketball team spent the past week in Spokane combining a business with a pleasure trip.

Julian Steunenberg, son of the late ex-governor, and nephew of Lieutenant Steunenberg, was in Moscow visiting on Friday and Saturday. He expects to enter the University next year.

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Robert Brogaw went to Spokane Saturday to visit friends in that city.

Mr. Tomle, brother of W. S. O's track captain, spent a few hours at the college Friday.

Oakes had a slight attack of tonsillitis last week, but was able to attend most of his classes.

Roy Barto has been promoted from 1st sergeant of Co. A to color sergeant of the battalion.

Several of the Lewiston girls and boys spent the hours between trains visiting the college Friday.

Blaine Kirns, formerly a student of the University, is spending a few days visiting with friends in the city.

Grice, Hamlin, Price, Dunton, Kessler, and Smith are to be the funny men in the athletic minstrel next Friday.

Arthur Thomas returned from Lewiston Monday where he had gone to visit with his sister who is attending the Normal school.

The Junior class has appointed a committee to arrange for the proposed interclass meet which is to be held about the middle of April.

Professor Janes and Dr. McLean went to Spokane Tuesday to confer with Regent McCarthy, about the plans for the new mining buildings.

H. K. Lewis, '08, withdrew from school at the close of the semester, to spend all his time in preparation for his examinations for Annapolis, in April.

Galloway and Robertson accompanied the Lewiston basketball team to Colfax last Friday. Robertson acted as referee. What attracted Jimmy is not known.

Prof. H. T. French returned Thursday from South Idaho, where he was in company with President Roach, of the board of regents looking for a site for a South Idaho experiment farm.

The Junior class have elected the following officers for the ensuing semester: President, James Frazier; vice president, Wm. Myers; secretary, Floy Zeigler; sergeant-at-arms, Stewart Campbell.

The new chemistry laboratory was opened to the students last Monday. This department fills a long want in as much as the Freshmen class has been unable to do any laboratory work the first semester because of the crowded condition.

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The college male quartette will sing plantation melodies at the show Friday night.

Robert Swadener, ex-'04, came over from Palouse, Sunday, to visit his parents and Moscow friends.

Lieutenant Stennenberg spent Saturday and Sunday visiting in Lewiston. This was the Lieutenant's first visit to the city of Lewiston.

It has been announced by Lieutenant Steunenbergh that the government has at last agreed to send two modern artillery pieces to the University. On account of the old style canon now used at the college it has been impossible to have any efficient artillery drill.

The college orchestra has re-organized and will be ready to furnish music for all student enterprises. The orchestra is under the leadership of Professor Doyle, who is leading the college band. The full orchestra consists of nine pieces and will make its initial appearance at the Moscow Theatre, Friday night.

The National football rules committee has tentatively agreed to adopt the ten yard rule as the first step towards football reforms. On Saturday, March 8, the committee will meet in New York city, and a final vote upon the rules now being drafted by the committee will be taken. Among the points covered by the rules that are now being formulated there is one to afford proper protection to a man catching punts. The rules provide that there can be one forward pass. Stringent rules to prevent piling up after play has stopped are under consideration.

The track management is corresponding with several trainers who are desirous to take charge of the track team and it is possible that negotiations will be closed with some one before March 1. Among the applicants for the position are men who have trained the Universities of Chicago, North Dakota, and Washington, the Culver Military Academy, and several California trainers. From this field the athletic board hopes to secure a man who will be able to put forth a winning team with the abundance of good material at hand. The name of the man secured to take charge of the team will be divulged in a few days.

### Websterians.

The program for the Websterian Society on last Saturday night was a debate on "Resolved, that a student should take a four year course for general culture, before specializing in any line of work," and an address on "The Simplon Tunnel" by Donald S. Whitehead. The Webs are planning a big feed, in the near future, to relieve the obesity of their treasury. The debate next week is to be on a very interesting topic: Is intercollegiate debates open to criticism as is intercollegiate football.

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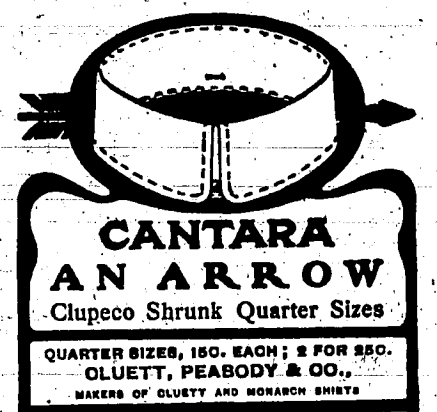
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### DEBATERS CHOSEN

**Price, Darwin and Morrow to Invade the Oregon Camp.**

**Montandon, Mathews and Peebler to Meet Washington at Moscow—Debating Prizes Awarded**

The team that will meet the University of Washington in debate on the railroad rate question was chosen on Saturday afternoon by Professor Hulme, Mr. Reed and Mr. Allen. There were nine candidates and the successful ones were Mr. Charles A. Montandon, Mr. Ray Peebler and Mr. Jewett Matthews. Montandon secured the first place among all the contestants, and to him will be awarded the Vollmer Debate Prize of twenty-five dollars. It was an unusually interesting debate trial although it lasted the greater part of the afternoon. This was due in part to the importance of the question and to its timeliness, but it was also due very largely to the uniform excellence of the work of the contestants, to their evident sincerity, interest, and command of the subject.

Mr. Montandon will be the leader of the Idaho team in the debate with Washington. He is an experienced debater. In four inter-collegiate debates he has taken a prominent part. He was the leader of the team that debated the University of Montana last December, and it was largely due to his work that Idaho won an unanimous victory. But perhaps his best work was done as the leader of the Amphictyon team last year in the first victory of the society over the Websterians. When he is well informed upon the question he is at his best under fire. Idaho expects much from him in the coming battle.

Mr. Ray Peebler is a member of the Freshman class and has never seen an intrer-collegiate debate. His excellent outline, his marked ability as a speaker and his evident sincerity won for him a place on the team. His speech was not as well supported by concrete evidence as it should have been. It is expected that he will develop under direction and become one of Idaho's strongest debaters.

Jewett D. Matthews, the third member of the team, is a Sophomore. When in the Preparatory department he took part in an inter-collegiate debate. He has represented the Websterian society in one of the debates for the Sweeney Trophy; and last year he was a member of the Freshman team that defeated the Sophomores. He will open the debate for Idaho and he is particularly well-fitted for this task

having an attractive personality, a good voice, and an intelligent delivery.

The defense of the affirmative side of the railroad rate question will be an uphill struggle, but the team that will represent Idaho against Washington may be relied upon to do their best and to reflect credit upon their Alma Mater no matter which side is declared the victor.

The Vollmer Prize was established in 1904 by Mr. John P. Vollmer, of Lewiston. Thus far it has been awarded to the following men:  
1904, Thomas R. Jones, '05;  
1905, James W. Galloway, '06;  
1906, Charles A. Montandon, '06.

On Saturday afternoon three men were chosen to represent Idaho in the debate with the University of Oregon, that is to take place at Eugene, on March 29. The team consists of Victor E. Price, Orlando Darwin and McKeen Morrow. The Dewey Memorial Debate prize of twenty-five dollars was awarded to Victor E. Price, who is the leader of the team.

All the candidates did good work, and it was a difficult task to decide between several of them. Price's argument was well arranged, but he did not calculate his time well and in consequence an important part was omitted. He spoke with less vigor than usual in his opening speech, but warmed up in his rebuttal speech and put forth the best piece of thought advanced by any of the speakers for the affirmative. Price is a veteran debater. He has taken part in five inter-collegiate debates, in two of which he was the leader of Idaho's forces.

Orlando Darwin is a member of the Freshman class. He was a member of the team that secured an unanimous victory over the University of Montana last December. His address is particularly pleasing and intelligent. In the trial debate he secured a place very near the top of the list of nine contestants.

McKeen Morrow is a Sophomore. Last year he was a member of the Freshman team that defeated the Sophomores in the inter-class debate. He is an industrious worker and an able thinker; and when his delivery shall have become more persuasive he will be a very effective debater.

The team will uphold the negative of the railroad rate question, and although it is the unpopular side an able presentation will be made of it.

The judges of the contest were Professor Edward M. Hulme, Mr. Miles Reed, and Mr. Beverley S. Allen.

The following is a list of the winners of the Dewey Memorial Debate prize:  
1904, James W. Galloway, '06;  
1905, Thomas R. Jones, '05;  
1906, Victor E. Price, '06.

#### Talk to Miners.

Mr. R. K. Humphreys, representing the Colorado Iron Works gave a most interesting and instructive talk to the miners in the mining building last Saturday. The speaker's subject was "The use of Rolls in Crushers." Mr. Humphrey is the inventor of an adjustable roll which has proved to be of great success, and is being installed in mills in several mining districts of the country.

The speaker gave a complete history of the improvements in methods of crushing by rolls and discussed the comparative advantages of rigid and adjustable rolls. He supplied data showing the great efficiency of the adjustable rolls, and gave some interesting facts concerning tests of a mill put up by the Colorado Iron Works in California.

Mr. Humphreys was in the city conferring with Professor Janes concerning some of the mill machinery to be installed in the new buildings. Mr. Humphreys hopes to secure the right to install some of his ore crushing machinery. The new Success and Hercules mills in the Coeur d'Alene district each have a set of the Colorado Iron Works' rolls, and report entire satisfaction with their workings.

Mr. Humphreys had a model of his invention and the class was given an opportunity to study the salient features of the invention.

#### Basketball.

The Whitman college basketball team are coming to meet our boys. The game will take place in the gymnasium next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Whitman has the best team in her history have defeated W. S. O. and some more of the strongest teams on the coast.

Our team is improving with rapidity and expect to give the missionaries a fine contest. The second team comes out every night and gives the team a good game and some of the second team men are working the first team men for positions. Feb. 15, 1906. Admission 35c.

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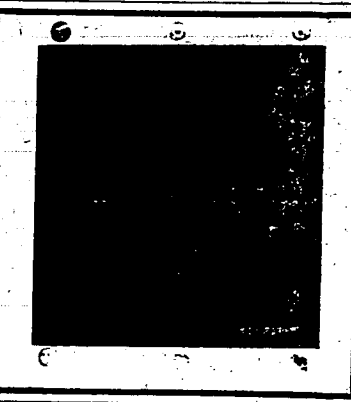
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