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A. S. U. I. OFFICERS CHOSEN

Interesting Contest Gives Magee A. S. U. I. Presidency

Election Last Friday Brought Forth Considerable Political Activity—Some Results Close

The annual election of officers of the Associated Students and members of the University Debate Council, held last Friday, was accompanied by considerable activity on the part of the supporters of some of the candidates. Some of the results were close. Notwithstanding this, excellent spirit was displayed, with few exceptions. The students elected are certain to give the A. S. U. I. and the debate affairs of the University efficient and honest direction next year.

In the race for president, Magee had a steady lead over his only opponent, J. D. Matthews, and zealous efforts by his supporters increased his majority till the final result stood, Magee, 212; Matthews, 73. Frank Noble landed the vice-presidency in a close race with R. O. Jones, the vote being 150 to 133. Ora Howard had a "walk-away" in her lone race for the office of secretary. The treasurership went to Charles W. Colver, although L. A. Hunting was a close second with 105 votes to Colver's 181. The debate council election resulted in the choice of the following six men, in the order named: R. O. Jones, J. D. Matthews, H. A. Wadsworth, Rowe Holman, W. K. Gwin, Ira Tweedy.

Frank Magee, the president elect, has been prominent in student affairs since his entrance into College. He has been a member of the 'Varsity football team, is captain of this season's baseball nine, and has been an efficient head of the athletic board during the past year. The new vice-president, Frank Noble, is a popular student who has always been a faithful supporter of the 'Varsity's undergraduate activities. Ora Howard succeeds herself in the secretaryship, having filled the office with unusual faithfulness and efficiency this year. Charles Colver will take up his duties as treasurer with considerable experience. He has been treasurer of the debate council and debate manager this year.

The new debate council contains three intercollegiate debaters, Jones, Matthews and Gwin. Tweedy is a freshman who has had high school experience in debate and is a member of one of the teams in the coming Borah debate. Wadsworth is a junior. Holman has twice represented the preparatory school in debate, and will be a freshman next year.

Flees from Justice.

Robert O. Jones, editor of the '09 Annual, suddenly escaped Monday afternoon to the jungles of the north. Since the advent of the Gem of the Mountains, life had become a burden for him, so he will bury his sorrows in the mines of Wardner. Mr. Jones has taken his semester examinations, and will work in the mines this summer, expecting to return early next fall and graduate with the class of 1909.

'VARSITY DOWNS PALOUSE

Team Plays Great Ball Behind Burley's Masterly Pitching

The baseball team went to Palouse last Thursday and downed the Palouse giants, one of the strongest teams in the Inland Empire. The game was one of the great surprises of the season. The 'Varsity was expected to give a close game but Palouse enthusiasts were confident of winning. The score, 10 to 0, tells the story of the great game by Idaho.

Burley pitched for Idaho and his exhibition was thrilling. He allowed only two scratch hits and gave only one man free transportation to first. He had his slow ball working nicely and sent ten down by the strike out method.

Crom was the hitting star of the game. The big right fielder bagged four two sackers and a home run out of five times at bat. Such an exhibition of slugging has never before been witnessed by a 'varsity player. The whole team had their batting clothes on and secured eleven fine hits off Myer's delivery.

The boys report a good time on the trip. The faculty has granted the team the privilege of taking their exams next week and if the dates can be secured they will leave on June 1st for a series of ten games in south Idaho.

Music at Assembly

The Wednesday gathering of the students was made a pleasing variation from the usual type by the giving of an entirely musical program. Mr. C. C. Tull and his mandolin club were the chief performers. Their playing, however, was varied with selections from Miss Silver on the violin and Verne Ziegler on the clarinet, in addition to several college songs. The "Idaho Toast" began and ended the program. In between came the new 'Varsity song written by Mr. Tull and first sung by the glee clubs at the athletic minstrel. An amusing Idaho adaptation of the wellknown "Crow Song" made a hit.

Senior Pins Arrive.

Most of the seniors have blossomed out with the class pins which were ordered sometime ago and arrived only last week. The pin is a circular disc of plain gold. The design is that of the Idaho State seal with the words "University of Idaho, 1908" around the circumference. This design is the same as the one adopted by the class of 1907, and will probably be the one used by subsequent classes, as the newly designed University seal does not lend itself to the purpose of a design for a pin.

GEM OF THE MOUNTAINS

Junior Annual Reviewed—a Volume That Fulfills its Purpose

The sixth volume of the Gem of the Mountains has just appeared. Heralded by no vain hopes, it has made its modest appearance, and all are glad to see it. The editing of the Junior year book has yearly grown in importance since the first volume appeared, and it is fast becoming an event of each year. For it is here, if the task has been properly done, that happenings of the year are collected; and the book then becomes a treasure whose perusal will bring to mind some of the most pleasant memories of the student's undergraduate life.

In the thought expressed above lies the reason for the publishing of the book, as it is generally understood, and as it has been expressed by past editors. It is important and will bear repeating. The Junior Annual is published to fulfill a definite need—to gather together in a form that can be preserved all events, all happenings that go to make up the college year, and that help to make its memories dear to the student.

How, then, has the book just issued by the class of 1909 helped to fulfill this purpose, and wherein, if anywhere, has it failed? Some fairly well defined precedents have been established by succeeding editors of the book as a means of fulfilling this purpose, but it is expected that each new editor will improve on the work of the last. For instance, the editor of volume five attempted to improve the book by a more orderly and consistent arrangement of material than had been before attained. The established precedents have been followed in the main this year but some changes have been made.

One change for which we believe the editorial staff should be cordially criticised is in the treatment given the seniors. Now the book is intended to be an advertisement of the two upper classes and particularly of the juniors, since it is they who publish it. But we believe that student sentiment will support us when we say there should be no great margin of difference in the importance with which the two classes are reviewed in the Annual. This year the only vital difference between the seniors and the lowest class in school is that the seniors have individual pictures. A write-up is given them which covers barely one page, and very large type at that.

But there is another change for which the 1909 staff can congratulate

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LABOR DAY WAS A SUCCESS

Monday's Work Produced Great Results on Field

Four-lap Track and Bleachers are Nearly Completed—Montana Meet on New Field

The student labor day of last Monday abundantly justified itself by the results. The great majority of the men of the University put in their share of time on the athletic field, and they did an amazing amount of work.

The weather man thwarted the purpose of the workers in the morning. After putting in only about two hours, and getting just well started, they were forced to quit on account of a driving rain and wind storm. But the work was resumed about one o'clock with many more students present, and continued without interruption until six o'clock.

The first thing to which the student laborers turned their hands was the clearing off of the weeds covering the field. A whole forest of sturdy mustard plants disappeared as if by magic and was hauled away in wagon loads. Then the graders and roller were brought and the construction of a track was begun. At the same time bleachers were under process of construction.

The final results of the day's work are most encouraging. Bleachers which will accommodate a good part of the crowds which visit the field this spring were completed. The running track was brought well along toward readiness for the Montana-Idaho track meet. It is a four-lap track with a 220-yard straight-away. It is thought that it can be gotten in shape for the athletes next Saturday by working a few men on it before then.

In spite of the weather, the crowd which spent Monday working the athletic field into shape was one of the jolliest and most democratic which has assembled under University auspices in a long time. The co-eds served sandwiches and coffee to the workers in the afternoon.

Preps. Win From Colfax

The Preps. won a slow and rather uninteresting meet from Colfax High Saturday by a score of 89 to 42. The meet was not witnessed by a very large crowd owing to the sham battle which came off at the same time.

The Prep. stars were Thornton and Ream, who won 21½ and 20½ points for the Preps. Hargrave and Meany took 13 and 16 respectively for Colfax, —29 of their 42 points.

In the evening the junior Preps. gave a dance for the double purpose of a reception for the senior Preps., and for the Colfax team.

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POLITICAL PURETY

There were a few features of the election of last Friday which deserve the serious attention of the students, and which the Argonaut is going to discuss regardless of the possibility of being accused of partisanship. The fear of such accusations ought not to intimidate the editor of any college paper into silence about real evils in student government.

The successful candidate for president is a man well qualified for the position, and one who is popular among the students. His friends, therefore, need not have been afraid to let him enter the race purely on his merits. Unfortunately, they refused to look at the question in any such light and injected into the campaign some very questionable tactics. We refer to the use of proxies. Blank forms were made out ahead of time, and busy cods and other uninterested people were induced to attach their names to papers that could be voted for whomsoever the bearer preferred. At least one politician got so zealous in the proxy campaign that he cast a vote for a student who had given him no written authority whatever and whom he had, in fact, never met. It is not known whether any other instances of this sort occurred. One is enough to cast a blot on any candidate's campaign.

This evil of absentee voting was especially marked in the preparatory department. It is no exaggeration to say that fully a third of the preparatory students let two or three persons do their voting for them by the proxy method. And it is significant that these wholesale consignments of prep votes all went in the same side of the scale. In this, as in many former elections, the preparatory voters held the balance of power and decided the issues. But in this election they delegated that balance of power to two or three individuals, and those two or three became the dictators of the whole student body, to a greater or less degree. The evil of this is self-evident. It is an aggravated form of a prep domination which is always unfortunate. Nothing is said against the preparatory students as students. They are probably, as a body, above the level of average high school students in the state. But their participation in college politics has developed some very undesirable conditions. They have had only a brief and incomplete experience of college life, and, therefore, of all the students they are the least competent to exercise power. Yet the prep school has acquired the habit of voting as a unit, and the men or measures which are able to command prep support are assured of winning.

It is very unfortunate that this evil cannot be cured at present by the separation of the preparatory department from the University. Furthermore, as long as the A. S. U. I. accepts the registration fees of the prep students, it cannot very well shut them out of its elections. But a great deal could be done—and the repetition of last Friday's episode could be prevented—by ruling out their proxies in the future.

No student, preparatory or college, who has not interest enough to go to the polls himself should be allowed to vote. It should be noted that when the A. S. U. I. Constitution is presented to the students for ratification next month, this fact will have been recognized and that there will be in it some provision abolishing proxy voting.

BATTALION INSPECTION

Captain Penn Well Satisfied With the University Cadets Zeigler Complimented

Soon after eight o'clock Saturday morning the cadets began appearing at the gymnasium and when they fell in at eight thirty they were prepared to satisfy the most rigid inspection imaginable.

First in order was a review and immediately following that an inspection. These reflected credit on the cadets, especially those who have never drilled until the past few months, they made the turns like regulars, kept straight lines and showed no inclination to look around. In the inspection, while a very few had been careless, taken as a whole both the appearance of the cadets and the condition of their rifles were good.

Then came the competitive drill for the flag. After each company had been carefully tested, both in short order and in extended order, it was decided that company "A" should have the flag for next year. Then followed a parade and the presentation of the flag to the winning company.

Next was guard mount which was executed without a mistake and then all were dismissed until two o'clock.

The only event of the afternoon was a sham battle in which company "C" defended University hill while "A" and "B" constituted an attacking party. The advance guard came up very cautiously but were soon seen by the watchful outposts of company "C". Then followed desultory firing for a while and then the final grand charge, in which, had the guns been loaded with ball cartridges, the attacking force would certainly have been annihilated. This ended the program and there will be no more drill this year.

Captain Julius A. Penn of the General Staff U. S. A. who inspected the cadets, has been inspecting colleges for the last two years and, thoroughly understanding the conditions existing at such institutions, he is well qualified for the position which he holds.

After the inspection he expressed himself as well satisfied with the Idaho cadets. Their drill he said was good and their appearance was very satisfactory. He mentioned especially the condition of the guns which seemed to compare very favorably with those of similar institutions which he had inspected. Review parade and guard mount were very satisfactorily executed.

He complimented Lieutenant Verne Zeigler very highly on the appearance and proficiency of the band which has accomplished so much in such a short time.

In regard to cavalry Capt. Penn said that he would recommend that the University of Idaho be allowed a troop of cavalry to consist of juniors and seniors only.

The inspection was generally very satisfactory and the cadets appreciated the fact that, while they felt that they were thoroughly examined, they were treated like gentlemen and the inspector did not try to frighten anybody.

Prof. Soulen went to Lewiston last Saturday on Summer Normal school business.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DEBATE COUNCIL FOR THE COLLEGE YEAR 1907-08 STATEMENT

	Disbursements	Receipts
A. S. U. I. First Semester		\$130.98
A. S. U. I. Second Semester		94.41
First National Bank—Borrowed		35.00
Preparatory Department		2.50
Receipts, W. S. C.—Idaho	\$54.00	
Expenses, W. S. C.—Idaho	46.45	7.55
Receipts, Wash.—Idaho	46.00	
Expenses, Wash.—Idaho	166.28	\$120.28
Books, Magazines and Stationery		36.43
Cuts Debate Teams and Debate Council		16.25
Rent of Church for Oratorical Contest		10.50
Note First National Bank		84.00
Totals	\$267.46	\$270.44
Cash on hand	2.98	
	\$270.44	\$270.44

Respectfully submitted,
 C. W. COLVER,
 Treasurer Debate Council.

Gem of the Mountains

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themselves on being the instigators of that is scattering through the book a great number of snap-shots of familiar scenes about the campus. Such typical scenes as "After Registration," "John," "Busy Czar," "Awaiting the Rally" help us to remember the University of Idaho as something more than a mere compendium of knowledge. Other scenes such as "Moscow Landmarks," pictures of the interclass fight, and the like contribute further to the much desired end. This year's annual staff has set a pace in this respect which succeeding staffs must follow, or they will surely make a mistake, so successful has been this feature.

The art-work in the book is excellent; the printing and binding well and tastefully done—experience must have taught the class to have the work done by responsible people. In all, the book represents a worthy advance on the work of preceding editors and very well fulfils its purpose of being a record of the past school year.

At its last meeting, the Agricultural Club elected officers as follows: President, D. C. Petrie; vice-president, Harley Smith; secretary, G. H. Maughan; treasurer, Merritt Meecham. These take office immediately and already have some big plans in mind for next year. The Club meets regularly on every alternate Friday night and is open to everyone interested in Agriculture.

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Intercollegiate News

Football netted Michigan \$25,657 the past season. Baseball and track were losing sports.

At the University of Nevada the Faculty recently excused the students from classes in order that they might have time to build a track suitable for the track team to train on this spring.

Shirley Parker, captain of the Washington track team for the past two years, has resigned. Poor health and his consequent inability to attend to track work, are the reasons assigned by Parker for his resignation.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page, of Washington, D. C., have given \$20,000 to the University of Virginia, the interest of which is to be used as a lecture fund with which to pay the expenses of visiting speakers.

The University of California is about to erect a library which, when completed, will cost \$2,500,000. Pneumatic tubes will be used to convey the books from the shelves to the desks.

Dartmouth and Michigan will meet in Boston for the great East-West grid-

iron contest of 1908. The following year Dartmouth will travel to the west and play the Wolverines on their own ground.—Ex.

President Eliot of Harvard in an address at a convention of Illinois students last month startled the audience with the statement that he believed that dancing ought to be a required subject in the college curriculum. "There is just one subject," he said "that I would like to see made compulsory. That subject is dancing. That is a fine exercise and a refined sport."—Ex.

The University of Chicago withdrew from the Northern Oratorical League last week, and mailed to Charlottesville its withdrawal from the Central League, thus severing all its intercollegiate oratorical relations. The reason given for the action is the radical difference between the methods taught by the Chicago department of public speaking and those of other universities, it being felt that Chicago speakers are placed at a disadvantage in appearing before judges who are looking for the stump-speech style of oratory.

couraging military rifle and pistol shooting among the male members of the institution.

This club has sent in an application for membership in the National Rifle Association of America which is in cooperation with the National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice. It was organized on the seventh inst. with the following officers: president, E. R. Griner; secretary, H. A. Wadsworth; treasurer, Chas. Weigand; captain, Quinn Wilson. There will be both National and Collegiate medals worth trying for.

Only twenty members are required for admission to the National association but there were forty-one when the application was sent in and any other students may join by handing their names and twenty five cents each to H. A. Wadsworth. This twenty-five cents is to pay the fee (five dollars) which it costs to enter the National association and also to defray local expenses. Target practice will begin sometime this week.

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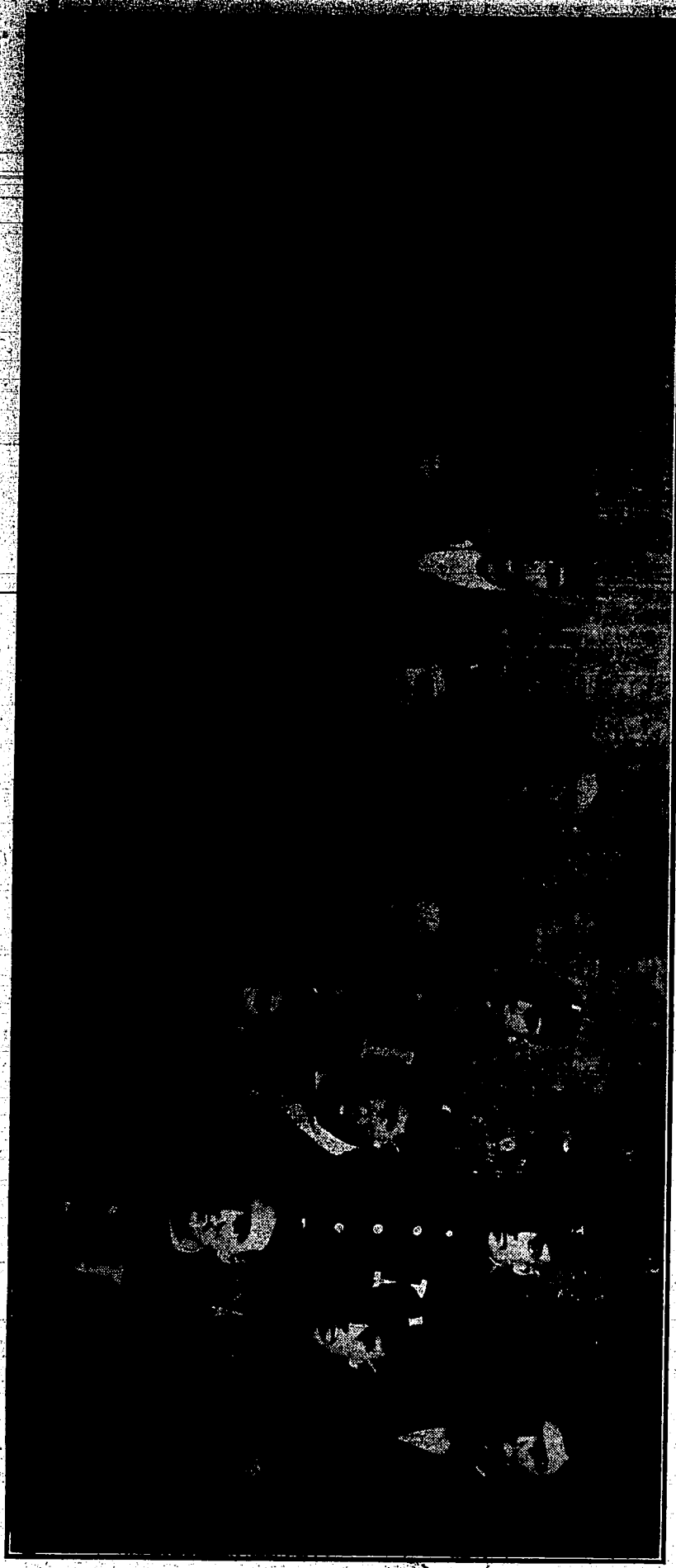


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