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## DR. BRANNON IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT

**AFTER ONE YEAR OF PATIENT SEARCH IDAHO AT LAST FINDS A PRESIDENT.**

**For Nineteen Years Dr. Melvin Amos Brannon Has Been Identified With U. of North Dakota.**

Of course we are glad. Is not the news out that at last we have a new president? Yes, indeed. In the halls, on the stairways, everywhere about the campus earnest groups of students are discussing the new prexy.

Dr. Sisson, state commissioner of education, ferreted him out and selected him from a large number of applicants, after an extended eastern trip in search of the right man. But Dr. Brannon did not know whether he wanted the job or not. To make sure he came to Moscow, looked around, decided it was a pretty good thing, handed in his application, and got the job. He was elected by the unanimous vote of the board which met in Boise last Friday.

Everybody is happy that the long wait is over. The seniors feel that they will not have to graduate from college when it is without a president. The Ags are especially pleased to think that they can now have Dean Carlyle all to themselves again.

Idaho has been without a president only in name. Dean Carlyle has performed his duty as acting president so efficiently that the affairs of the university have moved smoothly and surely on in a very progressive manner. The state board of control had absolute confidence in him. Never was their confidence once misplaced. It was because of the fact that these men knew that Carlyle could handle matters so well that the selection of a man for the presidency was delayed as long as it has been.

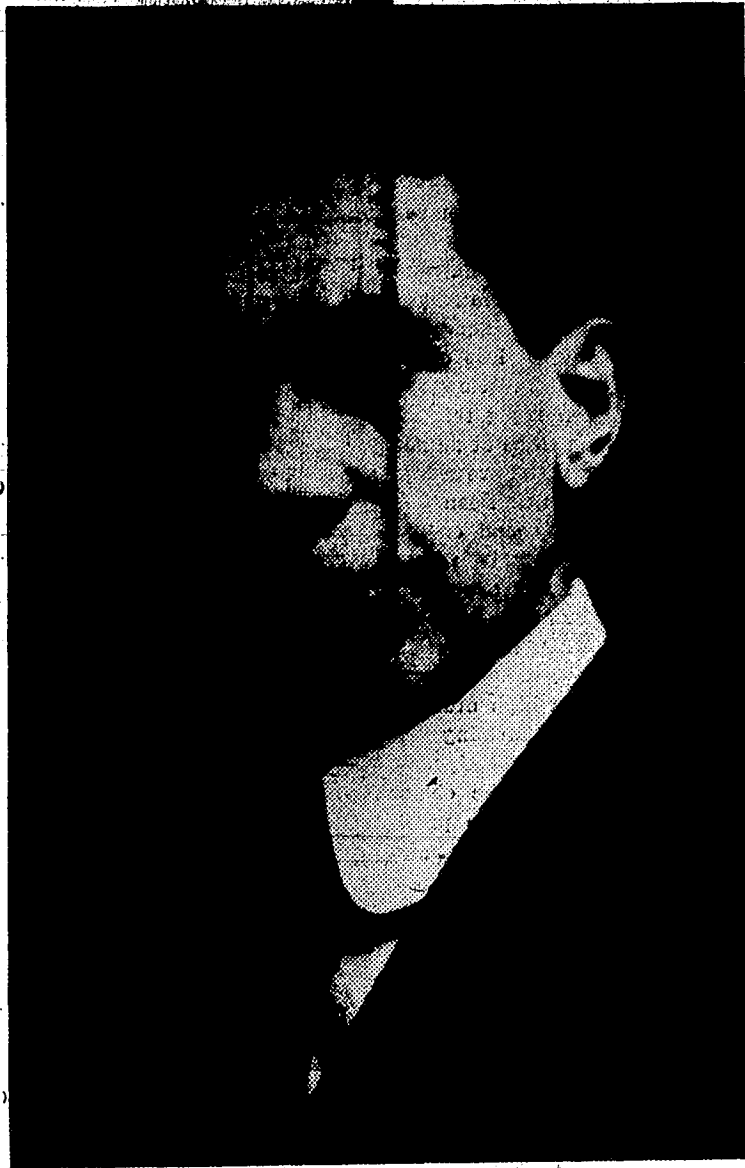
We feel that Dr. Brannon is the man we want. After years of experience, nineteen of which were spent in the University of North Dakota, in which place he is now dean of liberal arts, he has the marks of being a big man for a big job.

**SOON BE READY TO TAKE UP GREAT WORK.**

"Friendly greeting keenly appreciated. Opportunity to work with faculty and students in University of Idaho is most inviting. Earnest constant effort will be made to work with all in harmonious ways so that none shall regret our fraternal relations to the great educational work of Idaho."

The above message to Dr. W. L. Carlyle, acting president of the University of Idaho, was received from Dr. Melvin Amos Brannon, newly elected president of the university, now with his family at Grand Forks, N. D. The message was in response to a word of congratulation sent by Dr. Carlyle. The message of Dr. Brannon is full of significance and that the Idaho University is highly honored in gaining

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**DR. MELVIN AMOS BRANNON**

Elected by the Idaho State Board of Education Friday as president of the University of Idaho.

## MODERN BOOKS AS STIMULI

**MR. LEHMAN SPEAKS OF READING WITH THE AIM OF GETTING STIMULI TO DREAMS.**

**Pays Brief Respect to Books of History But is in Favor of Reading the More Modern Books.**

As another proof that a man can talk on his particular line, and still say something that is interesting to all his hearers, Mr. Lehman, of the department of English, addressed the student assembly last Wednesday on the subject of "Modern Books as Stimuli for Dreams." It would be difficult to find a type of student to which no part of the talk was interesting. There was, however, one grave detail of the speaker's performance that he failed to give due consideration. That was the fact that he is far more fluent than the average run of men. And writing his talk he failed to allow for the slowness with which the listeners' mind grasped at the thread of his speech. In the first place his matter was too condensed for spoken diction, and, though he read with feeling and intelligence, he read too fast. As a result many of his hearers hastened to ask for the manuscript that they might study it at a slower pace. Yet it must not be forgotten

that there was a marked lack of the tedium that so often accompanies talks of this nature.

It was the speaker's object to impress upon the audience the relative importance and power of the modern literature when considered as stimuli for good dreams. In the beginning he paid attention to the older forms and pieces of literature which still inspire the minds of men. He mentioned the Bible, Dante, Shakespeare, and an old letter he had recently seen, as a form of writing that always inspired him.

But what he was most concerned about was the contemporary literature. And this he divided into four classes: short stories such as are found in a number of the best magazines of the day; (2) modern novels; (3) modern prose, and (4) modern verse. There are, said the speaker two kinds of dreams that are to be inspired. One is the dream of the present, represented or rather, stimulated by the stories of the present in other climes, and the other is the dream of the future such as are inspired by the verse, Hymn of the Panama, which he read. And herein lay the real value of the talk: he gave us not only the theory of how these inspirations could be had, but gave specific references as to where to look for any of the several kinds of inspirations that he mentioned. Motherhood, loyalty, hopelessness, religious intensity were a few of the emotions that he spoke of. And in each case he pointed to the pages that contained the necessary stimuli.

## ONE AND ONE IDAHO VS. W. S. C.

**IN TWO CLOSELY FOUGHT GAMES OLD RIVALS BREAK EVEN.**

**Loux, Hyde, Keane, Moss and Sampson Stars of the Game. Others Good.**

Idaho won the first basketball game one could grumble at the work of the of 23 to 15 on the gymnasium floor, in a somewhat one-sided game last Friday night. Idaho took the lead from the start and continued out of danger throughout the game. The fear that was prevalent concerning Idaho's having an unbalanced team, was certainly banished by the way the team worked together Friday night. While Loux was easily the star of the game, yet the work of every other member of the team was certainly commendable. The four field baskets made by Hyde from a distance was a feature of the contest. Keane played a fine game. Last year he was held back as stick guard and was not given a chance to show his ability at running the floor, and this fall it appeared that he and Martinson would not work good together on the same floor, but no one could grumble at the work of the two players in Friday night's game, and Keane was mentioned as one of the stars by the Spokesman Review in the game at Pullman.

In the last part of the game the team was greatly weakened by the loss of Captain Soulen, who was disqualified because of four personal fouls being charged against him. Jardene was called to fill the place, but he got into difficulty and was relieved by Gray, who only played a few minutes until the game was over.

The lineup:

Idaho	W. S. C.
Loux	Moss
Forward	
Soulen	Hilderbrand
Forward	
Martinson	Love
Center	
Keane	Sampson
Guard	
Hyde	Glover
Guard	
Substitutes—Jardene for Soulen, Gray for Jardene.	

Idaho Scoring—field goals: Loux, 5; Hyde, 4; Soulen. Free throws: Loux, 7. W. S. C. scoring: field goals: Hilderbrand, 3; Love, Sampson; free throws: Sampson, 5.

Referee—Hinderman of Spokane.

**At Pullman.**

W. S. C. turned the tables on Idaho in a hard fought and close game on Saturday night of last week, winning the game by a score of 21 to 16 on the W. S. C. floor. The game was an even break for honors throughout the contest, the score being tied five times. The first half ended with W. S. C. one point to the good. The game was practically even up to the last few minutes when Moss made a couple of luck throws from difficult angles and put the W. S. C. team five points to the

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## DR. BRANNON IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT

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this distinguished educator is being expressed freely in the press of the northwest as well as by individuals.

Dr. Carlyle has also received from D. E. Willard of St. Paul, industrial agent of the Northern Pacific, the following message:

"I wish to congratulate you on your noble institution and upon your magnificent era of development upon which I am confident you are entering with one of the best men I have ever known as head of your educational system."

The Wallace Press-Times editorially says of the new president of the university:

"In the choice of Dean Brannon of the University of North Dakota as president of the University of Idaho, the Idaho state board of education has chosen wisely indeed, for Dean Brannon, altho not the head of the school, has been the moving spirit in a great work which has been done by the North Dakota institution.

"It will be good news to Idaho that the man chosen is a splendid executive, a nationally acknowledged scientist and inventor, and as a writer a recognized authority in his particular sphere.

"The president-elect will take his position on April 1, more than a year since President MacLean left the school. The action of the state board has been deliberate, but purposely so. Every educator of note who might possibly be secured, has been studied, at first hand and thoroughly investigated, and the result has been an unhurried, and the Press-Times believes, an eminently wise choice.

"Acting President Carlyle will on April 1 return to the direction of the agricultural college and experiment station, where he has done such splendid work as dean and director and where he believes his services will be more valuable to Idaho than in the presidency of the school. The Press-Times, knowing Dr. Carlyle's splendid record as acting president, has reason to doubt this, for it is but just to say that in a trying position, Dean Carlyle has been efficient, diplomatic, and dynamic, and that had he been satisfied outside of the field of agriculture in which he conceived his life work to be, he would have been retained as president by a board of education that would have been happy to see him remain in that position."

The following remarks by prominent members of the university faculty and business men of the city well indicate the feeling which prevails here toward Dr. Brannon's election and the welcome which will be extended him when he arrives to assume his duties as president of the university:

Dean W. L. Carlyle—"I am very much pleased with the selection of Dr. Brannon as the choice of our board of regents for the presidency of the University of Idaho. Dr. Brannon is, first of all, a genial, whole-souled, big-hearted man and one who will command the respect, admiration and love of students, faculty and citizens of the state. He is also a man of affairs and an excellent executive. With a thoroughly scientific training combined with an intensely practical mind he will bring to the university those qualities of both heart and head that will render it a pleasure for all to follow his leadership and fully cooperate in all his enterprises looking to the fuller development of the university.

"I can only reiterate that I believe

a wiser choice could not have been made."

Dean J. G. Eldridge—"While the work of the university has run very smoothly during the present college year, it should receive an added impetus with the coming of President Brannon. New policies can now be adopted with a greater likelihood of permanency. I am personally much pleased that the board has chosen a president, and from the very brief interview I had with Dr. Brannon feel sure they have chosen wisely."

Dean George D. Ayres—"I am very glad to know that the regents have come to the end of their search. Since Dean and Acting Pres. Carlyle refused to accept the presidency necessarily there has been more or less uncertainty about many things. Now that the selection has been made this uncertainty we may take to be at an end. Anyone coming here will have a high standard set before him in Dean Carlyle's executive capacity and energy. Dr. Brannon is very highly recommended and has had the experience which should make him well fitted for the position and so far as my brief acquaintance with him goes, he appears to be a gentleman of a high order of intelligence and a very charming personality."

Dean C. N. Little—"In the choice of Dr. M. A. Brannon to the presidency of the University of Idaho a long and painstaking search on the part of the board of education and the commissioner of education," Dr. Edward O. Sisson, has ended in a selection which all testimonies of those who know the man and his work unite in describing as a most happy one. He will receive a cordial welcome and the united support of all members of the faculty of the university."

Dean French—"That he is the man whom we shall be glad to welcome as the President of the University of Idaho was the impression made upon me by Mr. Brannon when I was casually introduced to him some days since."

Professor Edward M. Hulme—"From what I have learned of President Brannon's career I believe he will be successful in his new position. He seems to me to be a careful and well-balanced man; true and straight in word and deed, and this is just what the University of Idaho needs."

M. E. Lewis—"Dr. M. A. Brannon, the newly elected head of the University of Idaho, impresses me as being a man of action and at the same time shows culture of a high order and mental equipoise. The most distinct impression, however, is one of push and energy."

Richard Burke—"I have known Dr. Brannon personally for many years and I believe that the state board of education could not have made a better choice. He is a great and a good man and the University of North Dakota with which he has been so prominently and so successfully identified for many years will suffer a great loss."

### Dr. Melvin Amos Brannon.

The new president of the University of Idaho was born in Indiana, of Scotch-Irish ancestry and is 49 years of age. He graduated at Wabash College in 1889, and studied at the world renowned Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Massachusetts and later, in 1912, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Chicago. There are, as many readers know, four grades or

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ranks in this degree. Dr. Brannon received the highest of all, rarely given, "summa cum laude," as the academic Latin puts it.

Dr. Brannon's teaching experience began in Wabash college, as laboratory assistant in botany. He then taught biology for four years in the Fort Wayne, Indiana, high school. From there he went to the University of North Dakota, as professor of botany. Here he at once engaged in activities for the good of the state at large. The first was a biological survey, covering especially the grasses and forage plants of the state, and also an investigation of the lakes and rivers as a source of good production. Mr. Brannon believes that the state of Idaho has great possibilities in both these respects.

This work led to the establishment of a state biological station, at Devil's Lake, under the direction of Dr. Brannon.

The second public service is represented by the University School of Medicine whose organization and equipment and work was directed by Dr. Brannon for several years. This school provides the first two years of the medical course, and its students complete the course in standard medical colleges in two years more. The standard of work was such that the school was ranked among the first twelve schools of medicine by the Association of American Medical Colleges in 1909.

Associated with the school of medicine was the development of the North Dakota state public health laboratory. This laboratory Dr. Brannon organiz-

ed and was instrumental in securing state support for its development.

Dr. Brannon has been closely associated with the extension work of the University of North Dakota. The field work consisted of lectures in connection with high school and Better Farming association activities.

Dr. Brannon's special problems in research have been connected with the problem of the Carnegie laboratory for botanical research and with economic studies in cold storage of potatoes and fruits. He has had charge of experimental work in acclimatizing different organisms to waters of variable composition in North Dakota. This has been related particularly to increasing the food production in certain saline lakes of the state.

Dr. Brannon was dean of the medical school 1905-11. In 1911 he was appointed to his present position, dean of the college of liberal arts. This is by far the largest and most important college in the University, and its dean is second only to the president.

Altho Dr. Brannon's work has involved such large administrative tasks, he has made valuable contributions to scientific and educational literature: these include the annual reports of the North Dakota biological survey, articles on grasses and forage plants, mildews, and other botanical subjects of both scientific and practical importance. He has also published articles on the study of biology in the Educational Review. He is a member of many learned societies including the Society of American Botanists, Amer-

ican Academy of Science, the British Academy of Science, etc.

Dean Brannon has had, for a university professor, an unusual business experience: he founded and developed the Dickinson Brick company, and has brought it to a highly successful condition: in this and other connections strong influences have been brought to bear tending to draw him away from educational work, but in spite of large financial inducements he has absolutely refused to turn aside from his scientific and educational career.

One of the leading scientists of the country—Prof. John M. Coulter, of the University of Chicago, who was also for many years president of Lake Forest University,—says of Dean Brannon: "I do not believe I could think of an available man better suited to your purpose."

A former colleague of Dr. Brannon, now a practicing physician in this state, says in a letter:

"If Dean Brannon can be induced to accept the presidency of the University of Idaho you are to be sincerely congratulated. In my opinion it would not be possible to secure a better man for the place. Not only in scholarship is he eminently fitted for such an important and difficult position, tho even in that respect it would not be easy to find a man more thoroly prepared than he. His experience in administrative work is ample and his success unquestioned. I have known many men engaged in university work but I can recall no one whom I could more honestly and unreservedly recommend for your consideration. Above all, Dean Brannon is a perfect gentleman, a charming personality, of splendid address, and a man who makes warm friends apparently without effort. I have known of all these qualities being possessed by others but I have never known so many desirable traits to be grouped in any other one individual."

Dr. Brannon unites three great lines of excellence for the presidency of a university—high scholarship, tested by the severest standards; proved executive and administrative power; and the highest character, expressed in a winning and forceful personality. He leaves behind him in North Dakota a great constructive record, and will enter upon a greater career in his greater field here.

**AT VARSITY AUDITORIUM**

**Miss Hostetter and Mrs. Hughes Will Give Real Musical Treat—Public Cordially Invited.**

What promises to be a real musical treat is the piano and violin recital announced for next Tuesday evening, February 3, by Miss Hostetter and Mrs. Hughes. The concert will be given in the auditorium at the university at eight o'clock sharp and will be free to all who care to attend. Previous to the rendering of the first number, Mr. Hulme will give a short, explanatory talk on the nature of the sonata, one of the most interesting of musical forms.

Miss Hostetter and Mrs. Hughes are both extremely popular performers, and may be counted upon to furnish a program full of merit and interest. The numbers that will be played are given below.

- Sonata, G Minor.....Tartini
- Allegro ma non tanto
- Presto non troppo
- Largo
- Alegro commodo

- Mrs. Hughes and Miss Hostetter.
- (a) Gondollera .....Liszt
- (b) Le Rossignol .....Alabieff-Liszt
- Miss Hostetter
- Adagio, from concerto, G. Minor,
- Op. 26.....Max Bruch
- Mrs. Hughes.
- Suite, Op. 44.....Eduard Schuett
- Allegro risoluto
- Canzonetta con variazioni
- Rondo a la Russe
- Mrs. Hughes and Miss Hostetter
- Mason and Hamlin piano used.

**FORMER SORORITY GIRL WEDS**

**Nelle B. Ireton of Boise United in Marriage to Garden Valley Man.**

Miss Ireton, whose wedding is described below, will be remembered by her many Moscow friends as an excellent student and a popular member of the Beta Sigma sorority. The following is from the Boise Statesman:

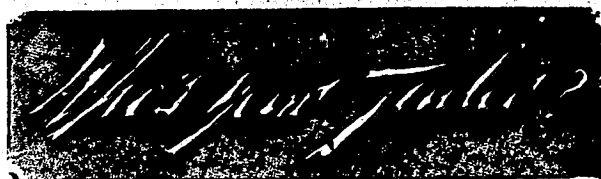
"One of the prettiest weddings of the winter season united two of the oldest pioneer families in the state, when Miss Nelle B. Ireton became the bride of James Campbell Mills, Jr., of Garden Valley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. B. Wright at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Ireton. The bridal party stood before a background of green. The bride appeared on the arm of her father, as Miss Esther Wickersham played the bridal march. She was attended by Miss Mary Mills, sister of the bridegroom. William Groomer of Garden Valley acted as best man. The bride wore a charming gown of white crepe de chine, made with scant draperies ending in a fish tail train, and gracefully draped with shadow lace. A veil of tulle, reaching to the train, was fastened with a bunch of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses. Miss Mills wore a ceil blue crepe meteor, lace trimmed. Mrs. Ireton, mother of the bride, wore a quaint gown of palest orchid shade and Mrs. Mills, mother of the groom, wore pale dove gray. The mothers presided at the table for the buffet luncheon, which followed the ceremony, which was performed at 1 o'clock. A basket of white carnations formed the centerpiece. In cutting the bride's cake Miss Esther Wickersham found the ring. The bride threw her bouquet at the station and it was caught by Miss Marie Cuddy.

"Both the bride and bridegroom were born in Boise county and have been friends since their playmate days. The bride is a graduate of the state university and prominent in college, club and church circles. The bridegroom is one of the prominent ranchers and business men of Garden Valley. The young couple will spend a month traveling on the coast and will make their future home in Garden Valley."

**WICKS AT PAYETTE**

**Reports Fine Meeting—Leaves for Arkansas Immediately.**

W. H. Wicks, who recently resigned his position as head of the department of horticulture at the university, has just returned from a short trip to south Idaho where he attended the annual three-day session of the State Horticultural society at Payette. Mr. Wicks reports that this society, judged by the large attendance and great enthusiasm of members, is in a flourishing condition. It is one of



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The meetings were held in the club-rooms of the Payette Commercial club, which, according to Mr. Wicks, has very fine quarters. The handsome rugs and furniture, the excellent pictures, and the cheerful fire-place added much to the comfort and pleasure of those in attendance. Mr. Wicks read a paper on the "Standardization of the Northwest Apple Box." Oregon, Washington, Utah, and Idaho have adopted a uniform box to be known as the northwest standard box; and Montana will do doubt soon follow suit.

Mr. Wicks and his family will leave Moscow on the 31st of this month. They will all go together as far as Chicago. From that point Mrs. Wicks and the two children will go on to New York city to make a two months' visit at the home of her brother, Dr. R. J. Wilson. Dr. Wilson holds the extremely important and responsible position of superintendent of the city hospitals and has under his immediate supervision and control a great many large institutions, such as the immense hospital for contagious diseases and the equally important one for tuberculosis patients. After reaching Chicago, Mr. Wicks will leave at once for Fort Smith, Arkansas, to attend the meetings of the Arkansas Horticultural society and will make his debut as a member of the Arkansas state university faculty when he appears on the program there.

In speaking of his reasons for leaving Idaho at just this time, Mr. Wicks said that the bad effects of the high altitude upon the health of his wife and the fact that the Arkansas position had to be filled at once had determined the time of his resignation.

**ANNOUNCES CONCERT DATE**

**Varsity Music Department Arranging Splendid Treat for Moscow's Music Lovers.**

The music lovers of this city will greet with sincere pleasure the announcement by Professor Eugene H. Storer of the university that arrangements have been perfected for the appearance on the evening of February 6 at the varsity auditorium of Rowdon, the eminent baritone. The entertainment will be given under the auspices of the music department of the university.

There are few who are the equals of Mr. Rowdon as is evidenced by the flattering newspaper notices which he has received wherever he has appeared in recitals and particularly in the larger cities where the critics are the most severe. Mr. Rowdon is accompanied by Miss Ethel Terry as pianiste. Miss Terry is a most accomplished and charming young English woman and is a first cousin of Ellen Terry, the noted actress. Tickets will be placed on sale next week.

Professor Storer also announces that a concert will be given by the vocal department of the university on Saturday evening, February 14, tho final arrangements have not yet been completed. The musical offerings will be mostly in the choral line assisted by the university orchestra. The principal number on the program will be a rendition of Cantata Gallia, by Gounod, with the accompaniment of full orchestra and organ.

This cantata is the most popular of its size in existence and should attract an unusually large crowd.

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**WE PRAY YOUR INDULGENCE.**

Since the present week marks the examinations at the university for the first semester, the staff of the Argonaut has been busily engaged in taking these examinations and as a result there is much matter of interest that has necessarily been omitted. Many of these items will be run in our next issue.

Likewise, an accident to the linotype operator who sets our copy also prevented sufficient matter being set to enable the staff to get the paper out promptly. We ask the kind indulgence of the subscribers.

**IS IT SO PROPOSED?**

Rumors are afloat that at last a girls' rest room is to be provided. So far so good. But the rumor continues in a humor that is not at all pleasing. It says that the dormitory is to be the place where this room is to be. The idea is preposterous. Why have a room at all. The dormitory is off to one side of the campus and for those coming from down town, entails an added walk of some distance. Who wants to walk half a mile to rest, or trot clear across the campus to get a friend to help adjust the refractory pin. The place for a rest room is in the administration building. There the co-eds have most of their classes and do most of their work while in school. It is there that a rest room is needed for the five minutes rest of tired young lady. She can as well go home for a rest as walk to the dormitory.

**THE SOCIAL VAMPIRE.**

The question has too often been asked, "Why this lack of interest in debate and literary organizations in the university?" It must be omitted that the interest shown in debate this year has been very slight. Despite the splendid work of the English club a marked decrease of attendance and interest has developed.

Of course the "paramount issue" in college activities today is athletics. With financial backing, high salaried coaches, and the stimulus of sharp rivalry, athletics holds a decided sway over every other student activity. This steady growth in the popularity of outdoor sports has seen a proportionate decrease in interest in debate and literary clubs in general. But it is not fair to say that this lack of interest is due solely to the growth of athletics. There are other reasons.

The increased variation in undergraduate life in the last decade has been the main cause for a change—a change in Idaho that has tended to pack to its capacity the date book in



the dean's office. Dances, entertainments, and smokers, come and go in endless succession. Fraternities have grown rapidly. The young Greek, after he has fulfilled his social obligations, finds little time to waste at a debate or at a struggling literary club meeting. It has been said that students do not like to attend a debate because debates are "dry," but that they do like to attend plays because, like pictures, a play is presented in a way that requires no effort to comprehend. This is getting nearer the truth. The strife for social distinction and the very questionable brand of "politics" in the student body of the average university are reasons, ascribed by prominent educators, for the loss of what might be called a scholastic ideal.

All interest in a debating society has closed. The English club, the only literary organization in the university, started off with flying colors but each meeting has shown a steady decrease in attendance. Under such conditions it would not be wise to form new clubs as a solution of the problem. Nor does undergraduate life promise a different trend than it has taken in the last few years. The one thing needful at the present time is to boost for, and with, the only literary club in college. If the student body cannot support one club in dramatics then it is high time that undergraduate life should experience a radical readjustment.

**PEP, AH HA!**

Pep is the motive force that wins all our contests. It is the stimulus that drives us to victory. Friday we won the basketball game. Pep did it. Saturday we lost the game. Pep did it. Not our pep but the other fellows' pep in the last game. This fact says, "Let not your pep die but feed it and make it strong." Let it send Idaho to victory.

**OUR NEW PREXY.**

To say that we are grateful for a president goes without saying. We are all ready to extend to him the glad hand of fellowship and give him a cheer of welcome.

We hope that he may grow to love the students of Idaho and be in sympathy with their traditions.

**FRESH FROM MEXICO**

**Former University Student Visited the War Zone and Brings Back Marrowing Details.**

That only a personal visit can reveal the destruction and damage wrought at Juarez and other points along the Mexican border is the declaration of F. B. Costello of Spokane, inspector of bridges and buildings of the Northern Pacific, who was in Moscow Saturday. Mr. Costello recently returned from a vacation which he spent in the Mexican fight zone. His description of the terrible ravages of war emphasizes

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the fact that the public can learn but half through the press of what has happened.

Mr. Costello was displaying to friends a number of kodak views which he secured at Juarez showing principal points of interest, damaged because of the fire of artillery, and view of the dead lying on the battlefield and in the trenches made for their interment. Mr. Costello is a graduate of the university and was here visiting friends.

**HONOR MR. AND MRS. M'CAFFERY**  
Friends Give Delightful Party in Honor of Varsity Professor and Wife Who Will Leave Soon.

Complimentary to Professor and Mrs. R. S. McCaffery who are to leave soon for Madison, Wis., the Altar society of the Catholic church, the DeSmet club, an organization of the Catholic students at the university, and the Knights of Columbus last evening gave a most enjoyable party at the I. O. O. F. hall. The hall was

appropriately decorated and about 70 people were present. The early part of the evening was spent at cards after which several hours of dancing were enjoyed.

Professor and Mrs. McCaffery were the recipients of a beautiful silver berry spoon, a gift from the Altar society. As a token of remembrance a silver drinking cup with gold lining was presented Professor McCaffery by the Knights of Columbus, of which order he is an officer. The DeSmet club, in the organization of which Professor McCaffery took an active part, presented him with a beautiful silver match case.

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# COMMON SENSE RUSHING METHODS

## FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES CHANGE METHODS OF RUSHING.

### University of Washington Fraternities and Sororities Adopting Common Sense Systems.

The University of Washington Daily speaks as follows on her new departure in fraternity rushing:

"A complete change from the present system of fraternity rushing was foreshadowed last night, when one upperclassman and one alumnus from each fraternity on the campus met at supper in the Men's building with Wilfred Lewis, Graduate Manager Ralph Horr and Professor David Thompson to discuss fraternity rushing rules.

Talks will be given by unanimous decision of the meeting last night, to seniors in the high schools regarding university fraternities, and will cover five points.

1. No freshman to consider himself under obligations to a fraternity for rushing entertainment.

2. The freshmen to recognize that it is more important for him to pick the right crowd than it is for any crowd to pick him. In other words, he is the one who is doing the real choosing.

3. Before joining any fraternity, the members of that fraternity should be willing, glad and able to prove to him that their national standing, their local standing and the standing of the alumni in his home town is absolutely sound and solid.

4. That there is no hurry about making a choice. A crowd that really wants him will be glad to let him take all the time he needs to investigate their claims and to compare them with those of the other fraternities.

5. That under no conditions is he to stand for gang rushing or the use of the sweatshop methods.

Plans were discussed last night for standardizing rushing. Matriculation pledging, two weeks pledging, semester pledging and sophomore pledging were all considered. Some action will be taken soon when it is possible to gather together delegates authorized to act for the fraternities.

#### Co-eds Not Behind.

A radical departure in the system of sorority rushing now in effect among the local Greek co-ed societies will be adopted in February, when the open matriculation rush will take the place of the old two weeks of entertainment and formal invitations sent through the dean of women.

Faculty objection to the present system, which has been observed for so long, was one of the important reasons for a change. Two weeks' entertainment was too much of a financial strain on the young women, and the time spent too much of sacrifice from regular college work. Too, the rushees gained a wrong impression of college life.

The sororities had two open courses, one to adopt the open matriculation pledge and the other to try semester pledging. There is a certain support for the latter plan, and college women say that it will probably be adopted next year.

Under the matriculation pledging

plan, certain rules have been laid down by the Pan-Hellenic association, which distinguishes it from the methods of the men. Each sorority may ask a rushee for a matriculation date and only one "sister" may help the rushee register. No sorority is to have two consecutive dates, and but one date can be made ahead. First dates shall be limited to three hours; from 12 o'clock till 3 shall be luncheon date, from 3 o'clock till 6, afternoon date, and from 6 o'clock till 9, dinner date.

#### TO WEAR CAP AND GOWN

### Idaho Falls High School Adopts Unique Plan. Has Collegiate Features.

Below we quote in full an article which appeared in the Idaho Register for last month from Idaho Falls in regard to the wearing of cap and gown by the high school students. This innovation marks another forward movement in our high schools since it will solve one of a high school's most difficult problems.

"The 'high cost of living' received a jolt last night at the regular session of the school board and no longer will the 'sweet girl graduate,' as she orates of the 'Irrepressible Conflict,' or 'Beyond the Alps Lies Italy,' do it in a gown which has set father back a good many dollars and caused dear mam many nights of uneasiness for fear that her girl will not outshine all the rest. There has been a distinct spirit of cheerfulness among all the fathers today who have girls in school who will graduate this year or in the years to come, for the school board has decided that 'all grads shall look alike,' at least so far as clothes can make them, for all will wear the regulation gray, cadet gray, gown and cap, even the boys.

The board has wrestled with the problem as have other school boards in other places for the past generation. Many a girl worth her weight in gold has been made unhappy on her graduation day on account of the fact that she could not appear in as pretty a gown as her friend, the girl with whom she has spent the past few years as friend and company, and many parents have made sacrifices they could ill afford to make to satisfy the natural desire of their daughter to appear as well as anyone else, all of which has in many instances worked a hardship and imposed an unfair burden. Under the new order of things the graduates will wear the regulation costume, not only on graduation night but to all class functions and the gowns will be the property of the district and the order to wear them is mandatory.

Nothing has been said as yet in the matter of the cut of the gowns and whether the waist line will chase up or down as the fashion indicates from season to season or whether they will be cut with "slits" on the side or in front.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF RIGHT SPIRIT

### Every Boy is a Distinct Piece of Clay. What Kind of Brick is the Man?

Below is an extract from a paper by Miss Elvira Pike on "The Right Spirit for the Indian Student and How to Get It," read at the third annual conference of American Indians held in Denver last fall.

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new generation better than the old, and the only way to do this is to train every child in that race. This does not mean in arithmetic and literature only, but in useful labor, in self-control, in honesty, in high aims and achievement and in the arts of government.

"A child's will is a very difficult problem for the adult to study. I believe in the free-will plan to give the child as much freedom as one can, and not hurt its spirit by trying to break this will. First determine the lines along which the student's longings run and adapt the lessons, or teachings, along these lines, as near as possible. Of course, we know that this is not always possible.

"I believe in giving the students freedom in choosing for themselves the work and studies that most appeal to their special stage of development.

"In following out this plan of freedom I find one may often develop a social instinct in the Indian student which cannot be done in any other way. Two or three girls or boys may form a group and work or study together to a far better advantage than one can direct—just the way they do in play.

"All Indians were not made for farmers any more than all white men were made for cobblers or carpenters. Nevertheless, a very valuable part of the educational work is the nature study, and I am glad to say that in most government schools each one of the grades or classes has a little garden where the pupils plant, weed, water, observe, and harvest. Children like quick-growing seeds, those that mature quickly. It is so hard for the little folks to wait for germination. And I have seen farmers just like

children. But the most important lesson in gardening for the Indian student is not the cultivation of plants, but the spiritual growth that is theirs after they have watched and helped the growth of a seed.

"The question has often been asked, 'What shall be done with the Indian students, or what shall be made of them?' and it has been said, 'Make farmers out of the boys, and farmers' wives of the girls,' as though they were a piece of clay to be moulded into shape.

"The Indian student has a will and impulses of his own which must be reckoned with. This very spirit of boys or girls is often killed by trying to make out of them what they have not will to do, and, try hard as they will, they cannot put their hearts into the work. 'The heart in the work' is the key to success, no matter what that work may be.

"Any honest work is honorable. The Indian student who loves his people and his country—and where there is an Indian student that does not, if his spirit has not been killed by some ill treatment?—is more apt to love his work, and one who loves his work has a far better chance of winning than the one who 'toils because he must.'

"So few students realize the importance of school life, with the advantages before them, the studies upon which they are to depend for their future food and clothing. It is important that all students should be taught to make the most of their time, and every advantage of school life and especially the Indian students. In this day and age no Indian student can afford to look at education in any other

light than that of a necessity. Usually by the time a student reaches the age for making a choice of a like work, he is capable of making one. True, they are reluctant at times, but in most cases from indolence or self distrust—because they have had too much freedom, or not enough.

"No lawyer or doctor, merchant or farmer who is worthy of the name was ever made by anybody but himself. The Indian student should have more freedom to make out of himself a human being."

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"The marines have landed and have the situation well in hand." How frequently do we see this headline in the morning paper over a press dispatch from some distant land or remote island. Yet how few of us fully understand the significance conveyed in those words; how few of us know who these "Marines" are who "have the situation well in hand." It conjures up the mysteries of the sea, and of strange lands and stranger peoples far out of the scope of our individual sphere of observation and acquaintance, for the average American citizen has but a vague idea who the Marines are, where they go, what they do, their characteristics, duties and dress. Somewhere in his mind is stored away the impression that a Marine is some kind of amphibious warrior of the sailor type, wearing sailor clothes, and whose habitat is in that part of the world where the most trouble is brewing. At all events, he looks upon the marine as being a man who is thoroughly onto the job, and lets it go at that.

**Antiquity of Marines.**

The employment of infantry as a part of the force aboard ships of war was common to the Phoenicians and to all the maritime state of Greece at least five centuries before the beginning of the Christian era. Marines are especially mentioned in the account of the battle of Lade, in the time of Darius, king of Persia, about 497 B. C. From these times to the present it has been recognized that the efficiency and effectiveness of a ship of war is advantageously increased by the addition to the regular ship's force of a body of men whose peculiar training fits them for military service both on land and sea.

**STUDENT MAKES PROGRESS**

**Chinese Grad of Idaho U. Engineering Department Making Record in His Native Land.**

Dean J. G. Eldridge of the university is in receipt of a letter from S. F. Suen, the Chinese student who graduated from the university of Idaho last June and during his stay in Moscow was prominently associated with the varsity Y. M. C. A. and other religious organizations of the city. Mr. Suen, it will be remembered, was of the very highest type of Chinese,

a perfect gentleman and a remarkable scholar. He was polished in manner and spoke the English language fluently, despite the fact that he had spent but a very short time in America.

After leaving Moscow last spring Mr. Suen went direct to Schenectady, N. Y., where he entered the employment of the General Electric company. He remained there during most of the summer until called to China to enter government service in a huge electrical project at his native town of Foochow. Recently he has been called from that work to other governmental service with the Board of Communications at Peking.

Mr. Suen's letter is, in the eyes of an American, truly unique. It is written with a Chinese writing brush on Chinese stationery. The paper is soft, of a cream color and lined with red. The envelope is of the same composition, as the paper only heavier and is encircled by a huge bright red belt running lengthwise around the center and covering more than a third of the surface.

The letter reads as follows: "My Dear Mr. Eldridge—I am very highly honored to receive your very kind favor of October 29. I cannot find any fitting word to describe my thanks for the care you have taken for me. Enclosed are some of the printed views of my home town, Foochow. Please stick them in the photograph section of my thesis and inform Mr. Corbett of their arrival.

"I have been offered a position as an electrical engineer for the Board of Communications in Peking. My first work will be to translate electrical terms and to adopt laws which will regulate the use of electricity and electrical apparatus.

"Recently I have been connected with the Y. M. C. A. work in Peking. This organization has erected a fine building there and this is a central gathering place for educated Chinese. Please give my regards to my friends in the Christian Endeavor society, and excuse me for using this poor stationery. I am writing with a real Chinese brush on Chinese paper.

"Wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year, I am  
Very sincerely yours, etc."

**EXTENSION DEPARTMENT**

**University Faculty in that Department Doing Great Work Among the People of Idaho.**

Citizens of Idaho, especially those engaged in farming, are just beginning to appreciate the value and extent of the work the University of Idaho is doing in the state thru its agricultural extension department. The main object of this department is to carry the university to the farm, to give adult farmers the advantages of this state institution as well as the younger people. The purpose of the department in the words of Professor W. H. Olin, who is at its head, is as far as possible to carry the helpful, practical conclusions found in agricultural research and experiments at the college of agriculture of the University of Idaho to the farmers of Idaho.

This department of the university has its headquarters in the statehouse in Boise, and the workers go out into all parts of the state, wherever calls are made, to assist in every way possible. The members of this department are here given and their different lines of work briefly outlined:  
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tural extension. He has charge of the farmers' institute work, movable schools and general supervision of the substation farms in both north and south Idaho.

R. A. Coglon — State leader and supervisor of county agents. Any county desiring a special county agent to aid its farmers in a practical way should get in touch with Mr. Coglon.

E. F. Rinehart — Animal husbandman. Any stockman desiring a silo, suggestions on feeds, help in any way on breeding and feeding problems or purchase of dairy or beef sires, address Mr. Riehart.

Carl E. Johnson—Field dairyman. Mr. Johnson is giving his entire time to the farmers of Lincoln, Gooding, Cassia and Twin Falls counties, with headquarters at the courthouse in Twin Falls. Anyone in these four counties desiring his services free of charge, address him at Twin Falls.

Miss Amy Kelly—Home economics. Miss Kelly, as far as possible, will help farmers' wives, teachers of home economics and county superintendents to solve the problems in this line of work.

George F. Thometz—State seed inspector. Any seeds to be tested in south Idaho should be sent to Mr. Thometz. He proposes to do all in his power under the pure seed law to see that the farmer is protected in getting clean, pure seed.

T. H. Parks—Field entomologist in charge of alfalfa weevil control. Mr. Parks is doing all that he can to prevent the weevil from entering Idaho alfalfa fields and advising how to combat other injurious insects to favor crops.

Estes P. Taylor—Field horticulturist. Mr. Taylor plans, as far as possible, to study the farmers' orchard problems on the farm and within the orchard. Get in touch with him.

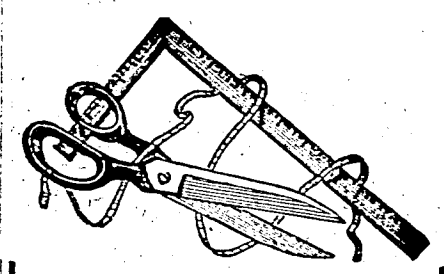
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respond to all calls. A note addressed to W. H. Olin at Boise, or Dean W. L. Carlyle at Moscow will receive prompt attention. For the month of February the following farmers institutes have been arranged at which all of these workers will be in attendance: Albion, February 2; Oakley, February 4 and 5; Rupert, February 6; Twin Falls, February 7; Aberdeen, February 9, 10 and 11; Blackfoot, February 11; Rigby, February 12; Rexburg, February 13; Sugar City, February 14; Malad, February 16, 17 and 18; Preston, February 18, 19 and 20; Weston, February 21; Oxford 24; Teton Basin, February 26 and 27; Council, February 24; Cambridge, February 25; Indian Valley, February 26; Welser, February 27 and 28.

ONE AND ONE, IDAHO VS. W. S. C.

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good. Features of the game were the field goals of Moss, thrown from different angles and the dribbling of Sampson for the W. S. C. aggregation. Loux and Keane were given the stellar positions on the Idaho team by many of the spectators.

The lineup was the same as in Friday night's game.

W. S. C. scoring: Field goals—Moss 4, Love, Hilderbrand, Sampson 2. Goals from fouls—Sampson, 5 out of 10.

Idaho scoring: Loux 2, Soulen 1. Goals from fouls—Loux, 10 out of 14. Referee—E. A. Hinderman of Spokane.

CRABBING OR CRITICISING?

Orchestra People Feel that Criticism May Have Been a Trifle Harsh. Don't Like Knockers.

It is a rare event to have such an exquisite lecture on "crabbing" set off by an example (though not labeled as such) as we find in the last issue of the Argonaut. The crabber referred to is one who is willing to sacrifice an institution by his prejudiced censure, one who is willing to say that "much is to be expected of the orchestra with its efficient leadership and its new members' therefore say nothing of the acceptable rendition of the 5th Symphony;" one who "crabbs" only to discomfort the "crabee."

This writer did not consider the effect his knock would have on the future of the orchestra. His visions of a future orchestra were seemingly offered for the purpose of concealing the real motive of his criticism for interest in such a vision would have prevented him from condemning any future the orchestra might have.

The causes assigned for the failures were not correctly placed. The climax of "The Hall of the Mountain King" involved no technical difficulties. Passages of much greater scope were well played in the 5th Symphony. Had we rendered a simpler composition, our being out of tune would have been equally dissonant. The university orchestra is equal to the rendition of such selections as were attempted at the last concert, if the conditions be favorable. These conditions which are well known to all the members can be easily compassed if we but use such opportunities as a criticism affords to improve some of the present circumstances. Our hard earned path to better music should not be retraced to that music which although popular, is not conducive to our critic's visions of the future, nor likely to prevent us from committing the "faux pas" of speaking of the "Peer Gynt Suite" at having some mysterious connection with "Peter Pan."

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CANADIAN WOOD TESTED

Western Yellow Pine Stump Makes Great Test—Rich in Oils, Pitch and Turpentine.

Preliminary distillation of a green western yellow pine-stump which was brought to Moscow by the forestry experts from British Columbia recently for experimental purposes in the by-products laboratory at the university has just been completed by Professor Shattuck and his assistants. In figuring the yield, which is a remarkable

one, the figures have been based on a weight of 5000 pounds of similar wood, altho the amount actually tested was less than that weight.

The results of the test are as follows: Total gallons of acid liquor, 296.7; total gallons light oils, 6.7; total gallons heavy oils, 37.1; total gallons of crude turpentine, 23.1; total pounds of pitch, 142.8; total pounds of charcoal, 1238.3.

TO ENHANCE GOOD HEALTH

"Camp Fire Girls" Organized in New York State May Aid Young Girls.

ALBANY, Jan. 27.—"Camp Fire Girls," an organization to conduct social outdoor work in the United States and foreign countries, was incorporated today, with the principal office in Manhattan. The main object of the corporation is to perpetuate the spiritual ideals of the home under the conditions of a social community, to aid in the formation of habits making for health and vigor, to devise means for measuring and creating standards for women's work, to foster intimate relations between mothers and daughters and to develop a sympathetic understanding of the newer economic relationship into which women are coming.

Thirty directors are named, divided into classes of five each. They include Mrs. Bascom Johnson, Forest Hills; Mary Porter Beegle, William C. Langdon, Miss Florence Marshall, M. A. Noble, S. A. Lewisohn, Miss Ida M. Tarbell, John A. Potter, J. Fred Mosby, Miss Natalie Curtis, New York; Charles Henry Davis, Cambridge, Mass.; Earnest Thompson Seton, Greenwich, Conn.; Mrs. William G. Frost, Montclair, N. J.; Mrs. Charles H. Farnsworth, Edgewater, N. J.; Mrs. Charles D. Lancer, Greenwich, Conn., and Robert Garrett, Baltimore, M. D.

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BUFFALO, Jan. 27.—An offer of a fully equipped plant for the public reduction of radium bearing ores was today telegraphed to Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, by Stephen Lockwood, who 10 years ago in a experimental plant here extracted the first radium in the United States.

Stanley Brown and Jess Bedwell are confined to their home at the Phi Delta Theta house by a light attack of mumps.

Miss Virginia Shearer has returned to her home in Lewiston.

Miss Norma Davis of the home economics department of the university is assisting Miss Amy Kelly, extension director, in lectures and demonstrations at the farmers' movable schools in south Idaho. She will not return to Moscow for about two weeks.

Miss Jessie M. Hoover, head of the department of home economics at the university, went to Troy Saturday at the request of the farmers' union of that place to address a meeting of the union on the subject of foods. The meeting was attended by about 100 farmers and their wives.

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TOTAL VALUES NOW COMPLETE

State Auditor Shows Idaho Valuation After Equalization to be \$427,743,497.

According to an abstract by the state auditor just completed the total valuation of all property in Idaho reported to the board of equalization amounts to \$398,282,260. The total value after equalization amounts to \$400,959,586. The total personal property abstracts reported by counties amounted to \$26,783,811. The grand total valuation of all property in the state for assessment purposes is \$427,743,497.

The report shows that the total carried by the personal property abstract as reported to the state auditor from Latah county was \$1,211,571; Nez Perce, \$1,141,849; Idaho, \$841,077; Kootenai, \$704,525; Bonner, \$634,298; Lewis, \$12,610; Shoshone, \$494,071; Clearwater, \$150,654, bringing the total up in the eight northern counties of the state to \$5,190,655.

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When it comes to solving the problems of supply and demand and of distribution, the New York hen that lays carfare on the spot has got all the political economists and the efficiency experts beaten to a stand-still.

No wonder that man checked his artificial limb before entering the Hippodrome. They have an exciting show there and he probably was afraid he would get to "waving his wooden leg in the air."

## GERLOUGH VISITS COTO'S BIRTHPLACE

THE ITALIAN SKIES ARE EVEN AS  
BEAUTIFUL TODAY AS THEY  
WERE OF OLD

Rome's Ancient Grandeur Now Lies in  
Ruins.

To the Editor of the Argonaut.

Dear Sir:—My Baedeker says that the birthplace of Cato and the favorite residence of Cicero was Tusculum, a village in the Alban mountains; so yesterday I started out to see the place. To get there it is well to take the electric train to Frascati which is 35 miles southeast of Rome and then walk up the mountain on which the ancient town of Tusculum was situated. The walk takes ordinarily an hour and a half.

When I got out of the train it was raining but since I have only a few weeks in which to see the wonders in and around this ancient city I thought I had better improve the time by walking up the mountain, rain or no rain, so I started to climb. As I climbed I began to wonder why it is that a famous art critic whose book I once had occasion to glance through has taken as his main theme, it seems to me, that "Church painters are clever and skillful colorists because of the fogs in their atmosphere and Italians are wonderful draftsmen because of the blue and cloudless Italian sky." That gentleman could not, I believe, have travelled much in Italy in the winter time for when I got up a little higher the rain stopped for a little while and the sun lightly shone between the clouds and, Mr. Editor, it was a true Turner picture that I was privileged to gaze upon like Mr. John Ruskin used to harp on when he was Slade professor of fine art at Oxford. There were mists and brown and green colorings and classic figures in the back and I can appreciate in a very small way, the feelings of that famous artist Turner when he began to paint scenes from Italy about a hundred years ago because I have stood on the side of that mountain and gazed out over the Roman Campagna.

All of that flat plane between the Alban mountains and the city of Rome is now a mass of desolate ruins and of waste where in classic times it was covered with a teeming population of busy slaves and small farmers and was the home of wealthy and influential land lords who cared for their farms and took great sanitary precautions to guard against the malaria that has been one of the greatest curses that Italians have had to fight against since, as some scholars tell us, the days when the volcanoes quit belching in the Alban range. Of the many causes of the fall of the Roman government of classic times the malaria is one that I believe is now included in the list. It broke out with great violence when the barbarians broke down the aqueducts and the early Christians in their zeal for the faith burned down the sylvan groves that were sacred to heathen gods.

After I had climbed a little higher I could look to the south and see the town of Marino and Moun. Cayo. It is from between those two places on the shores of the Lake of Albanum that the old Latins came. For there scholars say, I believe, is the famous Alba Longa. On the other side of the lake

is the city of Albanum and that for some mischievous reason leads me to speak of the old emperor Nero and to bring up again the subject of wine.

It seems that old Nero was a rascal of the first water. At least that is the way his character has been portrayed in the history books. Perhaps it was in order to live up to that title that he thought one day he would pollute a sacred pool by swimming across it. He did it and caught a terrible cold from which he almost died. Another episode is told of how he burned down the Eternal City after he had secretly provided for the people a lot of tents and stationed a lot of cornships at different points in the Mediterranean with orders to sail quickly at the set time to keep the people from starving to death. At other times he used to burn Christians and once he was known to name a man Icarus, disguise him as an aeroplane and tell him to fly. The poor fellow did as he was told but hadn't flown very far when he lost his nerve, and consequently his life, by falling into the Roman Forum on the hard stone pavement of the Sacred Way.

But now I must tell you about the wine. It seems that Nero one day was tired of art or some other things he is known to have been very fond of and he sent for his chief engineers to ask them what they could do for him in the way of a novelty. They suggested that he build a ship canal from Rome to Naples. As the suggestion seemed to the emperor a jovial one and as their great engineering genius had already gained them the reputation of having built a canal from Avernus to the mouth of the Tiber that was about as useful for holding water as Simple Simon's sieve he knew that he would be able to have fun from two sources. He would with a twinkle in his eye be able to see money squandered from the public treasury and he would have a good laugh at the expense of the Roman aristocracy who had all their lives been zealous to keeping their cellars well stocked with Caecuban wine. These two fellows began operations and the very first thing they took it into their heads to do was to start a Culebra cut through the ridge of Amyclae where this best Italian wine was grown and ruined its soil for cultivation of the vine. The aristocracy were of course very angry but after the emperor had told them that the Serinian that was grown near the modern village of Sezze was just about as good and had perhaps shown them a laughable entertainment by hitching up camels instead of horses for the next day's races they decided to be content with the next best.

Now as you stand on the mountain by Tusculum and look exactly southeast to the coast by the present city of Gaeta you will be looking, though you can't see it from the mountain, at the place where this Culebra cut was evacuated. If you look in the same direction but only one half of the distance you will see the modern village of Sezze. But if you want to look at the place where the poorest of Italian wines was grown, you must look at this city of Albanum which is across the lake from the ancient home of the Latins. Since I wrote my first letter from Rome I have decided that it is that village that those numerous wine casks I saw on my first day's visit here, were going and they were not going to the place called the Three Taverns which has also in common with Albanum a location on the Appian Way. The guide book says that the wine of the Albanum of today is famous. Our old friend Horace used to pronounce

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it infamous.

But I didn't stand thinking about such intemperate subjects as long as the narrative of this letter may lead one to infer. I climbed on up to Tusculum and found a well preserved Greek theatre there but by that time a cloud had enveloped every thing and as I listened to the chime of the monastery bells of Camaldoli below me I looked at my watch. It was 5 o'clock and I decided I had better descend before it became pitch dark and I couldn't see where I was going.

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