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NOTED VIOLINIST APPEARS TONIGHT

NEW YORK METROPOLITAN OPERA COMPANY PRESENTS MANY STARS TONIGHT

Skovgaard And His Costly Violin Are Well Supported by Capable Company

Up to the time the current issue of the Argonaut went to press, about three hundred seats had been reserved for the Skovgaard concert at the Auditorium tonight, Wednesday, Jan. 5. The seating capacity of the University Auditorium is about nine hundred. It is necessary, in order to make this first experiment successful, to fill many of the remaining six hundred seats. Success for this performance, which President Brannon and the faculty have been fostering, means more attractions of value for this year, and a complete schedule of performances of different sorts for next year. It is for the student-body that the faculty has been pushing the movement for better entertainment. For a number of years, Moscow has been without a play house where a company of players can fill an engagement. It is the plan at present to secure such companies as are considered worth while, under the auspices of the University. Since the interests of the student-body are at heart, it is for us all to give active support to the movement.

The price, fifty cents the ticket, is the minimum amount permitted by the contract with the New York Metropolitan Company. It is not a part of the plan to make money for the University.

Vladimir Neveloff, Skovgaard's manager, forwards the following message regarding the violinist and his supporters:

"In presenting Skovgaard, the Danish violinist and the New York Metropolitan Company to the concert going public of this country, I feel confident that I am offering a most attractive and remarkable attraction of great variety. It is a combination of grand opera singers and concert performers, each one being a star and well known to the public. They will not only sing the arias and operatic duets with which they have won their fame, but when you have heard Molly Byerly Wilson sing: 'Oh Dry Those Tears,' you will know there is more than one Schumann-Heink in existence. Florence Hawkin's birdlike voice will enchant you, Clara Freuler's marvelously true and human interpretation of the beautiful folk songs will captivate you—and Francis W. Cowles? Yes, he will sing: 'Danny Deever.' Skovgaard will, with his \$50,000.00 hand, on his \$13,000.00 violin, carry you back to the days of Ole Bull; and the pianist, Alice McClung, will charm you, not only through her splendid accompaniments, but when she plays Liszt, you cannot fail to recognize that you are listening to one of the most brilliant pianists of today."

INFORMAL DANCES

Friday evening, after the Boise spectacle and the south Idaho people had been duly packed off, the "left-overs" gave a dance in the Gym. It was a good dance and all those who missed it ought to shed a tear because they missed a dance that lasted until past 11:30. The number of "stags" and the scarcity of music made things interesting as well as unusual.

On the same evening, the Sigma Nu fraternity entertained the Kappa Sigma fraternity and their "ladies" at an informal dance at their beautiful home. As "rules were off," the dancing continued to a late hour when refreshments were served by the hosts. Everyone had a most enjoyable time and all agreed that it was a fitting climax for the year. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Downing, the Misses Leiby, Addy, Anderson, Ryrle, Adair, Stevenson, Schoch, Peason, Dittmore, Dewey, Turner, Carithers, Tessie, Keane, Forbes, and the Messrs. Eugene Hyde, Holden, Ross, Hunter, Martin, and Samms.

DEBATE NOTES FROM OTHER COLLEGES

The subject for the annual debate between Stanford and the University of California is the government ownership and operation of railroads. This is the only contest of any kind that will take place between the two big California colleges this year, with the exception of another intercollegiate debate. All athletic relations between the two institutions have been severed. The Oregon Agricultural College will debate the North Dakota Agricultural College. This is another long-distance debate. Last year Idaho set the pace. She sent a team to Los Angeles and won a victory in the metropolis of southern California.

Two triangular debate leagues between Whitman College, the Washington State College, and the University of California have been in operation for several years. One is for men and the other for women. This year the men's teams will debate the question of national preparedness; and the women's teams will discuss the question of the "Seamen's Act." What is the "Seamen's Act?" Do you know? If not, why not look it up? Last year Whitman won both the debates in the men's triangular league in which she took part, and she won one of the debates in which her women's teams took part. Whitman has long had a fine record in debate. Washington State College won the men's debate from the University of Washington. The latter institution lost every one of the eight intercollegiate debates in which she participated; a record unmatched by any other college of which we ever heard.

TO FORM FEDERATED MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Although for some time past the cities of Idaho have had a movement on foot for the organization of a municipal league, it was not until quite recently that anything definite was accomplished. At a meeting in Lewiston, in the early part of December, apropos of forming an organization of this kind, a resolution was adopted whereby the cities interested and wishing to join should send representatives to Moscow during Farmers' Week for this purpose.

The purpose of the organization is to bring together the heads of chosen representatives of different cities for discussion as to the best methods of city administration. In conjunction with this they intend to establish a reference library at some convenient point, where all laws, city charters, and newspaper and magazine articles on these problems may be put on file. Although the movement is statewide, topographical conditions will probably make it necessary to form two such organizations in this state. The movement was fostered and is being largely conducted by Professor Lewis and President Brannon of the University. The latter was elected president of the Northwest Pacific Municipality League at its meeting in Spokane several weeks ago.

MR. BLACK RESIGNS

Many students in the courses of engineering will be surprised to know of the resignation of J. E. Black, instructor of machine shop and wood working. He came to us from the U. of Illinois a little over a year ago, but in that length of time has made many staunch friends among the students and professors associated with him. He left for Harvey, Ill., on the 18th of December where he will take up the study of automobile motors and their manufacture. We all join forces in wishing him success in his new undertakings.

Mr. Marvin Mulker, who graduated at this University in mechanical engineering in 1914, has been engaged as a temporary instructor in shop work for the remainder of the semester.

DEBATE

We notice in the exchanges that the majority of colleges have freshman debating teams. We do not notice junior or senior debating teams, though. Is that because debating is rather elementary?

TAX ASSOCIATION MEETS IN BOISE

MEETING WAS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND DEALT WITH TAXATION PROBLEMS

Aided by University, Officers, Directors and Constitution Adopted at Boise

Alarmed at the rapid increase of taxation in the state, men interested in solving the problem issued a letter a short time ago calling a meeting of the taxpayers of the state in Boise, December 27-28, 1915. They had in mind the formation of a non-partisan and non-political organization through which the people of the state might discuss and become better informed upon the subject of taxation in Idaho. They are not organized for the purpose of advancing pet theories or doctrines, but will adhere strictly to facts. The university has thrown its resources open for the aid of the association but will withdraw these if it should deteriorate into one for the promotion of political activities.

The constitution adopted at the meeting set forth the object of the association as follows:

"The encouragement of the study of state and local taxation in Idaho. The promotion of legislative and administrative reforms in our taxing system. The publication of papers and other material relating to revenue and taxation. The holding of meetings for conference and discussion of such questions, and the adoption of resolutions making recommendations to the legislature."

At the meetings held in Boise, December 27-28, the arguments advanced all led to the same ideas and agreements. That it was a mistake to abolish the state tax commission after it had performed such valuable work. That the state tax commission should be recreated in some form. That the constitution should be amended to permit of its creation and that it should be clothed with power by the legislature. That the taxation load should be distributed.

That reckless expenditures should be checked.

That the people should be enlightened as to the state's revenues and expenses; upon whom the tax burden falls, and how the money is expended. Upon none of the points mentioned above was there a difference of opinion among the delegates. At the conclusion of the meetings some 60 men signed up as members, paying their small admission fee of one dollar.

It was the unanimous opinion of those who attended the meeting that they had more than obtained their dollar's worth in the way of enlightenment. Any taxpayer of the state is eligible to membership and may obtain the proceedings of the meeting in pamphlet form by joining. The officers chosen were: President, Jerome J. Day, Moscow. Vice President, Max Mayfield, Boise. Treasurer, Drew Standrod, Pocatello.

Executive Committee—J. C. White, Kootenai; E. K. Hayes, Gem; Nathan Ricks, Madison; P. H. Smith, Twin Falls; H. G. Lewis, Latah.

Secretary to be selected by the executive committee.

The morning after the organization had been completed, the Idaho Statesman published a striking editorial entitled "On the Right Track" in which it declared that the politicians and the classes had failed in straightening out the tax situation for Idaho because they could not detach themselves sufficiently from their special interests in the matter and that the University as the great disinterested and yet competent agent of the state in offering itself for the service of all the groups had made the "Boise meeting under the auspices of the University" one of the most important in the history of their state. The editorial appeared on Friday, December 31.

"The recently organized Idaho State Tax Association appears to be on firm ground. It has tackled the subject of taxation in a businesslike manner. It rethinks, as outlined in its statement of principles, that public expenditures must be reduced, and especially when reckless expenditure is involved. It insists upon an equitable distribution of the taxation load. It urges the rehabilitation of the state tax commission and a constitutional amendment clothing it with power. It insists that the public be given full and accurate information, not only as to the state's revenues but as to the amount expended and the manner in which it is spent. This certainly constitutes sound doctrine and it indicates a movement for the first time in Idaho to get at the bottom of the tax question and settle it right. The association has eliminated two elements that have been trying in vain for years to reduce taxation and to place this vital subject upon a better basis. These are the politicians and the classes. Adopting the highest possible standard and getting at the subject in the most practical manner, the association feels, as indicated by the proceedings, that politics and class feeling and action have no place in the great work it has undertaken, and that fundamentally it must be performed by the taxpayers themselves. Politicians have notably failed in handling the tax question. In the first place few of them are thoroughly conversed with it. They have only that smattering of knowledge that is always a dangerous thing, but in their zealously for individual and party success they have not hesitated to attempt to apply it. The result is seen in constitutional provisions inapplicable to our changed conditions, inconsistent and costly laws and constant increase in taxes. Many theories have been evolved and innumerable promises made, but the property owner knows that his tax payments have been increased right along. There is another element that has failed and that is represented by the various classes that have attempted to reach a solution of the tax problem, but whose well meaning efforts have failed for the reason that they have not seen any interest but their own. In other words, perhaps unconsciously, their consideration of the subject has had selfishness as the guiding factor. If one class could secure laws and assessments favorable to its industry, it was satisfied to let the matter drop notwithstanding the growing expense of governing, necessitating an additional burden upon other classes of property because of favoritism and discrimination. These classes and the politicians have failed. All this the state tax association fully realizes and it proposes to substitute for them the great body of the taxpayers of Idaho who, speaking through the association, will compel the elimination of reckless expenditures, a more just distribution of the taxation burden and the institution of processes whereby the taxpayers will be at all times fully advised as to the manner in which their money is being expended. Such a policy takes a high ground, and if it shall be successfully applied the people of Idaho will look back to the meeting held here this week as one of the most important in the history of their state."

W. S. C. DEFEATS BROWN 14 TO 0

W. S. S. EASILY WINS NEW YEAR'S GAME ON WET FIELD AT PASADENA

As was recently remarked in these columns, W. S. C. has a great football team. The occasion for that remark was the walloping passed to Idaho by that aggregation. It is being reiterated because of the stern trimming the marvellous Dietz machine handed to Brown University on New Year's day in that city of roses and millionaire brewers, Pasadena, California. Brown came to the Pacific Coast touted as one of the best teams on the Atlantic seaboard, having trounced Yale and pulled other rather noteworthy performances. Brown returned with a tale of woe, a limburger alibi, and a healthy respect for the brand of football played in the Northwest. The score was: W. S. C., 14; Brown, 0. It is only too bad that the contest was not staged on a dry field. If the playing ground had been in any kind of shape, Pullman's victory would have been an even more decisive one and eastern critics would have had the wool pulled from their eyes even more sharply. As it is, Walter Camp will probably think twice before he disregards the Northwest in making his All-America selection for 1916.

Basketball Prospects Good

Coach Beghold's basketball bright lights have again taken up the burden of training and they will probably be served with a heavy course of hard work from now until the season's initial contest. A few of the men are not in the best of condition. Keane in particular has a bad leg, but all the regulars are expected to be in shape within a short time. Captain Gray, Keane, Martinson, Hyde, and Kinnison of the 14-15 veterans have been showing good stuff and Blackmer and Ancorn look like men who will be almost sure to break into more than one conference lineup. Ancorn is an "old" "I" man and he looks good on the floor. First in both bench and underpinnings, he should make some of last year's stars travel to nail their places on the team. Blackmer has a nice eye and a beautiful touch. Many of the fans wish that he had more of an "I" Martinson build but he seems clever enough to get away in almost any company. Aden Hyde, Allen Kinnison and Jim Keane are staging a nice scrap for the guard positions. If two of the three are finally chosen the slightest slip-up on their part will mean that man number three will go sliding into one of the places. Captain Charlie Gray will probably grab one of the jobs at forward. Charlie's basket-shooting eye seems as good as ever and he looks to be as much of a wizard from the foul line as he was last year.

BEAUTY HINTS FOR MEN

Cigarette stains may be removed from the fingers by amputation. Another good way is to stop smoking cigarettes. Corns may be prevented by wearing shoes which fit properly, but we don't know where you can buy those shoes. Sleeping in the open air is good for the complexion. If your landlord refuses to put a sleeping porch on your house, stop paying rent. Then you will have to sleep outdoors. If you are too stout console yourself with the thought that while your figure may not be beautiful it at least indicates that you can afford to eat regularly. Walking will give you ruddy cheeks. And if you'll try walking past the saloons instead of into them you will avoid having a ruddy nose. To make yourself attractive to others cultivate a cheerful disposition. Think of other people's troubles instead of your own.

DEBATE CHALLENGE

Following the information that the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Southern California has declined to meet the Idaho debate team, comes a challenge from the Law School of that same college with an offer to pay all of the expenses of the Idaho team to Los Angeles this year providing that they should come here next year under the same conditions. In view of the continued opening of the San Diego Fair, a trip to the coast would be especially enjoyable for our boys. No action has yet been taken as to the challenge.

CALENDAR

PRESIDENT WILSON ENTERTAINS CLASS OF '79

College Reunions at the White House are Rare Functions. A Princeton Reunion there is an Entirely New Experience for one of Old Nassau's Classes and there was every indication that the occasion was as full of joy and fun as one of the less dignified gatherings in a tent back near the Princeton campus.

Stories of college days—the days when "Tom" or "Tommy" as some called him, Wilson was a pretty good baseball player—were passed around the big table in the state dining room; everybody had his laugh, some of them at the expense of the President, and the halls of the White House rang to the strains of "Old Nassau" and other songs that the President and his classmates used to sing on the spring evenings from the steps of Nassau Hall. Altogether it was one of the most picturesque social functions that have been held at the White House in a long time. The policemen in front of the Executive Mansion who heard the singing seemed to be perplexed whether to laugh or be alarmed. Forty-nine of President Wilson's classmates sat down with him at the big horseshoe table in the State dining room. Just outside the door sat the United States Marine Band, which furnished the music. Ordinarily a Princeton class is doing pretty well when it returns to the Jersey college town if it succeeds in persuading a Newark brass band to accompany it, and naturally the presence of the United States Marine Band by contrast added to the impressiveness of the reunion. What passed at the table in speech and otherwise was guarded by the members of the class as a strict secret. Indeed, they agreed before they left the White House that nothing should be given out in regard to the dinner. The White House itself also preferred to regard the dinner entirely as a private matter. Not even a list of the guests was made public, but it is known that, counting the President, there were fifty members of the class at the reunion. President Wilson arranged for the '79 dinner months ago. He told his classmates when he invited them to come to the White House for a reunion and banquet that he was bound tight to them by memories which grew dearer every year. The President did everything in his power to show them that he meant exactly what he said.

NORMAL SCHOOL AT EXPOSITION

SAN FRANCISCO.—One of the most important developments since the closing of the Panama-Pacific exposition is the plan for the state of California to take over the California building at the exposition for use as a state normal school. It seems fitting to the state and school officials that the big exposition, which was of great educational value in itself, should turn over its wonderful buildings to the permanent cause of education. The state is in accord with the plan, and there is little doubt about the eventual adoption of the plan.

FLIRTING FINED

Flirting, if discovered, among the freshman co-eds of Pennsylvania, is punished by a fine imposed by the sophomore girls.

CORYZA AT O. A. C.

The Christmas vacation at Oregon Agricultural College commenced two days early on account of a serious epidemic of la grippe among the students which threatened to spread.

Hear Skovgaard and the New York Metropolitan Co. Tonight at the Auditorium Reserved Seats on Sale at Bursar's Office 50c

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W. S. C. AND BROWN

Once more the West has conquered the East, once more the Northwest can put in a substantial claim for athletic recognition. And surely this recognition, long overdue, cannot now be long withheld, for in the majority of this fall's intercollegiate contests against practically the best the East could produce, the West has emerged victorious.

Idaho and W. S. C. have fought many a hard battle in the past, we hope the same spirit will preside over future athletic events between these two institutions. In the light of the success of the West in the past, Idaho is proud to congratulate our neighbor on her splendid team, her successful coach and fine vital spirit. We wish W. S. C. the fullest reward for her success.

THE NEW CONFERENCE AGAIN

Washington's breach with the Inland Empire college marks the first step in the permanent separation of coast and Inland Empire colleges as far as athletic relations are concerned. Washington is merely setting the pace, the others will follow. No western college can carry the financial burden attendant upon a dual membership such as Oregon and O. A. C. are at present upholding. Very probably there will always be games between coast and Inland Empire colleges, but we must reiterate our previously expressed opinion that the formation of two separate and distinct conferences is inevitable. Washington's recent action will add weight to the demand for the formation of an Inland Empire organization.

GENEROUS PULLMAN

Throughout the deliberations the Washington State College delegates held the whip hand. The entire argument centered around the adoption of the proposed anti-Freshman ruling. During the day the W. S. C. delegates refused every proposition to change to the no-Freshman rule, though it was proposed that all of the five schools but Whitman and Idaho agree to the rule, leaving the two small schools free to act as they pleased. The W. S. C. representatives remained firm in their decision to stand by the small schools and the four institutions were required to form an organization of their own.—W. S. C. Evergreen.

Editor's Note.—This doesn't sound much like the Pullman spirit we are so wont to attribute to our neighbor. It is scarcely what we would expect even now, but enquiry leads to the confirmation of the attitude expressed above. There is little doubt that Washington State College is in the light of her present athletic prestige capable of upholding her end in a coast conference, in spite of geographical handicaps. W. S. C. has done nothing which indicates more clearly the development of a mutually beneficial spirit among Inland Empire colleges than this very thing.

"GRANDSTAND ATHLETICS"

"All the chief evils of intercollegiate athletics center around the grandstand," begins President Foster of Reed College in his article entitled "grandstand athletics" in the Independent, November 29, "and the first unhappy condition is that the grandstand athletes are for the select few. Those in greatest need of development to be gained from out-of-door sports are of smallest interest to coaches. Those who need athletics least are put under severe pressure to take athletics in excess."

In continuing Dr. Foster challenges the contention and argument in many colleges that intercollegiate games are necessary to maintain interest in athletics. "The assertion is not only inconsistent with the well known traits of adolescent youth, when unspoiled by the business aims of intercollegiate athletics, but the assertion is also contradicted by degrees of exper-

ience." The four years' experience of Reed College was given as an example in question.

"The whole system is organized on a business basis, to win, to take in the money, to get advertised—these appear to be the three aims of professionals, whether in the ring, on the race track, or on the diamond. And these are precisely the dominant aims of intercollegiate athletics. They are, in a large measure, antagonistic to educational aims. The physical development of everybody, spontaneous and carefree play, and moderate recreation as a preparation for something more important than games. These larger possibilities of all out-of-door sports can be attained for all college students only by cultivating a spirit antagonistic to the spirit of grandstand athletics.—Ex.

AFTER CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Two thousand years ago man had become worn with the fret of the world and dissatisfied with his understanding of it all.

In his restlessness and yearning for a better adjustment of his spiritual being with the physical forces of the world, he erected an altar to an unknown god—impotently groping after light and help from a graven image.

Among lowly people there was born a child of divine sweetness. His guardian star came with him into the world and seers saw the light and guessed at its significance. But so blinded were the eyes of men with the dust of strife, that the child grew to manhood unnoticed. One came out of the wilderness who proclaimed that this simple one was to rule the world, but few heard. The ears of men were stopped by the blur of discordant self-interest. Then when he reached his maturity this gentle and gracious man ministered to his fellows and tried to show them the light; but he was humble, and so long had men bowed down to pomp and circumstance that they spurned his clear teacher. He that Joseph his life shall find it, he declared to them, but they did not want to hear him. Love is life, he proclaimed and hate is death. He found good, which he loved, in all men. The evil, which he hated, he tried to crowd out of the world. And this evil, with its lust of pride, of worldly power, of physical comfort and indulgence, rose up against him and he suffered death.

But his spirit lives and rules the world in the hearts of men today. Whatever dignifies the spirit of man, he illuminated. When man dares speak the truth, when man serves the world with his work, when man struggles and is quickened into generous sympathy for his fellow-men by that struggle—then is the gift of the child in the manger glorified.—Contributed.

WE LAFT AND LAFT AND LAFT

Under the above caption the Star-Mirror, of Moscow, published an editorial the other day on the simplified spelling recently adopted by the University faculty. Here is the editorial, written in a manner that would seem to satisfy even the most rabid phonetic: "Wen we lerned that the University had adopted simplified spelling, we laft and we laft and we laft. We thot weed dl. Hoo woodent? It was enuf to make any wun laft. Simplified speling's so ezy."

This was soon followed by another editorial entitled "We're for 'ise'." This is a protest against the faculty action that gives the preference to "ize" as against "ise" in the ending of certain words. "As an argument against the substitution of 'ize' for 'ise' in simplified spelling, when a choice may be made, we present these facts: the supply of z's is smaller than the supply of s's in a font of type, and the z-box in the printer's case is less conveniently located than is the s-box; furthermore, the 'ise' combination can be set more quickly on the linotype or at the cases, and therefore more cheaply. Since this is a day of co-operation, and efficiency is one of the ideals of the age, the cooperation of the simplified speller with the printer might reasonably be expected. The use of 'ise' in place of 'ize' would contribute to efficiency, and s is the prettier letter, too."

What do you think about the matter?

COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

Most medical men appreciate and preach, although they somewhat seldom practice in their own person, the value of muscular exercise. The importance of bodily exertion continues throughout life, and its lack is in part responsible for many of the ailments prevalent among the adult populations of our cities. If there is any time of life at which, above all others, it is especially important that the muscular system should be brought into frequent play, that is in the period of physical development, the ages of childhood and adolescence. That being so, many have viewed with increasing apprehension the tendency of college athletics, especially in the intercollegiate aspect, to become a matter of virtual professionalism, whose exponents are not the great body of

students, but a few individuals whose university careers are scarcely more than an excuse for their employment in business enterprises somewhat erroneously dignified with the name of sport.

A breezy and courageous article in the November issue of the Atlantic Monthly, entitled "An Indictment of Intercollegiate Athletics," and written by William T. Foster, president of Reed College, fitly opens with the statement that "Intercollegiate athletics provide a costly, injurious, and excessive regime of physical training for a few students, especially those who need it least, instead of inexpensive, healthful and moderate exercise for all students, especially those who need it most." President Foster urges that the distinction made in college athletics between "professional" and "amateur" is unreal, and that it encourages widespread and flagrant deception and fraud on the part of many of the men concerned. He decries the tendency to sacrifice intellectual vigor and progress to the craze for excitement, and for the intrinsically profitless advertising which comes from distinction in intercollegiate contests. Quoting with approval the remark attributed to the Duke of Wellington that Waterloo was won on the playing grounds of Eton, he observes that Wellington "did not maintain that Waterloo was won on the grandstands of Eton."

President Foster is the head of an institution which, under his charge from the beginning avoided "the hindrance of intercollegiate games and business motives." Reed College adopted the policy of athletics for everybody before there were any teachers, students, alumni, or traditions. Last year all but six of its students took part in athletics "in the spirit of the sport for the sake of health, reaction and development." Nearly all the students played games at least twice a week. There were series of contests in football, baseball, track, tennis, volleyball, basketball, and other out-of-door sports, at an average cost to the students of 16 cents apiece.

It is to be hoped that many other colleges will see their way to adopt the principle of athletics for health and education instead of as a business enterprise.—Colorado Medicine.

THE FORUM

To the Editor of The Argonaut:

On behalf of the Department of English may I ask you to correct the statement in your last issue that the rules for simplification of spelling recommended by the Committee on Publications and adopted by vote of the Faculty for all official university publications would "be adhered to by the English Department." The staff of the Department of English is unanimous on only the following simplifications to be encouraged (not required) from students in the Department:

- 1. In all words where there is a choice between the diphthong ae and the vowel e, use e: esthetic, medieval.
- 3. In all words where there is a choice between final re and er, use er: theater. (With discretion in deciding that there is choice: not massacer.)
- 5. In all words where there is a choice between final nme and m, use m: program.
- 10. In all words where there is choice between logue and log, use log: catalog.
- 11. Use the following spellings for the special words: tho, altho, thru, thruout, plow.

With regard to item 6 of the Committee's recommendations, "In all words where there is a choice between final ll and l, use l; fulfill, the Department of English is in complete sympathy with only a modification of the recommendation. "In some words ending in ll, drop one l before adding the suffix ful or fil, and spell the suffix itself with one l: fulfill, wilful."

Yours very truly,
 W. N. COLLINS.
 December 9, 1915.

Mr. A. L. Hyde, Editor-in-Chief, U. Argonaut,
 Dear Sir:

In a recent issue of the Argonaut, there appeared an editorial on the observance of traditions, in which you referred to my wearing the red cap as an expression of egotism, done merely to attract attention. You have mistaken my reasons for doing this, which was to "jar" the tradition. There is nothing wrong with the tradition in itself, except inasmuch as it forces all to comply with a strict rule, reduces them to a dead level of uniformity. Prof. Cornelson to the contrary says uniformity does not make for progress, for even a superficial examination of the principles of development and evolution will show any one that had all remained the same, we would still be in the stone age or perhaps farther yet. He was right when he stated that no great advancement

could be brot about except by uniformity of purpose, but he failed to distinguish between the two types, for if some one did not step out and make some progress, and then influence the rest to take his position all would remain stationary. The University is generally regarded as a place where one gains independence of thot and action, but how can it develop this without giving some latitude for expression? Do not think I am arguing against traditions. I'm not. A college would not be a real college without them. What I am arguing is that every individual has the right to do as he pleases, without interference, so long as his actions do not interfere with or abrogate the rights of others, and that no individual or group of individuals, has the right to force their views on anyone.

Hoping that I have made myself clear, I remain,
 Yours truly,
 FRANK B. SUTHERLAND.

GREEK LETTER CLUBS ARE BEING DISCUSSED

Voed Humoist Gives Idea of Fraternities Prevailing Among Most People
 George Fitch, the noted Beta Humoist from Knox college, and during his lifetime, himself a very active fraternity man, often took advantage of a chance to portray Greek Letter societies in a humorous light. When asked once to give a dissection of them he gave the following:

"The Greek Letter Society was invented over 100 hundred years ago in an American college and there are now so many of them that the Greek alphabet is becoming sadly overworked and must soon be enlarged to take care of the rush of business. "Contrary to popular supposition the members of these societies do not spend half their time writing letters in Greek. No doubt they could if they chose, but the kind of letter that father understands and answers most kindly must be written in English, and the Greek letter member is usually a most faithful correspondent as far as his father is concerned.

"A Greek Letter Society is commonly supposed to be a gang of desperate young men who have sworn over a bloody skull to stand firmly by each other and never to reveal the name of the brother who blew up the court house. It is supposed to be so powerful that when 20 or 30 young men with pompadour hats get together in a black cellar under a red light and whisper in case-hardened voices they can defeat the noble young candidate for congress who is supported only by a few shivering magazines.

"We are about to divulge the four principal secrets of the Greek Letter Society.
 "Turn down the lights, please.
 "They are as follows:
 "1.—The rent of the chapter house is now two months overdue and tomorrow the high priest of Delta Flush chapter is going to try to jolly the landlord along another month.
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 "4. On next Saturday night at midnight three shuddering neophytes will be inducted into the awful mysteries of our mighty band. Let no brother forget to bring a barrel-stave.
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ORCHESTRA MAKES INITIAL APPEARANCE

The University Orchestra appeared for the first time this year at assembly Thursday morning, December 9th, under the direction of Miss Allen of the Violin Department.

The selections given were Valse Lente, Delibes and Drinking Song Mascagal. These were rendered with a unity and precision commendable in the initial appearance of a practically new organization.
 Among those playing Thursday morning, as may be noted in the list following, but three were members of the orchestra last year. Four town members were unable to be present at the hour of assembly.

University Orchestra
 1st Violin—Raymond Pittinger, '18; C. N. Johnson, '19; Doris Gregory, '19.
 2nd Violin—Ruth Taylor, '17; John Booth, '17; Earl Smith, '19.
 Cello—Lawrence Blackmer, '19.
 Flute—Don Eagleson, '17.
 Clarinets—J. C. Christ, '19; Gustave Anderson, '19.
 Cornets—Preston Richmond, '19; George Robertson, '19.
 Trombone—Virgil Lamb, '19.
 Piano—Verna Patterson, '17.
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SPECIAL RATES TO STUDENTS

ASSEMBLY

What appears to be a very interesting assembly will be the student assembly tomorrow. At this time the proposed amendments of the A. S. U. I. constitution will be discussed and voted upon. The particular amendment that will be hotly debated is that regarding the granting of a percentage of the A. S. U. I. funds to the Glee Club. A grand battle is looked for between those interested solely in athletics and those with a broader view of University activities.

Prof. Edward Carey will open the engagement not with a bugle call, but with a near approach to martial music, a cornet solo. The monthly report of the treasurer of the A. S. U. I. below, gives a good idea of the present expenditures:

Athletic Fund

Balance from report of Nov. 15, 1915\$1039.38

RECEIPTS

Dec. 14, Deposit, cash from C. M. R. as per Grad. Mgr. report2246.47

Total receipts\$3284.85

EXPENDITURES

Glenn Grice, funeral C. Lyman \$ 127.50
Francis Jenkins, Bursar, R. R. fare 19.60
Economic Pharmacy, athletic supplies 24.20
E. R. Dewey, labor, athletic field 4.00
J. W. Graham & Co., football supplies 7.00
C. M. Rademacher, advance as per minutes 100.00
Empire Hardware Co., football supplies 4.95
W. A. Lauder, lime for athletic field 12.00
Moscow Shoe Repair Shop, 7.20
Ware Bros., football supplies, 70.85
Collins & Orland, supplies, 6.75
F. H. Bowers, expenses, 30.95
Star-Mirror Press, printing tickets 9.65
City Transfer Co., 29.25
Pitcher Printing Co., cards and tickets 20.50
Dr. Hatfield 16.00
Moscow Steam Laundry 22.75
Telephone & Telegraph Co., 9.61
Spokane Hardware Co., football supplies 40.00
Davids', athletic supplies, 543.94
Total Expenditures\$1106.70

Cash on hand.....\$ 178.15
R. R. MILLER, Treasurer.

Argonaut Fund

RECEIPTS

Balance from report Nov. 15, 1915\$ 68.53
Deposit by J. D. Boyd, 90.00

Total Receipts\$ 158.53

EXPENDITURES

Star-Mirror Press, printing, November\$ 114.00
J. D. Boyd, salaries and labor 33.75

Total Expenditures 147.75
Cash on hand.....\$ 158.53

Debate Fund

Balance from report of Nov. 5, 1915\$ 226.59

EXPENDITURES

E. M. Hulme, expenses, W. S. C. debate\$ 100.00
Bibliotheca Sacra Magazine, 75
McKinley Publishing Company, maps, postage 1.96
Postage 1.00

Total Expenditures\$ 103.71

Cash on hand.....\$ 226.59

Miscellaneous Fund

Balance from report of Nov. 5, 1915\$ 66.87

EXPENDITURES

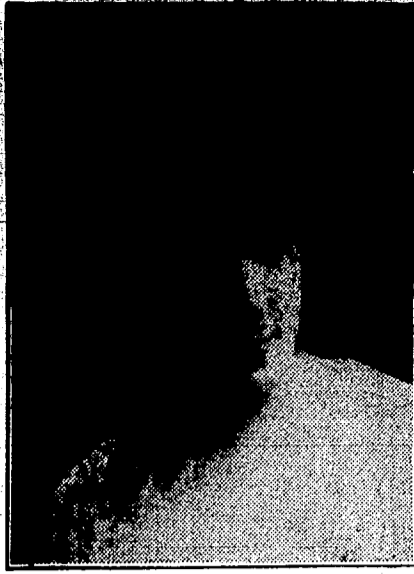
Vaatch Realty Co., treasurer's bond\$ 10.50
Francis Jenkins, Bursar, balance due on voucher No. 37 1.00
Star-Mirror Press, printing registration tickets 6.00
Pitcher Printing Co., stationery 4.50
R. Hodgins, stationery,50

Total Expenditures 22.50
Cash on hand.....\$ 66.87
R. R. MILLER, Treasurer.

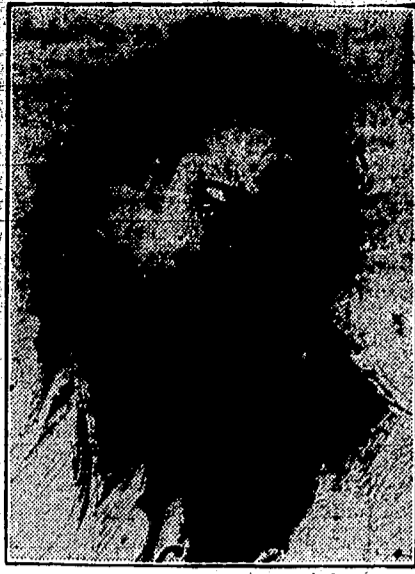
COLLEGE AND FREE SPEECH

TOLEDO, O. — (Dr. Scott Nearing, whose discharge from the Wharton school at the University of Pennsylvania created no little stir because of its effect on the question of free discussion among educators, has accepted the chair of social science at Toledo university. Nearing is a man close to the people. He has advocated social reform, is a prolific writer and a forceful speaker. His courses at Pennsylvania were extremely popular, for he is a young man with radical ideas and a remarkable ability to explain them and drive them home.

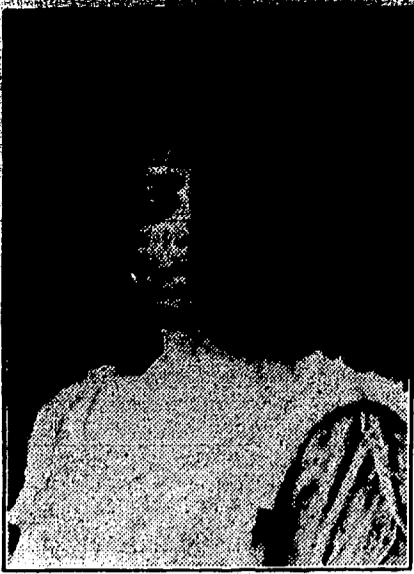
Instructor Decker (in Dendrology class): "Mr. Ruckwed, what pine has the longest and sharpest needles?"
Mr. Ruckwood: "The porcupine."



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Baritone



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Contralto

SKOVGAARD AND MEMBERS OF THE METROPOLITAN OPERA COMPANY WHO APPEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM TONIGHT

Brief Local News

Charlotte Lewis was the guest of Grace Engleason during the holidays.

Catherine Christmas spent the vacation in Boise with Miss Pamela Hays.

Collier H. Buffington, '12, was married in December to Miss Xenia Knorr of Gold Beach, Oregon. Mr. Buffington is a Beta Theta Pi and is engaged in the practice of law at Gold Beach.

The engagement of Laurence F. Stone, '15, to Miss Jeanette Fox, '13, of Hailey, Idaho, has been announced. Miss Fox is a member of Delta Gamma and Mr. Stone belongs to Beta Theta Pi.

On Thursday afternoon, December 30, Bernadine Adair entertained the Gamma Phi's who were left in town during the vacation. After a pleasant afternoon, a delightful luncheon was served.

A notice of great interest to the freshmen men, has been posted, making the joyful announcement that green caps need not be worn until further notice is given for their re-appearance.

Miss Bertha Leighton, '12, and Louie T. Jessup, '13, were married at Weiser, Idaho, October 1, 1915. Their present home is at Hershey, Nebraska, where Mr. Jessup is engaged in engineering work. Mr. Jessup is a member of Beta Theta Pi.

Cartee Wood, '13, and Dorothy Selby, ex-'18, were married at Boise late in October. They will make their home in Emmett, Idaho, where Mr. Wood is practicing law. Mrs. Wood is a member of Gamma Phi Beta and Mr. Wood belongs to Beta Theta Pi.

James W. Gwinn, '10, was recently married to Miss Belle LaRue, whose home is in Minneapolis and who is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. Mr. Gwinn is an engineer for the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mine in Kellogg and belongs to Beta Theta Pi.

Mr. Collins will go to Washington State College Saturday of this week to talk on "The Sense of Pathos as a Democratic Attribute" at a meeting of the Green Lamp Club, an organization of faculty members and senior students that meets on the first Saturday of each month.

The Omega Pi sorority arrived Monday night to find their house frozen solid, the furnace giving the appearance of an ice plant and the radiators making each room a veritable cold storage plant. To confirm the saying that "troubles do not come singly," their cook is sick, so the Omega Pi's are scattered hither and thither about the town, living on the stoking, cooking and plumbing of their friends.

Professor and Mrs. Gale entertained a number of the students and faculty at their home on Thursday evening, December 30, in honor of Miss Johnston, who is visiting here from Oregon. The evening was spent pleasantly at cards and delightful refreshments were served. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Isaacson, the Misses Johnston, Falquist, Dugan, Kate Keane, Ryrle and the

FORESTRY NOTES

Messrs. McCormick, C. F. Johnson, Ambrose Johnson, Tillman Gerlough.

Miss Belle Willis entertained at a "Kid Party" on the evening of December 27. Her guests were the Misses Frantz, Forbes, Adair, Bonneville, Ady, Sampson, Boland, Carithers, Ryrle, Denning, McDaniel, Cornwall and Zumhof. The early part of the evening was spent in games after which a big Christmas tree was lighted and amusing presents distributed. The girls then gathered about the fireplace and a dainty supper was served.

FORESTRY NOTES

Ambushes grow better when planted in trenches.

weeping willows should be set out in tiers.

Hill trees bear more heavily in the fall, if planted near the front door where children can get at them readily.

The White House lawn recently removed its pines and set out spruces. In other words, pinning has given way to sprucing up.

"Great oaks from little acorns grow," but they're nothing to the great aches that grow from little toenails.

Most of the chestnuts are dying out from a pest, but the mother-in-law joke still springs occasionally, from another kind of pest.

It is considered a highly appropriate thing to plant rows of nut trees about insane asylums.

Family trees must be planted deeply, but shoe-trees grow just as well if merely heeled in.

Family trees of wealthy people are usually recognizable by the lopping off of the lower branches.

A well kept avenue of birches is considered correct for the approach to a school house.

VIRGINIA

The roses nowhere bloom so white

As in Virginia:

The sunshine nowhere shines so bright

As in Virginia:

The birds sing nowhere quite so sweet

And nowhere hearts so lightly beat

For Heaven and Earth both seem to meet

Down in Virginia.

There is nowhere a land so fair

As in Virginia:

So full of song, so free of care,

As in Virginia:

And I believe that happy land

The Lord's prepared for mortal man,

VIRGINIA

The jilups nowhere sprout so green

As in Virginia:

The wood-hogs nowhere are so lean

As in Virginia:

The mud-creeks nowhere have the smell

And nowhere else, the truth to tell

It is so hot this side of hell

As in Old Virginia.

The bum hotel is all the style

In Old Virginia:

Where waiters wait once in a while,

In Old Virginia:

And trolleys sometimes come along

When the current is running strong

Or something else has not gone wrong

In Old Virginia.

Nowhere such storms obscure the sun

As in Virginia:

Nowhere so slow the railroads run

As in Virginia:

And when my time has come to go

Just take me there, because you know

I'll longer live, I'll die so slow

Down in Virginia.

Nowhere can toil so well suffice

As in Virginia:

And I believe that lazy land

Of fleas and niggers, heat and sand

Is simply fashioned to be damned

In Old Virginia.

The dangers of the higher education

are not often exposed so nakedly as

in the case of an east side mother, who

wrote the following letter to the teacher

of her boy:

"Please do not push Tommy too

hard, for so much of his brains is intel-

lect that he ought to be held back a good deal, or he will run to intellect entirely, and I do not desire it.

PROFESSOR LEHMAN MARRIES

Mr. Lehman, former assistant professor of English at the University, and now on the faculty of W. S. C. at Pullman, staged a surprise to his many friends here by getting firmly tied to a life job on New Year's eve. Miss Gladys Collins of the class of 1915, and a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority, was the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Lehman will make their home in Pullman.

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FROM OTHER COLLEGES

Large Engineering Organization
A large representation attended the first general meeting at the Sheffield Scientific School of the recently organized Yale Engineering Association. The membership of this organization, formed to help educational work along engineering lines, and to promote cordial and mutually helpful relations among Yale engineers, already numbers over 500, and includes many who are not actually engaged in engineering work, but who are interested in the subject.

Poetry at Harvard
To increase the interest in good poetry at Harvard, the Poetry Society has been formed.

Editorial "Movies"
Reed College has made arrangements for an extension course solely by educational motion pictures. The College has come in touch with hundreds of parents who are eager to support the enterprise, since at present there is no place where they can be sure of seeing regularly films of positive educational value and nothing else. The College has now available for these courses a sufficient number of these films to carry on a course of instruction once a week throughout the year in seven sections of the city.

Dr. Samuel McChord Crothers will spend February in the Northwest. He will give a Reed College extension course of lectures on "Seventeenth Century English Authors."

May Reinstate Yale Players
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 15.—The reinstatement as amateurs of Harry Le Gore and the four other Yale athletic stars who were disqualified for playing summer baseball seems likely, following the informal conferences of the athletic commissions of Yale, Harvard and Princeton. Professor Robert N. Corwin, chairman of the Yale athletic committee, said the cases had been considered only informally, but a ruling was expected soon. Arthur Milburn, Harry Rhett, William Easton and Spencer Pumpelly were disqualified with Le Gore.

Have Mustache Contest
The senior class mustache contest,

in which all senior men of the University of Chicago will be eligible to enter, began last Friday. About fifty men entered the race. The men will let the "fuz" grow on their upper lip for a certain length of time, and then some person or group of persons will be given the task of choosing which growth makes the most presentable appearance.

Professor in Japan
Professor Frederick Starr, of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Chicago, was present at the coronation of the new emperor of Japan on November 10 in Kyoto, the old capital of the country. To get the atmosphere of old Japan and to study the primitive people more closely Professor Starr traveled on foot from Tokio to Kyoto along the ancient highway that passes thru some fifty villages. He will visit the more important Shinto shrines in Japan and continue also his researches in Japanese symbolism, and later will journey to the old Buddhist monasteries of Korea, in which country he hopes to gather material for a Manual of Korean Ethnography. Professor Starr expects to return to the University of Chicago in time for the opening of the Spring Quarter in April, 1916.

Football Record
The football record of Ivan Boughton, captain of the Ohio State University team, is a good refutation of the charge of brutality placed against the pigskin sport. This was his third year on the gridiron, and in that time he has played every minute of every game played by his team. His most serious injury has been the loss of a tooth from time to time.

Glee Club Will Tour
The glee club of the University of Montana will make a state tour, again this year. The trip will probably be made in March and will include practically all the cities visited last season and a few places will be added to the itinerary. Professor DeLoss Smith has developed the club this year until the organization is even better than that which represented the university last season.—Ex.

May Organize New Conference
Now that the University of Washington has severed all athletic relations with Washington State college, University of Idaho, Whitman college and Gonzaga university, there is considerable talk in eastern Washington and in Idaho to form a new conference to include the institutions with whom Washington has broken relations and also the University of Montana. Washington's refusal to meet any institutions which have not adopted a rule which prohibits freshman students from participating in intercollegiate athletics has virtually disrupted the Pacific Northwest intercollegiate conference.—Ex.

Bust of Dante at U. of W.
University of Washington, Dec. — Italian friends of the University of Washington are about to order from a distinguished sculptor of Florence, Italy, a bust of Dante, which will be their gift to the institution in appreciation of the celebration of the 650th anniversary of the birth of the divine poet, held on the campus May 21.—Ex.

DIETZ MOST VALUABLE MAN
That Carl Dietz, fullback, halfback and end on the championship Washington State College football team this season, was the most valuable player on the team and the man whose playing gave the most inspiration to his teammates, was the conclusion reached by 21 members of the squad before Christmas. Al Langdon, all-Northwest center, pressed Dietz hard for the honor, but the big end won by two votes.

The vote was taken at the request of David G. Kuehl, well-known baseball player, who is the local representative for the Essex Custom Tailoring company of Rochester, New York. Kuehl offered a \$30 suit of clothes to the player who was declared by his teammates to have been of the greatest aid and inspiration to the players during the past season. Dietz led the field with eight votes, Langdon came second with six, Bangs was voted for by four, and "Bull" Durham, quarter, who has scored some 40 points by his kicking ability, received one vote for the honor.

WASHINGTON BREAKS CONTRACT
Because Idaho, W. S. C., and Whitman would not agree on the anti-freshman rule, the University of Washington has dropped these institutions from her athletic schedules. Even basketball games, which had already been arranged for, have been cancelled. This action practically eliminates the U. of W. from consideration in the Northwestern Basketball standing this winter, because O. A. C. is the only conference member she will meet. The final standing of the teams will be determined from a percentage basis.


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"So Miss Passay is angry with her doctor. Why is that?"
"He tactlessly" remarked that he would have her looking her old self again."

LUNCHEONETTES

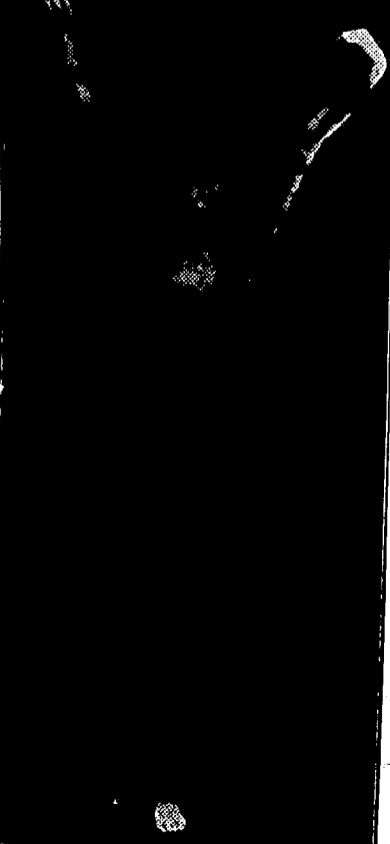
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