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VICTOR PRICE DEBATERS

New Debating Society Gives Successful Program

Last Friday afternoon the Victor Price debating society listened to a very interesting debate on the question of a state employer's liability law. The question was stated as follows: "Resolved, That the State of Idaho should pass a law providing for employer's liability for all industrial accidents." The affirmative of this proposition was upheld by Oliver Price, Will Brown and Ira Tweedy. Mr Tweedy entered the debate as a substitute for Mr. Bond who did not report. The negative team was composed of Beckner, Stillinger and Sudweeks. The decision was unanimous for the negative. On the whole the debate was of higher class and better prepared for than the previous one. All the members of the negative are to be commended for their conscientious work in preparation.

Mr. Price opened the debate for the affirmative and after a detailed introduction, advanced the argument that many accidents are directly due to the negligence of the employers. Stillinger followed him and presented several clear and convincing arguments for the negative. First he pointed out that by the wording of the question the affirmative must justify employer's liability for all industrial accidents from a smashed finger to death. Then he gave several reasons why employer's liability is unsound in theory. Mr. Brown was next man for the affirmative and devoted his time

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BASEBALL GET SEASON TICKETS FROM SAVIDGE \$2.50 FOR EIGHT COLLEGIATE GAMES

DANCING PARTY

Miss French Entertains for Ridenbaugh Hall Girls

Miss Permeal French was hostess at a delightful dancing party at Ridenbaugh Hall Friday evening. The dance was given in honor of the girls at the Hall. The large dining room was made very attractive with pennants of the different colleges. During the evening delicious refreshments were served. At a late hour the guests departed after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Besides the honor guests and their partners, those present were: Jennie Horton, Gertrude Byrnes, Veronica Foley, Elsie Browning, Minnie Kiefer, Florence Sprague, Elizabeth Dunn, Ruth Broman, Margaret Stolle, Charlotte Tuttle, Mary Belle Meldrum, William Leonard, Evan Lewis, Carl Loux, Wendell Phillips, Frank Stewart, Rodney Small, Henry Smith, Ernest Griner, Lloyd Fenn and Bonnie Watts.

Frank Kendall '12 spent Sunday visiting relatives in Palouse.

James McElroy of Pullman was a guest of the Kappa Sigmas Friday and Saturday.

A. L. S. U. I. DANCE

Law Students of U. of I. Entertain in Royal Manner

Friday night, Feb. 25, the law students gave a dance at Eggan's Hall to the students of the University and the lawyers of the city, which was a success in every way. There were about fifty couple on the floor when the grand march began. This is the first ball of the A. L. S. U. I. and they expect to make it an annual affair.

The hall was decorated with the class colors, purple and gold, and a large law banner hung at one end of the hall.

The patronesses were Mrs. John F. MacLane, Mrs. Edward M. Hulme, Mrs. Burton L. French, Mrs. G. G. Pickett, Mrs. Warren Truitt and Mrs. J. H. Forney. The executive committee was composed of E. W. Jewell, H. F. McInturf, A. T. Stein and H. O. Bond.

The law students are to be congratulated on their first showing and we earnestly hope they keep up the good work.

Alfred Kettenbach, Herbert Wadsworth and Lee Fluharty went down to Lewiston Friday to play basketball.

BURTON L. FRENCH ON ISLAM

Large Number of Students Listen to Splendid Lecture

Last Sunday saw the largest gathering of students and faculty in the Y. M. C. A. Hall since it was thrown open to student gatherings. In spite of the weather, which was truly the worst Moscow ever sees, the hall was filled.

The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn and a violin solo by Mr. Harry Bond. Oliver Price introduced the speaker with a few remarks upon the place of religion in the history of the human family and Mr. French began his lecture.

In order to understand Mohammedanism in all its relationships to civilization it is necessary to go back to the earliest history of the Arabian people and study the forces which have moulded and shaped their racial history from the earliest times. The speaker united the evidences found in biblical and profane history to account for their early separate existence as a tribe. From the going forth of Hagar and Ishmael from the tent of Abraham into the wilderness of Beersheba we have a clue to the origin of Arabic tribes which may account for their apparent kinship to the Israelites for they bear a striking resemblance to the Jewish people both in physical characteristics and in social habits. The earliest history of the Nomadic tribes as they wandered over the deserts of Arabia, herding flocks where pasturage was available or traveling as traders with long trains of

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Burton L. French on "Islam," camels, shows them as worshipers of Zoroaster as their god. Zoroastrianism includes many forms of worship, varying with the degree of culture possessed by the particular branch of the tribe, from the worship of the sun, the water, fire and the winds, with the lowest, to the worship of a single god in the heavens; the judge and arbitrator of man's life, by the highest. Tradition says that Zoroaster once lived upon earth but it is not certain who of a great number of partly mythological persons he was or whether, indeed, he was an individual or the imaginary embodiment of all the traits of a number of characters living at periods separated by wide intervals of time.

Mecca was the holy city and to it the tribes flocked during the feast month of the year to worship at the shrine of their god.

It was into a civilization of this kind that Mohammed, in the year five-hundred seventy of the Christian era was born, surrounded by all the learning and culture possessed by the city of Mecca and with the greatest advantages for travel. His parents died early and he was brought up by an uncle. He was married at the age of twenty-five and began his career as a merchant. It was not until his fortieth year that he withdrew from active life and gave himself entirely to meditation which resulted in what he believed to be a direct revelation from God. He thought himself called to be a prophet of God and immediately began to preach his belief. Four years work resulted in forty converts. He was driven into exile from Mecca but continued to preach until by an alliance with a neighboring tribe he was able to march upon his own city, Mecca, with an army sufficient to take it by force, and was welcomed in without opposition. From Mecca, which has ever since been the center of Mohammedanism, he began the conquest of the world and Islam now, as a result of his work, has a hold upon Europe, Africa, India, China and the East India Islands with, at the present time, about two-hundred and thirty millions of the earth's population as its worshippers."

It is needless to say that all who were privileged to be present feel grateful to Mr. French and hope to be able to hear him again.

Mr. French may favor us again on March 13 with a lecture upon Buddhism and Brahmanism taken together.

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News From Washington.
Seattle, Wash. Feb. 24, 1910.—At a meeting of Washington's board of regents last night, three alumni fellowships were created from the \$25,000 bequest of the late Loretta Denny. These fellowships amount to \$416.50 apiece and are awarded only to members of the graduate school.

The backward glance of a watchman as he left the Machinery Hall Monday night, saved the magnificent \$125,000 building from destruction by fire, as a fire had started in a wastebasket, cause, "spontaneous combustion", or more likely, cigarette butt. The building has been occupied this week by the college of engineering.

Sixty women are now turning out for rowing under their new coach, Miss Gretchen O'Donnell. Their turnout lacks only five of being as large as the men's and is every whit as enthusiastic, for women's rowing is a firmly established sport at Washington. Rooms are being fitted up by the chivalrous crew men for their sisters in the game.

Since its return from a fairly successful trip into eastern Washington, in which, however, it was defeated by teams against whom it was compelled to employ the unfamiliar "intercollegiate" rules, the varsity quintet has been practicing these rules assiduously, for its coming tour of Oregon.

Notice Rifle Team.

The score was lowered last week on account of the absence of Tate who is playing forward with the basketball team which is now in Washington. The score, while not large, was shot against Delaware University, which has hitherto made a record inferior to that of Idaho so that we still have some hopes of having won the meet. The score follows:

	Standing	Prone	Total
Crom	92	98	190
Carlson	86	97	183
Lefler	86	97	183
Stewart	89	94	183
Johnson	90	92	182
Jessup	84	98	182
Smith, H.	80	96	176
Keller	80	90	170
Flinharty	71	93	164
Armstrong	66	95	161

Total 1774

Only five of the team have taken part in all of the meets thus far and they rank in the order named below: Crom, Carlson, Johnson, Stewart and Lefler. Tate who is one of the most consistent shots, has had to miss two contests on account of basketball games.

Elsie Larson was in Pullman on Thursday.

Miss French, Miss Sweet and Mr. and Mrs. Sage were dinner guests of Mrs. Caldwell on Sunday.

Ruth Broman '09 visited at her home in Troy on Sunday.

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Victor Price Debaters.
to showing that employer's liability is practicable, working well in several European countries. Some speakers did some excellent rebuttal for the negative and quoted authority to show that employer's liability does not prevent accidents because it costs the employer less to pay damages for an accident than to prevent it. Mr. Tweedy did excellent work in spite of the fact that he had had practically no time for preparation. Then Mr. Beckner concluded the negative case. He emphasized the argument that employer's liability will not prevent accidents; and he presented an alternative plan which he contended would do this. This was a system of state inspection and a general accident fund in case an accident could not be prevented by inspectors. Mr. Price followed with a short rebuttal speech in which he contended that already we have something very like the negative's plan in the support of the helpless by the county. The negative had the affirmative outclassed in argument all along. But the debate was nevertheless an unusually interesting one. The question was such that the two sides could not help but meet. Such debates are certainly worth hearing and worth taking part in. The secretary's book is still open and every one who is the least bit interested in public speaking is urged to see him and sign up.

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Languages and Civilization.

In last Wednesday's assembly, Professor C. C. Rice gave a lecture setting forth clearly the close relation which language bears to civilization.

"What is the use of retaining the study of German, French and other modern forms of language? It is impossible to disassociate languages and civilization. History shows how civilization grows and decays, philology shows the spread of languages which is dependent upon the rise and fall of civilization. Languages do not spring forth full armed like Minerva from the head of Jove; they grow. The most perfect language is that of a country whose power has long since decayed—the Latin. But Rome's institutions are perpetuated in the Catholic Church, and the language has been changed into the romantic languages, taught now in all school rooms. Some languages long outlived the civilization; as the Greek, Hebrew and Sanskrit.

"At first the development of languages followed natural boundaries, some of these being the Pyrenees mountains, the Himalayas, the Alps, the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. But boundaries were at last overcome, the result being a more intimate intercourse between countries. In the process of growth the local dialects were crowded out. France is an example of this. In the best days of the feudal barons, twenty dialects were spoken, some of France's best lyrics being written in dialect. But with the downfall of feudalism these dialects were done away with. The same is true of Italy and Germany. In the early days of California over twenty distinct languages were spoken. With the advance of civilization these dialects were replaced by the standard language.

Political influence is highly important in determining the languages of the future. Some do not spread beyond their own territory, as, for instance, the Portuguese, Chinese and Russian. But English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish spread far beyond the bounds of their country. There are 1,153 schools in the Chinese Empire. Last year a Chinese University was established under British influence. Promotion is conditioned on a knowledge of the Chinese language.

"The sixteenth century was the golden age of the Spanish language. South America offers the most legitimate field for the spread of Anglo-Saxon ideas. English literature and civilization is second to none. It spreads over a broad area, including North America, Australia, New Zealand and India. The language is simple and the speaking of it easy; but the spelling is unsystematic and should be simplified. Four years ago, Roosevelt said if

the spelling were simplified, the English language would be superior to French and German. Meanwhile it is the language of diplomacy. The United States has also exerted a wide influence over surrounding countries, especially Mexico and South America. Europeans predict that America will lead in politics. Attention should be devoted to the Spanish language by business men, as there is a great demand for the service of American engineers in South America and Mexico. Well educated Englishmen speak several different languages. This is not the case with Americans and they excuse themselves by saying they have not the close relation with so many nations that most European countries have. But many languages are now taught in our colleges. Aspirations are gathered from the literature of the various countries. The study of languages deserves as much thought as has hitherto been devoted to it.

"Minnie Kiefer, '11 opened assembly with a vocal solo.

Resolutions

Passed by the Nez Perce County Farmers Union in convention assembled at Nez Perce, Idaho, this first day of February, 1910.

Resolved, that we appreciate the efforts of the regents of the University of Idaho to co-operate with the farmers educational unions in sending out members of the faculty to hold institutes, in conjunction with the union county conventions and in disseminating useful knowledge, both in improvement methods of farming and by scientific application, insuring increase of production; and be it further

Resolved that we hereby pledge them our earnest co-operation in maintaining the present efficiency of the University by liberal appropriations in the future; and be it further

Resolved that we deprecate and condemn any effort made to segregate the Agricultural College from Northern Idaho and, be it further

Resolved that the secretary of this convention be directed to send a copy of these resolutions to President Lewis of the Board of Regents at Moscow, Idaho.

C. W. Booth,
President.

Attest
J. R. McCahill, Secretary.

Classical Club Entertained
Those members of the classical club who live at the dormitory entertained the club very delightfully last Thursday evening. A program which was very interesting although it savored of Ancient Rome, was furnished, after which excellent refreshments were served. In spite of the very disagreeable night, there were about twenty members present

Students:—See Simpson and Mann about your barbering. Successors to Graham. We treat you all right and especially welcome students. Come in and get acquainted.

The Stanford track team is making preparations to attend the Great Western Conference at Chicago. They will probably meet the Universities of Utah and Colorado on their way.

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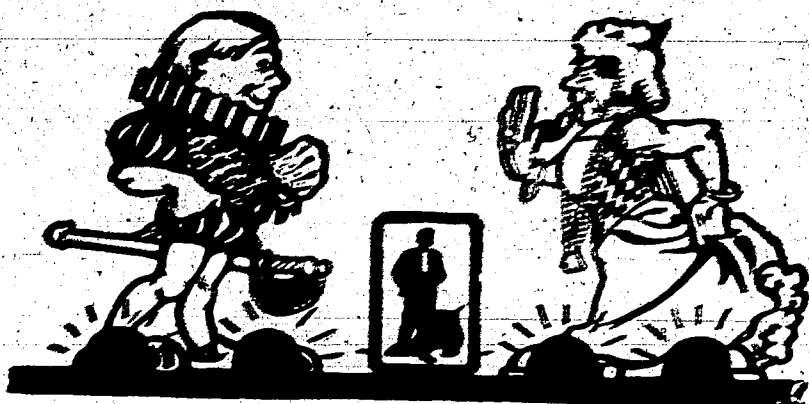
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James Rogers Saved

The latest word from Mass is to the effect that James Rogers, ex '11, who was at first reported as known to be dead, has been rescued after being buried about ten hours. Others in whom students will be interested viz. Charley Fisher, Tom Jenkins, Florence Zumbhof and Toney Crooks have all been heard from and are uninjured.

A telegram has been received later stating that James Rogers died in Wallace, at 8 P. M. Monday.

Phi Deltas Entertain

The Phi Delta Thetas entertained the Beta Sigmas at a most delightful party on February 22. Progressive High Five was the game of the evening at which Miss Lee, '12, won first prize. After refreshments, marshmallows were toasted before originally constructed open stoves. From all reports it was one of the most enjoyable events of the season.

Enoch Barnard is ill at the Kappa Sigma house.

EXCHANGES.

Yale has a Chinese instructor.

In the erection of buildings at the American University at Washington, D. C., \$2,000,000 is to be spent.

Massages a specialty at Hegge's.

Prohibition Contest

On March 25, the Intercollegiate Prohibition League of the Inland Empire will hold an oratorical contest at W. S. C. We expect to send a representative to that contest. It is necessary that our speaker be chosen not later than one week before the contest at Pullman. The winner will receive a prize, and also represent the Inland Empire in a later contest at Los Angeles, Cal.

These orations must be on some phase of the liquor question. For further information, see the president of the U. of I. league.

Wm. B. HOPPER.

Professor J. H. Frandson returned yesterday from a trip through Southern Idaho. Mr. Frandson represented the University at a School Trustees meeting of Blaine County held at Hailey. He also conducted farmers institutes at Burley, Twin Falls, Jerome, Wendell and Gooding. He reports splendid attendance at all these meetings.

James Montgomery and Rodney Small went to Lewiston Saturday.

Gus Larson '07 and Fred Shields ex '10 were in Spokane last week.

Eva Anderson '11 spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Palouse.

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