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## DEBATE NEWS

### \$25 Prize Soon to Be Awarded Work in the Debate Club Starts

The question for the first debates between Pacific University and Idaho has been chosen. It reads thus. "Resolved, That the Enactment of the old age pension by Great Britain was inexpedient." The debates will take place on Friday, January 13—one at Forest Grove and one at Moscow. At Forest Grove the affirmative will be taken by Pacific and the negative by Idaho. The positions will be reversed in the debate at Moscow.

The question is one of great interest and importance, and this is the first time that it has ever been discussed in an intercollegiate debate. The literature upon the subject is limited. The energies of the students will not be taxed to the limit by the burden of research. There will be time for reflection, digestion, arrangement and, for practice in delivery. It seems to give promise of proving to be in every way an ideal question for debate.

The trial debate is to be held on Saturday afternoon, November 4. On Wednesday afternoon of this week Professor Hulme spoke to the candidates for the two teams. He gave a brief history of the British old-age pension act and spoke of the issues involved and of the literature of the subject. On Saturday morning the sides which the candidates are to have will be determined by lot.

At the trial debate the Ridenbaugh Prize of \$25.00 will be awarded to the contestant who receives first place. This will be the eighth year the prize has been awarded. It is the oldest debate prize offered at the University.

Professor Hulme has consented to give as much time as he can spare for coaching the teams. "The University," he said, "was unexpectedly deprived of the services of the man whom it had expected to take charge of the debate work. There is plenty of time in which to get someone for the second semester. I will do what I can in the meantime."

The students of the University who are interested in debate are entitled to a debate coach. Every form of athletics is provided with a coach. Surely debate is as desirable a student activity as football. If the University were suddenly left without a football coach the wires would be kept hot until one was secured; but it seems that debate and other forms of public speaking can safely be allowed to shift for themselves. We shall welcome an able man whose business it shall be to take charge of debate.

Utah has requested Idaho to renew

## FIRST GAME OF SEASON A GREAT VICTORY

### Idaho Defeats Lewiston Normal 52 to 0—Will Play Gonzaga College Next Saturday

Idaho's football team made a good showing for itself when it defeated the Lewiston Normal last Saturday afternoon by a score of 52 to 0. It was only a practice game and the normal boys were clearly outclassed from the start; but it looked good to see Idaho again making touchdowns and those who attended the game got their money's worth.

Captain Thornton is credited with the first touchdown for the season, but Lundstrum followed with another only three minutes later. Lewiston made yardage a few times in succession in the first half. This was about all the offensive work done by the Normal boys. At the close of the first half the score stood 35 to 0.

All the men on the squad were given a trial in the second half, and the quarters were cut to ten minutes each. Had the regular team remained on the field for a full game, the score would in all probability have been a record breaker. For the first game of the season the kicking was good, only two goals being missed in the nine chances. Thornton received two fair catches successfully. Among the other players who are deserving of mention are Lundstrum, Hillman, Knutson, Perkins, Schangnon, Dipple, Buffington and Strohecker; also the men on the line whose work was less spectacular but equally effective.

Compared with scores made by other northwestern teams last week, Idaho may anticipate some success in the game this season. The Lewiston Normal has about seventy men in the school and will probably rank on a level

with the Pendleton high school. Whitman only made 35 points against Pendleton in a game which was called at the close of the third quarter. Idaho made 35 points in the first half. The University of Washington succeeded in making a score of 20 to 0 against the Lincoln high school of Seattle. Lincoln high is much stronger than either the Normal or Pendleton, but they used only the old style of play, rather than give their plays away before the Tacoma game. Under these conditions twenty points is a comparatively small score for the U. of W. to make.

#### Gonzaga College Saturday

The University of Idaho will play Gonzaga next Saturday. Gonzaga has a fine team. They have been coached by George Varnell, a well known football official, who knows the game from start to finish and has trained his men to play to the best possible advantage. This is the first time Gonzaga has ever played a game outside of Spokane and it will be worth seeing. Few of the University students could go to Spokane to see the game but, when it is here, all can go. Gonzaga defeated the Davenport High School by a big score a few days ago and will give the Varsity team a hard scrap. The W. S. C. game comes only a week later. Next Saturday is the time to see the home team getting into shape for the great contest with our old rival at Pullman. Come out and root and show the boys that we are always behind them. The game will be called at 1:45 p. m. sharp.

Argonaut when it was mentioned that the staff was very small and that all the positions except the elective ones were as yet unfilled. It was probably made as a joke, but they called attention to the fact that the editor and his associate are doing the work of ten ordinary persons. The inference is that they must be persons of remarkable ability. Thanks for the comp.

The chancellor of Oxford University has announced that hereafter that ancient institution will insist less on the classics and give more attention to the studies that are practical in every day life.

## CONSERVATION

### Prof. Aldrich Speaks of Status of Conservation, at Assembly Last Week

Prof. Aldrich was one of the delegates from Idaho to the National Conservation Congress at St. Paul from the 5th to the 9th of September. It was planned that each governor should appoint certain delegates and that the various cities and towns should also send members. Governor Brady appointed 36 from Idaho, three of whom were from Moscow. Only six of the 36 attended, and three of these were the three from Moscow. They were President MacLean, Hon. J. J. Day and Prof. J. M. Aldrich. The convention was largely a local gathering. There was a state fair in progress in St. Paul at the same time and so the crowd was immense. The number and fame of the speakers on the program also drew many spectators. At most of the sessions there were from 500 to 1000 present, and at the special meetings there were from 10,000 to 15,000.

Almost the first thing on the program the first day was an address by President Taft. Theodore Roosevelt, Secretary Wilson, Judge Lindsey, James J. Hill, and other prominent men were also on the program. President Taft tried to summarize all that the government has done for conservation, and what should be done in the future. His address is very valuable and has been widely published in the Popular Science Monthly.

Prof. Aldrich said that the term "Conservation" should be limited to the natural resources belonging to the United States government, and that it should imply not the using of what we have but merely the saving of what is now going to ruin. The great irrigation projects are thus considered as altogether out of the realm of true conservation. They do not save anything that is being destroyed but only make use of the land that has been, up to the present time, of little or no value.

At the present time the law prohibits the reservation of lands in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming without an act of congress. President Taft will recommend to congress at its next session the removal of this prohibition.

It seems as though very little had been done, when one considers that of the hundreds of thousands of acres of forest lands that have been stripped of their timber, only 5,200 acres have been reforested. But the government is now controlling the removal of lumber from large tracts of land and prescribing the conditions and method by which logging may be done on reserved lands.

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At last the star has been appointed. We find it pretty strenuous work to publish the paper weekly, without any assistance. Yet it seems best not to select the members of the staff till it is known what they can and will do. It might be done in the spring with some certainty, but that would give the Freshmen no chance and perhaps a number of those appointed would fail to return in the fall. Now that the staff is complete we hope to offer a better paper to our readers.

We tried to secure workers who are willing to put some real effort into the work. Those whose articles showed signs of being neglected and only half done were promptly rejected. All who were too late with their copy had no chance, for the material must be collected, prepared and handed in on time. The press can not wait for a slow reporter. We want to have the Argonaut out every time just when it is due and consequently we don't want assistants who are always behind time. (And neither do other people, for that matter.) All selections were made very carefully and conscientiously and if any one is dissatisfied, he is welcome to come and demand a change but he must be prepared to argue for his reform and his reasons will be required.

### Religious Census

This year every college student was requested to sign a card when registering stating of what church he or she was a member or if not a member which denomination was preferred. The purpose was to find the status of church membership among the University students. The same system has been carried out some years ago. The results of this census are most extraordinary and surprising. Of course, there were a number who failed to fill out the card. But exactly fifty per cent of the men who did fill them are members of some church. Of the women who signed the cards, seventy-six and one-half per cent are church members. Twelve denominations are represented. Following is an approximate summary of the results. This does not include preparatory

students.

	MEMBERS		REFERENCE	
	Men	Wom.	Men	Wom.
Presbyterian.....	17	20	17	13
Methodist.....	8	20	12	8
Episcopal.....	7	11	8	5
Christian.....	8	4	1	1
Baptist.....	4	4	2	...
Catholic.....	8	5	5	...
All others.....	16	8	23	...
	68	72	68	22

This shows that about sixty and four-fifths per cent of the entire number who handed in the cards are members of a church. It is to be inferred that practically all who failed to fill out the cards are not church members. However the result as given above is approximately correct.

Unfortunately the number who professed on the census cards to belong to a church is far larger than the number of those who attended church services regularly. Perhaps this is to be attributed to the fact that students like to take advantage of their freedom when away from home. They think that their old friends will not know that they have "back slid" and that they will not be lowered in the estimation of those friends by not identifying themselves with the church. They want to begin over when they come to a new place and it is easier for them to quit attending religious services than to become acquainted with a new crowd of fellow Christians. The result of this action is frequently the complete abandonment of all church connections.

It has been said that the moral standard at Idaho is not as high as it should be. Perhaps the accusation was made with wholly malicious intent and by some one who knew absolutely nothing about what he was saying. Of course it is expected that there will be students in the institution whose moral ideals are not equal to a reasonably high standard.

That must always be true where there is a cosmopolitan body of any size, for it takes all kinds of people to make a world. At the same time there are students who have the very highest moral characters and it is very remarkable that so large a percentage of them profess to belong to the church. The sophisticated critic who made the statement concerning the moral standard at the University should "sit up and take notice." These figures are open for his careful examination and figures never lie.

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# FOOTBALL

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IDAHO FIELD

# Sat. Oct. 15, '10

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Game Called at 1:45 p. m.

Clyde Chaffin has charge of the mining exhibit at the Boise fair.

Prof. Frandson is in Chicago, to deliver a lecture before the National Dairymen's Association.

Prof. Wicks, Mr. Vincent and Mr. Iddings are at Lewiston with the University exhibit at that place.

Prof. Nicholson returned home Sunday from Spokane. Mr. Kroeger heard his classes during the last week.

Prof. McCaffery will soon go to Buffalo Hump district in Idaho county to look over some mining properties.

W. W. Stokesberry, captain of the football team last year, was over from Lapwai Saturday to see the first game of the season.

The lumber for the new gymnasium is being hauled to the foundation and work will be rushed immediately.

Emil Anderson, ex-'13, came down from Spokane this week and is looking the town and campus over. He will not register this year.

Jos. M. Adams, a future pedagogue, had charge of the preparatory classes in physics last week during the absence of Professor Soulen, who was in Spokane on business.

The fellows are still coming in. This week brought four of the old students back. They are George Dcnart, Joe Barrett, Will Copeland and

Prof. Chedsey is at Lewiston conducting an assay office at the Lewiston fair. Assays of samples contributed by anyone are being made under his direction. Enoch Barnard is assisting him.

The Preparatory football boys have been working hard. They have been out every day for practice. Rodney Small had been secured to coach them, but the faculty have objected to their playing football.

At 5:30 last Sunday morning everybody was aroused by the new fire bell. Profs. Morley and Eldridge made a hasty trip across town with the University hose cart. Half way up the hill they tied the cart to a tree and went on to the fire, at the residence of Paul Leuschel. The trip was wholly successful, for the damage was comparatively slight.

The new school of Practical Agriculture will open the first of next week.

A great number of enquiries have been received and a very large registration is expected. This school will give a three year course in really practical agriculture. It is open to all young men who have completed the eighth grade. Prof. Iddings is principal of the new school. The faculty contains thirty competent instructors. The school year is only six months. The course opens Monday, October 17 and closes in April.

A class meeting of the class of 1911 was called at 1:00 p. m. Tuesday. The chief business was election of officers for the semester. The following were elected: President, Geo Rember; vice president, Arthur P. Beckner; Secretary, Veronica Foley; treasurer, Paul M. Clemens; Sargeant-at-arms, H. H. Daus. After some discussion of the deficit caused by the 1911 "Gem of the Mountains," a committee was appointed to audit the report of the manager of the annual.

#### Washington News Letter

U. of W., Seattle, Wash., Oct. 3. The basket ball aspect at the University of Washington is this year far above par. Last week many old veterans of the game were on the floor for the first time and displayed much class in the game.

Capt. Warner Williams will register this week, and he will take up the matter of issuing a formal call for candidates. As yet no coach has been secured, but as it is planned the team will be placed under the auspices of the Associated Students of the University of Washington. Last year the team was not coached by a tutor, but managed their own affairs; and under these conditions they ended the season in a very creditable manner. Although not winning the championship many games were indulged in where the scores secured were on a very narrow margin. The team last year lost to both Whitman and Idaho, but took an important game from Washington State College, which team later won the championship.

Provided that the A. S. U. W. sees fit to bring the basket ball team under their jurisdiction the team will be provided with coach, and should bring out material that will insure a winning season.

#### Dormitory Notes

Work at Ridenbaugh Hall has begun in earnest with thirty-five occupants. Of this number thirteen are old girls, and of the new, thirteen are college freshmen. It is hoped that in this case thirteen will prove a lucky number.

The girls at the "Dorm" are hoping for a sunny day next Saturday, as they will hold their annual reception on that day.

Miss Eva Anderson spent last Saturday and Sunday with her parents at Palouse.

Miss Jessie Coram was a visitor at the Spokane Fair on Saturday and Sunday of this week.

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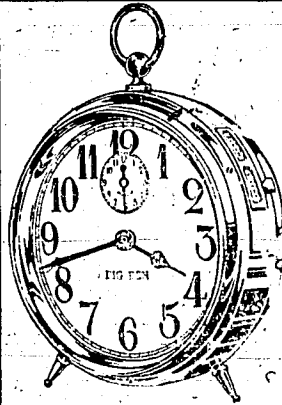
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**Hare and Hounds**

Last Friday afternoon a number of young men of the University enjoyed a hare and hound chase. The run was over a course of about three miles. They started east and ran thru town, then turned and ran south, coming back thru the University gardens, where the bag was found.

The hares were Harry Redeker and Paul Durrie. Jos. Adams, E. Downing, Scott, Cyr, Dixon, and Mason were the hounds, and Price was "whipper in." The chase was won for the hares by Redeker, who finished in 23 minutes.

Another chase will be held next Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock and all the men of the University who are not out-for-football are invited to join in the fun. Mason and Dixon will be the hares and Price will again be "whipper in." Remember the date, and be there on Friday, October 14 at 4 p. m.

**Young People's Society Gives Reception to New Students**

The University students were given a reception in the basement of the Presbyterian Church Friday evening by the Y.P.S.C.E. of the church. It has been the custom of the various churches to receive new students every year. The rooms were decorated with numerous pennants pleasingly arranged around the walls and with two large American flags which were draped from the ceiling. Japanese lanterns were placed over the electric lights, softening the light and producing a very pleasant effect.

Over seventy were present and they were seated in a large circle around the room, alternately a boy and a girl. Instructions were given for the boys to talk for two minutes on a given subject with the girl on his left. Then at a signal all the boys were to move to the left and converse upon another certain subject with the next girl. In this way the boys moved around the room and every one had a chance to get acquainted with every one else. All joined in the spirit of the occasion and was a very successful scheme. When the party broke up, each person felt at home and quite well acquainted with the whole crowd. The evening passed very pleasantly and was highly enjoyed by all.

"It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinions; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the Great Man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

By unanimous vote the Board of Trustees of the University of Mississippi decided to abolish Greek letter societies.



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