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WHITMAN TAKES TWO DEFEATS

IN THE THREE GAMES PLAYED,
IDAHO WINS THREE. MIS-
SIONARIES ARE IMPROVING.

Soulen Stars at Guard. Keane Makes
Two Baskets and Loux Played
the Old Game.

"Pink's" crew brought to light the strength of Hahn's quintet which was heretofore an unknown quantity, in three dashing games on the Whitman floor, all three ending in Idaho's favor by a safe margin. The games were played on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights of last week at Walla Walla.

In the first game Whitman was slow and rough and the game was characterized by crude and rough work. Two men were carried off the floor and officers were badly bruised. Loux was again easily the star of the game, making most of Idaho's points. Captain Soulen played a fine game at guard throughout the series and was second to Loux only in scoring. While Soulen has scarcely made good at forward, the way he travels from the guard position has been a surprise to everyone, including the coach. Gray played a good class of ball while he was in the game, but he did not figure in any game except the first. The first game went to Idaho by a score of 30 to 18. The lineup was as follows:

Idaho	Whitman
Gray	Blackman
	Forward
Loux	Crampton
	Forward
Martinson	Cowen
	Center
Keane	Botts
	Guard
Soulen	Bishop
	Guard

Substitutes: Jardene for Gray, Hyde for Soulen, Young for Cowen. Referee, Applegate.

The second game was the best and fastest of the three, Whitman putting up a close fight until the last few minutes of play, when Idaho showed a burst of speed and with a few lucky throws took a lead of 23 to 16 at which the game ended. In this game Keane completely bamboozled all precedent and tipped the rim of iron for two goals, and he still contends that it was not luck but science.

The lineup was about the same as given above except that Clancy, who was ineligible the night before, made up some work and replaced Crampton, and Jardene was used instead of Gray. The score was 23 to 16; referee, Fritz Lunstrom; umpire, Shubert.

The third game went to Idaho at the rate of 19 to 12. Whitman continued to improve throughout the series and there is no doubt but that had Idaho had a few more games to play with them on their own floor, they might have found a great deal of trouble in getting away with the bacon.

With the practice that they will have by the time they meet W. S. C., provided they continue to improve, our neighbors across the line are likely to

drop down the line a notch or two on the percentage scale. If Idaho can take the game from W. S. C. which we play on our own floor and Pullman should drop one to Whitman, providing of course that we win the three from Whitman here, the east side championship, which our neighbors thought was presented to them when the triangular league was agreed upon, will drift under the folds of an Idaho standard, and the final contest with the west side champions would then be played under a W. S. C. roof.

It is not likely that we could beat Washington, but we can beat W. S. C., and if the proper spirit is shown on the part of the students we will. It would be fun to have Idaho play the championship off on the W. S. C. floor at least.

Idaho will meet Whitman again Thursday of this week. Of course, we expect to win, but it is poor policy to be too sure. We cannot afford to take any more chances than are absolutely necessary. So be there with all the "pep" you have to give, and give it.

DEBATE TRYOUT SATURDAY

Six Men to be Chosen to Meet the
Teams of Gonzaga in March. Prize
Awarded the Winner.

At one-thirty next Saturday in room 207 Ad. the try-out debate will be held. From the men trying out will be chosen the teams that will meet Gonzaga in March. The question for the debate is one of vital interest to every thinking citizen; and it should attract the attention of many even though they are unable to contest for the prize. This prize of twenty-five dollars is awarded yearly by Mr. Dewey of Nampa.

Rifle Club to Be Organized.

At last we have what Idaho has long wanted, an indoor rifle range. Lewis Hall has been equipped with a gallery and target and the organization of the Rifle Club will be effected as soon as possible. Formerly our target practice was confined to a few drill days at the end of the school year. Now we shall be able to practice at all times of the school year. Later on in the season the winners will be chosen to represent Idaho in competition with other schools of the northwest. Now that we have the equipment it is up to the members of the club to develop marksmen worthy to represent Idaho.

Thursday at 4 o'clock there will be a meeting of all those interested in this work. This meeting is for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other necessary business.

Idaho Leads.

An international sheep shearing congress is planned as one of the interesting features of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The contest will be one of skill and speed between hand and machine shearing and will bring together shepherds and flock masters from all quarters of the globe. Big prizes will be offered. An Idaho barber has made the first entry. He holds the record in Idaho, having shaved sixty long beards in a single day.

CALENDAR

Feb. 12, Thurs.—Desmet Club meets.

Feb. 12, Thurs.—Basket Ball with Whitman at Moscow.

Feb. 13, Fri.—Delta Gamma formal.

Feb. 14, Sat.—Cecilian Choral Club concert at Methodist church.

Feb. 16, Mon.—Basket Ball with W. S. C. at Moscow.

Feb. 19, Thurs.—Home Economics Club meeting, in the Ad. building.

Feb. 20, Fri.—Military Ball at the Gymnasium.

Feb. 21, Sat.—English Club program at Ridenbaugh hall.

Feb. 23, Mon.—Basket Ball with W. S. C. at Pullman.

Feb. 27, Fri.—Basket Ball with Whitman at Moscow.

Feb. 28, Sat.—Basket Ball with Whitman at Moscow.

TO SUCCEED PROF. M'CAFFERY

Experienced Minnesota Man Selected
To Take Chair in Metallurgy at
Idaho.

Mr. Clarence L. Larsen, a graduate of the Minnesota school of mines, 1910, has been engaged as instructor of metallurgy at the university.

After graduation Mr. Larsen was first employed in gathering data on mining and milling methods and cost. In this way he visited about twenty Minnesota mines and mines in Michigan, Utah, Nevada and Mexico. The next place Mr. Larsen worked was at Bisbee, Arizona, where he was employed under ground and there he worked out some difficult timbering problems for the superintendent.

Later he was employed by the Chinese government at Nanking, China, as instructor of mining engineering at the government institution at Nanking, until the college work was abandoned on account of the revolution. Mr. Larsen then had charge of a gold mine in Korea. He held that position until a short time ago.

Mr. Larsen comes to us very highly recommended by Mr. Van Barneweld, chief of the department of mines and metallurgy for the Panama exposition. Mr. Larsen is expected to arrive in Moscow in a few days and he will take up his work immediately.

New Course is Popular.

At the first meeting of the class in heredity and eugenics Prof. Wodsadelek found his lecture room all too small to accommodate the number of students that have elected the new course. More than three score and five have registered, as Mr. Wodsadelek says, either because they think to find a snap or because they are really interested in the subject-matter of the course. He might have mentioned also that his class is probably unduly enlarged by the fact that some of the classes in agriculture and home economics were urgently advised to take it. However, there is, beyond a doubt, a great show of interest in the course as is shown by the presence of so many of those who chose it as an elective; and then too there are some real live faculty people in the class also.

CONCERT PLEASURES LARGE AUDIENCE

MRS. HUGHES AND MISS HOSTETTER
GIVE MUSICAL TREAT TO
AUDIENCE OF STUDENTS.

Prof. Hulme Explains Details of the
Movements and Gives Short Sketches
of the Pieces.

An audience of considerable size gathered in the auditorium on Tuesday evening, February 3, to listen to the concert given by Miss Hostetter and Mrs. Hughes of the department of music. It was a well-pleased audience, to judge from the numerous complimentary remarks that were made during the exit. Yet it was a cold audience, to judge from the faint applause that followed even the best efforts of the artists and the most attractive numbers of the program. In this respect it resembled most Moscow audiences, silent, undemonstrative, apparently unappreciative, certainly chilling. One wonders how long this will be true of us. Surely we should soon realize that an artist should be encouraged with applause as well as a football hero, or the young fellow who swallow-like or frog-like, sails or leaps over the stick at eleven feet.

The various numbers were prefaced with brief explanatory remarks by Professor Edward M. Hulme, who spoke of the origin and development of the sonata, the barcarolle, the song with variations, the concerto, and the suite. Interesting personal information relating to composers and performers was scattered through the talks and helped the audience to a better understanding of the various musical numbers and their playing. Prof. Hulme's powers to organize his information and make things plain came into good use again. His rich deep voice easily reached the remotest corners of the hall. His excellent illustrations were music in themselves.

The first number was a sonata in G minor, by Tartini, an Italian violinist and composer who lived in the eighteenth century. It is a composition that makes great demands upon the violinist, because of its swift scale passages, its frequent and brief trills, and many other technical difficulties. The composition was written in the days of the harpsichord, an instrument of far less capacity than the modern piano and of far less sustaining power. So the demands made by the sonata upon the pianist were not so severe. Yet despite all its difficulties, Mrs. Hughes played the sonata with conspicuous ease and charm. The fluent, melodic passages were played smoothly and serenely with a true feeling for their old-world charm, the restful charm of a day so very different from our own febrile age; and all the quickly fleeting grace notes and trills that adorn the sonata, especially the first movement, were played with marked grace and accuracy. Miss Hostetter displayed the right conception of the secondary character of the piano in the

composition and gave faithful and intelligent support to the violin.

In Liszt's "Gondoliera" and the same composer's arrangement of Alabieff's song "Le Rossignol" Miss Hostetter came into her own and with her admirable use of the pedals and her sensitive touch, sang the two pieces upon the piano clearly and with great beauty. She made the tones as liquid as the waters of the gently undulating lagoons and as crystal clear as those of the bird that sings "of summer in full-throated ease."

The Adagio movement from the concerto in G minor by Max Bruch was played in a masterly way by both performers. The movement is at once lyrical and dramatic, or rather it is alternatingly so. In the lyrical passages the violin sang with marked tenderness and in the dramatic passages it was played with fire and passion. It is in cantabile playing that the true test of a violinist's power lies; for the violin is first of all a melody instrument, the next in loveliness and elegance to the human voice. Mrs. Hughes' playing may be characterized by saying that she never fails to satisfy even the most critical of here hearers with her interpretation and execution of the singing passages. If Miss Hostetter's playing charmed by the limpid beauty of its legato in the preceding numbers it aroused no less admiration by its virility in the Bruch concerto, for it was a virility that was unforced; amid all the heavy chords and crashing octaves, played with splendid breadth, one felt that she had still a force in reserve.

The final number, a suite for piano and violin by Edward Schnett, proved to be an exceptionally pleasing composition. It is written without due regard to the violin. It calls for the most unusual and exacting intervals, and as the violinist, unlike the player upon a keyed instrument, must make every note himself, it requires a faultless ear and a mastery of technic. But none of its difficulties was apparent to the audience so easily were they met and overcome. The piano part is more grateful, though it, too, is not without its exacting passages. The swift and decided measures of the first movement, the liquid and lyrical passages of the canzonetta, and the soaring wail of the rondo a la Russe, were given with the vigor, tenderness, and melancholy passion necessary to their adequate preparation.

The concert was one of the most successful ever given at the university. The audience was not lacking in appreciation (that much was learned afterwards); but it was undemonstrative because local audiences have always been so. Perhaps we shall learn someday that it is the custom to reveal one's appreciation of a musical performance by means of applause after the various numbers. When that happy day arrives the task of our entertainers will be greatly lightened, if, indeed, it will not be transformed into a pleasure.

FIRST INDOOR TRACK MEET

Fast High School Organization Steal Away with the Scalp of the Short Horns.

A fast and dashing track meet was held on Friday of last week in the gymnasium annex, by Track Coach Edmundson. The meet was held for the purpose of giving the coach a line on the new material with which he will have to deal this spring, both at the university and at the high school.

The freshman-sophomore meet went to the freshmen by a score of 31 to 24, while the high school took the one held between them and the short course ags. by a score of 47 to 21.

The points were won as follows: Freshman-Sophomores—40-yard dash, Morrison (s), first; Betty (f), second; Dingle (s), third. 440-yard run, Dingle (s), first. Mile run, DeHaven (f), first; Dingle (s), second; Keane (s), third. Pole vault, Dingle (f), first; Lommasson (f), second; Morrison (s), third. High jump, tied between Dingle (f), Morrison (s) and Grey (f). Shot put, Grongier (f), first; Keane (s), second; Lommasson (f), third. The relay went to the freshman team formed of Gerlough, Wardrobe, Ross and Betty.

High School-Aggies—40-yard dash, Aspray (h. s.), first; Wood (h. s.), second; Childers (h. s.), third. 440-yard run, Aspray (h. s.), first; Wright (h. s.), second; McMaster (ag), third. 880-yard run, White (h. s.), first; Taxilius (ag), second; Horrington (ag), third. Mile run, Eorry (ag), first; Hansen (ag), second; Booker T. Washington (h. s.), third. 45-yard hurdle, Woods (h. s.), first; Christopher (h. s.), second; Rice (ag), third. High jump, Christopher (h. s.), first; Meyers (ag), second; Childers (h. s.), third. Shot put, Pearson (h. s.), first; Osborne (ag), second; Rice (ag), third. The high school with a team formed of Childers, Woods, Wright and Aspray won the relay.

DEAN LITTLE ATTENDS ENGINEERING MEETING AT BOISE.

He Hears Many Prominent Men Speak. Meets Old "Grads."

During the latter part of last week Dean Little of the college of engineering attended the 4th annual meeting of the Idaho Society of Engineers, which was held in Boise in connection with a conference of the reclamation engineers.

The program was very interesting and it is good news to the faculty and students to learn that one of the university graduates, Mr. J. U. Shepherd, '03, delivered a very interesting and instructive paper to the convention. The paper was entitled "Problems and Methods of Fixing Tunnel Lines." Mr. Shepherd is in charge of the five mile tunnel under Rogers Pass on the Canadian Pacific railroad. The titles of other papers which were given are as follows: "The Nitrate Industry," "The Mining Industry in Idaho," "Long Distance Telephony," "Railroad Bridge Renewals," and "Better Roads for Idaho."

At the banquet concluding the convention Dr. Little responded to the toast, "Educating the Engineer."

As a part of the convention the engineers made a trip to Arrow Rock dam. The work at the dam is in a very satisfactory state and the indications now are that the dam will be completed a year before scheduled time and with a saving of over \$500,000 of the estimated cost.

At Arrow Rock dam Dean Little met Walker Young, "Idaho '08," who is on the drafting force and Arthur Pauls, "Idaho '09," who is in charge of the instrument work connected with the dam. Both of these men are giving excellent satisfaction.

We have had handed to us an assortment of "rules" concerning where and when we can walk, where and under what conditions we can go

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"fussing." Now as a grand climax, comes the set of rules promulgated by the National Pan-Hellenic association, whereby calling at a sorority house is to be regulated by a committee, then before any part of the house can be thrown open to the entertainment of men "adequate chaperonage" must be provided.

Such laws as these suggest that perhaps their makers are of the opinion that a college man calls on a college woman for purposes other than of the highest order. Is it possible that education, or attending college, has caused us to degenerate to the plane where we cannot be trusted with one of the opposite sex: unchaperoned? College is supposed to be morally as well as intellectually elevating. Is it failing? When our fathers and mothers went to college, sorority houses, in many instances, had no house-mothers. Today we have house-mothers—wholly desirable—but now the committee on social engagements is to be added. We cannot say that our fathers and mothers suffered through the lack of these. Nor will we admit that we are morally any less capable than they were.—Ex.

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Correction.

In last week's Argonaut the writer of the article headed "McCafferys Were Honored," presumably unknowingly wrote of the affair as one given in the honor of Professor McCaffery alone. The farewell party was given by the faculty for both Professor McCaffery and Professor Wicks.

IDAHO LOSES IN BASKET BALL

FARMERS TAKE GAME IN LAST FEW MINUTES OF PLAY. LOUX MAKES 12 OUT OF 16 POINTS.

Loss of Martinson and Gray is Sorely Felt. New Man From Colfax Plays Initial Game for Idaho.

Before one of the most enthusiastic crowds ever seen on the W. S. C. floor, Idaho lost the game to that team, which would have given Idaho three of the six games to be played between the two schools and would have practically clinched the championship. Despite the report that five of Idaho's men were out of the game, and that four really were out, about 200 boosters were game to the core and went with the special train, by sleighs and otherwise to boost for the home team.

Idaho took the lead from the start and held it throughout the entire first half, and would undoubtedly have kept in the lead had not Soulen, who was playing a star game, been disqualified because of fouls, and Idaho was left without a substitute. Consequently Lommison, high school star from Colfax, who had but registered a day or two before and who had had no practice with the team at all, was sent in to fill the vacancy, and while he played a good game, it would have taken a phenom under the conditions to fill the position of Soulen.

However, W. S. C. did not tie the score until there was left to play but 7 minutes, when Moss, who had been sent in as substitute for Bohler, threw a goal from the field. Hyde for Idaho then grabbed a basket, after a sensational dribble and tied the score. Anderson tossed a basket from the field; Loux scored one on a free throw; Bohler threw a field goal for W. S. C. just before the whistle blew, and the game was over with W. S. C. 3 points to the good.

Loux was again in a class by himself, making 12 of Idaho's 16 points, one of his field goals being made after dribbling past three of the foxy phenoms of W. S. C.

During the last part of the game the excitement was intense. The crowd was wild and so loud was the noise from rooting that the whistle of the referee was drowned.

Had Martinson been at his regular position, with Gray and the Wardrobes as substitutes, there is little doubt but that there would have been a different score.

The addition of Lommison of Colfax, and Thomas of Davenport will in a measure make up for the loss of those who have been disqualified, and it is possible yet that Idaho will have a winning team. We have two more trials at W. S. C. and winning either of them will tie the standing provided neither team loses to Whitman.

The lineup in Saturday's game:

W. S. C. (19)	Idaho (16)
Crane	Jardene
	Forward
Anderson	Hyde
	Forward
Love	Loux
	Center
Bohler	Soulen
	Guard
Sampson	Keane
	Guard
Substitutes: Bohler for crane, Glover	

for Love, Moss for Bohler, Lummison for Soulen.

W. S. C. scoring: field goals—Crane 1, Sampson 1, Anderson 1, Bohler 1, Moss 2; goals from fouls—Sampson 7 out of 16 attempts.

Idaho Scoring: field goals—Hyde 2, Loux 2; goals from fouls—Loux 8 out of 15 attempts.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Miss Terrill was the dinner guest of Omega Pi Tuesday night.

Lucile Lyod was the guest of Gamma Phi at diner, Thursday evening.

Russells Barber Shop for good shaves, hair cuts, etc.

Almond Carley of Boise is registered this semester. He is pledged Phi Delt.

Last week Mabelle Rudesill and Zella Bigham spent the week-end in Kendrick.

Hot drinks and lunches served at The Palace of Sweets.

Miss Anita Phister of Spokane spent the week-end in Moscow, visiting Audrey Carr.

We have the latest in haircuts. New stock just arrived. Russell's Barber Shop.

Gamma Phi Beta entertained Mrs. Patterson, Dr. Robinson, Dr. Wodsadalek, and Mr. Patterson at dinner Wednesday evening.

Anna May Rose left Sunday for her home in Wallace where she will remain until her health permits her to return to the University.

Home made chicken tamales and chili con carne served at the Palace of Sweets.

Professor and Mrs. Wilson and daughter and Parker V. Lucas were dinner guests at Alpha Kappa Epsilon Monday evening.

Why shave yourself? Get a first class shave at Russell's.

Professor Ph. Soulen desires to meet, on Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, all students who are interested in suggestions on how to apply for a position.

Get a save that makes you smile, A massage that makes you clean, The hair cut that's the latest style; Waldorf's work is the best that seen.

Lost—A small black pocketbook containing five dollars, between the Gamma Phi house and The Star-Mirror office. Finder please return to the Gamma Phi Beta house.

This semester opened with more girls back at Ridenbaugh hall. Nettie Bauer, Josephine Wayman, and Sue Sinclair add to the list of seniors, while Clara Campbell begins on her sophomore year.

At the sophomore class meeting Tuesday afternoon the following officers were elected: Victor Jones, president; W. P. Schofield, vice president; Muriel Leigh, secretary, and Don David, treasurer.

Parker V. Lucas, 13 law, is in Moscow for a short business trip from his home in New Meadows. Lucas was a prominent figure in student circles and he is meeting many of his old friends again.

A. D. Carley of Boise and Thomas Lummison of Colfax, Wn., are regis-

tered in the freshman class for the second semester. Mr. Carley will take the pre-med course, while Mr. Lummison has classified with the foresters.

Those students who wish to have the university co-operate with them in securing positions should fill out the regular application blanks and file them in the office of the educational department.

Professor Peterson has returned from the south part of the state where he has been visiting the moving schools in agriculture. He reports everything as doing nicely and the project as a whole a very successful one.

plating taking medical work has every opportunity to get his preparatory work to a great advantage. It is believed that if the fact were known in the high schools that there is pre-medical work given at the University, there would be a larger number of medical students coming to Idaho.

On Saturday night, February 7, Alpha Kappa Epsilon held her first annual initiation. The following men were initiated: Rollo V. Crater of Twin Falls, F. Lawrence Rea of Albion, Harold S. Ayers of Gooding, Floyd H. Bowen of Kennewick, Wn., Chester Vincent of Moscow, and Raymond Bumgarner.

Saturday night a jolly bunch of students took their first sleigh ride of the year, to Pullman. Those in the party were the Misses Lucas, Petcina, Martin, Wenz, Gyde, Pettijohn, Yearian, Leigh, Wall and Richardson, and the Messrs. Kennedy, Humphries, Coram, Jones, Hamil, Hojoday, Buffington, Einlians, Gowen, and Ellington.

This is the first step taken at Idaho in pre-medical work and it is thot that as soon as definite plans are perfected there will be a larger membership in this line. The club meets from time to time when current medical topics are discussed. Those present at the banquet were: Dr. Wodsadalek, Stone, Nesbit, David, Einhouse, McCall, Coram, Cartee, Ellington, Sullivan, Perkins, and Ross.

Last Thursday evening the Pre-Medical club met for the first time at a banquet at the Hotel Moscow. After dinner a short business meeting was held and much valuable discussion indulged in. This club is to be a permanent organization with its purpose to stimulate and maintain interest along medical lines at the University. It already has some sixteen members and there is sufficient

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It has been noticed that many students leave Idaho each year to attend medical school elsewhere while they could be a accommodated very nicely at the University. While a bachelor's degree is a prerequisite in most schools there is no reason why medical students should not register at Idaho. There is a movement on foot to put in the first two years of medical work and at the present time one year or more of preparatory work can be obtained. Under Dr. Wodsadalek the department of biological sciences has made wonderful advancement so that anyone contem-

Whitman Eliminates Sweeting.

Sororities at Whitman college, Walla Walla, have adopted new rules in regard to pledging, which do away with much of the excitement coincident with pledge days. Following is the rule:

Uniform invitations, consisting of the words, "The _____ Sorority invites you to become one of its members," and a list of active members will be sent out through the dean of women on Saturday noon. (Date to be designated later). Written acceptances and regrets, both in case of more than one invitation, must be handed in on the following Monday, at or before 7 o'clock.

During this time from Saturday noon until 8 o'clock, absolutely no communication, written or otherwise, will be allowed between freshmen and sorority women. This restriction applies not only to those sorority members now in college, but to ex-members, alumnae, and patronesses of the sorority.

In case of freshmen rooming with a member of a sorority, arrangements shall previously be made whereby they shall be separated during the stated time.

Sleigh Ride.

The young ladies of Ridenbaugh hall were given a merry sleigh ride Sunday evening by Mr. Carl Smith of the City Transfer Co. About 26 girls were in the party.

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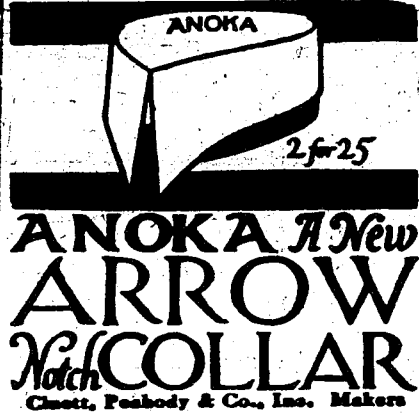
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FLUNKING.

The percentage of flunkers this year, we are informed by the committee who handles this department, is higher than it has been in the history of the university. And it is not an uncommon thing to hear a man ask if this is due to the fact that students are studying less or instructors marking with greater caution. Whichever of the two causes be at the bottom of the trouble, it seems to be confined not to the University of Idaho alone, but to be the case all over the northwest. In one of the larger institutions alone there were as many people dismissed at the beginning of the second semester, because to too-low grades, as there are in our whole school. Whatever be the cause there seems to be but one way out of it. If you do not wish to have the same thing occur again, more vigorous application of the gray matter must be made during the coming term. A glance at the calendar in the dean's office might suggest an important change of attitude to many of us. About all the possible dates between now and commencement week have already been engaged. This means that with the limited number of students we have, and the nature of these events being such as ask for the support of the whole school, that the same people must attend to "something outside of books" about three nights out of each week. This does not include Sunday nights and afternoons; nor does it take into account the smokers and toboggan parties, nor, what is more a extravagant factor still, the hours spent in planning these parties and in rehearsing each detail after the performance is finished. Our educational atmosphere is certainly super-saturated with sociability and while this condition continues, we must expect that each "test" will surely cause a precipitation. That the instructors are not altogether to blame is proved by the fact that there are still many in school who make "A" honors though they carry heavy courses.

SMOKING YET?

A short time ago President Carlyle issued an ordinance prohibiting smoking on the campus. This was thought to be the last word on the subject but those who attended the Glee Friday evening must believe otherwise. After the dance, most of the men fired up their jimmy pipes or lighted cigarettes. The immediate result was a cloud of blue smoke that soon found its way into the upper hall. The smoking seemed somewhat out of character with the occasion and clearly unlawful if the anti-smoking ordinance already issued is to be taken seriously. Smoking has been forbidden on the campus or in the buildings. There is



no difference between smoking at a dance and smoking during vacant periods in the basement of the Ad. building.

Doubtless no college man would deliberately violate the rule but care should be taken to prevent any more agitation on a subject that should be understood and settled for all time.

THE CLOSED DOOR.

Much complaint has been heard of late from students who have been unable to enter the Ad. building by the north entrance. On a cold, stormy day it means a considerable saving of time and breath to enter the north door instead of being obliged to go around the building to the main entrance. Obviously the north entrance was intended to accommodate those who come to the Ad. building from Morrill hall and other points north. Strangely enough the door has been kept constantly locked since September but there remains a very sensible need for this entrance and it should be as free of access as the main entrance.

In as much as the hat racks are yet forthcoming, could we not have hammocks in the lower hall of the administration building in order that some of those visits before assembly might be suspended?

We think that some freshman is responsible for the statement that if money really talks, then surely the editor of the 1915 annual will have need for no other reporters.

The results of the W. S. C.-Idaho basketball games seem to indicate that, unlike a prophet, a basketball player's greatest honor is won in his own country.

To watch the rolls of the re-registered is to be convinced at last that: Gelegenheit verloren Ist Verlegenheit geboren.

The course in journalism at the University of Oregon, Eugene, is to be supplemented by the arrangement of two laboratory periods, says the Oregon Emerald. The laboratory work will consist of copy reading and editing in conjunction with the regular classes in journalism.

The faculty of Nebraska has withdrawn the ban from the tango, hesitation dance and other new steps. The "freak" dances are not barred from University functions but are frowned upon.

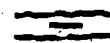
The yell leaders of Brown University have a novel idea to make the rooters hear their directions. All the "cheer-leaders" yell in unison through a single large horn, thereby greatly increasing the volume of the sound.

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COMPULSORY VACCINATION

Recent Decision of First Court of Appeals Gives University Legal Right.

That the regents of the University have a legal right to demand all new students to be vaccinated is the recent decision of the California first court of appeals. This court has just recently affirmed the ruling of Judge William H. Waste in the superior court of appeals.

This test suit was brought by the parents of Allen F. Williams, a minor, who sought a writ of mandate to compel the university to admit Mr. Williams without enforcing the requirement for vaccination. The appellate court is quoted as saying (in commenting on the provision of the Medical Practice act of 1911, which provided that children whose parents were conscientiously opposed to the practice of vaccination might enter school without vaccination): "The object and effect of an exemption in such a case would be to defeat the intent of the

law itself by an exception not founded upon considerations of health. That provision of the act of 1911 is not in the nature of a health regulation and hence not within the police powers with which the legislature is invested."

Note of Appreciation.

Regretting the loss to the Mining Department of the University of Idaho in the departure of Professor R. S. McCaffery and appreciating the instruction we have received under him also the immense good he has done the department during his administration. Graduates in Mining at the University, take this liberty to poorly show our appreciation. Working under the difficulties Professor McCaffery has, he has accomplished much and the prints of his work are only beginning to be realized. We wish him luck in his new position.

- E. W. ELLIS.
- E. A. BARNARD.
- H. J. MAGUIRE.
- H. ELTON.
- B. S. MORROW.
- W. H. CASTO, JR.

SPICY ADDRESS AT ASSEMBLY

EX-GOVERNOR MAKES A HIT WITH STUDENTS BY HIS HUMOROUS THRUSTS AT THE FACULTY.

Mrs. Hughes and Miss Hostetter Give a Piano-Violin Selection Before Address Began.

The assembly of last week was up to the high standard set at the beginning of this school year. Miss Hostetter rendered the piano solo with impressive feeling, and Mrs. Hughes entranced the audience with her violin. The students clamorously showed their appreciation, despite the fact that Dean Eldridge asked no encores. Following the solos, Ex-Governor McConnell spoke to the students on "Some Conclusions I have Made." The ex-governor very forcefully and yet humorously related incidents to show how he arrived at his conclusions, many of which were axioms preached to us by our own grandparents.

The one point that the speaker desired to leave with his audience is that the success of the individual depends upon the good habits he forms. The habit of thinking—thinking of the future—is one of the good habits. There are many crossings in life where the danger is just as imminent as the railway crossings. "These dangers can be averted by thinking. 'Stop and think' should be a sign written large on our memory.

One good habit, and according to the speaker the most important habit—memory is being neglected in our schools today. The governor stated that a well stored memory is one of the greatest pleasures in life. In developing this fact the speaker mentioned one fact that will be sanctioned by the entire student body. He asked: "Is there any reason why you should not know every student, every professor, the janitor, the laundry man, and, in fact, every one in your immediate neighborhood?"

Mr. McConnell amused the audience by reference to the faculty whom he clearly intimated did not earn their living by work, and that 25 per cent of them would fail in a test of simple addition. The governor displayed his skill in story telling by the story from which he drew the moral: "Freshmen, beware the school man a year older than you."

Here are a few of the speaker's conclusions: "Experience is the best teacher." "Life is made up of small things." "It is an honor to work." "The best things in civilization come from the sweat of some man's brow." "The majority of students have no fixed purpose in life."

The governor's humor alone made his talk worth while.

NOW TAKE YOUR SEAT

Student Executive Board Arrange New Seating Plans for Assembly—Faculty Toward the Front.

The following is taken from minutes of A. S. U. I. executive board meeting.

Moved and seconded in accordance with a motion passed in student assembly empowering the executive board to rearrange the order of seating in assembly.

That, the first three rows extending entirely across the auditorium be reserved for the faculty;

That, the remaining portion of the middle section of seats back to the middle cross-isle be reserved for the seniors;

That, the middle section of seats back of said isle be reserved for the juniors;

That, the seats to the right of the right-hand isle extending from the fourth row back be reserved for the sophomores, and

That, the seats to the left of the left-hand isle extending from the fourth row back be reserved for the freshmen.

Carried.

(Signed)

V. W. SAMMS,
President A. S. U. I.

Adopted at executive board meeting of January 31, 1914.

BARRED FROM STUDY

Governor Must Pardon Convicted Man Before He Will Be Allowed To Study at University.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 29. — Kenneth Murphy, a 27-year-old convict, who was yesterday paroled by Governor Morehead so that he could take work in the University of Nebraska, is barred from studying at the state's school as a result of a decision made by Chancellor Avery today.

If the prisoner is given a full pardon by the governor he will be allowed to take university work, otherwise he will not. The decision is made on the ground that a convict has no civil rights and that education by the state comes under the head of civil rights.

Murphy, who was sent to the penitentiary two and a half years ago when he was only a little over 18 years of age, was serving a life sentence for participation in the murder of Charley Sellers in Cherry county.

Many New Students.

In starting off the new semester the committee on admission reports a gain of sixteen new students—ten men and six women. Three are registered for B.A., five in B.S., one in Home Economics, two in Forestry, two in Agriculture, one in Engineering, and two specials. One commendable feature is the fact that there is a great decrease of special students.

The counties represented by the new students are: Ada, 2; Kootenai, 3; Latah, 5; Twin Falls, 1; Lewis, 1; Other states, 4.

The total number of new students this year is 193 compared with 174 at the same time last year, showing a gain of about ten per cent. There are one hundred twenty-five men or twenty more than last year, and sixty-eight women or one less than last year at the same time.

Y. M. C. A.

Interest in Christian Association Is At a Low Ebb. More of Missionary Spirit Should be Revived.

Interest in the work of the Y. M. C. A. has waned somewhat during the past few weeks on account of the three emotions of fever, desperation, and regret, which examination time inspires in the heart of even the poorest student. But now that the last of these emotions has passed away it is time to consider what road we should follow this semester. If there is anything in mutual helpfulness it might be well

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to give a little of our time to some of the institutions which stand for this, among them the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. On February 26 and 27 we will be honored by a visit from one of the representatives of the Student Volunteer movement for foreign missions. As a representative of the world's greatest student movement he is worthy of some consideration. February the 22nd is the Universal Day of Prayer. Dr. Mott, chairman of the recent convention at Kansas City and a firm believer in the power of prayer, tells an incident which occurred while he was a missionary in Thibet. Mr. Mott was very greatly astonished one night by the number of those who came to him after the service and accepted Christ. In a land where the people were almost beyond the power of conversion it seemed little less than a miracle. It was only when he remembered that that particular day was the Universal Day of Prayer that he could understand his success.

"Whatever ye shall ask in my name that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

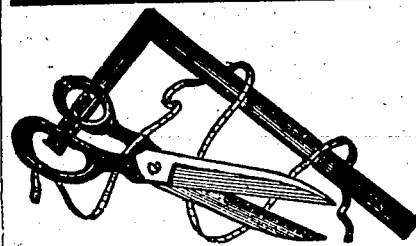
A joint meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. is planned for this day.

\$700 a Year too Much for Education.

"If I had my way I would put out of college every boy who spends more than \$700 a year. He is doing himself no good and is a bad example to others." These were the words of President Styker of Hamilton at a recent alumni dinner. College authorities at Hamilton have produced figures showing that \$513 a year is sufficient to take a boy through college.

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PROF. STEWART ON ATHLETICS

An Article in Current Atlantic Gives His View of the Moral Side of American College Athletics.

Old students will probably recall Professor Stewart's address before assembly last year in which he reviewed the attitude assumed by undergraduates with regard to unfair methods in college athletics. The same theme is treated more in detail in an excellent article by Mr. Stewart in this month's Atlantic.

The Kaleidoscopic viewpoint taken by the author and the vigorous, "first-hand" method of development, make the article well worth reading by all who care to think about this phase of student life.

There are four salient points which Mr. Stewart has made very clear. In the first place, cheating, deceitful methods, deliberate breaking of rules for undue advantage, lying, and other immoral practices are common in American institutions of learning even more than in the gentlemanly sports outside of college.

In the second place, the student spectators are, by the mere fact that they cheer for this sort of play, a party to the crime; and by their toleration of such conduct they actually encourage it.

The third point mentioned above has to do with the remedy suggested by Mr. Stewart as perhaps the best one. Before all else comes the consideration that unjust rules must be repealed. If we are to ask athletes to respect the rules, these rules must be reasonable. For instance, says he, the rule barring professionalis is unjust; and men will continue to lie about their eligibility as long as this rule holds.

But at the last analysis, the solution of the whole problem lies in instilling in the minds and hearts of undergraduate men the high standards of honor which apply to their other relations of life.

The whole article is incisive and fair. It is based on the facts and ought to be read.

BUTTER JUDGING CONTEST

Two Teams From Idaho Will Meet W. S. C. in Spokane.

Professor Frevort of the dairy department announces that a date has been set and most of the arrangements made for a butter judging contest to be held in Spokane on February 25. Idaho will compete with her ancient rival, W. S. C. Two teams from each school will be there. One of short course dairy students and one of the long course men. The short course men will compete with short course men only. The regulars with themselves.

The men will be given five samples of butter to score and place. An unique plan is to be used in giving out the samples. Each man will be given two pieces of the same sample. But the samples will be so numbered that he will not know which pieces are from the same sample.

The winner of first place will be the one who scores nearest to the official score of the judge and also to himself, that is he must make the two pieces of the same sample check. Then also he must place the samples correctly according to the official placing. The teams scoring the highest average will win. The school having the highest scoring teams will carry off the laurels. Idaho has not competed before with W. S. C. in this class of contest.

ENGLISH CLUB

Important Changes in Personnel of Executive Board—Mr. Lyon and Mr. Cartee New Members.

At a meeting of the executive board of the English club last Monday, Agnes Bailey and Arthur Lyons were chosen to fill the vacancies made by Jeannette Fox and Marvin Monroe who have left college. At the same time three members were elected to fill the vacancies made by the expiration of the terms of office of Lesetta Lubken, Charles Crump, and Benson Scott. Miss Lubken and Mr. Crump were re-elected and Ross Cartee will take the place of Mr. Scott who did not return to college this semester.

—E. S.

Society in the Country.

On February 21, there will be a rural social development institute at Peck, at which Professors Iddings and Soulen, and Miss Hoover will speak. The meeting is for the whole community and is the result of a combination of the churches and schools aiming at the betterment of the social conditions in the rural communities.

Best Room at Ridenbaugh Hall.

Turn to the right on entering Ridenbaugh hall and the girls of the university will find a rest room where they are welcome any time during the day. Chairs and couches await them and here they may find a quiet retreat not far from their classes.

Junior Class Meeting.

Juniors will meet to elect officers for the second semester on Thursday, February 12, in room 108 Ad. It is vitally important that every junior in the university be there, but it should also be remembered that at the last class meeting it was decided by unanimous vote that all who had not yet paid first semester class dues would not be allowed a vote. Do not let this discourage you, but fork over the fifty and come. Besides the business that demands immediate attention, a report from the committee appointed to arrange for a class play will be given.

Ridenbaugh Hall Reception.

A most pleasing reception was given by the girls of Ridenbaugh hall Saturday, February 7th. From 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon the University girls were invited while in the evening invitation included the seniors, the faculty and town people. Plants, ferns, flowers and shaded lights changed the dormitory halls to attractive reception rooms. During the evening orchestra music added to the charm. Sherbert and cake were served from an attractive table, with pink carnations and shaded candles were very tempting. The evening closed by the seniors turning it into a dance and everyone had a splendid time.

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PREPARING MEAT BULLETIN

Home Economics Department Will Assist Housewives in Selecting and Preparing Cuts.

The department of home economics of the university is preparing for publication a bulletin on "Meats," which is expected to be ready for circulation within a short time. The bulletin will contain suggestions for the housewives on the selection of meat cuts and on their preparation for the table. Every cut on the beef from the tail soup bone to the pickled tongue will be discussed and many illustrations will be given. A number of cuts were provided by Chris Hagan for picture illustrations in the bulletin.

Extension Work Gets Federal Aid.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The house bill No. 7951, To provide for cooperative agricultural extension work between the agricultural colleges in the several states receiving the benefits of an act of congress approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and of acts supplementary thereto, and the United States department of agriculture, is now before the senate and will doubtless be enacted into law before many days.

Senator Brady is a very ardent supporter of this bill, and as a member of the committee on agriculture and forestry, to which the bill was referred, used his influence to have the house bill substituted for the reason that it gives a larger appropriation for the states for agricultural purposes.

In speaking of the matter, Senator Brady said, "This is one of the best bills congress can pass. Our state is already doing a large amount of work along cooperative lines in co-ordination with the national government and this bill will enable us to have an instructor in every county in the state.

This will be especially beneficial to Idaho, for the reason that there is such a great difference in climatic conditions in altitude, and the amount of rain fall, that it is almost necessary to have an experiment station, or at least special investigations and instructions in every county in the state. We have legislated for the benefit of almost everybody else, and now it is good to know that we are going to do something for the farmer. I have worked hard and earnestly for passage of this bill, and I believe it will be a great benefit to the farmers of our state."

FOOTBALL ABOUT PERFECT

No Material Changes Made in Rules Governing Next Fall's Games—Coaches Must Stay on Bench.

About the only material change, as Coach Griffith sees it, which has been made in the football rules governing next fall's games is the one requiring coaches to remain on the bench. This may or may not affect the actual playing. At any rate it will prevent all possibility of side-line coaching which has proved more or less obnoxious in several instances during the past year or so.

Coach Griffith believes that the game, as it was played last fall, is about as near perfect as it is possible to make it both for the standpoint of the players and of the spectators. It is open and comparatively free from danger which used to surround the mass plays and gives the crowd an opportunity to follow the ball at every turn.

HOME PEOPLE**LAUD BRANNON**

NORTH DAKOTA FEELS LOSS OF ITS GREAT EDUCATOR AND MANY MAKE COMMENT.

In an Article in Grand Forks Paper, Governor Hanna Speaks Highly of President-Elect of U. of I.

A recent issue of the Grand Forks (N. D.) Herald says: President-elect M. A. Brannon of the University of Idaho, dean of the college of liberal arts of the University of North Dakota, will go to the western institution with the best wishes of hundreds of North Dakotans with whom he has come in touch during his twenty years' service on the Flickertail faculty.

From Governor Hanna, and his fellow workers at the university, splendid appreciations of Dean Brannon's work in this state were forthcoming today.

Idaho gains in Dr. Brannon one of the ablest of the northwest's educators, according to the opinion of all.

Dr. Brannon was elected president of Idaho Friday, announcement being made last night.

Dean Brannon will leave for Moscow, Idaho, where the university is located, as soon as the North Dakota institution closes for the Easter holidays. He will assume the duties as president of the Idaho University immediately after his arrival at Moscow.

His salary as president of the Idaho University was fixed at \$6000 per annum.

Dr. Brannon came to the North Dakota university as professor of botany. In 1905 he was appointed dean of the medical school and held that position until 1911, when he was made dean of the college of liberal arts. In 1912 he was given the degree of doctor of philosophy at the University of Chicago.

The following appreciation of Dr. Brannon's work here are indicative of his worth to this state, and of the wise choice made by Idaho.

From the Governor.

Governor L. B. Hanna—I regret very much that North Dakota is to lose the services of Dean Brannon. I look upon him as one of the best men in his line in the state, and I thoroughly appreciate the splendid service he has given North Dakota during the many years he has been a member of the university faculty. To the people of Idaho, and to its university, I extend congratulations upon obtaining his services. He will be a big power in the educational advancement of that state. His election to the Idaho presidency must be received with pride by every North Dakotan, in that another state has come to us for a president of their university.

From College President.

President McVey—"I recommended Dean Brannon cheerfully and enthusiastically to the authorities at Idaho, but his going I view as a great loss to the university. Nevertheless, Dean Brannon's attainments and abilities fit him for the administrative work to which he has been called, and his election to the presidency of the state university of Idaho is both a recognition of his services and a compliment to the University of North Dakota. The withdrawal of two men like Dean Brannon and Dr. Ruediger from the state and

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the university means a real loss of which all will be conscious. Both men have given the best that is in them during their stay, and I wish them every success in the larger fields which their merits have won for them. It need hardly be said that the university will use every means within its power to bring worthy successors to the men who are leaving.

Congratulates Idaho.

Dean E. J. Babcock—"While I regret very much that the University of North Dakota is to lose Dean Brannon, I feel that I can heartily congratulate both the University of Idaho and Dean Brannon. For about twenty years, I have been intimately associated with Dean Brannon in many phases of university work. I have always found him a delightful colleague and co-worker. He has had at heart the best interests of the University and the state of North Dakota and has worked untiringly to aid in building up the institution as well as the state, and in various positions of responsibility which he has filled in this institution his service has been characterized by devotion, his energy, by scholarly ability, by high ideals, by a kind-hearted and fraternal spirit and by a keen interest in every activity which would elevate scholarship and ideals of higher manhood and better citizenship. All of these splendid qualities Dean Brannon will take with him to the University of Idaho and that state.

"In securing a man with such character and qualifications the university and state of Idaho are to be congratulated and Dean Brannon is to be congratulated because he is going to an institution and state having great possibilities for development, a fact which will afford him an opportunity of wider service and greater usefulness. I predict for Dean Brannon a splendid career as president of the University of Idaho."

Most Efficient Man

Tracy R. Bangs—All I can say is what we all know—M. A. Brannon is one of the most efficient men the University of North Dakota has ever had. He has all the qualifications of a successful university executive, and I

predict a great future for him. His ability as an organizer is well known to North Dakota educators, and Idaho university will feel it. He is admirably fitted for the presidency of that institution.

Dean Jos. Kennedy—We are all sorry to lose Dean Brannon. Our loss will be Idaho's gain. The severance of the ties of twenty years' standing, both personal and professional, is, of course, painful. North Dakota and its university wish him every success. Great opportunities for doing things in Idaho await President-elect Brannon. Dr. Sisson, the new commissioner of education in Idaho and an able man, will find a strong right arm in the new president, whom he had the wisdom to select. Success to the University of Idaho and to education in general in that state.

Made Good Selection.

Dr. Wm. H. Matthews—Idaho University couldn't have made a better selection. I feel that Dean Brannon is just the man for the place. He has the highest qualities that fit him in every respect for the presidency of that university. He has quality as an educator and quality as a man, he has breadth of religious vision sufficient to deal with all classes, he has good sound religious convictions and he is a man of dignity—altogether, he is a man that will represent the state of Idaho in the highest manner. He not only is an educator, but he also is a practical man. He knows how to deal with men, and Idaho will find him a strong, sympathetic worker in this respect. As a man among students, I don't know of a more popular man than Dean Brannon. I regret that North Dakota must lose him, and I feel that Idaho is very fortunate in securing him.

A man will hunt through three countries for a horse he likes; a woman will hunt through every store in town to match a piece of silk, but when it comes to matching boys and girls for life, it is left to catch as catch can.—Weiser Signal.

FOREIGN REPORTER ON ORGANIZATION

GERLOUGH EXPLAINS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AMERICAN AND ENGLISH COLLEGE.

Oxford Still Retains Ecclesiastical Aspects—Novel Society Substitute for What We Call Student Body.

To the Editor of the Argonaut.

Dear Sir: I am back in Oxford once more and will today write you about the Oxford Union Society which I have sometimes been questioned about. It is a significant fact Mr. Editor that there exists at Oxford University no organization as is known in American universities as the Y. M. C. A. I do not pretend to account for its absence completely, but I may suggest a few reasons for it. Travelers in England, I believe, will say that it is because there is in England no religion unless he has not been here long enough to pass through the peacefulness and quietness of an English Sunday. I will always have occasion to remember one of those Sundays for it was on one of them that I came to Oxford and as I walked down the street I could see the blinds drawn down in front of the shop windows and the traffic stilled in the streets and it was a great contrast to some of the American cities I have been in. If you listen you could hear nothing but the chime of church bells.

The greatest reason for the lack of a Y. M. C. A. at Oxford is that it is still a religious institution as one might judge from the daily divine services in each college chapel and the flapping black gowns of students and professors which continually remind us that it was once, and still is, a training place for the priesthood.

Again it has been asked by persons who have visited Oxford if there is any such thing here as fraternities. For amid all the social organization of this ancient university they think there must be something to correspond to those societies which are secret, social and which, to advertise to everyone else that does not belong to those that they are based on scholarship, are appended certain mystic characters of the Greek alphabet. I assure you Mr. Editor that organizations for social and secret purposes do exist at Oxford but as they are of minor importance I will not discuss them unless I find later on in the term that I am free to do so after combatting forces time my present enemy which is the Oxford School of Modern History. If there is anything an Englishman is good at it is in having a club for a certain purpose and it is usually a serious purpose. I have sometimes thought I may be mistaken that American fraternities were founded when American universities were still clinging to an English ideal and had not yet been deluged and submerged by a flood of other more or less noble influences which probably had their origin in the Fatherland. However there must of course enter into the question the failure or inability of the legislatures of states to provide dormitory accommodation, and I hope I may be looking at the matter impartially in saying these things and not like our over zealous gentleman of the first year in college who unjustly defined the Y. M. C. A. as "That social organization which a university mem-

ber joins when he cannot get into a 'frat.'"

Professor Hulme, I believe, in years past lectured eloquently on the "Notions" that went to make up the life of an old university and in reading that diplomatic sheet called the "New York Herald's Paris Edition," one sees that today there is considerable life in the American "Quartier Latin" and he must have spoken from experience he gained while at the Sorbonne. I once thought I would make myself a pupil of that organization to perfect my knowledge of French so I started on lectures that were being delivered on the French revolution. However, I soon gave it up and soon learned that if I want to learn French I can't learn it in Paris at all but must leave there and go to the provinces. The "notions" at Oxford are vital as well as organized though their meetings are open and public. There is the French club, the "Dutch" club, and a dark club which proves that the students are not all Europeans and which I've heard have adopted a motto "Why go to India? Go to Balliol. Then the much abused club of Americans last term had the privilege of entertaining two American ambassadors—Mr. Page, who is now in London, and Mr. Van Dyke, who stays at The Hague.

But the prince, to my mind, of all other student organizations is the Oxford Union society. It is the student body of the university so far as there is any organization of that nature. It is a debating society that is fast approaching its hundredth birthday. It has a splendid and efficiently managed library. It has writing rooms with paper and quills in them all ready for one to write and if you drop your letters into a box provided for the purpose, when you have written them, the society's servants will stamp them free of charge. It has newspaper lobbies and tea and lounging rooms where magazines and novels are all ready to read. All that, I will say, is jammed into buildings of very small space in comparison with the buildings I have seen for somewhat the same purpose in America but every inch of floor space is well utilized.

If you would walk into the Union Debating society on Thursday night you would be able to see what a splendid debate is like. You would also be wondrously struck by the reality of the thoughts that the sentinel outside the parliament buildings in the Gilbert and Sullivan opera Patience has when he sings,

"That every boy and every gal,
That's born into this world alive,
Is either a little Liberal,
Or else a little Conservative."

For all the persons who favor the affirmative side of a question sit on one side of the house and the negative on the other and these divisions, usually follow the party divisions. There are not judges of debaters as in American societies but every member votes aye or nay by passing through the door on the right or left when he leaves the hall.

The Union society trains great orators for parliament and great orators come to it each term to join in the debates. Last term we had the pleasure of hearing these: Norman Angell, Lloyd George and F. E. Smith. When such great speakers are on the program they are the last speakers on it. Four or five undergraduates speak first and the giants come forth either to demolish or confirm previous arguments.

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LUDWIG S. GERLOUGH.

FRESHMEN HOLD CLASS MEETING

Class of '17 is First to Choose Officers For Second Semester.

The Freshmen, at a meeting held Tuesday evening, elected Marion P. Betty president of the class for the second semester. Miss Olla Bonham was chosen vice president and Arthur

J. Lyon was selected as secretary. The executive committee consists of Miss Ethel Richmond, Harold Porter, and Fred Wehr.

The meeting, which was the first called by any college organization during the present semester for the election of officers, was characterized by the intense interest and enthusiasm manifested in the balloting.

The retiring officers, Will A. Boekel, president; Miss Louise Clamby, vice president, and J. Harry Einhouse, secretary-treasurer, have left behind them a record deserving of much favorable comment. Before he vacated the chair, former President Boekel thanked the Freshmen for the hearty co-operation which they accorded him during his term of office.

Read The Argonaut.