# THE UNIVERSITY ARGONAUT 

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Two Universities Clash on Music and Comedy Delight a the Rostrum Thursday Packed House

Close Conitests Expected in Triangular Debates on Japanese Exchision Question
Idaho's affirmative team in the triangular debates meets the Uuiversity of Washington trio here next Thursday in a debate on the question of extending the Chinese Exclusion Laws to the Japanese. The negative team will de fend-the silver and gold against the University of Oregon at Eugene. Ore gon and Washington clash at Seattle
For several weeks the two Idako teams have been working hard on the question, delving into the available literature on the subject and whipping their arguments into shape by practice contests. R. O. Jones, B. D. Mudgett and J. D. Matthews, who go to Eugene, will put up a well planned fight for the decision against Japanese exclusion. The affirmative team, composed of Guy Holman, F. E. Lukens and W. K. Gwin, are prepared to make the strongest possible effort to break the hoodoo which has hung over Idaho in the home debates of the in-ter-state series. They will contest with Wylie Hemphill, Rex Raudebush, and Kenneth Durham of the University of Washington.
The contest which will be held in the M. E. church Thursday evening;

W. K. GWINN, oo
expected to be a warm fight from beginning to end. The question is narrower than others which have been debated before in the triangular league so that an out-and-out clash is surer to occur. It is likely to be a discussion in which the directest type of intercollegiate debating will predominate.
In the two former inter-state conrests between the Universities of Oregon; Washington and Idaho, the University of Idaho has won first and second place, respectively. If this high record is to be continued the teams must acquit themselves very creditably this week. They can do this only on condition that they feel that the student body is supporting debate and wishes to see them win. A crowded house at the Methodist church next Thursday evening will go far towards helping the Idaho team to win a victory.
played "Dick" with noteworthy suc cess, meeting fully the demand of the part for serious acting. Ralph Wyman as the freshman friend of the hero , Ludwig Gerlough as Dick's mistaken accuser did excellent acting Nôbody else in the cast was so well suited to his or her part as was Leora Myers, whose acting as Mrs. Bone was an irresistable portrayal of the kitchen's ineffectual strivings after the culture of the parlor. Mary Hall and Edna Davis did full justice to their parts and deserve special mention. Small-boy impudence and omnipresence was sucimpudence and omnipresence was suc-
cessfully presented by Horton McCallie in the part of Thomas. Edward, Mrs. Bone's son.
Local hits were interspersed through the play and at such unexpected places sometimes that consternation and suspense was writ large on the faces of those who privately felt themselves eligible as victims of the jesters. A song now and then added variety to the action. "Boola Boola" and "Since I First Met You" were the best, "dl though many in the audience gave the palm to Ralph Wyman's little solo to the servant girl, "Come Nestle Closely.".
The musical clubs kept things moving. between acts. The Mandolin players, Prof. Soulen's Men's Glee club, and Miss Caldwell with her company of feminine warblers, vied with each other in the effort to keep the musical part of the program up to the standard of the rest. That they succeeded was the verdict of the audience which demanded an encore to every number. Mr. C. C. Tull's new Idaho song was rendered at the close by the combined musical clubs.

## Y.M. C. A. nt Work

The newly elected officers of the Christian Association got together Friday night for conference of necessary work before them. Their principal subject of discussion was the appointment of the chairmen of committees for the year just begun. After a thorough canvass of the available men for each position, President Crooks appointed the chairmen. The staff of Assóciation workers is now as follows: President, T. T. Crooks; vice-president, G. O. Tolman; recording secretary, G. F. Watts; corresponding secretary, David Patrie; treasurer, A. P. Beckner; chairman of religious, work committee, Arthur Hunting; Bible sutdy committee, G . H. Maughn; membership committee, R. E. Peebler; social committee, F. P. R. E. Peebler; social committee, F. P. ployment bureau, G. O. Tolman.
Jarl Pauls, 11 , has recently re ceived an appointment to the United States military academy at West Point.
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## Thursday Evening

Methodist Church
DEBATE
Washington vs

Idaho
In 3rd Triangular Series
WANTED: A Big Crowd, a Fast Debate and an Idaho Victory

## LOWER CLLSSES SCRAP

1911 Class Plan Successful Coup on Their Rivals

Despite Promises of Organized Content, Freshes Set Upon Sophs
7 Saint Patrick's day just couldn't pass without registering some sort of scrap between the freshman and sophomore classes. It has been a custom for several years and many days before the day came the very air scented of an approaching conflict. The two classes had rejected the plan of an or ganized contest as proposed by the joint committee from the junior and senior classes and promised to produce a relay contest which would be a great inprovement on old form. But the. relay race never occurred. . The trouble started early-in the morning when the freshmen first noticed a large streamer of green bunting, floating from one of the guy lines which supports the large derrick, at the new "ad" building. The wily freshmen chose a time when few other students. were around to take down the banner. At the close of the first period three venturesome "freshies" loosened the guy line while, one climbed the huge jim-pole and tore the bunting down. But before he could complete the act a dozen or more sophs emerged from Morrill Hall and ran to the rescue of their banner. This was the signal for action and hordes upon hordes of freshmen rushed to the scene. They came like-a mighty army, more, more, and y yet more.
A fierce contest then ensued for a ew minutes which ended in a victory for the freshmen. The five to one ratio increased and continued to increase until 16 to 1 was reached. The result was that every sopomore was bound hand and foot and carried to the campus and exhibited to the idle scrutiny of the other students. The coup was complete but whather it was sweet to the victors is a question. The scrap was good-natured and although indecisive and objectionable did much to fill the heads of the freshmen full of "baloon bubbles" and they at least think they are the greatest class, physically, that ever entered the Varsity. But bear in mind the ratio of 16 to 1 is extremely unpopular.
The sophomores were tied and watched until Dr. McLean appeared on the scene and demanded the release of the prisoners. In a few well chosen remarks he emphasized the facts which were unmanly about the contest and invited a joint committee from the lower classes to meet with him and discuss plans for the rest of the day. The joint committee met with Dr. McLean at one o'clock and a long conference ensued. The result was that the relay was declared off and the plans of the lower classes wholly miscarried.

Cadets. who have been living like house plants during the winter months will probably be. greatly relieved to know that there will be a stove in each tent during the encampment. Rinitit



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## The Lowerclassman Failure <br> The uneven contest which was

 waged between the lower classes last week was fun-0, such funl-but who is it that does not deplore the passing of a pleasant custom even though it be for only a year? The fight last week was indecisive and far more rough than any-organized form of contest could have been. The students were genuinely deceived when they accept ed assurance that a satisfactory contest could be devised by the lower classes Such a thing is not natural; it is not compatible with the traditions of the University. It has always been in the province of the upper classmen to advise, legislate and suggest rules for the government of the underclassmen and if this policy is wrong a mighty discovery has, at once, been made.As a result of the lack of responsibility to Tuesday's program severe features were injected that would have been eliminated by upper class control: The tampering with University property is not to be tolerated and con stitutes a serious breach of discipline The students should discontinue any such act.
Furthermore, the posters that were posted all over the city Tuesday night. They were "rank.". They were no witty. They bespoke the vacan mind. It may have taken consider able gray matter to produce them but it would not have required the exer cise of much of it to realize that they should'nt be posted. What is so sickening as the ap searance of these posters? Copy catl copyl copy cat! Year after year they have appeared: Always the same tone of slander; noth ing new; nothing original. How long will it continue? Must we forever be subjected to this disease? Will it ever cease? "For the good of humanity" and those misguided youth who perpetrate these silly schemes we hope so.

## STUDENT BUNCOMBE

According to Mr. Metcalfe in his talk in convocation yesterday moming , buncombe" is self-deception and the consequent attempt to deceive others. The term, therefore, is very inclusive, taking in graft, dishonesty and misconception of all sorts. Among the various sorts of buncombe are some big and little buncombes of college life.

A very recent case of buncombe is that of the Michigan students who (according to the press reports) swarmed on a fivecent theatre two thousand strong and totally demolished private, property amounting to more than a hundred collars because a student had been roughly handled by an officer of the lave for boisterous conduct during the performances. Now undoubtedly it would be a good thing If tome more of the cheap entertain ment refolts of the student were doae
away with but a little more lawfu procedure would be more apt to re ceive the sanction of the public. But hif sing oilh ghing about such bui conbeidesi is that they are invaribly justificid on the surface by mistaten deas such, as that ot spirit or a overflow of youthful energy" in which there is rothing more than the name of something which no ove can define, but which sentiment and blind laith say are greatly to be sought for:-
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## Trustees of Carnegle Fund Giv

Cdaho Gratifying Position
Probably the most careful-investigation of the various educational institutions of the country made in recen years is that the results of which the trustees of the Carnegie fund for the advancement of teaching have published. The benefits of the Carnegie fund are limited to the schools with full college rank. Up to the present time its benefits are limited to the privately endowed schools, and are no available for the professors of univer sities: The state university authorities have been asking that the fund be opened to their professors also, and in considering the question the investigaion referred to was made.
To rank as a college an institution must require of students for admission to its freshman year four full, years of high school work. This is reckoned in studies as 14 units, each unit repre enting one subject studied five times per week for one school year. Schools to be reckoned colleges must have this 14-unit minimum as their requirement or admission.
Studying the report of the .trustees is found that there are 39 state uni versities. Fourteen of these are rated at 15 , that is they require work represented by 15 units before a student can be admitted to their freshman year. Eight more are ranked at 14 . Thus a little over half of the whole number are classed as collegiate by the Carnegie fund trustees. Those failing to be so ranked are for the most part in the southern states. The University of Idaho ranks in the highest class, those requiring 15 units for admission. Washington and Oregon rank the same Montana and Wyoming universities rank 14; and so would still come under the Carnegie class as colleges. Of the other state institutions in neighboring states Nevada ranks 12 and Utah 10.7. It may be rather a surprise to find that some of the largest universities rank at 14, that is make lower requirements for admission than does Idaho. Among these are the universities of Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Nebraska:Boise Capital news.

## Each in His Own Tongue

 $\underset{\text { By W. H... Carruth }}{\text { Unity }}$
## fire mist and a planet

A crystal and a cell,
A jelly-fish and a saurian,
And caves where the cave-men dwell Then a sense of law and beauty And a face turned from the clod Some call it Evolution,
And others call it God.
haze on the far horizon,
The infinite tender sky,
The ripe, rich tints of the cormfields, And the wild geese sailing high; And all over upland and lowland The charm of the golden-rod Some of us call it Autumn, And others call it God.
Cike tides on a crescent sea-beach When the moon is new and thin Tnto our hearts high yearnings. Come wellitig the d surging. in, Come from the mystic ocean,

Whose rim no 1001 has trod;
Some of us call it Longing,
Others call it God.
p picket frozen on duty,
A mother staryed for brood Socrates : arinking the hembock
And Jesus on the rood;
Andmillions, who, humble andnaimeless The straight, hard pathway trod; Some call it Consecration
And others call it God

## Seniors Challenge Facilty

Moscow, Idaho, Mar. 20, 1908 To the members of the faculty in general, principally of the department of basketball:
Whereas, it has not been the custom in previous years for the senior class to how their prowess in basketball, and Whereas, several members of the aforesaid faculty, in the department of basketball, have made rash statements as to their superiority in the said game I basketball,
Be it resolved, That we the senior class of the University of Idaho do hereby express our earnest desire to take the faculty ${ }^{*}$-off their perch and hat we do hereby challenge the aforesaid faculty members of the depart ment of basketball, to a game of bas ketball. The basketball game to be played at the time, place and under the rules, the aforesaid members of the faculty of the department of basket

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Mrs. Wagner, from Iowa, mother o Mrs.-John-R. Middleton, is visiting at Coach "Mid's"' home.
The Kappa Sigmas were the hosts a a smoker given ta the members of Theta Mu Epsilon at the Kappa Sig house last Friday evening.

A scheme is under way for forming a debate contract with the Univer sity of Utah, calling for a series of con tests to be held alternately at Salt Lake and Boise.

News of the Colleges
Stanford athletes made the following records at a field meet Friday:

100 yard dash, $10 \quad 2-5$; 220 yard dash, 23 1-5, 220 hurdles, $241-5$; 440 yard dash $54 ; 880$ yard run; 2 ; 04 ; Miie, 4.45; 2 mile, $10.222-5 ; 120$ hurdern 1-5; High jump, 5.5; Broaquump, 20.11:
Recently the University of Chicago class in journalism took entire charge of one issue of the Aurora [III.] Daily Beacon, and got out a paper which astonished the people of Aurora by its liveliness, interest, and by the number of "scoops" on the rival daily: The next edition of the Beacon contained the following paragraph in commendation of the work of the Chicago students
"Students in journalism at the University of Chicago under Dean George E. Vincent, edited Saturday's Beacon. The entire task was performed by the class, and the usual standard of the paper was maintained. Several novel features, introduced for the occasion, made a favorable impression.'
"Governor Hughes of New York, candidate for the Republican nomination for President, spoke from his automobile before Tremont Temple yesterday afternoon to three hundred Harvard men who had formed an enthusiastic escort up Tremont street from the Hotel Touraine. The governor's speech was strikingly virile and vigorous and was constantly interrupted by thusiastic cheering. Mr. Hughes said that this escort was an improvement on his last occasion of being serenaded in Albany when the crowd sang "So Long Charley, Don't You Never Come Back Home!" "After speaking of his pleasure in being able to address such a a crowd, he said that anyone who could look into such faces and have any fear for the country's future was a pessimist for whom there was absolutely no hope. The college man, he remarked, can see about as far into a stone wall as any man there is, but he must not be in such a hurry to get rich that he forgets his duties as an honest citizen. He recognizes the serious things in life, however, and in his hands lies the future of our commonwealth; you are almost always sure, also, that he is going to play the game square because he is in it. The great thing about being honest is that even though unsuccessful in securing office, one cannot regret the means employed."一Har vard Crimson.

- The sophomores of the University of Washington have recently finished a four in which they played Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night" to appreciative audiences in several west Washington towns. At Tacoma, Bellingham, Ever-
to good houses. The result fas been a wide and effective advertising of the University.
Berkeley has invited W. S. C, to enter the Relay Carnival to be held there April 11: Mgr. Lewls said that W. S. C. would be unable to send a team on account of the near proximity of this meet with the Montana mect April 25.
Syracuse University has what is called the "laboratory" method for training its - upper classmen in public speaking. It consists of furmishing speakers for all manner of functions in the neighiboring towns and villages giving practical experience to those participating, and incidentally spread ing the influence and name of the university.


## Size of the Earth

Professor L. E. Gurney addressed the last assembly, giving a very vivid idea of the size of the earth. He demonstrated, with the aid of charts what we know by actual measurements of length, mass and time, and also the extents measured by science. As an example of the great distance of some of the stars, it takes fifty years for light to travel from the north star to the earth. He discussed the comparative weights of the earth, Jupiter, the-sun and an atom.
The extent of time, which is gener ally considered much greater than any other, is in reality much less than that of length and mass.
The question is often asked, "why we are placed here as we are and what we are." Professor Gurney made it plain, however, that we are in the right place and that, as everything does not change with the same ratio, if we were either diminished or increased to any extent we would not be able to any ex
exist.

After this very interesting address, Judge O. E. McCutcheon, of Idaho Falls, the new member of the board of regents, made a few well chosen remarks. He stated, however, that he was here to look after the needs of the University and not to make speeches.
The assembly was opened by music which was furnished by the mandolin club and the male quartette.

## Argonant Election

In a quiet election last Friday the Argonaut staff for the year 1908-9 was chosen, as follows Editor, Toney T. Crooks, associate editor; Frank P. Stewart; business manager, Robert St. Clair; assistant business manager, Ernest Griner. Crooks and St. Clair had no competition. The only real contest was on the office of associate editor, and even in that no considerable campaigning was done. Proctor Perkins-got 60 -votes -against-107-for Stewart. Harry H. Daus also ran for the position of assistant business manager, receiving 12 votes aganst 147 for the successful candidate.
Toney T. Crookf, '09, who is to edit the University weekly next year, is without previous experience in newspaper work, although he is a successful student in the literary courses and will doubtless easily accustom himself to the duties of his position. He is president of the Y. M. C. A., was president of the junior clrss last semester, and was one of the two who succeeded in passing the Rhodes scholarship examination last January. Frank P. Stewart, elected associate editor, is a sophomore who is at present on the Argonaut staff, and is also a member of the 1910 "Gem of the Mountains" board. Robert St. Clair, ' 0 '9, will take up the duties of business mănager with considerable experience gained as manager of this year's Junior Annual Emest Griner, '10, who captured the assistant business managership, is at present president of the sophomores.

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