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## PREPARE ENCAMPMENT

### Commandant Plans New Features for the Annual Encamping Out Week

When the university battalion of cadets falls in line next Monday and marches to the camp ground south of the railroad depots for its annual one-week encampment, it will find several improvements over the accommodations on previous encampments. Lieutenant Smith has been making vigorous preparations to assure a successful week of practical work for the cadets.

In order to alleviate the dangers of camping out when there has not been sufficient warm weather to take the winter chill out of the ground cots and stoves will be placed in the tents. The people of Moscow have subscribed \$200 to the encampment fund, and the regents have added another \$100. Of this total sum over \$200 will be spent on permanent equipment. Sibley stoves and pipe will cost \$65 and about \$175 will be spent for cots. The camp will be illuminated at night by electric lights.

A small fee will be levied upon each cadet, if necessary, to defray the expenses of the mess; but a part of this expense, at least, is expected to be raised by a new scheme. A dancing pavilion will be erected on the grounds, lighted with electricity, and three hops will be given in the course of the week. The music will be furnished by the battalion band and by a student orchestra. A nominal sum will purchase a ticket for the three evenings. These hops will be open to all members of the university. If the weather is mild, they should prove great successes.

The following program for the week has been outlined by Lieutenant Smith: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday there will be close and extended order drill in the morning and guard mounting and dress parade in the evening. On Wednesday Governor Gooding will be at the university and there will be a battalion review in his honor. There will be no regular drill on Friday, but the time will be partly spent in preparation for camp illumination that night. The usual sham battle is scheduled for Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon will be devoted to breaking camp.

### Y. W. C. A.

On Wednesday afternoon, March 25th, a very interesting meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held at Liszt Hall. This was the second meeting of the organization since the time has been changed from Sunday afternoon. It is hoped that by this change more girls will be able to attend the meetings.

The subject of Wednesday's meeting was, "College Girls' Excuses." Miss Gladys Scott led the meeting.

Mrs. Soulen assisted at the meeting by giving one of her pleasing solos.

Meetings of the Y. W. C. A. will be held every Wednesday afternoon at Liszt Hall at 3:50. All girls are cordially asked to come to these meetings.

Some of the students in the classes in education are teaching in Moscow High School, taking charge of the courses formerly taught by Superintendent Bevis.

## CHAMPIONS OF FIVE STATES

### Idaho Again Decisively Demonstrates Her Forensic Powers

#### The Debates

At Seattle, Washington 3; Oregon 0  
At Eugene, Oregon 1; Idaho 2  
At Moscow, Idaho 3; Washington 0

For the second time the University of Idaho has won the championship of the Triangular Debate League; and for the third time she has won the undisputed championship of the five states in the Pacific Northwest—Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Utah. All three of the debates were held on the same evening. The same question was used in all the contests. It read thus, "Resolved, that the Chinese Exclusion laws should be applied to Japanese immigrants to the United States." In every case the home team supported the affirmative and the visiting team upheld the negative. Idaho and Washington met at Moscow, Washington and Oregon at Seattle, and Oregon and Idaho met at Eugene.

#### The Moscow Debate

At Moscow the Idaho team consisted of Willard K. Gwin, Fred E. Lukens, and Guy Holman. The Washington debaters were Kenneth Durham, Rex Roudebush, and J. Wiley Hemphill. The judges were Judge Edwin McBee, Judge R. T. Morgan, and Judge Edward S. Fowler. The chairman was George H. Fields.

Gwin opened the debate. He contended, in the first place, that Japanese laborers are not needed; that there is an abundance of white labor in the Pacific Coast states. In the second place, he argued, Japanese laborers are positively harmful. First, they keep European immigrants from coming to the Coast States, and second, they engage in rough, manual labor only temporarily—they enter the skilled trades and business occupations as soon as they have acquired the necessary command of English and the requisite capital.

Durham said that the negative might possibly admit that evils result from Japanese immigration. The debate is a question as to the best means of checking that immigration. Examination shows the particular set of laws advocated as a remedy by the affirmative to be too drastic, and harsh. Japanese immigration is so small in volume as to render the total exclusion advocated by the affirmative too drastic. These laws submit the suspected Chinese to treatment unduly harsh. Therefore they are undesirable.

Lukens attacked the statistics presented to show that the volume of Japanese immigration is small. He called the attention of the audience to the fact that the first affirmative speech had revealed the fact that not a single Japanese immigrant is needed. So laws that provide for total exclusion are not drastic. Then the highest authority was quoted to prove that the laws

under consideration are not unnecessarily harsh. After this he proceeded to show that every single Japanese adds to an already serious race problem. He spoke with earnestness and with strong emotional persuasion.

Rex Roudebush was easily the strongest speaker for the visitors. In self-possession, intelligent and effective delivery, and ability to grasp the essential points of a question he is unusually gifted. He continued the argument that the Chinese exclusion laws are ineffective and then he proceeded to unfold the plan of the negative for the solution of the problem—diplomacy. It was an airy scheme. Much talk and a little rhetoric about diplomacy in general. A reference to President Roosevelt's intervention in the Russian-Japanese war. A mention of the Hague Tribunal. And there you have it! Diplomacy is the only remedy. But Idaho will have to keep her eyes on Roudebush. He is a coming leader in debate.

Then came Holman—the ablest debater of the evening. Down came the Washington structure before the pitiless shower of objections. And then he passed to the Chinese Exclusion laws. They are not so bad after all. Are statistics what you would have? Here they are galore. What human laws could be more satisfactory in operation than the Chinese Exclusion Laws? Japan will retaliate you fear? But she is unable. Commercial retaliation would be a boomerang. And war is out of the question.

Hemphill is a Washington veteran in debate. He won the only forensic victory that his Alma Mater achieved last year. Efficiency of the Chinese Exclusion laws? He had not heard of it. There must have been a misquotation. And as for the American-Japanese treaty giving us a right to extend these laws to the Japanese—why, his opponent must have been dreaming. As for the harshness of the said laws in operation, he could prove it by citing a single instance.

There were just five minutes left for refutation—300 seconds. And Holman wasted not one of them. In a torrent came forth the answers. The last report of the Commissioner-General of Immigration disproved the two important contentions that the Chinese Exclusion laws are ineffective and harsh. Diplomacy? Restriction by Japan? Nippon failed to keep a similar promise she made to us in 1900. She failed likewise to keep her promise to Canada made in the same year. She is failing to keep her second promise—the one upon which the negative have rested their entire case. No guarantee of the performance of the plan has been given. Finally, the plan is in violation of the spirit of the American constitution.

There was no question then as to the decision. The Washington case,

## FIELD AMENDMENT

### Movement on Foot to Raise \$4,800 for New Athletic Field

On Wednesday of next week the following amendment to the constitution of the Associated Students will be voted upon:

"Art. 4, Sec. 4—For a period of six (6) years from the beginning of the first semester of the college year 1908-1909, a fee of one (1) dollar (in addition to the dues of section 1) shall be paid at the beginning of each semester by all individual members of the association.

"The money from this fee shall be used in paying the principal and interest of the debt incurred by the purchase of an athletic field."

The object of this amendment was explained at the last assembly by J.M. Simpson. If there are 400 students in the University for the next six years—and a much larger number will certainly be in attendance—this amendment will bring into the athletic field fund the sum of \$4,800. This will pay the principal and interest of the debt incurred and leave a respectable amount to be expended in improvements on the field. As Mr. Simpson said at assembly, some such plan as this seems to be the only feasible plan of securing an athletic field within a reasonable length of time. The passage of the amendment to put the plan in effect requires a two-thirds vote of the A. S. U. I. In the opinion of the athletic field committee, which has charge of this matter, the only danger to the amendment is in student apathy on the question. In order to arouse interest and assure the passage of the amendment, the committee will appoint sub-committees in each class, whose duty will be to get out a full vote.

### Facts Worth Considering

The books of the business manager of the Argonaut disclose some deplorable facts concerning the lack of support by the students to the college paper. At the same time the staff is criticised for not putting out a better sheet. In looking over the figures no student can fail to see that it is no fault of those immediately connected with the paper but rather the lack of support by the students which keep the Argonaut from ranking higher than any like publication of the North-west. At present the total enrollment at the university is 377; number of students subscribing, 180; number paid student subscriptions, 90; total subscription, 337; present students subscribing, 47.7; present students subscribing out of total subscriptions, 53.4.

It must be remembered that the per cent of the total subscription list does not indicate the ratio between student subscribers and the total circulation for the long list of exchanges with colleges, high schools, etc., has not been included in these figures.

The members of the Idaho debate team which won from Oregon last Thursday returned from their webfoot pilgrimage Sunday. They report that they were accorded magnificent hospitality at the hands of the Oregonians.

# EDITORIAL

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### THE DOUBLE VICTORY

Special congratulation is due the university upon the results of this year's debates in the tri-state league. For the second time in three years Idaho has won the championship. And this year the decision is more emphatic than it was in 1906. An unanimous decision at home—the first home victory since the league was formed—and two votes at Oregon gave the first place decisively to the silver and gold.

The victory is all the more a subject for congratulation inasmuch as Idaho has a smaller student body than either Oregon or Washington, and has not as good facilities for training in debate. Oregon students very much outnumber Idaho's, and the latest catalogue credits Washington with an attendance of over 1000. Both of the sister universities have, therefore, decidedly a larger field from which to draw Varsity debaters. Both Oregon and Washington have better equipped libraries. At Washington a well developed coaching system gives to the teams a good part of the time of a half-dozen professors. Idaho has but one professor who gives any of his time to debate work, and he is burdened with an exceptionally heavy teaching schedule as professor of history.

In view of these facts the cause of Idaho's success must be found in something else than abundant material and extensive coaching. It must probably be set down to intensive methods. The most thorough acquaintance with the material available, hard work by the debaters, and the excellence of what coaching Professor Hulme is able to give the teams, are responsible for the University's gratifying record.

### TOO MUCH COEDUCATION?

We are accustomed to view with complacency the society life of the University, and to feel that it is hardly in need of any improvement. The following editorial from the Kaimin (University of Montana) will perhaps suggest a new line of thought.

But the matter of segregated duties and pleasures, although far wider in its grasp and possibilities and in the number of persons it includes, is one which receives comparatively little attention. After all, the friendships to which we are left to turn back fondly in later years as the endearing part of

college life, will not be the "cases" of any sophomoric sentimentality, but the comfortable girl friends who made judge and wrote "lit" papers with us. More basket ball and tennis, "dorm" parties, dances, plays and musicals for the girls and by the girls, we also advocate. The most wholesome college life of the East is made up of just that kind of thing, and we can do no better than to emulate what long experience and evolution has brought about. We are far from decrying the coeducational functions to which we are accustomed, and yet we can scarcely refrain from pointing out the undignified excess of sentimentality into which they occasionally plunge us. We can well afford to save for later years some of the promiscuous and indiscriminating romanticism that seems to be engendered by certain phases of coeducational experience, and to enjoy now the college girl and college boy "stunts" that are impossible in the outside grown-up world.

### THE TRACK REPORT AGAIN

A letter from W. P. Balderston, track manager last spring, will be found printed in another column of this issue. It will be seen that his reply to the views of the Argonaut regarding the 1907 track report is not so much a defense as an apology. He is compelled to admit carelessness regarding the business over which he had charge, and has only his own assertions as defense against the questionable character of some of his expenditures. The Argonaut's assertion that the report reveals unbusiness like management must therefore stand unrefuted. It would be unfair, however, to single out Mr. Balderston for criticism. Other managers at various times have been open to blame. This track report was not so tardy in making its appearance before the faculty committee as this year's football report has been, and there have been other more striking cases of managerial carelessness and unjustifiable money-spending. It is time for all students entrusted with the handling of student finances to realize that ordinary business carefulness and scrupulous honesty are absolutely demanded. Extravagance and carelessness are criminal anywhere and especially in the handling of money which comes from the ill-supplied purses of college students.

### COMMENCEMENT ATTENDANCE

With the announcement that Northwestern is to hold commencement this year before final examinations, another is added to the list of institutions which have adopted this plan to enrich the closing season of the college year. That such a scheme is a success no one can doubt for at this most typical of college functions the presence of the students is more desired than ever. It is then that those who are entering life's battle bid farewell to the companions of one, two, three and four years and it is then that these companions should be present to Godspeed the parting. And by the giving the examinations to all save the seniors during the week after commencement, such attendance is assured. Columbia is another great

university where a similar plan is tried with success.—Univ. of Colo., Silver and Gold.

### Is Man an Evolution?

That the Darwinian doctrine of evolution, as it applies to man has been disallowed, that the Biblical account of the origin of man is substantially correct, and that modern scientists are not in conflict with orthodox religious views, was the argument of the Rev. J. C. Abels in an address at the last assembly. The speaker traced the history of the theory of evolution from its promulgation by Darwin and Alfred Russell Wallace, through the period of scientific agnosticism in which Huxley and Spencer were the leading lights, and up to the present time. He argued that the psychic nature of man is not satisfactorily explained by the materialistic theory of evolution, and that at some definite point in the

physical development of human species, a divine power breathed into man a living soul.

Mr. Abels spoke in an attractive manner and held the interest of his audience. His address was preceded by two selections by the men's glee club.

### Freshman Glee

Most of the preparations are made to ensure the success of the 1908 freshman glee which comes Friday of this week. A meeting of the decoration committee was held last week to consider that part of the work of preparing for the first year dance. The tickets will be sold for as little as is consistent with giving a creditable glee.

David Petrie, '10, left college and took the train for his home near Boise last Friday afternoon. He expects to return to the University next fall.

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# It Was Different Two Years Ago.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BURNING MARCH 30, 1906

## It Was Different Two Years Ago

When the chairman was announcing the decision of the Washington-Idaho debate last Thursday night, some of the seniors and juniors in the audience had coupled to the elation connected with victory, a vivid memory of the very different circumstances which were connected with the Wash-

ington-Idaho contest two years ago. Then the crowd went silently out of the auditorium of the old Administration building, after the announcement by the chairman that Washington had won. It was melancholy news to students who had not, in their whole college course, seen a debate go against the silver and gold.

Almost before those who had attended the debate had got to bed and were asleep, the fire alarm called them back to the building they had just left. Then ensued hours which can never be effaced from the memory of those who were in the University at the time. A great crowd stood practically helpless and watched the building that had always been the center of University life go crackling skyward. When morning came, fire-eaten brick walls and their accompanying atmosphere of utter desolation were all that remained.

The work of recovery from the calamity of March 1906 is not yet entirely finished. Signs of the far-reaching ef-

fect of the great fire still remain. But the University has met its task of reconstruction with a vigor which compels respect for the stability of the institution. The ordinary work has gone on with remarkable efficiency, new buildings have been constructed, additions have been made to the teaching force, and the number of students continues to show a satisfactory increase. Although to old students no building can ever seem as rich in associations as was the one destroyed by fire, new students will make of the administration building now being erected all that the old one had come to be to earlier generations.

## New Idaho Song

The poet sings of classic Yale,  
Fair Harvard's ivied walls,  
Columbia's star  
Is sung afar,  
And Princeton's storied Halls;  
To Oxford, England's college old,  
Proud odes with tribute glow,  
But we acclaim  
Alma Mater's name  
Our own, our Idaho.

### CHORUS

We love every inch of her campus  
green,  
Each view of her crested hill,  
We love every son that her memory  
hold dear,  
Our glasses to her we fill,  
She's the hope of this proud young  
Mountain State,  
Allegiance our hearts gladly owe;  
Of varsities the best,  
She's the queen of the West,  
Our own, our Idaho.

The poet sings of Illinois,  
Famed Berkeley's graceful hills,  
Every loyal man  
Of Michigan  
With true devotion thrills;  
Chicago's sons her charms relate,  
And wide her glories grow,  
But we acclaim  
Alma Mater's name,  
Our own, our Idaho.

—Clyde Tull.

Tune: "My Own United States."

## PHI BETA KAPPA

### Dr. Little Among Nebraska Men Who Refused Membership in Honor Society

At this season of the year, in all the large universities and colleges of the of the country, elections are being held to Phi Beta Kappa, the honor fraternity to which only students of exceptional scholarship are chosen. A student of California has refused the usually coveted honor because he "did not believe that it was fairly earned by students in the general culture colleges, as some of the courses offered in them were veritable snags in comparison with the work in the engineering colleges." The Daily Californian calls him "the only one of his kind."

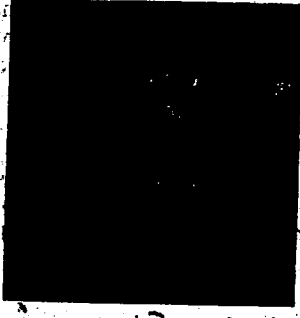
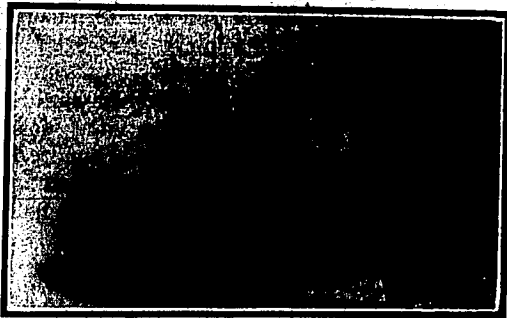
The Daily Nebraskan, University of Nebraska, investigated and disputes the assertion of the California paper in the following paragraphs: "A five minutes scurry around the campus revealed a number of Nebraska graduates who have refused the honor, though none of them for the same reason as that given by the Californian.

"A partial list of these is as follows: G. E. Howard, '76; Mrs. G. E. Howard, '76, nee Miss Alice May Frost; Chas. N. Little, '79; H. W. Caldwell, '80; Samuel D. Cox, '80; H. K. Wolfe, '80; E. P. Unangst, '81; and Jay A. Barret and Hovey Barret, '88. Mr. Unangst is at present a judge of the Superior Court at Luis Obispo, Cal.; Mr. Little is professor of civil engineering in the University of Idaho at Moscow; Mr. Cox, now deceased, was a well known editor of Nebraska, at one time editing the Daily Call in Lincoln and later a paper at Minatare, Nebraska; while Mr. Wolfe, Howard and Caldwell are members of the faculty at Nebraska; Professor Wolfe being in the department of Education; Professor Caldwell, head of the department of American History, and Dr. Howard, head of the department of Political Science and Sociology.

### No Issue Next Week

In accordance with its usual custom the Argonaut will omit the issue for next week on account of the spring vacation. The next issue will therefore be the one for April 14.

THE BUILDING AS IT WAS BEFORE THE FIRE

NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

### Students Play

A students' matinee musical was given under the auspices of the Music department at the Gymnasium last Friday afternoon. The following program was rendered:

May Has Come.....	Bohm
Bertha Norton	
Strange Countries and People	Schumann
Child Frightening	
Valse Lente.....	Delibes
Pauline Luvaas	
Tendresse.....	Pacher
Polka de la Coeur.....	Bendel
Minnie Kiefer	
Barcarolle.....	Kube
March des Muscadines.....	Wachs
Fay Thomas	
Swallows.....	Cowen
Olive Perkins	
Tarantelle.....	Heller
Valse Arabesque.....	Lack
Kathryn Smith	
Valse des Fleurs.....	Delibes
Annie Laurie.....	Jaell
Susie Thomas	
Valse des Fleurs.....	Ketterer
Concert March.....	Wollenhaupt
Zona Schultz	
Etude.....	Wollenhaupt
Recollections of Home.....	Mills
Nita Miller	

### Appear in Cap and Gown.

The Seniors are expected hereafter to make their weekly appearance at assembly in cap and gown. Such was the decision at a meeting of the class last Friday. One or two people registered a plea for the wearing of the re-

galia all the time—except in "chem. labs" and the mining buildings. It was stated that Pres. MacLean was advocating such a departure, and that it would be a most effective means of

putting seniors in a class by themselves. Some of the prosaic engineers sat down on the scheme, and nothing more was heard about it. The meeting was also partly taken up with final preparations for the impending faculty-senior basketball game. Capt. Young of the senior five urged that all the members of the class turn out, in order if possible, to overwhelm the pros by mere force of numbers. A request of the faculty that admission be charged in order to shut out hoodlums from downtown was given the cold shoulder, because of a rumor that the plan was proposed in order to keep beholders of faculty errors down to as small a number as possible.

### Reception to Debaters

After the Washington-Idaho contest Thursday evening the Washington debaters were tendered an informal reception at the Theta Mu Epsilon house. The two teams, most of the officials of the debate, and some former Idaho debaters in the triangular league, were present.

### Professor Hulme on Trip

Prof. Edward M. Hulme left on Saturday morning for south-western Idaho to inspect the high schools of that district. He will give stereopticon lectures to the general public at Payette, Caldwell, Emmett and Nampa. He will also lecture to the students at each school he visits. In May he will give the address at the commencement exercises of the Kellogg High School, and because of the fact that no more time could be spared from his class-room work, he was compelled to decline invitations to address the graduating classes at Emmett and Sand Point. In the recent Oregon State Oratorical contest in which eight colleges participated Professor Hulme acted as a judge of manuscripts. The University of Oregon won the first place by the unanimous vote of the judges.

### Athletic Board Session

The Athletic Board, at a meeting held last week, elected Herbert Wadsworth, '09, to the vacancy in the board's membership created by Rodney Small's leaving college. The office of secretary was also held by Small and Lloyd Fenn, '11, was chosen to fill the position. The reports of the foot ball and basket ball managers were presented to the board and are now being audited.

## CHAMPIONS OF FIVE STATES

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built up with the aid of six debate coaches (professors of English, professors of Economics, and professors of law) was a complete wreck. And Holman, who had already won 4 debate victories for his University and who has never known defeat, had brought home one more victory. His last college debate had been fought and won. To men like him, independent in thought, indefatigable in research, keen in analysis, able in construction, vigorous and intelligent in presentation, is due the proud record of Idaho in debate.

The verdict was unanimous in favor of Idaho. All three of our college debates this year were victories. Washington State College, the University of Oregon and the University of Washington. Who wonders that Idaho debate enthusiasts are elated?

### Idaho Wins from Oregon

Eugene, March 26.—The University of Idaho debaters triumphed over Oregon's representatives tonight in the debate.

Horton C. Nicholas spoke first for Oregon. He contended that Japanese labor should be excluded because its admission means lawlessness and intensifies the fight between labor and capital.

B. D. Mudgett opened Idaho's case. He stated that the negative would admit that restriction of Japanese immigration was needed; that they would not attempt to argue that point, but would show conclusively that there were better means of restricting the Japanese than by extending our present laws to include the Japanese. He objected to the Chinese immigration laws, asserting that they were ineffective and inapplicable.

Walter M. Eaton for Oregon gave as reasons for restriction that the Japanese cabinet is tottering and has not the authority to carry out the restriction, and because the Japanese could not be trusted.

Idaho's next speaker was J. D. Matthews, who also attacked the Chinese Exclusion laws, contending first, that they are unjust because they place the burden of proof on the arrested Chinaman, and secondly, that it is inexpedient to apply them to the Japs, since more than likely war would be the result.

Jesse Bond followed for Oregon and repudiated the charges against the Chinese Exclusion laws.

R. O. Jones closed for Idaho and made perhaps the ablest talk of the evening. He argued that the Chinese laws applied to the Japanese could never become a part of our national laws, and secondly, restriction of the Japanese is unnecessary since the Japanese government already possesses it in a large enough degree.

Oregon's leader, Jesse H. Bond, followed with a five minutes rebuttal speech, stating that the present Chinese exclusion laws are effective as proven by the census of Chinese in the United States.

### Jap Exclusion Won at Seattle

Seattle, March 26.—Debaters representing the University of Washington arguing for the exclusion of the Japanese from this country on the same basis on which the Chinese are now excluded, won an unanimous decision over the team from the University of Oregon in this city tonight. The Washington men were stronger in the rebuttal work and showed superior grasp of the sociological phases of the subject.

The case of the University of Washington debaters was a strong analogy of Japanese exclusion to the Chinese

question which they contended had been successfully solved by the Chinese Exclusion laws. Oregon seemed unable to overthrow this analogy and based their argument on the economic need of the Pacific coast for cheap labor. Leo Jones, for the Washington team, was the strongest debater, and Earl J. Kilpatrick made the best argument for the webfooters.

## "Jem Jones, Jr."

P. K. Perkins

When Jeremy Jones left Kentucky between suns when feuds were common, and blood was commoner he took leave suddenly. He didn't even tell any one goodbye as he hurried his wife and baby into a friendly neighbor's wagon between twelve and one o'clock one night, and drove twenty miles to the railroad station. His advocacy of certain doctrines, i. e.—every man his own court and judge, had been too persistent and it was the wish of the entire community in which he lived that he should take leave, if not peaceably, then otherwise.

He settled down in the far west in a district known as Capital Monument Meadows, and engaged in stock raising. It was rather a western country; but it was early transformed into a thriving settlement with educational advantages to be envied by many a bigger place. "Kentuck" Jones, as he was familiarly called, never tired of discoursing on the loyalty, devotion, and patriotism of the old Confederate leaders. From the time when Jeremy Jr. was big enough to straddle the paternal knee, and grasp the meaning of "Dixie," confederacy, debates and orators he had been taught the value of undying patriotism, even in a failing cause. Thus he grew to boyhood with profound respect and awe for the Jacksons, Davises, Calhouns, and Clays, and a mere working knowledge of the great northern leaders.

As Jem Jones grew older, the father who was his constant companion, would often urge upon him the necessity of laying early plans. "My boy," he would say, "if you all will keep up studyin' and learnin' I'll see to it that you go to college." "Maybe if me and your mammy keep well, we can send you to Vanderbilt or Hampden-Sidney, and there in the very country where them old patriots was born and raised you can study, and make the name of Jones as bright as any of them, for"—as he swelled out with self pride—"I know that the Jones blood is just as good as any of them if it is used right."

The years wore on, and Jem completed the high school course; then the college career was to begin. Cattle had gone down so it was decided to send the young boy, now in the full bloom of promising young manhood, to the University of Idaho where he would be nearer home in case of financial disaster. It was hard for the old southerners to see him mount the outgoing stage that September morning, and leave for the university. "But" they consoled each other "it is for the best, since a young man can't do anything in this world now without book learnin'."

Jem found college life something entirely different from the rustic existence to which he had been accustomed. There were all sorts of entertainments; there were parties, and dances; many things that he had never known before he was found by a "Frat." All of this tended to make him forget his promises to fly headlong into books, debates and orations as he had leisurely planned in the old ranch house down in South Idaho—a country of dreams. He wrote home

every week; he had time for that. He usually needed money. This was uncomplainingly given at the staid old southerners knew little of the things that Jem said took money, and he had faith in his own blood to "do things," as he often called success. Letters came and were scanned carefully and laboriously yet in none could be found the wished for theme—oratory and debate. Lots there was about football, "Proms," banquets, and the like but these held little interest for old "Kentuck." At last in one of his poorly written letters the old man ended: "Jem, me and your mother want you to have lots of fun; but for goodness sake, do something. We can't sell a hoof and my bank account is getting powerful low."

Poor Jem,—this letter finally brought him back to his senses. He had intended to do some forensic work; but it seems that he just didn't have time. Now he decided. He would go into that inter-collegiate oratorical contest, and more than that—he would go in to win.

The contest was a great event in the North-west. The college papers were running cuts of their representatives, biographies, and statements as to the chances of winning. Oregon's man was a junior law student, Utah's was another experienced speaker, other colleges were also strongly fortified, but the man most feared by his opponents and picked to win by all who cared to guess at the outcome was Adelbert Reed, an ex-Harvard man and a senior law student. He had a reputation already as a public speaker and attempts were made to bar him but these proved futile, and he prepared for the contest. This "Yankee," as Jem always called him, who always left out his "r's" "was one man I wanted to beat, if no other" he said many times afterward. But to a freshman it seemed impossible. He even hated to go in as Idaho's representative on that account. But he had won the place, and those five hundred dollar prizes for first, and one hundred dollars for second looked larger to Jem than anyone else especially after he had got that letter from home.

The night of the much heralded contest came at last. The great hall in the University of Idaho auditorium was packed. There wasn't standing room left when the first speaker made his appearance. One by one the orations were delivered. At last Reed was called. Smiling, confident, composed, he began. His sentences were profound. His sonorous bass voice modulated gracefully over a wonderful range of words. Deep study of, and thorough sympathy with his subject were evident. Yet once in a while his handsome face twitched and he seemed out of harmony with his subject, then, however, he would steady himself and once more hold his audience sphynx like. At last he ended. Everybody rather dreaded to hear Jones begin, fearing the contrast. But in this they were mistaken. He had for a subject "The Death of a Cause;" he had been born with it; he had been taught it from the cradle; he had studied it in youth and boy-hood; now he was full of it. With as much ardor and enthusiasm as was ever displayed for a real cause—Jem defended the old confederacy. He seemed to be promoted by the entire departed horde. His smooth sounding southern tongue was at his command and scathingly denounced the carpet baggers, free traders, and abolitionists. Instead of mesmerizing his audience with deep thoughts and vague far away suggestions he intoxicated it with his firm belief and silver tipped sentences, and at last left them stupefied by such a wonderful burst of fiery devotion.

Everyone waited the judges

in vain; silence reigned with sympathies to appeal have given first prize to the Idahoan but the judges were mature life, deep thinkers, over to sympathies. Con when the outcome was announced Reed was given first and Mr second place.

Keen was Jem's disappointment. He had worked hard and faithfully that prize. He needed it to his old father but now his hopes blasted. He must leave college thoughts of his kind old parents manual labor to educate him was bearable.

Jem's trunk was packed. friends stood around him, they not bear to see their old hero. There must be some way, but his departure seemed to be soon approaching.

Breathless with haste and excitement a messenger rushed up with an envelope. Inside was a five hundred dollar check and a small sheet of paper which read, "Adelbert Reed has found guilty of plagiarism; since are next in rank the first prize goes to you." Signed, Northwestern Bar association.

Jem's legs, tried tho they had been in many a game, seemed inadequate to carry him to the telegraph office. From there he sent four hundred dollars home and in reply received the following:

"Jem, I always told you that you could 'do things.' Anyhow I rather work sixteen hours every day the rest of my life than to have you beaten by a 'Yankee.'"

### WATKINS CONTEST

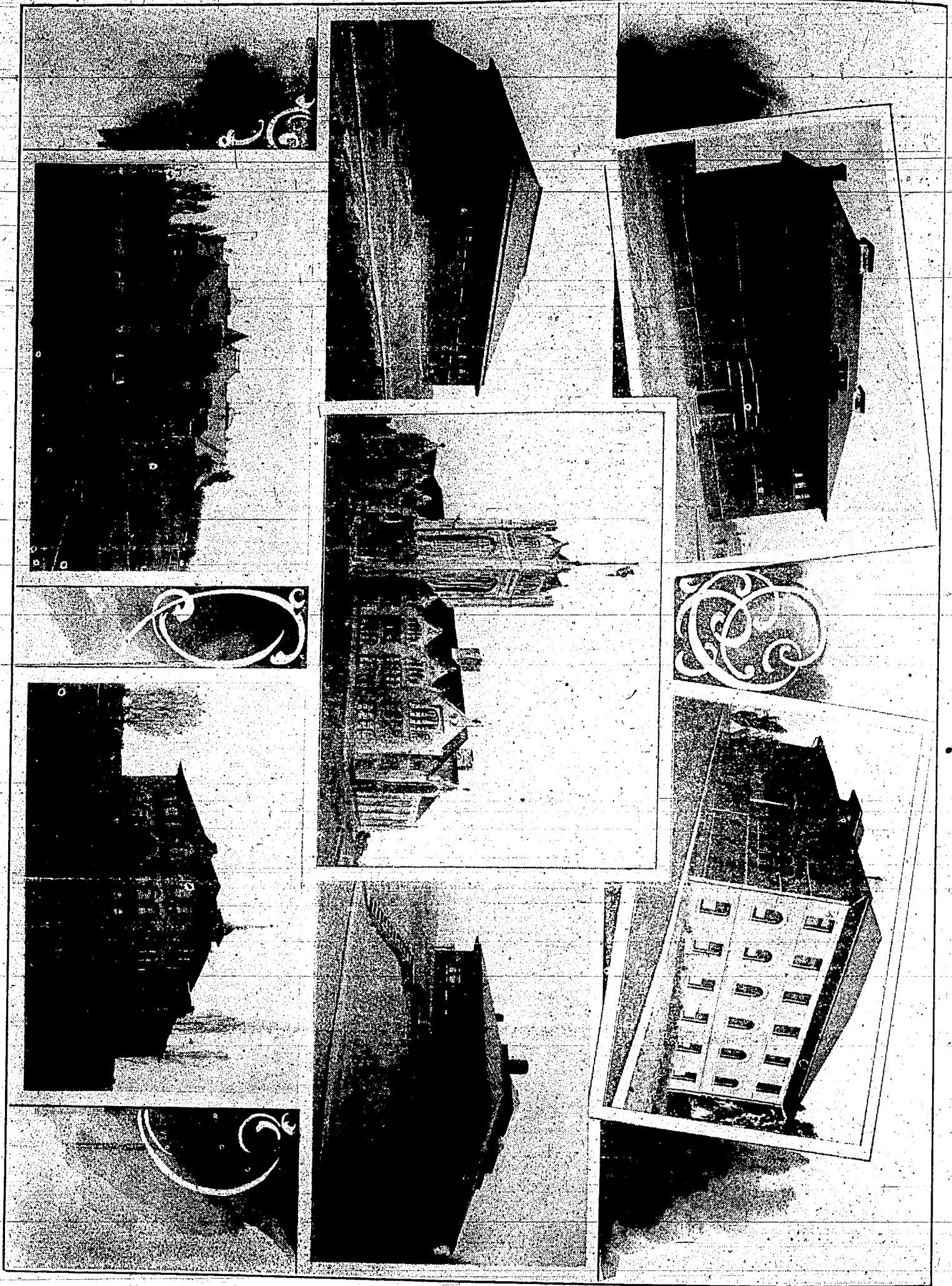
#### Orators Compete for Medal Next Saturday Evening.

The fifteenth annual Watkins' Oratorical contest will be held next Saturday evening at the Methodist church. There are two contestants, W. K. Gwin '09, will speak on the evil aspects of the immigration problem and T. F. Hunter, '08, will speak on "The Decline of One Man Power." There will be music by Prof. Cogswell and two or three students. Admission free. A good crowd is desired, as this is the tryout for the Interstate Oratorical contest to be held in Seattle in May, and it is important to show the Idaho representative that the students are supporting him. The manager of the Watkins Contest, F. R. Smith, promises an excellent program next Saturday evening.

The contest is the oldest one now conducted at Idaho. It has been held ever since the organization and opening of the University. For several years the late Dr. W. W. Watkins gave the medal, and after his death, his wife for a time continued it. In recent years the plan has been adopted of having the ten latest winners of the prize contribute jointly the purchase price of the medal. The winner last year was James H. Frazier, '07, whose oration dealt with the negro problem.

#### Key to Supplement

The following university buildings are pictured in the special supplement accompanying this issue: Left to right, top row—Morrill Hall (agricultural school), Ridenbaugh Hall (girls' dormitory); middle row—Mettallurgical Laboratory and Mill, new Administration Building now under construction, Assay Laboratory; bottom row—Engineering Building, Gymnasium.



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# The Right Idea.

Constance L. Henderson.

It was windy, the grey rain clouds scudded across the sky—"Quite a typical St. Patrick's day," remarked Prof. Draus, smiling amiably,—all his class were there.

"Yes," growled John Foster, "only this the first St. Patrick's day I've ever gone to class. I never saw such a slow bunch as the Freshies this year—"

At this crucial moment a wild yell broke the stillness—"Sophomores this way; the freshies are taking our flag down." The genial smile left Prof. Draus' face as he saw his whole class to a man rise up and leave him—"Well," he thought, "it's only once a year; I couldn't help it anyway."

But the campus! There was wild excitement; a great wave of sophs swept the freshmen off their feet, but a re-enforcement of the underclassmen was soon forthcoming. There was yelling, struggling, hard breathing, and the swaying mass rushed back and forth under the flag pole. The girls stood by and watched with tense, anxious faces as, brother to brother, fraternity making no difference, the men worked and fought, and as the excitement grew more tense, the crowd watched, pushed and worked, hands clenched and breath held. But it is soon over; the force of numbers carried the day and the emblem of the upper class went down. There was no hard feeling, as the sophs, tied hand and foot, were carried off grinning, on the shoulders of the victorious freshies.

During all this one sophomore stood and watched, absolutely watched, when all muscles were working and all nerves strained to their uttermost, and his class down. He was big, clear cut and good looking, but an amused, almost cynical expression about his firm young mouth was in great contrast to the excitement in the other fellows' faces.

"Jack Merrill, why on earth aren't you out there helping us?" a pretty girl with green on her sleeve broke out. "You make me sick—I am simply insane to be out there fighting too." She stopped long enough to yell "Two to one! Two to one! Oh, you coward," she turned on him again, "how can you, you coward!"

"Well" he said quietly, "you see, I don't see the the least use in getting out there and rolling around in the muck; I just can't want to—but, well as long as you think that, I will."

He did. He mixed and mixed vigorously, but without the least emotion. "Why would fellows persist in making beasts of themselves. He positively could not see the use. It simply wore one out, was utterly senseless, and he had ample time to reflect as he lay tied hand and foot, with a cold northwester, blowing a gale. "Curse it all" he thought "What's the use, what's the use—a man spends four years here studying—yes, studying stuff that he doesn't want and can't use, when he could get a job, just as good a job without it. Four perfectly good years right ought of the middle of a man's life; and such children!—I can never feel the way they do. Such idiocy, to get out here and scrap about whether the green or the orange is the better—what do I care; I will leave that for the Irish."

He stayed the year, and, to everybody's surprise, went in for track, and trained a little. The trainer begged and urged, the captain talked, the fellows talked, but he really couldn't see the use of going into a race when, as he truly said, "One fainted at the end and was sick as death for hours, and for all this," he exploded, "you fellows want me to eat raw eggs, die of thirst,

starve, stay in and go to bed at 9:30. Well, why should I? If I were really going to break a record or make a winning team I might really try, but why—"

"You go straight to—" John Forster remarked gently, "You simply have not the right idea."

"The right idea? What's the right idea?"

"Oh, that's—well, that's—I don't know. If you had it and saw another fellow didn't, you'd know what it was, but as long as you haven't, the Lord only could tell you and you wouldn't listen to him."

"Don't be facetious" Jack responded disdainfully.

In the big race of the year he sluffed. Oh, to be sure, he ran and ran well, till the end, when he saw he couldn't win and the appealing howls and wild shrieks of his fellow collegians failed to arouse in him any desire for second place so he simply stopped. Every one was mad, raving, in fact, for those three points lost the meet. Then for the first time he seemed to feel a little remorse. But, he said, "Washington would have skinned us later, so what would you do about that?"

"Yes," the exasperated captain broke out, "if I had a team of muckers like you we'd always lose. You ought to learn to work till everything gets black, till your muscles all draw up and knot, till your skin feels as if it would crack and your eyes burn clear through your head, till your feet feel like somebody else's and you gasp and fight for breath; then you'd know what love for Alma Mater means, you old—" he stuttered, not finding an expression strong enough in his vocabulary, "but," he added, turning on his heel, "you haven't the right idea."

Jack really was hurt, but more disgusted. "Child's play," he muttered, "I'll travel, I'll see things, I'll get away from this "Right Idea."

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The crowd was large. There was the excitement of the arrival of the new representatives and political talk was in the air. It was a beautiful city, this Washington, the capital of a great republic. Mixing with the crowd, but not feeling one of them, was a young man who had deep lines around his mouth, and not altogether agreeable lines in such a boyish face. He looked thoughtful.

"Confound it," he muttered, "I believe I'm lonely, and of all the preposterous things, my being lonely on a jolly day like this with the crowd fairly buzzing with excitement, this is certainly the limit; but some way I feel lost. I don't feel interested in anybody or anybody in me.—It's not as dandy as I imagined, this proposition of travelling, and always by one's self. Ah, Jack Merrill, you're an idiot! Seeing new faces and new places must be getting on your nerves. I do wish, though, that I belonged to a fraternity, then I would have the chance to make some friends—well!"

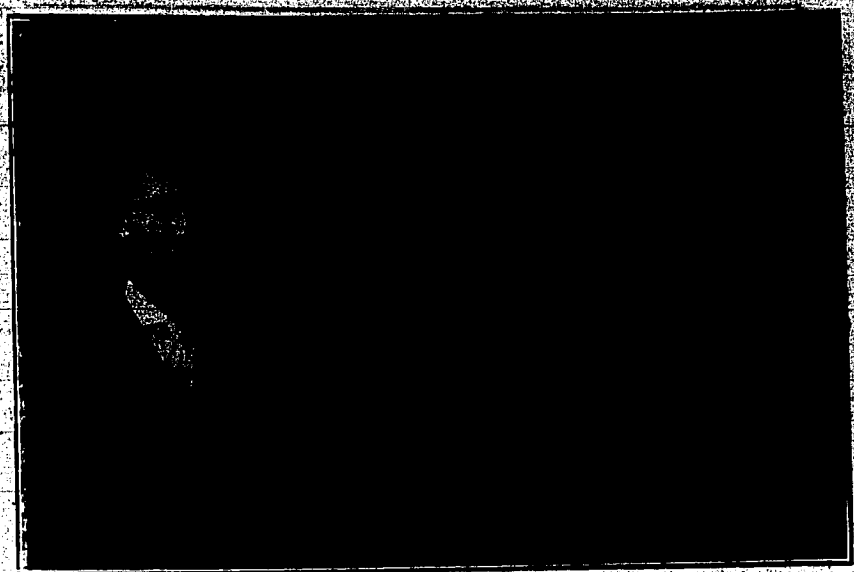
He was jostled aside by a crowd of Yale men hurrying down the street, laughing and complacent in their friendship. A new pang struck him—"I might have been like that," he thought, "Oh, damn it!"

He went to the theatre that night, and as he entered, he was surprised to see people standing and shouting wildly, but he took in the situation at a glance and recognized the Wisconsin yell—

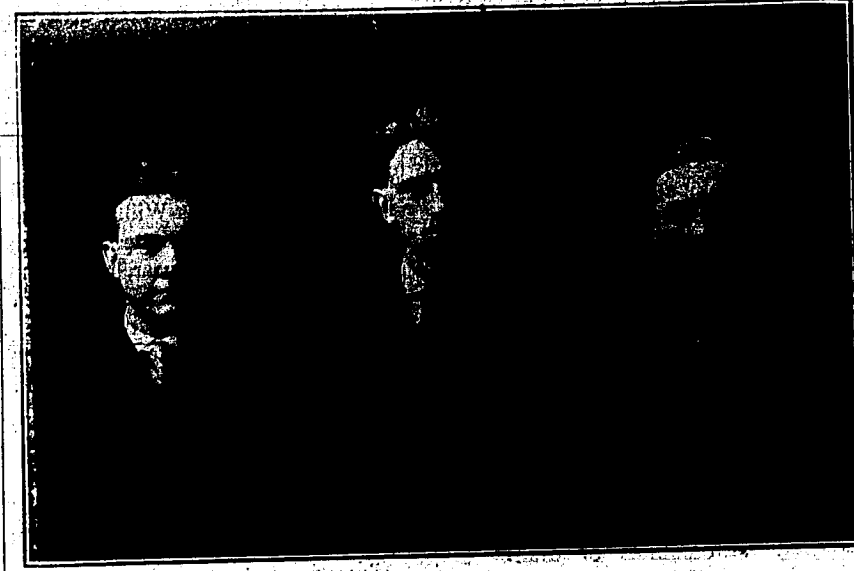
U-rah, rah,—Wisconsin!  
U-rah, rah,—Wisconsin!  
U-rah, rah,—Wisconsin!

He was strangely thrilled by the enthusiasm. "But then," he thought,

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**THE OREGON TEAM**  
B. D. MUDGETT, '08 R. O. JONES, '09 J. D. MATTHEWS, '09



**THE WASHINGTON TEAM**  
W. K. GWIN, '09 F. E. LUKENS, '08 GUY HOLMAN, '08

## SENIORS WIN FROM FACULTY

The Game Was Won by a Score of 20 to 7.

Faculty Plays Better Game Than Score Indicates--Young and Axtell Stars

Playing an uphill game, battling against rich showers of horseshoes, the faculty basketball team defeated the seniors last Saturday evening—pretty nearly. They undoubtedly would have won with anything like ordinary luck. Time after time, little Axtell, the lively dead-language prof., had chances for baskets but the iron rim was always in the way. Professor Axtell played a brilliant game for the faculty and could he have fared decently with the baskets, a different story might be told about the game. Professor DeLury was also a stellar performer, his pet stunt being that of sitting down on the ball.

Young made it possible for the seniors to win. Although ably guarded by Lieutenant Smith, the blond senior played in championship form. He couldn't miss the basket. Such feats at basket throwing have never before been witnessed at Idaho in any collegiate game or other contest. Keyes, Simpson, Lukens and Armstrong, together with Young, comprised the first lineup of the seniors. This quintet was held to a low score during the first half but on account of lack of condition the pedagogues could not keep up the pace.

At the end of the first half Young and Keyes retired from the game, Smith and Price taking their places.

Later in the half Stein, who had been itching to get into the game, replaced Armstrong and won applause from the galleries mainly by his strut. Stein was sure on fouls. Before the game was closed Horn replaced Lukens and Burley, the seniors' prexy, deposed Simpson. Burley played a wonderful game but declared at its close that basket ball was a farce, affirming that he could see no pleasure in a game where his vocal propensities were so curtailed.

The faculty also changed their lineup in the second half. Hyslop, station agronomist, opposed Smith at center and Sage and Gurney broke into the game. The center pair were evenly matched, both being built on the Jack-and-the-bean-stalk order, so neither had the advantage in reach. Smith, however, won many comments on his nobby trousers.

The senior team was dressed in Dutch trousers. They were made of red and each leg had a black ruffle around the bottom. The costumes were well devised and added much to the ludicrousness of the contest.

**Y. M. C. A. Committees 1908-9**

Religious Work—Arthur Hunting, chairman; W. M. Pierce, Paul Durrie, and Andrew Ludberg.

Bible Study—S. E. Vance, chairman; Oliver Price, James Gwinn, and J. Ellis.

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Membership—Ray E. Peebler, chairman; B. E. Davis, and Wallace Strohecker.

Finance—L. S. Gerlough, chairman; Chas. Colver, and Arthur Beckner.

Social—Frank P. Stewart, chairman; Rowe Holman, Willis Almond, Earnest Anderson, A. Hinman, and J. Gibbs.

"Laugh and the World Laughs With You

Weep and You Weep Alone"



### GREAT AND NEAR-GREAT

(With apologies to Saturday Evening Post)

CHAS. WILLIAM ELIOT, REFORMER

A bargain counter assortment of wrinkles, and a couple of eyes benevolently twinkling behind a pair of spectacles—and there you have it. It's the president of Ha'va'd University, Chas. William Eliot. The date of his birth is uncertain, although it is certain that he was rather young when the present elective system was instituted at Harvard. His parents took a personal interest in his education, and early decided that he was born to be the president of a rich men's college, owing to his preference for the companionship of boys who had lots of money and could buy soda pop whenever they wanted it. Charles William in his early youth developed his first inclinations towards the elective system. It is understood that the parental Eliots were decidedly opposed to the system, and that his attempts to follow out the newly discovered idea cost the young educator many a pang where he least expected it.

Soon after he began to think for himself, Charles William Eliot was elected president of Ha'va'd college, then a small sectarian institution with a loyal student body, none of whom owned automobiles or drank beer. No sooner had the new prex got his bearings than he decided that this condition must be changed. He therefore instituted a movement which has been called the Germanization of Ha'va'd. The consumption of beer steadily increased, and the average amount of money spent yearly by the students also mounted higher and higher. Nowadays, one can't flunk decently at Ha'va'd for less than \$1500 per.

Germanization was not the only egg that C. W. put into the incubator. Pretty soon he had the fanciest collection of reforms hatching out that the educational poultry-experts had ever heard of. One of the fanciest ones was the elective system. If Ha'va'd was to be a rich man's college, quoth Charles William, prescribed courses must go. The plutocrats wouldn't bite at just anything. They had to have a varied collection to choose from. The search for new courses—snap courses—began. It was hard work to find them. Every thing taught in just common colleges was tabooed—or relegated to a mighty inconspicuous place—and the correspondence schools had nabbed onto a lot of attractive studies. Between these two fires stood Prexy Eliot. He snatched some brands from the burning, but most of the studies to be taught in the new Ha'va'd curriculum he had to invent with his own brain.

At last a goodly number of new subjects of knowledge were contrived; instructors were hired, ponies compiled and put on sale, and the elective system was complete. Then Charles William sighed for new worlds to conquer.

He finally lit on college athletics. Manifestly, college athletics was rotten and must be reformed. That was ten years ago. Base detractors say that college athletics is still rotten, and even in Charles William Eliot's immediate neighborhood. They say that Ha'va'd football, for instance, is so

rotten that the scent of it couldn't have missed Charles William's observation. There being some thousands of (s)cents in it every year, one is tempted to side with the base detractors. One time Louis XIV of France remarked "I am the state." If it wasn't too near plagiarism Charles William Eliot could point to his record as a reformer of athletics and say "I am the joke."

But then, oh pshaw!—You can't always be uniformly successful as a reformer. Charles W. need not be ashamed of only one failure when he can point his finger at Ha'va'd students and say "See some 4000 of my successes!" He can say that and then hoist the tip of his fine New England nose and tell the notoriety-hunting presidents of other colleges that what they need to do is to raise more students and less Hades.

### The Football Man

It's nice to trample on your neighbor's chest,  
And run your elbows into both his eyes,  
To break his nose, and if he tries to rise,

To grind your heel into his manly breast;

What fun to make a murder just a jest!  
What consolation as each moment flies  
To think of meeting mother in the skies,

If in the scrimmage you should pass to rest,

And cross the Jordan to the golden shore

Where football is tabooed forevermore,  
And all the tumult and the shouting dies—

Ah, think! there'll be no goal or pig-skin there!

And we will live in peace eternal where  
No Game demands its bloody sacrifice.

### Enough Said

"And do you really love me?"  
ask the charming maiden in her archest manner.

"Ah, my darling," replied the lovesick stude with passionate devotion,—  
and he paused a moment to weigh his words—"darling, my love for you shall continue till the day the new Ad building is finished!"

And, completely overcome by such proof of his ardor, the coy maiden fell fainting in his arms.

### The Reason

"Why does everybody hate John D?"  
"Because he perpetrated the University of Chicago instead of coming West with his money."

### Sonnet to a Pipe Fiend

There's satisfaction in your favorite briar,  
Or meerschaum's bull dog stem and roomy bowl,  
Companionship with such diverts one's soul  
From earth's dull cares, above to something higher  
Than that to which the minds of men aspire  
Who use the weed in plug or paper roll—  
These lose desire to reach a worthy goal,  
And smoke on earth, nor miss the eternal fire.  
Alas! though we escape the scorching heat,  
And claim our home beyond the vaulted sky,  
Our reps have beat us to the heavenly scene  
Lo! meerschaum pavements on each golden street.  
The incense of our bowls has risen high—  
They say the halos smell of Dixie Queen.

### The Song of the Shirt

High top shoes are homely,  
And dinky hats look tough,  
And peg-top ice cream trousers  
Are hideous enough.

A bright red tie is awful,  
A green hat-band's as bad.  
There's little beauty visible  
On the average undergrad.

This college may be full of  
Personified sin and dirt;  
But for concentrated ugliness  
Give me a khaki shirt.

—U. of I. Cadet.

### How is This for a Pun?

The mother-in-law of Wm. Smith  
Bemeaned him on the sly—  
When Wm found out what she'd said  
He punster in the eye.

### The Aftermath

There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and  
the lip,  
The desperate lover sighed;  
There's many a trip of the cup to the  
lip,  
The bibulous bachelor cried.

She spoke to me, her voice was low  
and sweet

With music that I could not know  
replete

She cast on me a lingering look  
That all my inmost being shook  
And, as our glances mixed she took—  
my seat.—Ex.

It takes more than a mortar-board  
cap, a frat pin, a bull dog pipe, a  
varsity suit, big enough in the trousers to  
make fourteen pairs, and a rah-rah-rah-  
sizz-boom-ah tiger to make a man.—  
Billy Sunday.

He and she hearing the Washington-  
Idaho debate:

He—"See that fellow Gwin? In  
another year he will be our best man."  
She—"Oh, my! but this is sudden."

Your face is always with me, dear;  
Your sweet voice in my heart I bear;  
When you are gone I sit and muse,  
"What kind of skin food does she  
use"

Lives there a man, with soul so dead,  
Who to himself hath ever said,  
As he drew his carcas out of bed,  
"I do this every morning?"  
—Utah Chronicle

The trouble with coeducation is that  
it is too much coed and not enough  
education.



Do you see the mosquito camping  
on the young man's jugular vein?—  
The young man is suffering untold  
agony, but the mosquito is feeling  
prosperous.—

The young man would like to smash  
Hades out of the mosquito, but he  
can't spare the time because he is on  
the brink of asking the girl to become  
his wife.—

Little Mosquito, you will never know  
what it is to be in love.

When a man says that he is too full  
for utterance it is time to lead him up  
to the bar.

Who is the fellow with the long hair?  
He's a Yale college boy.  
Well, I've often heard of those Yale  
locks.—Ex

Prof.—"Have I made myself plain  
sir?"

Disgruntled Soph.—"No sir, God  
did that."—Harvard Lampoon.

"Hi, Jimmie, come up here, quick,  
an' see the brass band goin' by."

"Where?"  
"On Nellie's finger."—Harpers.

### THE RIGHT IDEA

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"Why should I? It's not my college,  
if I ever had one."

As the different states rose around  
him with answering thrills to their  
state song, he began to feel an unac-  
countable warmth somewhere around  
his pounding heart, and spreading all  
over him. He no longer felt alone for  
there was a bond between himself and  
these other shouting collegians. He  
felt a queer trembling and as the band  
broke into his song, yes, the song of  
his Alma Mater, he was shaken in  
every fibre. What memories it re-  
called; the beautiful evenings on the  
campus where everyone was strolling,  
and the gatherings on the Varsity  
steps, singing softly and even with re-  
verence in the pale moonlight, and, in  
contrast, the wild excitement of the  
football games and the charm of the  
bonfire rallies. Now for the first time  
he felt a deep sense of remorse and an  
uncomfortable pang for the meet he  
had lost. At the last notes, his blood  
pulsing wildly through his veins, his  
muscles tense, he arose alone, uncon-  
scious of the vast crowd, and gave,  
with exultation in his voice, the yell of  
his Alma Mater—and he gave the yell twice  
over. Then suddenly realizing him-  
self, but with delightful thrills quiver-  
ing over him, he sank back amid the  
cheering, and smiled as he heard a  
white haired man who had been previ-  
ously yelling lustily for Columbia, re-  
mark: "Well, that man certainly has  
the right idea."

# LOCAL

Shave at Graham's and look right.  
Meet your friends at the Hotel Moscow Barber Shop.

J. W. Strohecker was confined to his room by illness Saturday and Sunday.

James Gwinn, '11, was visited by his sister from Garfield the latter part of last week.

The Beta Sigma sorority entertained informally at the home of Miss Lillian Clark last Friday evening.

Joshua Jensen, '07, pastor of the Baptist church at Garfield, Wn., was in Moscow several days last week.

The Argonaut is indebted to Prof. E. M. Hulme for the write-up of the Washington-Idaho debate last Thursday evening.

Did you ever stop to think that ten thousand molecules can sit with comfort on the end of a pin? Herein does a molecule differ from a man.

Several weeks ago somebody sang at assembly "Spring Has Come." We suggest that it would be appropriate to have a solo this week on "Blow, blow, thou wintry wind."

Kenneth Durham of the Washington debate team, and Dean A. R. Priest, who accompanied the team, were entertained at the Kappa Phi Alpha house during their stay in Moscow.

Did you blossom out in crepe on Monday March 30? If you are an upper classman it is safe to guess that you felt like doing it—March 30, 1906 was the day of the old Ad's burning.

At the University of Nevada the faculty recently excused the students from classes in order that they might have time to build a suitable track for the training of the track team this spring. Shall Idaho follow suit?

The president of the Y. M. C. A. has appointed a committee consisting of Keyes, Hunting, Lukens, Mudgett, Colver and Holman to work up a delegation for the Northwest Y. M. C. A. Conference to be held next June. The conference may not be held at Gearhart, Ore., as it has been formerly, although an effort is being made to secure that place again. The time is about the middle of June.

The Y. M. C. A. has received a letter from the chairman of the religious work committee of the State College Association proposing arrangements for the annual "halfway" meeting of the W. S. C. and Idaho associations. This is a meeting held on a hill side half way between Pullman and Moscow every spring. They have always been very enjoyable affairs before. This year it is hoped that 100 men may be present. That will mean that the University Y. M. C. A. must muster a delegation of about 40 to take the walk. The meeting will probably be held in the latter part of April, when there is reasonable hope of pleasant weather.

## Dairy Students Get Jobs

Within the last few days two students taking work in the agricultural college, in the department of dairying, have accepted excellent positions in their chosen line of work. William Martin becomes assistant chemist with the Hazelwood Co. of Spokane. The Pine Creek Dairying Co. of Spokane secures F. J. Hansen. Mr. Hansen was taking special work in the department, having had a great deal of gener-

al experience as a butter expert in Denmark. His new position with the Spokane company carries with it a salary of \$90 per month.

## Balderston Replies

Portland, Oregon,  
Mar. 21, 1908.

Editor University Argonaut.

Dear Sir:

I have just received a copy of the Argonaut for March 9th in which is published the track report for 1907 and comment thereon. To say that I was surprised at what I read is putting it mildly, I assure you, and I have now to ask you for space in which to state a few facts that were given to the committee at the time the report was handed in, and enter a protest. It is eminently unfair to publish the report without any mention of these facts which have been known to the faculty committee since October, when the report was presented, and could at any time have been secured by the Argonaut.

Immediately upon receiving a statement of the last meet—which statement circumstances made it impossible to secure before leaving Seattle—I made up the report, got all the papers together and notified the Athletic Board that I was ready to report. The time and place for the meeting were set, and in view of what followed, it does not become any representative of the students' interests to use the term "unbusinesslike." I waited for perhaps an hour, and have yet to see any member of that board as such. Thus it was that I was forced to leave college and take up my outside work with the report on my hands.

When I stopped at Moscow on a business trip, in October, I found that a number of the loose vouchers I had mislaid, and subsequent search failed to disclose them. This is undeniable evidence of carelessness, and I make no defence,—but let us be fair in the matter, let the facts be known.

As already mentioned it was impossible to make settlement of the last meet on the ground. This had to be done by mail and necessitated the sending away of vouchers for that trip. I did not ask for the return of these, deeming the O. K.'d statement of the meet sufficient voucher for the expenditures of the trip. This, I think, has been overlooked in counting absent vouchers and constitutes quite an item.

Just one thing more: It would seem from the editorial that the report has just been secured from me and it was then thrown together regardless of facts and figures. The report as published in the Argonaut is the report which I handed to the faculty committee in October, and the report I handed the committee in October was identical so far as figures are concerned, with the original report which I drew up in June. The headings of one or two of the charges in the latter, were changed in the October report upon suggestion of the committee. These were the expenditures to which the committee took exception and in this connection I wish to say that these expenditures seemed to me legitimate and were made by me with the full knowledge and consent of the Athletic Board.

If you can give me the space in which to publish this in full it will be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,  
W. P. Balderston.

## Inspector Coming

Lieutenant Smith, commandant of the cadet battalion, received word from the war department at Washington that the annual inspection of the battalion would be made this year about May 16 by Capt. Julius A. Penn of the general

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staff. Lieutenant Smith said Saturday that although the time for bringing the battalion into shape is very brief, he is pleased with the manner in which the cadets are taking up their duties and hopes to make a creditable showing before the inspector. Captain Penn is an old acquaintance of the commandant, having been an instructor at West Point in Lieutenant Smith's undergraduate days there.

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# Intercollegiate News

The Whitman Pioneer has the following editorial sketch of the development of athletics at Whitman: "One of the marks of Whitman's steady growth is the fact that we are now able to boast special coaches for practically all of our athletic activities. When the present senior class entered college we did not even have a physical director. Indeed, we had only the foundations of a gymnasium. The next year we had a gymnasium and a joint physical director and football coach. The year following, we had advanced to the dignity of having a man to devote all his time to the gridiron, so that the man in the gymnasium could do justice to his work there. And this year we have added two more to our quota, coaches in baseball and track. Good athletic teams are excellent advertisements of a school, and the college believes in advertising."

The University of Utah suggests the organization of a western conference and the holding of an all-western track and field meet to include every college and university from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific coast.—Ex.

University students at Minnesota have been enlisted by the Woman's club at Minneapolis and will cover the entire city and secure information on violations of the smoke ordinance.

At the college meeting held at Williams last week a ballot taken on the question of allowing men in Williams to play so-called summer baseball, it being understood that this excluded playing with teams under national agreement, resulted in a vote of 237 to 37 in favor of allowing summer baseball.

Minnesota debaters are looking to the east for a contest. They have opened negotiations with the teams at the George Washington University and also with New York University.

At Dartmouth football emblems of gold will be given to the members of the team that defeated Harvard. They will have the score of the game inscribed on the back.

Minnesota University has awarded seven "M" blankets this year to their

football heroes. The trophies are large and warm, 7x7 feet, with the Minnesota "M" on the corner and a maroon star for each year its owner has won the coveted "M". Only one blanket is awarded each man, regardless of the number of years he plays on the Varsity team. All the blankets are alike but the captain receives a slightly different star from the rest.

The custom of awarding these trophies was originated in Minnesota University last year.

The University of Washington is to have a regatta with the Imperial University of Japan. A Japanese student at Washington says that the only practical difference between their methods of rowing and ours is that they do not use sliding seats.

Northwestern has established a frat. conference board, of which the president of the university will be the head. The board will be composed of two alumni from each chapter, one of whom will be appointed by the faculty and one by the chapter. The board will be merely advisory, and will not attempt any radical changes.

A student at the University of California has refused the honor of election to Phi Beta Kappa. The man is spoken of as the only one of his kind by the Daily Californian, and his reason for "rejecting the bid" is "that he did not believe that the honor was fairly earned by students in the general culture colleges as some of the courses offered in them were veritable snags in comparison with the work in the engineering colleges."

The 13th annual debate between Harvard and Princeton Friday resulted in a victory for the Princeton debaters. Princeton upheld the affirmative of the question: "Resolved, That further material increases in the United States navy are undesirable."

Minnesota girls are raising a fund for the erection of a dormitory. They have been given five thousand dollars by a local business man, who also furnishes them with a list of fifty other citizens from whom they could probably get donations. They will make a canvass of these.

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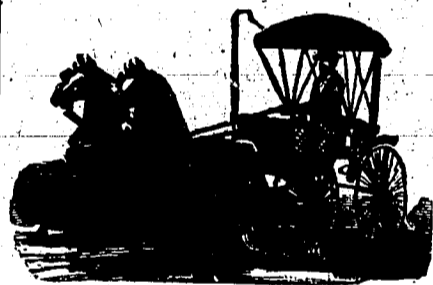
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