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Oratorical Contest

By E. M. Hulme

The eighth annual oratorical contest between the State Universities of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho was held in the Methodist church in Moscow on Friday evening, May 21. For the first time Idaho won the first place. Three times she has won second place and four times she has been at the bottom. This time she is at the top.

The judges of manuscripts were Professor A. G. Newcomer, of Stanford University, Professor Vida D. Scudder, of Wellesley College, and Professor E. D. Shurter, of the University of Texas. The judges of delivery were Hon. Frank Moore, of Moscow, Rev. B. A. Koontz, of Moscow, and Rev. J. J. W. Somerville, of Lewiston. The presiding officer was Hon. Burton L. French.

The contestants were Robert O. Jones, who represented Idaho, B. H. Williams who represented Oregon, and G. S. Corkery, who represented Washington. Washington received second place, and Oregon third. The marking of the judges was as follows:

	Jones	Corkery	Williams
Newcomer.....	2	1	3
Scudder.....	2	1	3
Shurter.....	2	1	3
Moore.....	1	2	3
Koontz.....	1	3	2
Somerville.....	1	2	3
Total.....	9	10	17

Before the contest began Mr. N. M. Ruick played two selections on the violin with neat technic, a good quality of tone and an intelligent interpretation, and Miss May A. Caldwell sang two songs, the second one being Guy d'Hardelot's beautiful and popular "I Know a Lovely Garden" with fine taste and feeling.

And then Robert Jones, Idaho's veteran debater, took the platform and began his oration—"Evolution and the Spiritual." With great distinctness he explained how all life has developed from the uni-cellular stage, how it has ascended on manifold lines, through minute gradations, until it has found its culmination in man. And then with eloquent gesture, with modulated voice, with seemingly exhaustless variety of inflection and pitch, each change being appropriate to the passage that was being interpreted, he told of the progress of man in the physical, in the material, and in the political phases of life. In one phase, that of spirituality, the highest of all, there is still need for great development. Then came a moving plea for the element of spirituality as the most potent force in human life. At the conclusion of the oration the Idaho supporters felt that whatever the outcome might be, the superb effort of the representative had done honor to their Alma Mater.

The next speaker was Mr. B. H. Williams, who represented Oregon. He is a manly young fellow, clean-cut, and sincere. He has a good voice and his delivery was intelligent, though at times too monotonous. He was very sparing of gesture until toward the close of his oration, and that made the lack of variety in his gesticulation all the more noticeable. With better training he would easily make a most effective speaker. His oration was a very interesting one. In restrained yet forcible language he pictured the disaster that is wrought by war and the unnecessary of armed conflict. His

description of the Hague Conference, and his plea for effort to bring about universal peace were both well done.

Mr. G. S. Corkery, who represented Washington, and who was the last speaker, took the platform with several important advantages over his competitors. He is much older than either of team. He is not engaged in undergraduate work, being an advanced student in the Washington Law school. He himself said: "I have lived my oration. This is the eighth time I have given it." Then, too, he was the last speaker; and as there were only two preceding speakers, the place as last speaker in the contest, is a coveted one. His address, "The Scholar in Politics," is a real oration. It is well calculated for delivery. Professor Newcomer, of Stanford, sent word that he cannot conceive how a man under twenty-six years of age could write such an oration. It moves along a high plane as smooth as silk. Yet it does not attain either the heights or depths of the oration on "Evolution and the Spiritual." The orator began in a low tone in an unusually self-contained way. No gestures were used. Indeed there was a stiffness a rigidity of posture. Only with slight movements of the head was the thought accentuated. The speaker seemed to be relying altogether upon his evident understanding of the subject and his apparently deep sincerity. Whenever a gesture was used it was, except in a single instance, awkward. Soon the delivery became monotonous. Many of the finest sentences of the remarkable oration were lost to the listeners; and then, further to alienate them, came mispronunciations of words—even of such simple and ordinary words as "recluse" and "political." And yet the speaker made a powerful impression. When he left the platform every person in the audience was in doubt as to the outcome of the contest. As it was Idaho won by the narrowest margin.

Ex-Congressman French made an excellent chairman. He gave the audience the desired information about the preceding contests, about the conditions under which the contests are carried on; and he presided with grace and dignity.

It would, perhaps, be well to print the letter that Miss Scudder, of Wellesley college sent to the manager of the contest when she returned the manuscripts. "The orations go back to you today by registered post. I have given the preference to 'The Scholar in Politics', despite some slight inelegance and colloquialism of style, because it seems to me to possess more simplicity and sincerity than 'Evolution and Spirituality', and a little more freshness than 'The Peace Movement'. This last essay shows to me no evidence of individual thought; nor should I wish to assign a prize to an author who is capable of spelling 'Lliad' with LL's. I hesitated longer concerning 'Evolution and Spirituality'; for the author of this has held more in mind the distinctive style of the orator than either of the other writers, and has evidently a pleasure in the study of writing as an art. But the substance of the essay does not seem to me to escape the platitude. In one way, the same thing might be said of 'The Scholar in Politics'; but I seem to feel a genuine note of personal conviction

in this last essay which pleases me, I think it would declaim rather well, and might suggest, at least to a college audience an interesting point of view, I therefore vote for it. If it were a mere question of power to handle English, I should vote for 'Evolution and Spirituality.'"

The Romance Department

By Eva Anderson.

Over two hundred dollars' worth of new books have been added to the library for the Department of Romance Languages. Most are French. Professor L. P. Shanks who came to the University of Idaho last September, expects to have even a larger collection to lend to students, and hopes to make that a feature of the work in French after this year.

Some of the books on travel which have been added to the department are: Larousse's Paris Atlas, Cook's Old Touraine and Old Provence, Martin's Siones of Paris, Ronen's Medieval Towns Series, Cathedrals of France by Marshall. These are especially fine sets.

As for next year's work, Italian will be offered to alternate hereafter with Spanish. The Italian class will have the opportunity of continuing their work for two years, as a course in Dante with lectures on Italian literature of the early Renaissance will be added.

Professor Shanks also intends to give some public lectures illustrated by the reflecto-scope, as he has brought from abroad a large collection of post cards and photographs which can be exhibited without the expense of making slides. The lectures will be on interesting topics, such as French Life, Paris, Normandy, Mont Saint Michael, and French Cathedrals. These lectures will be planned in reference to class work and will give reality and interest to the more formal work of the class room.

Advanced courses in French are so arranged that all periods of French Literature may be covered in two years' work.

Professor Shanks has worked under various disadvantages this year in not having a permanent room and in not having any library books; but through his earnest endeavors the department has made great progress.

Besides the regular students in this course, many engineers take advantage of the opportunity to learn these languages, especially Spanish, since many after graduation obtain positions in Mexico, in the Philippines, and in South America where Spanish is spoken.

Domestic Economy.

By Daisy Mason.

A new feature of the Domestic Economy Department this year is the Senior Cookery class whose work has been very successful.

The department next year will be located on the third floor of the new Administration building. The contract has been let for putting in the electrical apparatus.

Dean French's experience as a state official has evidently perfected her in the gentle art of eluding the interviewer.

The annual is about to appear. Question: Will he take the hint?

Plan to Establish University Convocation in Connection With University.

J. M. Campbell

A plan is being forwarded by the President of the University to establish University Convocation which will give to the Alumni of the University some of the powers, rights, and responsibilities in connection with the institution, that were taken from University Alumni when the old type of University was supplanted by the present state institution.

The proposed plan for the convocation is to have the regents, by formal resolutions to establish the convocation, define its membership, and define its powers somewhat as follows: First, that the convocation shall include members, ex officio, graduate members and appointed members; Second, that the University convocation receive annually from the President of the University a report of University progress during the last college year; and upon this report base their recommendations to the regents. It is also advised that the executive officers of the University convocation consist of the Chairman of the Board of Regents, the President of the University, and the President of the Alumni Association.

It is recommended that the convocation meet once a year to discuss any educational problems that it may deem expedient, and that the scope of this educational conference include all the departments of university education. The plan provides that a number of state organizations be invited to send representatives to any educational conference, said representatives to be guests of the conference, or by vote of the convocation to be members pro tempore for the purpose of the conference.

It is believed that this University convocation will secure the active cooperation of the Alumni in advancing the interests of the University.

In speaking of the coming meeting of the Alumni Association, Mr. Homer David of the class of 1901 says: "The meeting this year will surpass in importance any previous meeting of the Association, that Business men, professional men, statesmen, and diplomats will gather within the walls of their Alma Mater, from all parts of our country, and some from foreign lands; there to renew and strengthen friendships that will last till the sands of their lives are run."

Weatherford.

Dr. W. D. Weatherford, International Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, gave the men of the University three addresses last Thursday and Friday. He is a forceful talker and a good man. He was induced to repeat his address on "The College Man's Battles" to an increased attendance of men. Mr. Weatherford appeals to all fair minded College men because he stands for the principles of true manhood and presents his ideas without effeminacy.

The College Widow rehearsed Saturday evening after the musical recital at Hodgins Hall. Messrs. McGee and Johnson were absent with the base ball team.

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This edition of the Argonaut is edited by the Sophomores of the College of Letters and Sciences. Its purpose is twofold: the members of the class are given an opportunity to test their liking for journalism; and fresh information is published regarding the College of Letters and Sciences. The double issue of last week published by the engineers was peaceably received. It is hoped that this will be equally fortunate.

The Engineers
Deserve our cheers,
They did the best they could.
Ha! Ha!
Now for your sake,
Our pen we take,
To write you something good.
Selah.

The University of Idaho as a School of Arts

By John Rock

It is altogether fitting that an issue of the Argonaut edited by the B. A. students of the Sophomore class should contain an article on the excellence of our College of Letters and Sciences.

We firmly believe that in no other college of the Northwest can a high school graduate, wishing to complete his education by taking a course in a College of Letters and Sciences, find better instruction and equipment than at the University of Idaho. Certain it is that the Carnegie trustees who have made a careful study of all the colleges of the United States and graded them according to the standard of scholarship they found, have ranked Idaho far ahead of any of her neighbors.

The High School students who intend to take a University course can be divided into two classes; those who plan to become engineers and those who wish to fit themselves for something else. Of course the latter class, comprising as it does, practically all of the women students, is much the larger. It might be subdivided into three classes; those who plan to practice law; those who wish to teach; and those who will go into business.

To the first of these classes Idaho has excellent courses to offer. It is essential that a lawyer be a man familiar not only with the laws of the land but with practical knowledge concerning Languages, Political Science, History and Literature. The B. A. courses at Idaho are laid out with this end in view. They seek to give the embryo lawyer the causes and effects of the forces that have moulded society and dictated the laws of our land.

For another reason this is an auspicious time for the young lawyer at Idaho. The regents have recently founded a Law School which will be formally opened next year. In a few years Idaho-made lawyers will be practicing at the bar of our state. Why then should you, who contemplate a law course, not be among them? Idaho will favor those who have been trained within her borders. Nothing could help your practice or your political organizations more than to be

among the first graduates from this School of Law. Furthermore, the courses of the Idaho Colleges of Letters and Sciences furnish the broad and necessary foundation which the lawyer must have.

To the second class, those who wish instruction that they may become instructors, the University of Idaho offers courses in every desirable line. The growing demand for High School teachers and the salaries that are attached to such positions induce many to take a course in a college of Letters and Science. To them Idaho offers five foreign languages, advanced courses in all the Sciences and History courses that are probably the strongest offered at any college in the northwest.

To the third class of students, those who intend that a college education shall help them in whatever commercial pursuit they may follow in life, our school offers help.

To briefly conclude, let me say that next fall the equipment of the College of Letters and Sciences will be doubled when the new Administration Building is thrown open. It will contain larger classrooms and laboratories, and the library will be much larger and better equipped.

TO THE SENIORS

One capital result of giving a Senior play, especially one in which the cast includes twenty-five or thirty persons is the bringing together frequently during the last weeks in their college the members of the class. The present Seniors are remarkably harmonious. We do not recall any other class which has worked together more pleasantly and more sympathetically. This is all the more remarkable because the class is larger than any previous one. It is a genuine sacrifice to take part in a play during these delightful days. The out-door world is full of alluring charm, and out-door sports call loudly to the Senior who must give up more than two of his best hours each day to rehearsal. When we see the play we shall get the benefit of their sacrifice. Meantime we wish to commend their heroic class spirit and be thankful that we are not Seniors.

Through a reporter's error, the Argonaut announced last week that Miss Sonna had charge of the Senior play. It is Professor Moore who is rehearsing the parts and who will manage the entire production. She will be assisted by Miss Sonna in the business details.

New Work in the Classics.

By Eva Anderson.

New courses which will be offered in Greek next year are Euripides and Greek Oratory; in Latin, Cicero's Letters and the Satires of Juvenal. Besides these, a course may be given in Roman Private Life.

The department has already a large number of excellent lantern slides, and the University has given an allowance for the purchase of additional slides in the future. Professor Axtell plans to use these both in illustrating class work and in extension work in lectures on the classics throughout the state.

Plans for next year for the classical club have not been formulated. There will, however, be monthly meetings when out-of-town lecturers will make addresses. A play may also be given.

The efficiency of this department is manifested by the fact that Idaho has always had competent candidates for the Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford. Two men have graduated at Oxford, and two are now in residence. The University is the only institution in the state entitled to award Rhodes Scholarships.

What, oh what, is that
Said a merry chap
As he did see
On a young lady,
A monstrous, great, big hat.

O that, oh that's my hat
Said the dear young maid
And she did smile
With sweet beguile
On the merry, merry chap.

Amateur dramatics have been successful this year. Ask Chic Johnson.

On "Labor Day" a good many students are like perpetual motion motion machinery—they don't work.

The write-up in the Argonaut a few weeks ago of the Senior play did not suit the "College Widow" cast. They should remember that every Rockefeller has his Tarbell.

The Misses Hitt and Wood, and Messrs. Perkins and Thomas went to Moscow Mountain last Saturday, and report a very enjoyable day.

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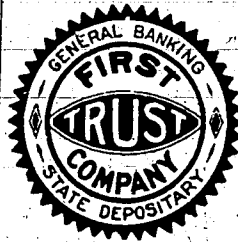
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Elaborate Course in Home Economics.

By Lucy Mason.

A very thorough four years' course is now given in Home Economics. This includes in the Freshman and Sophomore years, educational study and drill in primary hand stitches, machine sewing, and pattern drafting. Lecture work covering important points, is given in the course, short essays on fibers are required of the students, and practical application is made of each point brought out in the lecture work. Practical hand drill on various articles is given, the study and care of the machine is taken up, and practical garments and articles are made. Pattern drafting and study by different methods cover all the exercises in garment making.

The regular work of the Junior year in Home Economics takes up dress-making in all its details, lectures being given and various elaborate garments made. A course in Household Art is also given in the Junior year, including lectures upon the important subjects of the house, its development and history, the house as a home, the treatment of the interior to make it artistic, homelike, and healthy. Practical work is done in the planning of the house and its furnishings, and various exercises in decorative work are done.

One of the comparatively new and most popular courses in the department is that of Fine Hand Sewing and Decorative Stitching. A few lectures are given in the course, but most of the time is devoted to the learning of beautiful and intricate fancy stitching, a knowledge of which is as rare as it is desirable, and which is seldom to be acquired outside of expensive private instruction. Another course along a similar line is that in Art Needle Work. In this work exercise in embroidery and lace-making are done, great attention being paid to color and shading.

The Domestic Art room has been arranged and fitted up very conveniently for the department work, with an ample number of tables, sewing machines, pressing boards and electric iron, and drawers and cupboards for receiving the work. The statues, models and pictures used in Drawing and Art give a very comfortable and attractive appearance to the room, relieving it of the bareness conspicuous in the ordinary class room.

Mrs. Haner is well placed with the work of the department this year. Very satisfactory progress has been made, and everything is going along as well as could be desired.

Mrs. Haner will leave, as soon as the college year closes, to make a short visit in Spokane. From there she will go to Seattle to spend the summer with friends there, and incidentally to take in the Fair.

With the Dean.

By Mark Haines.

When asked his opinion upon the probable increase in the attendance at the University of Idaho, Dean Eldridge spoke enthusiastically.

"We expect an increase of twenty per cent over former years. All indications point toward the most successful year in the history of the institution."

That this statement is conservative there can be no doubt, for everything leads to this conclusion. Few students are aware that there is a regularly organized committee for the purpose of placing our college before the public eye. The report of this committee, of which Prof. Hulme is chairman, has been most gratifying. Most of the High schools of the state have been reached either through printed matter or personal visits from members of the

committee. They report an increasing growth in the desire for higher education, and state that never before have the purposes and value of Idaho University been so thoroughly explained to high school graduates.

"Will there be any important changes about the University?" the Dean was asked.

"The largest external change will be the removal of most of the Liberal Arts College into the new Administration Building," replied Dean Eldridge. "This will include all departments now located upon the third floor of Morrill Hall, consisting of Romance, Languages, German, Latin, Greek, History, Mathematics, Philosophy and English. The Preparatory School will occupy the third floor of the new building."

When asked as to where and how he intended to spend the summer, he replied he would take an extended trip East, arriving at New Haven in time for the Yale commencement. From there he will go to Moosehead Lake, Maine, to assist in the management of a boys' camp. This camp is conducted by an old schoolmate of Prof. Eldridge. "But I shall be there primarily for a good time," he said.

The Sociological Side at Idaho.

Of the new courses offered at Idaho this year, that in Sociology has perhaps attracted most interest. The enrollment in the department the second semester was five times that during the first semester. This shows considerable interest in the work for a course that has been offered for the first time. A sociological society was organized which had seven public meetings during the year, with a good many speakers from outside, including Dr. Ross of Wisconsin. These open meetings were all fairly well attended by the students and also by the people from town.

The work in sociology will possibly be dropped next year.

Prof. Vaughn is leaving before the close of the semester. He goes East to deliver the commencement address at Lennox College in Iowa, where he himself graduated in 1893. After that he will probably go down into New Mexico. Prof. Vaughn hasn't yet decided upon any definite plans for the summer or for next year.

Senior Supper

On Thursday May 20th, Miss Ivy Curtis and Miss Georgia Davis gave their Senior Supper in the Domestic Science rooms at Ridenbaugh Hall. A large round table was used, in the center of which was a round mirror encircled with a wreath of wild larkspur. On the mirror was a vase of Cream Roses. Hand painted place cards, representing baskets of yellow and purple flowers were used. The side table was decorated with a bowl of yellow tulips, daffodils and larkspur. The color scheme was yellow and purple. The following menu was served allowing \$1.25 for each four persons:

Fruit Soup.	Potato Puffs
Asparagus Souffle	
Radishes	Curled Celery
Grape Jelly	Pickled Prunes
Rusks—Coffee	
Vegetable Salad	Saltines
Bombe Glace	
Sponge Drops	Butter Cups

The guests were Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Cornwall, Miss French, Mrs. Carithers, Mrs. Hodgins, Miss Curtis and Miss Davis. The supper was served by Edna Davis and Bessie Lee.

Question: Which is the slowest coming, Spring or the Annuals?

Local News Items.

Examination schedule is posted.—Now worry.

Messrs. Arthur Thomas and Charles Perkins visited Mt. Moscow Saturday on horse-back.

Misses Bertha Wood and Myrtle Hitt rode to Mt. Moscow Saturday.

Charles Kee spent a few days in Genesee last week.

The Biology Club's intended expedition to Lewiston for last Friday and Saturday was hindered by the lack of a team.

The last tile of the Ad roof has been laid. What next?

Ray Earl Peebler missed classes Friday on account of sickness.

The Seniors were busy last week sending invitations.

Get engaged,—It's all the go in Prepdom.

Miss Ada Thomas visited in Lewiston Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Hitt's father was here Sunday.

Miss Grace Prugger spent last week in Lewiston at the High School Commencement exercises.

Ira Gwinn has been visiting his brother Willard the last week.

Miss Ollie Vince of Lewiston is spending a few days with Miss Bessie Perkins '12.

Misses Smith, Sharkie, Emmett and Cadlitz went on a picnic with their Sunday School class Saturday.

McCurry visited at home in Spokane Friday and Saturday.

Some one'll have to lasso Price. He can't quit training.

James Gwinn, '11, spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Garfield, Washington.

Idaho may enter three men in a Conference Track Meet of all colleges in the Northwest, at Seattle June 12.

Miss Zona Schultz entertained for dinner Sunday.

Miss Mary Wilson has been on the sick list lately.

The Beta Sigma Sorority entertained the Fourth year Preparatory students Sunday.

Lester Albert is suffering from a cold on the lungs.

The Agricultural Club held its semi-annual election of officers in Morrill Hall Saturday evening.

The cost of attending the Fair at Seattle with the Cadets is steadily decreasing; having reached the four dollar mark already.

Miss Ruth Broman will give her Senior Musical Recital next Thursday evening, May 27.

Professor Soulen has returned home after being out of town for several days.

Miss Maynard intends to spend the summer in Seattle as usual and will incidentally take in the Fair.

Miss Bessie Perkins entertained at a spread in her room at Ridenbaugh Hall, Saturday evening in honor of Miss Olive Vence of Lewiston, who has been her guest for the past week. Those present were Rhoda and Alene Fenn, Inez Clithero, Bertha Wood, Myrtle Hitt, Lottie Works and Zona Shultz.

The Department of Pedagogy.

Professor Soulen is busily devising plans to increase the standards of the work in pedagogy. He expresses himself as anxious to have the students here do as much work in this line as in older and farther advanced institutions. Every year the requirements are to be raised until Mr. Soulen finally gets the work where he wishes it. Next year fourteen and possibly sixteen credits will be required before a student will be able to get the eight year certificate.

A new course is now planned, designed especially for Freshmen and Sophomores. This will enable those who have successfully taken the allotted ten credits for the two years to secure the Junior certificate at the end of their Sophomore year. By this they can teach in the first and second years of any High Schools in the State.

Away From Home.

The O. A. C. Military Band has just returned from an extended tour of the State. Much applause has been given them from many city papers for their high class entertainment.

California has been barred from the annual regatta to be held on Lake Washington during the latter part of May. It has been ruled out because it refused to join the organization proposed by the Washington board of control. Stanford and Washington will row alone.

W. S. C. defeated O. A. C. on the debate rostrum last Monday night at Pullman.

Stanford is considering the advisability of discontinuing rowing. The reason is because of inadequate facilities and non-support by the students.

The students at Washington are advocating the raising of the registration fee for the first semester from three to five dollars. This fee is to secure for the students the Daily Wave and admission to all A. S. U. W. athletic activities, including football, track and regattas.

Washington had the best track team this year it has possessed in a college generation. Washington was proud of that team, and still is, for its no disgrace to be beaten by such worthy opponents as Oregon and Idaho proved themselves. [Pacific Wave]

Dr. Hall, Washington's coach, thinks the triangular meet was a star contest. He has no fault to find with the way the men performed; they simply met better balanced teams. The high jump and vault were too high class for the varsity men to win. [Pacific Wave]

Bantz, Jarvis, Babcock, O'Brien, Vernon, and O'Neal will receive their Senior blankets at the assembly. The blankets are awarded to Seniors who have won at least three "W's" or who have turned out for one branch of work for four years and won the letter in the last year.

The blankets are six by seven feet and are navy blue with gold stripes at the edges. A block "W" is in the center and stars at the edges denote the number of "W's" won by the owner. These stars are on disks colored to denote the different sports. [Pacific Wave]

Social Events.

The Beta Sigma Sorority was entertained at luncheon Saturday afternoon by Mrs. J. G. Eldridge, who has been their patroness for several years. Besides the members of the sorority, there were present Mrs. Miracle, Mrs. Carithers and Mrs. French.

Brilliant Prospects of English Department.

By Lucy Mason

The English Club, which can truly be called the most popular club at Idaho, has several of its plans formed for next year. The try-out system has been tested with the Senior class play this year, and, having proved successful, this method will henceforth be used in the casting of plays. It is possible that membership to the club will be granted only to those who are successful in try-outs.

The class of plays next year will be slightly different from those given this year. This year the club has tried to arouse interest by continuing on the same line as last year; that is, by the production of modern, up-to-date comedies. It hopes next year to produce some verse dramas, of greater merit from a literary point of view, such as Stephen Phillip's "Paola and Francesca," Browning's "In a Balcony," and Van Dyke's, "The House of Rimmon."

Dr. Moore has sent out circular letters to every college west of the Mississippi to ascertain the status of dramatic clubs in these various institutions, making such inquiries as these: How many plays are given during the academic year? Who gives the requisite training? Where are the plays presented, in a local theatre or in a university auditorium? Is admission charged? What are the names of the plays presented in the last three years? How is the club officered and controlled, by the faculty, by the students, or by both? Dr. Moore has received very interesting answers to these letters, and intends to make use of them in a magazine article on the "Interest of the Drama in the West."

More encouraging reports are received from "The College Widow" this week. The interest shown is much keener as the date for the production draws near. Nearly every member of the cast will have few traits of the amateur. They have done remarkably well in interpreting parts. The scenery that was in part ordered from New York, has arrived. The stage has been erected. Rehearsals will begin at once in the gymnasium. The students are busy looking up their costumes and properties. Everything promises success. The play will be especially representative of college life. A large number of college songs will be sung off the stage. Carey's orchestra and the mandolin club will probably assist with the music. It is given as a timely suggestion to friends that they come early. Since the play is an invitation affair, no seats are reserved. Unless the friends and relatives of the class come early, they will not be able to get seats at all.

No new courses will be offered in the English Department next year outside of those which have been advertised in the catalogue. However, the new course in advanced Shakespeare, given this year, has been so attractive as to warrant its further development another year. Twelve of Shakespeare's plays are regularly given in the Sophomore year. The course in advanced Shakespeare is open to Juniors and Seniors, and is intended to be a close study of a few plays that can not be included in the Sophomore year. The class this year has studied Shakespeare's early comedies and attempted to get an idea of his development by taking them in chronological order. Some of the historical plays not taken up by Sophomores have also been studied. They have completed the Roman trilogy, of which "Julius Caesar" is given in preparatory work, by taking "Antony and Cleopatra" and "Coriolanus." The class is now studying Shakes-

peare's sonnets, this being an entirely new selection for class study.

The English Department will have rooms on the west side in the new Administration Building. Its windows will afford a very picturesque view over the green hills in that direction. The rooms are very commodious, and there is a large office for the exclusive use of the department, where consultations will be held with the students.

Dr. Moore will spend most of the vacation at Portland. She may go to Berkeley to visit friends there for part of the summer, but not to attend lectures.

In regard to the courses offered in English Language, Miss Sonna reports that she hopes next year to interest six or seven well-qualified students in journalism. In nearly every University, extensive training is given in newspaper writing. There is a place, she feels, in the University of Idaho for a course giving practice in editorial, news, story, and interview writing.

The composition classes have been devoting the last six weeks to the study of the oration. After a presentation of the principles of oratorical writing and the analysis of models, the classes wrote orations. These have been corrected and revised and will, after they are committed to memory, be delivered before the various classes. Students are now writing short stories, and a number of very creditable college stories have been handed in.

The Athletic Field

By M. Haines.

The university of Idaho should feel proud of her athletic field which has been so recently enhanced by an eight-foot board fence. In two years the university has realized her dreams of owning an enclosed field of her own, not only spacious but easily accessible to all people. Never before have conditions been so favorable for athletic prosperity and success. To one who has been aware of the discouraging conditions of the past few years and of the struggle which it required to bring mere aspirations to their present state of consummation, the future can mean but one thing, success.

Upon all sides have been heard comments of the most complimentary nature upon the ability and enthusiasm which the student body exhibited in building the new fence. Student labor day at the University of Idaho was as successful as it was unique, and it was but another indication that we all pull together, when the faculty completed the work on Saturday. Idaho does not do things by halves.

Alumni Re-Union a Hummer.

This will be the biggest commencement week ever. There are two reasons; the graduating class is the largest we have had; and all of the Alumni will be here to lead the celebration. This is the twentieth anniversary of the chartering of the University.

We print here the circular letter addressed to all Alumni:

Moscow, Idaho, May 11, 1909.

Dear Friend and Alumni Member:

We wish to have you remember the annual meeting of the Alumni.

Commencement this year is June 9th.

In accordance with plans laid last year, the Alumni proposes to organize as a part of the University Convocation, which is to be given a part in the government of the University.

This year's meeting is, of more than ordinary importance and your presence at that time is therefore earnestly solicited. The time is especially fortunate for a large attendance owing to the number of class and fraternity rallies that occur this year.

We want to see a good number of

"old timers" present and invite you to renew old friendships and to give your assistance to the consideration of a plan that we hope will benefit the institution.

Hoping to see you all here, we are, yours for a greater Idaho.

CHAS. A. MONTANDON, Pres.
MRS. A. A. ROGERS, Sec'y.

News of the Battalion.

The Battalion has been presented with a special banner, by the regents. It is a large, purple flag bearing the University crest. On last Friday the ceremony of "Escort to the Colors" was performed when the flag was presented.

Last Monday the Battalion had special parade for Bishop Funston of Boise. Bishop Funston is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and is much interested in the University.

Cadet Private Hays has been appointed color-sergeant and will carry the University flag.

Cadet Private Fox has been appointed a sergeant in the band to take the place of Tweedy, resigned.

The cadets have voted to go to Spokane via the Inland, thence to Seattle via the Great Northern. They will see the finest scenery in the Cascades.

The Idaho Battalion will probably be the only one which will be allowed to camp in the grounds as the other schools of the Northwest have not the regulation military tent.

Gov. Brady will review the Battalion at Seattle on the 17th of June.

The schedule of drills will be out in a day or two. There will be plenty of time given during the day for every cadet to see the Fair.

Visitors Day at the Mill Building

On Thursday afternoon of this week, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. the students and townspeople will again be given an opportunity of seeing the machinery in the metallurgy building in operation.

The course in Ice Cream and Ices made ice-cream Friday afternoon for the first time during the semester. In addition Prof. Frandson treated the class to a huge brick of ice-cream, its bright colors of red and white appealing strongly to the juvenile tastes of the class.

Domestic Art Exhibit.

By Lucy Mason.

The work of the University Course in Domestic Art will be on exhibit in the department room No. 2, second floor of Morrill Hall on Monday and Tuesday June 7 and 8. The room will be open from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m., and the work of the four years' course will be on display for inspection. Everybody is urgently asked to visit the exposition, and to learn what the new department is doing. The work of the two years' course in drawing and art will also be in evidence. The people of the University will be expected to visit the department at this time and it is hoped that many friends from the city will come in freely and make this inspection at their leisure. All are most cordially invited.

No Wonder.

How do you spell 'accurately!' I don't very often.—Ex.

Many students have been listening to the "Call of the Wild" lately.

Pick-Ups

Freshie: I don't sleep at all at night.
Sop: Why don't you take something?
Freshie: I do, I take Trig.—Ex.

Now we suppose if the baseball team loses any games at the new park, some wise one will whisper that we have fenced their "jinks" inside.

Will some one please put salt on the tail of the Idaho base ball hoodoo?

A report has been heard upon the campus to the effect that Ray Curtis expects to graduate from Prep. next year. Here's to you, Rex.

Daus has a new cornet. Lieut. Smith may now dismiss Mr. Carey.

The dandelion brigade has finished its awkward squad manoeuvres. Honors are even.

In another column of this issue will be found a post-mortem of our baseball captain.

Miss Curtis at the phone. Why, yes, you may have a date. Who is this?

The "College Widow" is now progressing more satisfactorily, every one being present at rehearsal Tuesday, excepting Dr. Moore.

Tommy Noble says that he has been "let out" of all exams next week on condition that he takes three this week.

For the sake of the subscribers the Argonaut will go back in the hands of the former editors.—Editor.

Sadie: You have a curly hair in your head, Professor. Prof: Oh, is that all?

Grover likes to spend a pleasant hour with pretty lady friends. But all the girls are getting sour, for that is all he spends.

Georgia: "So your efforts to win an 'I' were fruitless, were they?" Fenn: "Oh, no! not at all; they gave me a lemon."

Some of our departments are just as long as they are short. For instance, the Chemistry Department.

Inez Clithero and Martha Hansen were the guests of Mrs. Caldwell at a luncheon Saturday.

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At Litz Hall Next Year.

By Vera M. Gray.

That the Music Department is very much alive is testified to by Professor Cogswell's numerous plans for next year's work.

A quarter-grand piano of Weber make is to be installed in the studio, and also a two-manual pedal reed organ. The latter will be of special assistance in giving the new course in pipe-organ work, in which much interest has been displayed. The addition of a musical library of one hundred volumes to be kept in Litz Hall will be of great benefit. It is to consist of musical scores only, and will fill a long-felt want. Another practice room is to be finished. It speaks well for the popularity of the course that the number of the practice rooms is already inadequate for the needs of the students.

Several changes have been made in regard to the requirements of the course. Mathematics has been eliminated. No electives are required to take its place, but a greater amount of musical work is demanded. Changes made from the B. M. course to others in the University are to be discouraged from now on. They will be absolutely denied except on condition that tuition be paid for all instruction received. For this reason students who, upon examination, are not deemed capable of completing the course, are to be urgently advised against taking it up. This does not apply to special students in music.

Students in other courses may take any of the accredited subjects in the B. M. course, and receive credit for the work done. These credits are not to exceed eight in number. Preparatory students are also to be allowed from one to six credits for studies taken in the music Department.

A course in public school music is offered for next year. This equips students for teaching music in the public schools. It is fully explained in the new catalog.

The tuition fees now cover a period of one semester instead of a term as heretofore. This change should be especially noted.

Next year the practice hours will be registered. Those practicing more than the prescribed number of hours will receive credit in proportion. This change will probably inspire some to do better work and more progress will be made, as many of the students have felt as though the two credits ordinarily given for piano practice were not sufficient for the amount of labor involved.

Arrangements are being made to increase the interest in the orchestral and choral work. The Philharmonic and Cecilian Societies are to be revived next year as soon as can be arranged.

Attendance at musical programs will be more rigidly enforced next year. The programs are all very pleasing and beneficial to the students; and it is highly desirable that music students be present and derive all the benefits possible.

Preparatory work has been in progress for some time for a conference of music teachers to be held at the University some time in the future. Circular letters have been sent out by Professor Cogswell, and the replies show a very encouraging interest.

At the Northwestern Conference of music teachers to have been held at Seattle this summer, Professors Cogswell and Grissen were to have given a program. This, however, has been rendered impossible, by the postponement of the conference.

Professor Cogswell intends to go to Seattle to see the Fair, and to California taking a cottage somewhere on the coast. His mornings will be spent in practicing and his afternoons in recreation.

ADKISON GIVES MEDAL

J. Loyal Adkison, '04, Decides to Present Watkins Medal Hereafter

At a meeting of the Debate Council last week a communication was read from Loyal Adkison, '04, in which he offers to be the donor hereafter of the Watkins Medal. This medal is worth \$50 and is at present given by the previous winners in honor of the late Dr. Watkins, who originated it. Mr. Adkison decided to present the medal himself because of the general failure of the present system. Leaving the task to the alumni has proved very unsatisfactory. One contestant, at least, had to wait twelve months before he

received the prize. Mr. Adkison's move means that the medal will be here on time after this, and this insures more interest in the local contest.

Loyal Adkison was a prominent member of the class of 1904. While in college he made an enviable record in debate and oratory. He was the leader of several debate teams, and was Idaho's representative in the Inland Empire College oratorical championship, as well as speaking for Idaho in the inter-state fight. In all of these contests he received high markings. Since graduation he was elected to the state legislature from Idaho county. At present he is teaching at Cottonwood, Idaho. The interest he still has for his Alma Mater is shown by his determination to present yearly the \$50 Watkins Medal.



J. Loyal Adkison

Annual Election.

By Daisy Mason.

The annual election for A. S. U. I. officers and the Argonaut staff occurred Friday, May 21st. There was about as much spirit shown as at the nominations. Only 112 votes were cast, not enough to pass the amendments to the constitution. These will be brought up for consideration at the next meeting of the student body.

The A. S. U. I. officers elected for the next college year are:

President,.....Paul Savidge.
Vice President,.....Henry Smith.
Secretary,.....Veronica Foley.
Treasurer,.....W. W. Stokesbury.
Debate Council, J. R. Rock, Rowe Holman, Paul Clemens, B. E. Davis, Ira Tweedy and Ralph Williams.

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Miss Byrnes' Junior Recital.

Last Wednesday evening at Hodgins Hall, Miss Gertrude Byrnes gave her Junior Piano Recital. Miss Carrie Horton assisted with a number of vocal solos, and acquitted herself with her usual success.

The playing of Miss Byrnes is very spirited and brilliant. Her easy and charming manner at the piano put her audience in entire sympathy with her from the beginning.

One of her most pleasing numbers was Nocturne Op. 3., No. 1, by Chopin, which she rendered with much feeling and expression. In delightful contrast to this followed a Military Polonaise, also by Chopin. Liszt's Love Dreams No. 2, and Florence Concert Waltz formed two very brilliant numbers, particularly well adapted as a climax to the program.

Miss Byrnes' work at the piano shows a natural talent combined with ability for serious work.

A Spring Day in Song.

Miss Caldwell and some of her pupils gave a charming recital at the home of Mrs. M. E. Lewis on Friday afternoon. The songs were very suggestive, and all of those who took part showed a marked improvement. Miss Anna Kiefer was suffering from a cold, and therefore did not sing her last number. Mr. Sinclair substituted for her in a duet with Miss Caldwell. With this exception all were in good voice and reflected much credit upon Miss Caldwell's instruction. Below is the program:

MORNING.

The Lark.....Schubert.
I Know a Lovely Garden.....
.....Guy d'Hardelot
Miss Caldwell.

IN THE GARDEN.

I Know a Bank.....Parker
Springtide.....Greene
Miss Jessie Sams.
Sunshine and Butterflies.....Bunning
The Four Leaf Clover.....Coombs
Miss Carrie Horton.
Violets.....Ellen Wright
Miss Minnie Kiefer.
O That We Were Maying.....Neidlinger
Misses Kiefer and Caldwell.

EVENING.

The Beautiful Land of Nod.....Greene
Miss Kathryn Smith.
Violin Obligato, Mr. Rruick:
In the Land Where Dreams Come True.....Metcalf
Miss Marie Kettenbach.

NIGHT.

At Nightfall.....Metcalf
The Night Has a Thousand Eyes.....
.....Metcalf
Calm as the Night.....Bohm
Miss Anna Kiefer.

Edith (drawing, in biology): Prof. Aldrich, what shall I take after the turtle? Wadsworth: Take a drink of water.

THE UNIVERSITY AND THE HIGH SCHOOL

Gretchen K. Zumbhof.

The office of Dean of Women, one of the most important positions in the University, was created only this year and is filled by Miss Permeal French of Bellevue, Blaine county. Miss French was for two terms State Superintendent of Public Instruction and during her frequent visits to high schools throughout the state, has become well acquainted with the students whom they send to our University.

Dean French has recently returned from a two weeks' tour of inspection of High Schools in South Idaho, and it was hoped that this number might contain a lengthy and interesting interview with her concerning many matters of general interest. But persistent efforts on the part of an Argonaut reporter were unsuccessful, and only a few notes were submitted.

Dean French writes that in most cases among the schools visited she finds a great improvement. The instructors are, for the most part, college-trained and therefore well equipped for their work.

Better libraries are being installed, and students are required to do the reading necessary for good English work. Very little science work is being done where they are not provided with a fair amount of apparatus for laboratory work.

A very good percentage of students is finishing the four years' course, leading to the University. The University may not get them for two years, as many must plan for their college training. So, as is largely the custom, girls will take a year of normal training, that they may teach, and finally enter the University; and boys will seek employment in the many fields of labor Idaho is offering.

Miss French was delighted with the appearance of the school grounds and buildings. Patrons have generously provided means necessary to their being decidedly clean and attractive.

University students cannot overestimate the amount of missionary work that is to be done by them in advertising to high school graduates, and high school students generally, the opportunities that are here afforded them.

Graduation Piano Recital.

A large and appreciative audience assembled at Hodgins Hall on Saturday evening and listened to a graduation recital program by Miss Anna Kiefer. She was assisted by her sister, Miss Minnie Kiefer who, pleased every one by her vocal numbers.

Miss Kiefer's opening selection was a prelude by Bach. The very beautiful Impromptu Op. 28, No. 3 by Reinhold succeeded it, and was followed by the suggestive Prelude Op. 28 No. 15 by Chopin. Then came a sparkling and vivacious selection, "From Faust" composed by Saint Saens Kermeese.

Ludwig Schytte's Berceuse Op. 26, No. 7, was played with much feeling and displayed Miss Kiefer's power of interpretation. Although the next piece, Liszt's Rhapsodic Hongroise No. 8, was of an entirely different style, yet Miss Kiefer did it full justice.

The final numbers were a Liebestraume No. 2 by Liszt and Rubenstein's very difficult Staccato Etude. The latter was played with much brilliancy and skill and displayed Miss Kiefer's technical ability admirably.

It is rumored that two of the cadets want to go to Seattle. They must be Preps.

Whitman Wins

On their last trip the baseball team met Dayton in one game and Whitman in two. The first game played, May 29th, with Dayton was lost by Idaho with a score of 7 to 3. Burns and McKenzie were batteries for Idaho; Phillips and Kreitz for Dayton. Both teams did good work.

The next day the first game with Whitman was closely contested from the start to the eleventh inning when Whitman won by a score of 5 to 4. Appleman and McKenzie were batteries for Idaho; Belt and Schmeidt for Whitman. Appleman struck out ten men; Belt 5. Some excellent playing was done by Curtis and Lundstrom, the latter making a threebagger. The game was lost thru an error.

The second game played, with Hansen and McKenzie battery for Idaho, Borleska and Schmeidt for Whitman, was won by the latter with a score of 4 to 1. Altho somewhat disappointed over the result, especially of the first game with Whitman, the boys are satisfied with having played well and returned in good health—that is, all excepting Slack, who accidentally got his jaw in the position that the bat has inherited from its forefathers. He is now quite convinced of the bat's social status and will hereafter give it the proper place.

Idaho Knows How to Talk

The Department of Public Speaking continues its phenomenal record. It has won two intercollegiate contests this year, one debate and one oratorical contest. This is the first time Idaho has won a first place in a tri-state oratorical contest. Hereafter the Department intends to prepare for only two debates, those with the Universities of Oregon and Washington. The W. S. C. debate will be dropped. It is felt that this debate requires too much time and energy in the fall. By giving it up, the students in Public Speaking will be able to begin work in the fall immediately upon the triangular debate as is done at Washington and Oregon.

No high school graduate in the state who has ambitions along the line of public speaking, or who feels that he needs training in argumentation and in appearing before the public can afford to miss the excellent work offered at Idaho by the foremost coach of the entire Northwest, Professor Hulme.

History Prospects.

The department of History will have a room on the first floor of the new Administration Building in the southwest corner of the central part.

No new courses will be offered, but it is the purpose of the instructor to change and develop several of the courses now being offered. The courses in the Renaissance and the Reformation will be changed from three-credit courses to four-credit courses.

A new feature will be the Lantern Talks to be given in the courses in European History. Pictures of castles, cathedrals, towns, statues, and paintings will illustrate lectures upon the life and art of the people in the various periods of European life treated in these courses.

During the summer Professor Hulme is to work upon a book dealing with the Renaissance and the Reformation, which he hopes to complete in about two years.

The library is now quite well supplied with important historical books, especially with recent monographic literature so that the collateral reading of the students from week to week can be made to lie near to the ultimate sources of information.

A Dweller in Tents.

"Why, I expect to stay in Moscow and sleep in the tent," said Professor Morley, as he turned from driving a tack to reply to the question of where he would spend vacation.

"Of course," he added, "I aim also to work up my new course in Psychology."

This course is to be introductory to the present courses in Philosophy. It is to be more simple than the course in Psychology which was given a few years ago; a good chance for snap-course hunters.

In the realm of Mathematics there will be one or more changes made. The Engineering class of Freshman Algebra which is growing too large for a single class will be divided into two sections. Professor Morley is glad to be able to take his work into the new building as there will be more room and better conveniences.

Just at this point in the interview Miss Helen Morley, aged five, announced from where she was digging with her little hatchet that she had discovered a worm, and all other matters were dropped.

In Latin literature class. Student: Dr. Axtell, may we be excused this afternoon to go to the track meet? Dr. Axtell: Why, I should like to excuse you, but I don't see how I possibly can this afternoon. Dr. Axtell (later, reading an article to the class, inadvertently): "Very little sympathy with human nature is expected from the modern instructor in the classics because—"

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