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## THE ASSEMBLY

**Able Speeches on College Customs, by Carrie Thompson, W. Myers and J. Galloway**

**Recommendations—Made that Idaho Upper Classmen Devise a Method for Classes to Test Their Strength.**

The second student assembly on last Wednesday was a pronounced success. The attendance was gratifying, and the program enlisted each student's individual interest from start to finish.

At the beginning, two songs were sung, one of which is a new "Varsity song to the tune of "The Pope." It was given heartily and promises to become popular.

The first speaker was Walter M. Myers, '07, who talked on "College Customs in the East." He discussed only Princeton, Harvard and Yale, and confined his talk to the lower class rivalries at the three universities. Yale has interclass contests in football, baseball, and track athletics, but the big event in freshman-sophomore rivalry is the wrestling contest just before the University opens. Heavy, middle and light weight contests are held and the winners are great men all through their college career. The Harvard system is less satisfactory. It consists of a grand free-for-all rush in "College Yard," which lasts at least two or three hours, and which seldom has a definite and decisive outcome. Princeton's system of deciding class supremacy is much better and the most spectacular. It is held at night and is witnessed by thousands of excited students. Two contestants struggle for the possession of a stout hickory stick, and the winner has established definitely the supremacy of the class he represents.

J. W. Galloway, '06, next talked on "College Customs in the West." He considered customs of the fall, of spring, and of class day. He said that at Idaho the freshmen are granted more privileges than anywhere else. The best fall rush is held at Wisconsin where the University campus is near a lake. The Sophs hoist a class flag on a raft, board the raft and station themselves out away from the shore. The freshmen soon row out to them and the big struggle takes place on the raft. California holds what is the best football rally. The procession is led by the Stanford axe, which was captured from the Cardinal men years ago, and which they still long to re-capture. In the spring at Stanford the freshmen hold a formal cremation of all their old text books—if the Sophs do not break it up. In commencement week at Wisconsin the seniors build a gigantic bonfire at night and circle round it in a fierce war-dance. They then smoke the pipe of peace—a pipe three feet long and a cher-

## Watkins' Oratorical Contest

This contest will be held at the University Auditorium on the evening of March 31. The contest is held for the purpose of awarding the Watkins Gold Medal for Oratory. This medal was first awarded by the late Dr. W. W. Watkins, and is now perpetuated in honor of him by the former recipients of the medals.

The winner of this contest in addition to receiving the medal has the honor of representing Idaho in the Interstate Oratorical Contest. In that contest the Universities of Oregon, Washington and Idaho are the participants. Two prizes offered by the King County [Washington] Bar Association are awarded to those winning first and second places in the Interstate contest. Seventy-five dollars is the prize given to the orator winning first place; twenty-five to the one making second.

The possible honors to be gained in these contests are sufficient to invite a large number of contestants. But thus far but few have signified their intention of entering the contest. Others should rouse themselves to action. D. S. Whitehead is manager. Three typewritten copies of all orations must be handed to him by March 16.

ished treasure—after which it is handed down to the coming senior class with solemn and affecting ceremonies.

Miss Carrie Thompson spoke on "Customs in Women's Colleges." In such colleges, she said, the freshmen are treated for sometime as the guests of the upper classes. At Smith College this fact is evidenced in the Freshman Frolic at which upper class women are hostesses. They also hold a picnic in the hills on Mountain Day in October. Formal dramatics in which the expenses are limited to \$18, and many informal plays help to relieve the monotonous round of studies. Two literary societies are conducted, as well. They are small and rivalry for membership is very keen. The Wellesley seniors have a pretty custom of going in procession through the campus, then circling around a marble basin in the campus and singing college songs till chapel time. They give at the year's close, a burlesque on the British House of Commons, under the auspices of the department of constitutional history.

Vassar's big event is the Sophomore-Freshman basket ball game. When the freshmen get through trigonometry they are presented by the sophs with a play reciting the trials through which they have passed. An ice carnival is held in the winter. At the close of the year the seniors hold an auction at which they sell all their old relics of college life. The bidding is naturally keen, when some famous senior's goods are up for sale. Argonaut nominations were to have been made at this assembly but there was no time and 10 minutes of tomorrow's assembly was secured for the purpose.

### Ship Subsidies Debated.

The Websterian Society held an interesting meeting, Saturday night in spite of the windy weather. Robert O. Jones and Mason, of the Freshman team which meets Lewiston this week debated the affirmative of the ship subsidy question against Sol Turley and Guy Holman. Joshua C. Jensen gave a good talk on the "Theory of Evolution."

## IDAHO DEFEATED

**S. A. A. C. Wins Fast Game by Virtue of Ned Brown's Great Work.**

**Wyman Leads in Goal, Throwing With Seven to His Credit. Score 14 all at End of First Half.**

The last half of the basketball game at the Spokane Amateur Athletic club Saturday evening between the University of Idaho five and the club team was as pretty a spectacle of the growing indoor game as one could wish to see, and incidentally it proved to be the period in which the Spokane team gained enough of an advantage to win out, after honors were even at the end of the first half. The final score was 29 to 24, the tally at the end of the first session standing at 14 all.

The Idaho players wound up the first half with such a rush of improved form that the club's adherents were a little apprehensive as to the outcome of the second half. Coach Post's boys were equal to the task before them, however, and had the edge on their opponents to the end of the gamely fought contest. The collegians' expected greater strength in the last half did not materialize.

Ned Barnes was the star of the evening. He popped the ball into the basket from almost every position, angle and distance. It apparently made no difference whether Ned was standing on his feet or whether he was jumping in the air; if he had the ball in his hands it was a nervous half second for his opposite guard.

An enthusiastic band of rosters accompanied the Idaho team from Moscow, and made the gymnasium ring with their college yells. In this they were heartily assisted by alumni and former students of the university who are residents of the city. The game was attended at all stages with great excitement and was close

enough all the way to leave either team a chance to win out. This is the kind of basketball the club's admirers like, and it is quite certain that this game, as well as some others that have been held at the club gymnasium this winter, was far better than its patronage deserved.

Wyman, Idaho's center, led all players of either team in point of goal throwing, but none of his shoots were so sensational as those of the ex-high school athlete, Ned Barnes. Harry Dittmer's injured hand cut down his usual number of baskets. Harry is ordinarily good for half a dozen, and grumbles if he don't get more than that, but he was in no condition last night. Harry Cohn put up his usual game at guard, always on top of his forward. O. L. King outdid himself in the second half; after a few bad mistakes in the first, and Robertson never had a free shot in the last session.

The lineup and score of last night's game: University of Idaho—Wyman, center; W. Robertson, (captain,) forward; W. Balderston, forward; Galloway, guard; R. Small guard.

S. A. A. C.—H. Dittmer, center; Warren Belt, (captain,) forward; Ned Barnes, forward; Harry Cohn, guard; O. L. King, guard.

Goals—Robertson, 4; Wyman, 7; Barnes, 6; Belt, 3; Dittmer, 3; Cohn, 1. On fouls—Robertson, 2; Barnes, 3. Fouls called—on Idaho 8; on S. A. A. C. 8. Score—Idaho 24; S. A. A. C. 29. Referee—John G. Griffith, Idaho. Umpire—R. N. Post, S. A. A. C.—Spokesman-Review.

### Seein' Things At Night.

Whitehead and Rollin Smith became solicitous as to certain of their friends Friday evening, about 8 o'clock and made a tour of the campus to "see what they could see." They had a lantern and a megaphone along. Whom they found could not be told in three lines. They finally fled, for fear of being mobbed by those whom they found out.

Prof. Reed was out of town part of Wednesday and Thursday.

## W. S. C. GLEE CLUB

**Gives Good Entertainment in Moscow Theatre for Benefit of Idaho Baseball Team.**

**Small Crowd Greet the Singers But All Present Greatly Pleased. "Crimson and Gray" Makes a Hit.**

The Washington State College glee club gave a concert in the opera house last Tuesday evening for the benefit of the University baseball team. The crowd that greeted the sweet singers from over the line was small, but very enthusiastic. The entertainment was good and the numbers drew frequent encores.

The first part of the entertainment consisted of selections by the glee club, and college quartette, a piano solo by Professor Kimbrough, and a vocal solo by Mrs. Strong. The best number was the opening song, "The Crimson and Gray," which was sung by the club. The song is a typical college song, and set to sweet music, and was well rendered.

The second part of the entertainment consisted of the presentation of a musical comedy by the members of the club. The best number in this part was the serenade to the American girl, by the quartette. Between acts Mr. Ellis played a coronet solo, which was one of the most enjoyable numbers of the evening.

The club rendered two comical, laughing songs which provoked a great deal of mirth.

The chorus work of the club was beyond reproach and showed careful and hard training. It is to be regretted that the entertainment was billed for a week night which fact made it impossible for many of the students to attend.

### IDAHO'S ONLY HOME TEAM

**Contest with University of Washington to be Held March 29.—A Close Debate Expected.**

A strong team from the U. of W. is to be at Idaho on March 29 to meet Idaho's debaters in the only contest which will take place in our Auditorium this year. It will take hard, steady work from the team and extraordinary support from the student body if Idaho is to win the debate. Preps who have not yet learned to attend college debates, seniors who are too busy, and all the indifferent scores between must turn over a new leaf and attend the coming contest. It will be the one occasion of the year in debating circles, when Idaho students will be called upon to turn out, and in addition it will be the one contest of this and all past years, which it is imperative for Idaho to win.

Dr. Baden was ill last week, and was kept from classes.

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The associate editor is responsible for the appearance of this edition, the editor's time being taken up in preparation for the Oregon debate.

As the spring time approaches there is a great temptation to most of us to spend too much time out of doors—hunting, playing baseball, and even taking long walks in the twilight. Some members of the English Club committees especially seem to be seized with this fever. As a result, the managers of the coming entertainments are experiencing no little difficulty in getting the players to rehearsals or even to learn their parts. It is well for every student to spend a proper amount of time in wholesome out-door exercise. But when he has taken the responsibility of a part in some play or any other work he should not be far forgetting of his duty to discharge it well, as to be prodigal with his time and neglect it.

This is Idaho's year to win the track meet. The opportunity is at hand and all the students have to do is to seize it. By the securing of an able coach, the board has made it possible for Idaho to put out a winning team. The opportunity of being thoroughly coached has never before been enjoyed by our athletes. Heretofore, our track men have been self-made. And the records made by these self-developed athletes serve as a criterion of what we can do with proper facilities. Fellows, fully realize the opportunity that is presented to you.

Every man in college should be in the gymnasium taking those exercises with the track men. Good blood, good health go hand in hand with hard study and thorough, consistent work. All those who have seen the boys work out have signified their intention of joining the squad. All that is asked is that you come and watch the boys work out, and don't be surprised if the next evening finds you with the bunch.

Coach Vande Veer has had phenomenal success in bringing forth star performers from the ranks of the youngsters. He is an able coach and all he pleads for is men, more men. Whether a man thinks he will become an athlete in a thousand years, or not makes not a particle of difference to him. Give yourself a trial. Football men, baseball men, track men, everyone is wanted at the gymnasium each evening at 4:40.

**WILL SPARE NO PAINS**

"As You Like It" to be Presented in Best Manner Possible—Special Costumes Obtained.

An Argonaut reporter saw James H. Fraizer, Friday, regarding the approaching production of Shakespeare's, "As You Like It," under the auspices of the English Club. Mr. Fraizer has been appointed manager of the play.

He said: "We intend to give one of the best plays ever presented by students of the University. Some of the most talented actors in college take part in "As You Like It." Miller and Deyant of Spokane are to furnish special costumes for all the sixteen actors. The play is to be given for the aid of the baseball team. It will come on March 21."

**INTER-CLASS MEET.**

**Freshman Athletes—Claiming to Win the Big Event.**

In the inter class track meet to be held in the near future the Freshmen have every prospect of winning some of the best events. Among the men who were here last year are Pauls, Lefler, Oakes and Barto, who promise to do good work with the discus and shot. Thomas and Jelick are men who can show good high school records and will probably enter for the shot and hammer throw.

In the short dashes several men are expected to show up well, among them Coffin, Numbers, H. R. Smith and Gerlough. Chaffins will be a candidate for the 440 yard dash and Strobbenn will try for the mile. Balderston is a good half mile man. Oakes is the best candidate for the running broad jump and is also a discus thrower. In the pole vault Johnson is a man who is among the best in the college and will undoubtedly represent the University in an intercollegiate meet sometime in the spring. All these men are training carefully under Coach Vande Veer and the likelihood of a winning Freshman team is by no means improbable.

This is the first class to announce that they intend to win the meet. The committee appointed by the Junior class to arrange for the meet will soon start on detailed arrangements. It is planned to have the inter class meet immediately before the first intercollegiate and use the former as a tryout. The Junior class expect a strong team. The other classes have not been heard from as yet but several of their prominent athletes have expressed themselves as willing to enter the meet.

**Successful in Spokane.**

James H. Fraizer spent three days in Spokane last week looking after the financial welfare of the 1907 Annual. He reports substantial success. In addition he let the contract for the printing of the book to Shaw & Bordman. This is one of the best firms which could have been gotten to do the work. They stated to Mr. Fraizer that the '07, "Gem of the Mountains," would be "one of the best and most artistic" annuals ever published by them. This seems to point to a very satisfactory publication this year.

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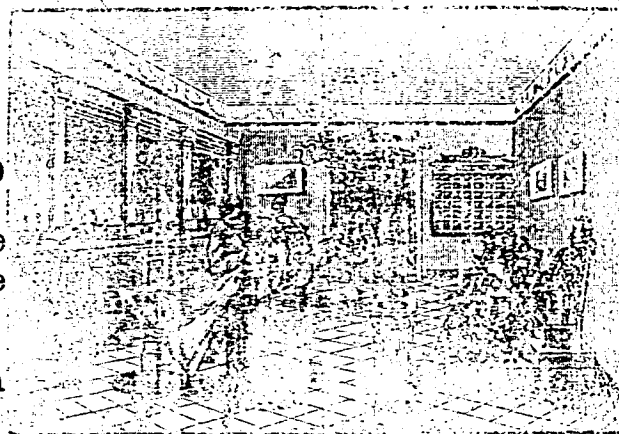
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Miss Darrel, '09, spent a couple of days in Spokane last week.

Clarence Wickstrom went to Lewiston last Tuesday on business.

Dr. H. E. Moore was suffering Thursday from an attack of tonsillitis.

Miss Sonna was not able to attend her classes on Monday of last week.

Eight men have entered the Whitman-Utah tryout which will occur March 20.

D. S. Whitehead has been appointed manager of the Watkins oratorical contest.

J. Goodnight returned to school from Genesee last week after an illness of some days.

Keyes, Burley and Williams, '08, attended the Artisan initiations in Pullman Thursday night.

Misses Claire Norris, and Genevieve Vollmer, of Lewiston, visited the 'Varsity on Friday.

Miss Castello, formerly of the class of 1907 was visiting in Moscow from Tekoa, Wash., last week.

Albert M. McPherson has been promoted from 1st lieutenant to captain and placed in command of Company O.

Mrs. Little, Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Young attended the Clark entertainments at Pullman last week.

Prof. Hulme and Clifford Edmundson went to Pullman, Thursday evening, to hear Prof. Clark in "Richard III."

Herbert Dunton left for his home Thursday morning, where he is to study for an examination for admittance to Annapolis.

Manager A. A. Rogers went to Spokane Friday night to purchase suits for the baseball team. Frank Mazee accompanied him.

Mrs. Emma Reed and daughters, from Salem, Oregon, arrived in Moscow last Wednesday for a visit with Professor Reed.

Prof. Henderson spent several days last week in Lewiston, where he is conducting a series of experiments with a new spray for the San Jose Scale.

Four Sophs B. D. Mudgett, Fred Lukens, Geo. Curtis and Guy Holman, went to Pullman, Wednesday night to hear Prof. Clark, of Chicago University, recite "King Lear." Financial stringency compelled them to walk both ways.

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'Daffy' and 'Brick Top' went to Spokane last Friday. They took the night train because the fare was cheaper.

Prof. E. M. Hulme went to Genesee last Saturday. There he lectured upon "France and England" or "A short trip around the world."

The members of the Columbia Conference of the Swedish Lutheran denomination, now convening in Moscow, visited the University Friday afternoon.

The "patent rooster" of W. S. O. game fame was brought to light for a few moments Friday afternoon and made calm recitation impossible.

Commandant Steunenberg announces that the War Department will issue to the University the Krag-Jorgenson rifles. The battalion will be equipped with the new arms about commencement week.

The Senior Preps will hold an important meeting Tuesday afternoon. The members who will participate in the commencement exercises will be elected. As these positions are important. Considerable electioneering is being done.

Paul Foster, of the Preparatory Department has been appointed Midshipman to Annapolis by Senator Dubois. He went to Spokane Saturday to take the physical examination and will probably leave sometime this week for Annapolis.

### Preps Prepare for Graduation.

Last Wednesday the Senior Preparatory Class met and began arrangements for graduation.

Several forms of graduation exercises were considered, but the one most favored is the same as last year's; an oration, salutation, historian, poet, and valedictorian. Also some music by members of the class and possibly an essay. A committee was appointed to decide definitely upon the matter and report at a meeting next week. At this meeting it is probable that the speakers will be chosen who are to take part in the final exercises.

Since the class is so large that everyone will not be able to take part in the program it will fall to the lot of part of the members to aid the others in making the affair a success.

### Places Ready for 1906 Graduates.

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**NEW COACH ARRIVES.**

**Professor Vander Veer Starts Spring Training.**

Mr. Chas. W. Vander Veer the new track coach, arrived in Moscow Thursday and started active work on Friday. Thirty eight candidates responded to Mr. Vander Veer first call. On Saturday a bigger bunch turned out and at present about seventy men are doing preliminary work. Mr. Vander Veer will work the new candidates in the gymnasium for at least two weeks. It is his intention to put the men in such physical condition that there will be no possibility of over-work. The indoor work consists of bending and setting up exercises. The exercises last only a short time, thus giving each man an opportunity to do his regular work.

Mr. Vander Veer is highly elated over the prospects for track. He says that Idaho has the material for a first class team and all that he wants is men. Several promising men have not yet turned out. It will probably be arranged so that all baseball candidates can take the preliminary work with the track men. The classes begin at 4:40 every day in the week except Saturdays when they begin at four.

**Y. M. C. A.**

The regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A., on Sunday afternoon, was led by Mr. Hunting, who ably introduced the topic, "The Making of a Christian." He was followed by Lukens and Bennett Wiliam who earnestly discussed the different phases of the same subject, which each had chosen. A general discussion followed.

Following the devotional meeting the association held their annual election of officers. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Karl Kayes, president; Ray Peebler, vice president; Long Crooks, recording secretary; Guy Holman, cor. secrearty; Phil Darlington, treas.

**Exchanges.**

The intercollegiate committee of California and Stanford has decided to retain the game of football in its present form.

Whitman College has adopted a new student constitution on the plan of the constitutions of Idaho, Washington and the California Universities.

The University of Montana is considering the adoption of an Associated Students constitution.

The "Minnesota Daily" printed the following at the time of the recent election at that university: "Do not let your friends vote more than five times each, and do not accuse anyone of repeating until you are sure which way his vote is going. Do not interfere with the plans of a man who is larger than yourself; get someone else to do it, and be patient with the upper classman who wants to recall the days of his own political ascendancy. And above all, remember not to get caught."

**Preparatory Department Notes**

The coming class of 1910 voted to have caps ready for further trouble next fall and a committee was appointed by President Edmundson to submit some designs for class discussion at the next meeting.

The Prep secret society known as the S. G. has completed furnishing and decorating its room. Its hallowed walls may be seen by the sterner sex for small price of a photograph or pennant.

Oscar and William Solibakke were absent from school Friday on account of the death of Mrs. Nickerson at Troy.

The second year Preps met last week and decided to have a "blowout" in the near future. They also intend to have a big dance at the Club House sometime in April and invite all of their friends.

Elsie Larson went to Troy Friday.

**New Idaho Song.**

A health! let none the toast decline!  
We pledge thee in no paltry wine,  
But with Devotion's nectar, oh  
We'll brim a cup to Idaho!

What heart but beats in tumult high  
When "Gold and Silver" flaunts the sky?  
What eye but lights with ardent glow  
When fortunes miles on Idaho?

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