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IDAHO'S HARDEST CONTEST

Only Home Debate to be One of Idaho's Fiercest Struggles of the Year

University of Washington Sending Over Three of Her Best Debaters to Contest for This Debate in the Triangular League—The University Auditorium Should Be Packed to the Limit

Thursday evening of this week sees the only intercollegiate debate of the year, to be held at the University of Idaho. A strong team from Seattle will champion the negative of the railroad rate question against Chas. A. Montandon, Jewett D. Matthews and O. P. Darwin. This will be the Moscow end of the greatest battle of debaters ever held in the Northwest.

Every merchant who ships goods, and every other citizen is vitally interested in the solution of the railroad rate problem. Railway tariffs form a part of the living expenses of every man, woman and child in the country, and the question becomes therefore the great political problem of the day. This all important topic will be discussed by eighteen of the most capable debaters in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Senators and representatives reach the people of our states only through the inadequate newspaper reports and the Congressional Record, which is received by comparatively few. Thus, absolutely the best discussion of the problem ever in the

reach of the people of the three Northwest states will be in the triangular debate next Thursday evening.

These facts call for a large attendance of town people at the Washington-Idaho debate. Other considerations, also, DEMAND the attendance of every Idaho student not committing one, from Senior to second year Prep, at this great debate. The three Idaho speakers feel keenly the responsibility imposed upon them to defend the University on this occasion. They will do their utmost to win a victory. But it will be like a wet blanket on their ardor, and it will be an unqualified disgrace to Idaho University if a single student who can be present, fails to attend.

This is a call for the college patriotism that swept all obstacles before it in the race for the football championship. It is the only call for support of debate to be heard by Idaho students this year. It is "up to the students" to respond en masse. Have a hand in licking Washington!

Reform in Spelling.

Andrew Carnegie Starts a Crusade Against Forms that are Cumbersome and Absolute.

Andrew Carnegie, the multi-millionaire steel king, has taken up the crusade against the present methods of English spelling. This philanthropist, who has endowed so many universities and established free libraries all over the world, is willing to bear the expense attendant upon the revision of the present methods.

As a result of the united efforts of Mr. Carnegie and several leading men of letters, a plan has been crystallized by which the work can be carried on. A board has been appointed, which is to be known as the Simplified Spelling Board. It will be their duty to rearrange the entire language, discarding all unnecessary letters and abolish terms.

The motive for this radical revolution in words is that the English language might become the universal language. The main drawback to the use of the English language as the universal is that its spelling is illegible. Most of its orthographical rules are exceptions, thus making it extremely difficult. The agitators of the movement hope to so

simplify the spelling that it will become the great world language, by making it one that is easy to learn.

Familiar words are not to be changed in appearance. The committee proposes to do away with cumbersome forms and by degrees, to substitute for them, forms that are more phonetic.

The immediate activities of the board will be directed by an executive committee, which includes all members of the board living in New York. That committee will have the direct charge of the educational campaign and will do the work through numerous sub-committees. Local societies are to be formed over the country wherever interest in the movement can be fostered.

There is considerable doubt whether Mr. Carnegie's plan will prove a success or a failure.

There are many who think it to be unpracticable and that it is a foolish notion of a would-be reformer. Yet the proposition is taken seriously by hundreds of English-speaking people and some of the prominent college professors and presidents are in the movement.

NEW TYPE OF ASSEMBLY.

Prof. Cogswell Entertains Students With Selections of Piano, in Lieu of an Address.

A pleasant departure from the usual character of the weekly assembly was made last Wednesday when Prof. Cogswell devoted the hour to playing a number of compositions upon the piano. The first number was a Polish Dance, by Xaver Scharwenka which is excellent in structure but which seems to lack the essential Polish spirit that informs the similar compositions by Chopin. It is an interesting number however, and it was played with the abandon that such music requires. A Scherzo by the Russian composer Genari Karganoff contained more force than the preceding number. The genius of his people is strong in Karganoff and while the intense and poetic feeling of which he is capable is not as noticeable in this selection as in his nocturnes, yet it colors this dance and lifts it to the level of real music.

The third number was a dainty Morceau by Benjamin Godard, Femillet d'Album, characteristically French in its quiet and graceful melody. The Tarentelle by Karganoff seems to be a clever exercise in a form alien to the composer.

The third group consisted of the second of Liszt's series of three Love Songs, and an arrangement of the Andante Finale from "Lucia di Lammermoor," for the left hand only, by Leschetizky. The former is a composition of marked melodic beauty and impassioned feeling, and it was given with fire and emphasis. The latter is exceedingly interesting from two distinct points of view. Considered technically it is a clever piece of writing. The melody is well sustained by an accompaniment of very considerable breadth and variety, when the exacting limitation is remembered, and the melody runs clearly and uninterruptedly. As an example of the lovely melodies of the old Italian school of opera the piece is also interesting. The composition was exceedingly well played. It seemed difficult to realize that the melody and the interweaving accompaniment, the latter subordinated so well to the former, were both played by the same hand and that the left hand.

The program was brought to a close with Tausig's arrangement of a Military March, by Schubert. The composition sounds somewhat thin today in theme and harmony. Since Schubert's day the march form has undergone an enormous development.

All of the numbers were well played; and all of them were well received; and it is hoped that a similar recital may be given some time in the present semester.

At the graduation of 45 students, A. W. Sharrer delivered an address at the University of Chicago recently, declaring the university was operated at a loss of \$2,500,000 yearly, or at a loss of \$1,500 for each student.

FIVE MEN CHOSEN

In Interesting Tryout on Saturday Afternoon the Teams to Meet Utah and Whitman Are Chosen.

Price and Montandon to Salt Lake—Darwin, Holman and Matthews Represent the Varsity Against the Missionaries.

Last Saturday afternoon a college tryout was held for the purpose of selecting the Utah and Whitman debate teams. There were nine contestants in the tryout. The speakers were very well prepared, thus making keen competition for places on the teams.

Price and Montandon were chosen to represent Idaho in debate with Utah, while Darwin, Holman, and Matthews will constitute the team which meets Whitman. The tryout was especially interesting and important because the question debated was the triangular question and since several of the triangular debaters entered the contest it showed the strength and preparation of these men who are going to meet Oregon and Washington on Thursday of this week.

The decision of the judges was as follows:

Victor E. Price, 1st, 293 per cent; Chas. A. Montandon, 2nd, 290½ per cent; O. P. Darwin, 3rd, 287 per cent; Guy Holman, 4th, 277½ per cent; J. D. Matthews, 5th, 270 per cent.

After the decision was announced, Dr. Peters and Prof. Hulme, two of the judges, offered short criticisms upon the argument and delivery of the contestants.

Vespers.

The third vesper services for this year was held in the University Auditorium last Sunday afternoon. There was a large audience present. The program rendered was as follows:

Prelude.

Piano Solo—"Salut d'Amour," Prof. Cogswell.

Hymn—"Jesus: Lover of My Soul," Congregation.

Scripture Reading and Prayer, Prof. Morley.

Male Quartette—"Art Thou Weary."

Baritone Solo—"Abide With Me," Prof. Hulme.

Interlude.

Violin Duet—"Serenade," Prof. Judson, Mr. Young.

Alto Solo—"One Sweet Solemn Thought," Mrs. Fry.

Hymn—"Sweet Hour of Prayer," Congregation.

Soprano and Alto Duet—"In His Hands," Mrs. Fry, and Miss McKy.

Male Quartette—"The Reaper."

Doxology.

More grub at the Dormitory! We wonder why?

UNIV. PROF'S. IN SPOKANE.

Inland Teachers Association to be Addressed by Idaho Men.

According to the program of the eighth annual session of the Inland Teachers' association to be held at Spokane, April 5 and 6, Idaho educators will take quite a prominent part. The University of Idaho will be represented by President J. A. MacLean, who will deliver an address on "The Adjustment of Education to Our National Life;" Prof. Fountain will discuss "The Influence of Radium on Modern Theories of Matter;" while Miss Forney will deliver an address on "A Teacher's Summer on the Continent," recounting her impressions of a hurried trip through the old countries, made last summer. The university quartette, consisting of Messrs. Morley, Eldridge, Young and Oakes, will also be present.

The State Normal School at Lewiston will be represented on the program by President Black, who will lead the discussion on a paper to be read by President H. H. Swain of the Montana State Normal School at Dillon, on "Professional Growth of Teachers While in Service," and Supt. Wright, who will likewise lead the discussion on a paper by Seth O. Wilson of Spokane on "Some Causes of Delinquency."

The Washington State College at Pullman has selected as its contribution to the meeting, a series of lectures upon the resources of the Inland Empire to be fully illustrated by exhibits and stereoscopic views. Whitman College is to represent the value of classical studies to students of English literature. The University of Montana will be represented by President Craig, who is expected to deliver an address upon "History and its Interpretation," and Prof. Elrod who will give an illustrated lecture on "Mountain Scenery of this Region."

A Genuine Opportunity.

The English Club presents Shakespeare's "As You Like It" in the first week of April. Some real talent is being brought to light in the daily rehearsals, and the acting will be very creditable. The players will appear in costume. The stage setting will go back to the simplicity of the Elizabethan theatre, but this will only add to the interesting character of the production. Shakespearean plays rarely come to Moscow, consequently "As You Like It" will be a genuine opportunity for students and townspeople, in the line of good dramatic performances.

A committee of the senior class at California has chosen the play for commencement. It is an extravaganza written by two members of the class.

California has been chosen president of the Association of American Universities. Harvard was elected vice president, Columbia as secretary and Wisconsin and Chicago placed on the executive committee.

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There have been many attempts by various students and faculty members to agitate a student labor day. Most of the Western universities set aside some day in the year for the students to do something for their college. At Stanford and the University of Washington the day is spent cleaning and beautifying the college campus.

The University of Idaho needs such a day. There are many minor things that students could do that would make the buildings and grounds look attractive. We need more trees around the campus, we need new walks. The driveway might be put into a more respectable condition.

Then, too, there is the proposition of the athletic field. The monster undertaking could not be done in one day. But by doing a little each year we would soon have a good field. Say we should have two labor days in the year, one in the fall and one in the spring. Two hundred students with picks and shovels could do a great amount of work.

It is hoped that the students will consider the proposition of a student labor day. Arbor day would be an excellent date. Will not some one come forward and suggest a thoroughly organized plan for a movement of this kind? Many of the students have expressed approbation of such a plan. If the executive committee will permit a suggestion by the Argonaut, the paper would suggest that they begin this important problem before the student body.

Following the precedent established by several of the leading college weeklies the Argonaut will henceforth run a column of state news. This column will be gleaned from the best daily newspapers and will contain items of interest to the students.

Remember that Idaho spirit that sets us all afire in the football season? Remember the Washington game? Well, it is "up to us" again! Washington will be here Thursday night. Get your shoulders to the wheel. Boost for a victory in the triangular league. You may be a senior. This, then, will be your last chance to cheer an Idaho debate team. You may be a second year prep. For the sake of your University, don't wait two years to learn the habit of doing your duty by Idaho debate teams. Do it now!

SCISSORS AND PASTE.

Here, There and Everywhere.

The U. C. rifle team won the championship cup, defeating Co. D of San Rafael, by a score of 400 to 300.

Princeton, Yale, Columbia and Pennsylvania have formed teams with the idea of introducing intercollegiate wrestling.

The seniors won the interclass track meet at California, with the Freshmen second, and the Juniors hanging onto the smallest end of the rope.

The University of Michigan has adopted the new rules formulated by the conference of the "Big Nine" which was held in Chicago recently.

The Daily Californian has offered \$25 for a university song so that they will have something of their own and not have to use Pennsylvania's song any more.

It is reported that Senator Depew will retire from the position of a Yale director at the expiration of his present term. Senator Depew has been a member of the Yale corporation of eighteen years.

At a meeting of the trustees of Northwestern University held on March 23 it was decided to abolish football at the University for five years. It was agreed to engage one member of the faculty to have charge of all athletics.

The joint athletic committee of the University of California and Leland Stanford Jr. University has adopted a resolution recommending that the two institutions substitute the Rugby football game for the present game until a satisfactory national game is developed.

The class of 1906 at Stanford has taken the first step toward a system of reunion; the alumni to be the guests of the Seniors during commencement week. The scheme calls for a reunion of the classes which have graduated three and six years before and of the classes every five years previous to that time. The class of 1911, for example, will invite the classes of 1908, 1905, 1900 and 1895 each succeeding class following out the same general plan. By this system the classes will assemble every five years after the first two reunions. The classes will return upon invitation of the Seniors, and will be provided with a weeks amusement and entertainment and entertained by them.—Palo Alto.

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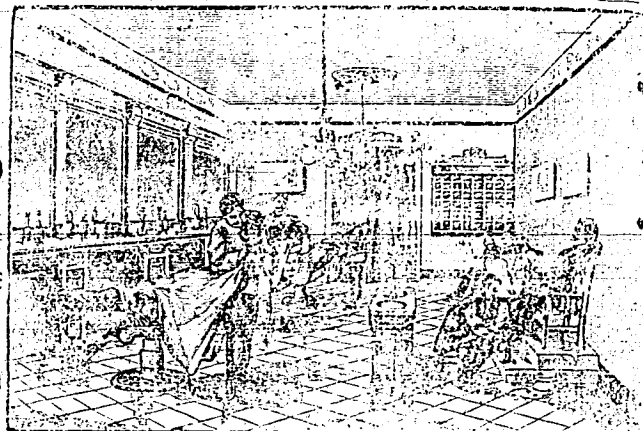
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Misses Gibson, Tilley and Howard are visiting the home-folks.

Miss Della Shaff returned from her home in Lewiston the first of last week.

The Y. M. C. A. meeting at 2:45 Sunday afternoon was held by Tolman.

Ora Howard spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Lewiston.

Dr. Moore was unable to meet her classes last week on account of illness.

Frank French, ex-'06, spent several hours visiting friends at the college last week.

Mr. W. W. Stokesbury, '09, was out of school part of last week on account of sickness.

Professor Janes and the mining students took another roam over the hills last Saturday.

Mr. N. B. Adkison took a trip to Lewiston Saturday in the interests of the '07 annual.

Miss Sonra gave an instructive lecture to the Junior and Senior engineering classes last Tuesday.

Mrs. Young and Mrs. French are now preparing to entertain the Seniors in the near future.

Amanda Moerder, '06, who has been on the sick list for some time began her regular work Tuesday.

Several students and members of the faculty went to Pullman to hear Mme. Galski the great Wagnerian soprano.

The date for the presentation "As You Like It" by the English Club has been postponed from March 31 to April 3.

Moscow High School and Palouse High School will test for supremacy in declamation, oratory and debate at the opera house on April seventh.

Myrtle Robinson, '09, will leave the last of the week for Seattle. She will attend the University of Washington the coming year.

Fred Collins, formerly a student in the preparatory department has passed the examination for mail clerk and will enter the government service shortly.

The annex to the administration building at the Lewiston Normal has been completed and was formally dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on Saturday, the seventeenth of March. The annex was constructed at a cost of about \$30,000.

The track work begins in earnest today. The squad will do all of their training outside from now until the meets come off.

Remember the U. of W. debate, March 29! It is our end of the big three-cornered debate league and we MUST be there!

The advanced Botany class listened to a valuable and interesting paper last Wednesday, the "Mitosis of the Nucleus" by Mr. Yothers '07.

James Frazier, editor-elect of the Argonaut, will deliver an address to the students of the Moscow High School next week on the subject of English Literature.

P. S. Darlington, '07, went to Juliaetta last Thursday to oversee the spring spraying for scale which is being conducted in several orchards at Juliaetta.

Spring is coming, and it is about time for that new suit. Can you afford to buy a new one. If not bring your old one to us and we will make it look like new. Oakes & Small. 22w4. Phone 221.

Contractor Zeigler has started the excavations for the new mining buildings. The work on these buildings will be vigorously pushed, and the contractor expects to have both completed within the time limit.

Professor French, director of the experiment station has refuted the contentions made by several Walla Walla farmers that the use of formaldehyde as a preventative of smut is injurious to the germinating qualities of the grain.

The triangular track meet is beginning to look like a sure thing. Both Oregon and Idaho have agreed to the proposition presented by Washington and all that remains to be done is to complete minor arrangements.

The new baseball togs have arrived and the team will don them for the first game next Friday. The new uniforms are very neat and have no "hoodoos" in their makeup. The suits are dark blue in color. "Idaho" in white block letters is on the front of the shirts. The cap is the regular athletic cap with long visor and a white "I" on the front of the crown. The boys will wear white stockings. Why not make carpet rags of these ancient red suits that have "queered" us for the past three years?

IDAHO STATE NEWS

Gleaned from Our Exchanges.

At Nezperce, Idaho, a large mass meeting of citizens was recently held wherein they scored Eugene V. Debs for his anarchistic utterances. The meeting was held for the purpose of checking the growing sentiment in favor of Debs' declarations. A large portion of the socialists

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are adverse to the sentiments of Debs. The mass meeting adopted resolutions condemning Debs for preaching revolution and sowing seeds of anarchy. On the committee that signed the resolutions were two democrats, and a socialist.

The Republican State Convention called for the purpose of nominating an entire state ticket will be held in Pocatello on Aug 1.

Governor Gooding has announced an additional \$1000 as a reward for the arrest of L. J. Simpkins, wanted for complicity in the Steunenberg murder. This makes a total reward of \$2000 offered for Simpkins' apprehension.

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ATHLETES WANT TO KNOW

Demand Positive Action by Badger University Faculty.

Madison, Wis., March 20.—The Wisconsin track athletic team met to-night and called the Michigan dual meet off. The meeting was the result of an announcement by Prof. T. S. Adams, faculty supervisor of athletics, that there would be no track athletic coach hired this season; that there would probably be no football playing here next fall, and that the teams should be coached by the captains.

Electric Railway for Moscow

It is now an almost assured fact that Moscow is to be on the line to be constructed by the Spokane & Inland. Representatives of the company have recently visited the community and asked for a bonus of \$20,000 to secure the right-of-way through the city. The "Booster Club" has taken up the proposition and to date has secured \$12,000. By the middle of this week the entire amount will have been raised and one more improvement secured for the residents of the enterprising city.

It is the plan of the company to extend the line which is being built to Palouse, to Moscow via Viola. They will also run a branch line from Thornton to Colfax and from Colfax to Moscow via Pullman.

The benefits that will be derived by the citizens of Moscow can hardly be overestimated. The college students will be able to make flying trips to Spokane and neighboring cities for normal sums. Excursions can be secured for debates, track meets, and football games, thus securing better support for student activities. The students will welcome the coming of this line and will support the project.

Baseball.

During the few days of good weather we have had this week Coach Griffith has taken advantage of the opportunity to line up the base ball men and work them out for the different positions. The candidates for pitcher are Middleton, Roosevelt, and Hanson. Robertson, Thomas, Small, Johnson and Jelick will probably try for other infield positions. In the out field the best men are Oakes, Galloway, Magee, Wyman, and Nichols. Sallvidge, Numbers and Balderston are trying for the position of catcher. In the practice this season special attention is being paid to batting practice. Batting was the team's weak point last year but this point will be strengthened this season and the prospects are good for a strong hitting team.

The two preliminary games will take place Friday and Saturday.

day of this week in Lewiston. The game on Friday will be with Lewiston High School and on Saturday with the Normal, a hard nut to crack last year holding the Varsity down to a 3 to 2 score. In Davis, their southpaw, they have one of the best amateur pitchers in the country.

CAPTURED MASCOT GONE.

"Squirt" of W. S. C. Grows Restless and Seeks Former Haunts—Probably Assisted in His Escape.

"Squirt" the mascot from W. S. C. turned up missing early Tuesday morning and it is thought that he was captured by a gang of the Pullman farmers who had come over for that purpose. Some of the Idaho faculty were not in favor of keeping "Squirt" and it is not known whether he was purposely turned loose to avoid further discussion or whether he got away of his own accord. At any rate a crowd of the Washington men who were "visiting" in Moscow were seen having a hilarious liquid celebration over some important event Tuesday morning. Simultaneous with this jollification "Squirt's" absence was discovered.

CADETS CHALLENGE.

Seek Competitive Drill With Any Military Organization in the State.

"The University Cadets challenge any military organization in the state to a competitive drill, not excluding U. S. regulars."

(Signed) Geo. Steunenberg, Commandant.

The above challenge was sent to the Boise Statesman by Lieut. Steunenberg on March 22. Lieutenant Steunenberg has drilled the battalion to a high degree of efficiency and feels confident that the boys can wrest honors from any organization in the state.

Every opportunity to stimulate interest in the drill is being seized. Captain Ohrisman has offered a medal for the best drilled cadet and one for the best shot. The officers of Co. "O" have offered a medal for the best drilled cadet in that company.

The commandant is making vigorous efforts to secure a good place for the spring encampment. Considerable difficulty is being experienced in securing equipment from the state, but this difficulty will probably be overcome. The first week in May will be used for the encampment.

Y. M. C. A.

The regular Y. M. C. A. meeting was held last Sunday afternoon. No definite set topic was discussed. Each member was given an opportunity to speak upon the subject of his own choice. The meeting was well attended.

Remember U. of W. debate, March 29.

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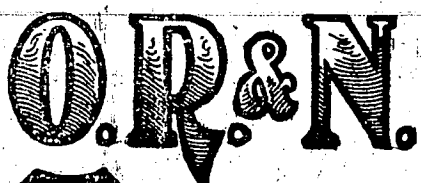
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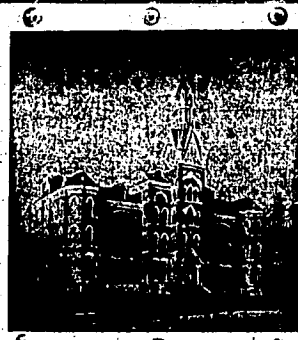
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