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The NORMAL MASCOT

Kemo, Kimo, Wero, Wa;
O. S. N. S., Rah, Rah, Rah;
Oh, Ki, Krickle, Krackle;
Soly, Wople, Wickle, Wackle;
Chop, Chop, Chop, Chop, Ya;
Rah, Rah, Rah, Normal!
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MERCY THAT CONDEMNS.

The perpetuity of any nation depends upon the stability of its
government, and the integrity of any government rests upon the
security of its foundation principles and their rigid application.
The fundamental principle of government is justice and the opera-
tion of justice demands laws. Anything which perverts justice,
which undermines law, is sooner or later destructive. Tyranny per-
verts justice and so is destructive. Pity and kindness themselves,
when they stay justice, are devastation to the very cause they
would nurture.

The man living far from his fellows is a law unto himself;
give him companions and it becomes necessary to restrain his ac-
tions, because the satisfaction of all his impulses would infringe
upon the rights of his companions. And so we have customs and
laws, and because the welfare of the whole depends upon their
strict observance they are held sacred. Yet it is a recognized prin-
ciple that law in itself must not be made a fetish; in so far, only,
as it enables every man to have his rights should we hold it inviolable.

But Americans today are passing from this conception to the one which holds that laws may be broken if they interfere with personal desire and ambition; that laws may be modified in order to save humiliation and suffering to the unfortunate criminal and his unhappy family. Laws are overridden almost with impunity; the man of finance buys United States senators; the great trust defies the government; the robber, the bank defaulter, the petty criminal, the murderer—all successfully pils his trade. It is admitted that much of the fault for this condition is due to imperfections in the laws themselves and to our complicated machinery of justice. But even when there is no direct obstacle to justice, the American juryman is prone to let a foolish sentimentality break the iron of his will and the inviolability of his oath. He waits to sympathize with the accused, secures pardon finally, and so undermines the moral forces of the state.

Human life is fast becoming a cheap and worthless thing. Too often can a murderer plead the unwritten law, or some form of insanity, appealing to the sympathies of the public heart. In Oregon last year there were fifty-six homicides, and from seven to ten cases already tried for murder, but three convictions. Indeed human life has become a trifle and law a powerless thing. Contempt of law and immunity from punishment loosen the bonds of unity between man and man, between man and the state, so that gradually men lose faith in their government.

The spirit of the mob is abroad. What true American fails to view with grief and horror the revolutions in the Steenbergen trial? That such things can be in this land of freedom is almost beyond belief. William Hayward was acquitted of the charges brought against him, justly, let us hope. But in the eyes of law-abiding citizens he stands convicted of treason to the principles of his country, not by any evidence brought out in the trial, but by his own words when he said that the reason for his acquittal was because the unionists, when united, are invincible, Invincible! Where is the boasted freedom of America? Is this the land of Liberty, when the leaders of the sons of toil teach the spirit of violence, when they would have might to be the right and fling with sacrilegious lips the name of Justice in the dust? Here, at our doors, the red-handed are at work. Harvey Brown, with a stainless life, the in the full bloom of a strong and clean manhood, at the very threshold of his home was blown into eternity. O, America! Where is your vaunted principle of Justice. Is this the land of Justice where, boldly stalking across her borders, comes the dread spectre of anarchy?

Integrity of the nation requires that we have common laws and universal administration of those laws. Integrity of character requires that a man demand of himself and his neighbor unflinching, uncompromising justice. Is there, then, in the development of character, or in the life of a nation, no place, no room for the administration of mercy? A thousand times, yes, for true mercy; but for mercy untempered by justice, never. ‘The quality of mercy is not strained. . . . It is twice blessed; it blesseth him that gives and him that takes.’ And there is something wrong with the man who has not this melting sympathy, this forbearing compassion in his heart. It is a gift from heaven, a clear flowing fountain, that revives the spirit crushed and beaten down in the harsh struggle of life; the heart of man has recorded in the institutions that govern him a higher law than blind justice, a law of equity and mercy.

But we have forgotten the meaning of that word mercy. Too often our so-called mercy sets the guilty free regardless of national welfare. Because the guilty man was previously a respected member of our midst, we hesitate to punish him, to dishonor him, to bring shame to his family, and so we seek extenuating circumstances. But in a larger sense, is this extenuation merciful? Merciful to whom? True mercy considers not only the temporary happiness of the subject but the lasting welfare of the nation. True mercy sternly punishes as often as it sets at liberty. The most tender mercy of the mother is that which inflicts upon the child just punishment. Counterfeit mercy knows neither the welfare of the subject nor the good of the state. It is sentimental, polite, and condemns, thrice condemns; condemns the giver in that he loses his power to discriminate between right and wrong; condemns the receiver by confirming him in his contempt for law; condemns society by contributing to the general disregard for law by making it a light thing to violate law. Though all the forces of my soul, crying out against the sin and blackness of man, impelled me to slay my neighbor, could I demand at the hands of my countrymen my life? Rather should it not be made a holy sacrifice to that larger need of the nation? Justice must have her course
that a nation may live; "the very mercy of the law cries out most sudibly."

The ever-growing need of our country is a broad-minded, deep-thinking patriotism. She needs the services of sons and daughters who look below the surface and further than the needs of the hour, who recognize as a foe to permanent government the palliation of wrong, the indiscriminate and blind mitigation, that overlooks the right, forgets the needs of the nation, and clothes the wrong-doer with a sentimental, destructive pity. Our eyes are closed to the right, forgets the needs of the nation, and clothes the wrong-doer with a sentimental, destructive pity. Our eyes are closed to the portent of this evil because it is cloaked in the hypocritical garment of a false virtue. But it is upon us, as a vampire in the night, drinking the lifeblood of the nation, perverting justice, undermining law, destroying national unity. It is not enough that our President and a few brave followers should enforce the laws. Alone they cannot fight the fight. What will it avail if the great sentiment of the American people is not behind it all, working deep and earnestly toward the very root of the evil? The men first to lay their lives on the altar of their country to protect her flag from insult, here, too, could they only realize the danger, would faithfully respond. So again let me say that old-time call of Liberty and Union. Hearing, let us see, and seeing, meet the foe. We can not evade, we can not deny. We dare not extenuate, we dare not palliate, if we value national existence. When we perish from the earth it will be from causes within. "Yet the will is free, strong is the soul, and wise and beautiful; the seeds of godlike power are in us still." We need fear no foreign foe so long as we hold fast to the principles that were in the hearts of our fathers when they founded this republic, the principles by which our institutions were conceived in purity, our standards of right and wrong made stainless and high, and our laws held inviolate. Lest we forget, let us as of old "go to the limpid fountain of unadulterated patriotism, and, performing a solemn ablation, return divested of all sordid, selfish, and sinister impurities," and most of all, return with eyes clear to see the right and will strength enough to stand for that righteousness that exalts a nation, so that its reality this nation may not perish, but on through the ages live to fulfill its heavenly appointed functions for mankind.

HURT W. PRESCOTT, U. of O.

A PROPHETIC RECORD.

"The rich gold fields of the land beyond the seas!" This was the goal of the men known as Cavaliers, who braved the perils of the Atlantic and reached the new continent early in the seventeenth century. They were for the most part gentlemen to whom great thoughts or works performed by themselves were unknown. They would quickly amass a fortune, carry it back with them to the Mother Country, and live in idle luxury. But the gold could not be seen by the passer-by and they had not the perseverance to overcome the obstacles to obtain it, hence in a short time we see a few discouraged survivors returning to England.

How absolutely different is our next picture, in which we see noble men and women leaving their home-land, driven thence by injustice and persecution. This picture presents our Puritans.

It is not necessary for me to dwell upon their virtues; the mere mention of the name suggests to us a people whose love for God and liberty caused them to leave home and friends, undergoing suffering and sacrifice, beginning homes in a wilderness in order
that they might worship God according to the dictates of their
own conscience, eventually laying the foundation of a free gov-
ernment. Their hardships were many, but their indomitable spirit
drove them slowly but surely on toward the desired result.

One proof that they believed in and prepared for a great fu-
ture is the fact that they established schools of different rank
which they were ever striving to improve. Vocational problems
must be solved, and, as we search the pages of history, we find
that brave statesmen there were, who devoted the best part of
their lives to these solutions and thus placed civilization on a
higher plane than it had been before.

The results of their efforts cannot be estimated, and, although
they made mistakes, as all people since the beginning have done,
they believed in the principle that the earth is for the many and
not for the few; they lodged the power in the hands of the people
and made possible the most nearly perfect democracy toward which
government has been tending for eighteen centuries. Our fore-
 fathers were men of hope, determination, and energy. They did
not live in the past or future, neglecting the opportunities of the
present.

Now, what shall be our watchword, we of the twentieth cen-
tury? Shall we, a leading world-power, shirk our obvious duty in
promoting the world's civilization? Shall we content ourselves with
"the day is fast," or shall we rise in the righteousness of our pur-
pose and dispel the clouds which threaten to retard our progress?
Surely we cannot regard lightly such problems as these: our for-
eign possessions, our unassimilated peoples, the negro, Indian and
labor questions.

Our characteristic unrest, as Americans, will surely cause us
to strive to increase our possessions, but how shall we best
govern our dependencies? It is our duty and privilege to show
them the path leading to self-government. To do this we must have
wise statesmanship at home—just laws, formed with the utmost
care and enforced with authority.

If we are to exert influence for good we must be sound at
the core; we believe the idea that the petty violator of the law
must be punished while the moneyed criminal goes unmolested, is
fast passing away. We have a significant instance of this in the
recent exposures in insurance companies in the East, when promi-
nent business men were brought forth from behind their screen of

popularity of their unscrupulous methods, made known to the
public.

Our population must for various reasons increase. We should
remember that these people whom we are to assimilate have come
from countries which, though older than our own, have forms of
government very little superior to feudalism, and in which class
distinction is prominent. If we open our ports each year to the
thousands who crowd to our shores, we should also open our hearts
and extend to these strangers that welcome which the weak ex-
pect from the strong. We hold, as it were, the passport to things
higher and nobler and we either enrich their lives and make them
a valuable link in our great chain of progress or by crushing their
ambition cause them to retrograde and fill our prisons. We have
not finished our work when we furnish the means by which they
procure the mere necessities of life, we must prove to them that
the gates to our highways of success are open to all who are
fitted to enter; that America means opportunity.

Careful thought must also be given to our dealings with the
red and the black man, for as an individual is made stronger by
aiding and weaker by oppressing; so a nation becomes mightier if
in all her dealings she is ever striving to hasten the coming of that
higher form of civilization—universal brotherhood. As we look
back over the pages of our history from those early colonial days
to the present, we are proud to note that these pages are sullied
with fewer blots than are the pages of many other nations. What
nations have shown greater justice in dealing with subjects than
has America? Did Spain when dealing with the Cubans? Did
France when she persecuted the Huguenots? Russia in her treat-
ment of the Jews?

The terrible shock of the great Civil War threatened to de-
stroy the land, but the God of Nations ruled otherwise. The sur-
vival of that mighty conflict proved to the world that this republic
possessed the necessary vitality and solidarity to endure. America
has demonstrated the possibility of a government "of the people,
by the people, and for the people." But the task of emancipating
the slaves is far from completed. No nation has ever been con-
fronted with a graver problem. Its solution requires the best ener-
gies of the whole people, both North and South, and the recent
realization of that fact with the resultant co-operation of both sec-
tions is one of the most hopeful signs of the times.

Have we a conception of the changes that would take place
in the labor and social conditions of our nation were we to be
guided by and believe in a statement contained in the pages of
Holy Writ: "He that is greatest among you shall be your ser-
vant?"
We have failed thus far to reach this standard and we
do not see how it can be attained by the blind and often imprac-
ticable demands of the labor organizations. It is true that wages
are better than ever before, but it is also true that the needs of
man, physical and mental, are increasing and opportunity must be
given for the satisfying of the higher aspirations. Those conditions
should obtain which will make the development for the working
man possible; it is the middle class which must furnish the brawn
and show of our republic. When a man puts his best energies
into his work, whether he labors with brain or muscle, he has a
right to share in the product of that work. He deserves more
than a mere subsistence; whenever existing conditions prevent this
fair return they are unjust.

In this glorious tomorrow our science and arts will not lag
behind. No one believes that our literature has reached its ultimate
development. America’s epic is yet to be written.

A great government cannot be made instantaneously; it must
grow steadily for centuries. The perils of our democracy are many,
but the reasons for hopefulness as to the final issue far exceed the
dangers.

Slowly, "this age of materialism is passing away." Those
among us whose wisdom is greater than ours, whose vision is
clearer than ours, tell us that even now above the horizon may be
discovered the rays ushering in a New Day—America’s glorious to-
morrow.

MRS. C. A. BRYANT, O. S. N. S.

THE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The fifteenth annual contest of the I. O. A. O. was held in the
Assembly hall on Friday, March 13. The student body spared no
pains to make the occasion a success in all particulars; by a skill-
ful blending of the various colors of the different institutions re-
presented, a very pleasing effect was produced upon the room and,
this, too, without injury to the acoustics of the hall.

The delegations began to assemble in the early evening and
were assigned to their respective places without confusion. Col-
lege spirit was rife in the form of songs and yells, and a period
was given over to the full enjoyment of this form of school life;
enthusiastic support was thus manifested for the respective con-
testants.

In due time the orators of the evening appeared on the rostrum and each in turn received an ovation.

We regret we are not able to particularize on the orations,
but it is safe to say that all felt that the medal was justly won by
the University of Oregon, while there were others taking the high
rank, yet when measured by all the standards there was a clear
margin for the winner. Mr. Prescott has set a high mark for
future contestants in subject matter for these annual gatherings.
By reason of the fact that the orator from Albany had left school
there was no representative from there; but the delegation attended
the business meeting and took part in all other festivities. The
room was filled to overflowing and the marked attention given to
each speaker attested the keen interest and enjoyment all felt.

Immediately after the contest a banquet was served in the
gymnasium where covers were laid for 175 guests. Here again
the painstaking work of the student body was manifested, for this
bare, forbidding room had been transformed into a "perfect
bower," with evergreens and flags, myrtle and Oregon grape. The
service was simple and expeditions for there were some 25 young
ladies who thoroughly knew their business.

After the substantial part of the banquet had received ample
attention, Mr. A. T. Campbell, toastmaster, arose and in a neat
speech proposed the first toast of the evening. Space forbids us
to mention all in detail but suffice it to say that each institution
was well represented in the responses and many amusing stories
were enjoyed. Various members of the respective faculties were
present and added much to this part of the evening.

The faculty quartet from the State Normal responded to sev-
eral encores, and it is but just to say that all very greatly enjoyed
their singing. An especially pleasant feature of the whole evening
was the orchestra music; this was supplied by some 15 pieces and during the banquet they responded to a number of encores.

The banquet closed at a seasonable hour, and we believe that this contest was a success in all ways, and that the real spirit and purpose of this meeting was fostered.

"THE DEW DROP INN."
Keep your eye on the Dew Drop Inn,
The house of great renown;
It's worth your while to peep within,
This Inn in Monmouth Town.

On the walls in grand display,
Are college pennants galore,
Red and white, and crimson and gray,
Orange and black and many more.

And the four busy inmates—why
They're mounting the ladder with a rapid stride,
And when they wave their flag on high,
Just gaze at the "Dew Drop Inn with Pride."

So don't forget the Dew Drop Inn,
For a lot of life you'll miss;
Its sign of course caused some to grin,
But inside there's nothing a miss.

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THE BANQUET.

Program of Toasts.
Mrs. A. F. Campbell, Toastmaster.
OREGON ..................... Willamette University
Mr. H. S. Hardman.

THE I. O. A. O. ............. Pacific University
Mr. D. I. Aller.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT .......... Albany College
Miss Catherin McMillan.

OUR NAVY ..................... University of Oregon
Mr. Benjamin Huntington.

EDUCATION ..................... Oregon State Normal School
Miss Mary Whitney.

OUR TEACHERS ............... Oregon Agricultural College
C. L. McLane.

THE ORATORS ................. McMinnville College
Mr. Chester W. Campbell.

THE YOUNG MEN OF OREGON .... Pacific College
Miss Alice B. Hayes.

Music by the Orchestra and by O. S. N. S. Faculty Quartet.

Menu.

OYSTER COCKTAIL
Salted Almonds Celery Pickles Olives

CHICKEN ROASTED
Dressing Potatoes Julien Jellies Rolls
Sliced Ham with Parsley

PUNCH

POTATO SALAD
Cabbage Salad Celery Salad Lettuce Wafers
Cheese Wafers

NEapolitan Ice Cream
Angel Cake Devil Cake Ice Cream Cake Bananas

Oranges Stuffed Dates Raisins

Coffee


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**THEY ALSO SERVE WHO ONLY STAND AND WAIT**

The present issue of The Courier has been planned as a souvenir of the oratorical contest. The staff trusts that alumni and other friends of the school who were unable to attend will enjoy the account of it.

In behalf of the faculty and students of the O. S. N. S., The Courier wishes to thank the other colleges for their friendly interest in the Normal as evidenced by the resolutions passed by the Oratorical association.

The next issue will be the June Commencement number. We plan a banner Courier. In it will be cuts of the graduating class which numbers thirty and the societies. Back numbers of The Courier can be supplied and all new subscribers will receive the four issues complete.

There have been some changes in the staff since the last issue of The Courier. At a meeting of the executive committee of the student body, held at the beginning of the new term, the present editor-in-chief was elected to succeed Miss Whitehouse. Miss Gladys Houston was elected assistant but she resigned on account of a heavy course of study. Miss Mabelle Ross was then elected assistant. Miss Josephine Morse was appointed assistant local editor.

**ANENT THE ORATORICAL DEBATE.**

That judges are handicapped by the present method imposed upon them in judging orations, was a point clearly manifest in the recent contest.

A judge being restricted to certain points in rendering his decision must find those points or the mark is zero. If the personality of the speaker, his delivery, and the substance of his composition do not impress the judge in distinct detail as those rules prescribe, a question is raised: Can the judge rightly and conscientiously mark the speaker down? The orator whose delivery demands no gestures loses a point by omitting them, or makes himself ludicrous by using awkward motions since gesticulation counts one-tenth.

Also, in the time consumed in delivering the oration, can the judge consider all other points and justly compare one speaker's interpretation of his subject with the interpretation of seven others, each with a different subject? Would not the best of ability be more nearly uniform if all orators took the same general theme?

Again, could not the judges on delivery decide more readily and more fairly if they were also judges of composition; for would they not be better prepared to consider the writer's oral presen-
tation of his theme after a careful analysis of it as a written essay?

The fact that has occurred so frequently in summing up the recent decisions will, perhaps, aid in insuring the consideration of a new method of judging before the next contest.

That a high standard of oratory should be maintained is agreed. It is imperative. That students experienced in public speaking as a profession should be barred is just, but still, the student who enters the contest for the first time often goes against several who have appeared before or, perhaps, have already won honors. We all send our best, and to the best the honor belongs for the high standard must be kept. R. G. S

APRIL COURIER.

The reason why many people do not succeed in life is not because they do not put forth an earnest effort or draw draft after draft on their mental reserves or even mortgage their physical resources to meet every known condition, and not because they have not placed their order in a reliable market and have paid the full price and received their bill of lading, but because they are not at the docks to receive the goods when they come, which are then thrown with the lost articles and sold to the highest bidder.

If you have placed your order in the great Liverpool brain market of the world, the present movements have wafted you the wireless bill of lading and your goods have been forwarded on the ship of public needs. Then keep your eye on the weather vane and watch the movements of this old craft, plowing through the perplexing seas, and when her pennant dips above the horizon, forego every other interest and haste to the docks; and when this great ocean liner drops anchor and swings in against the dock with a chug, be ready to mount the hurricane deck, go down the hatchway to the opportunity department and demand your goods.

Let your enthusiastic heart, beating with pulsations of achievement, resembling the thud of the mighty engines below, be your identifier.

When the officer delivers to you your goods, embrace them, mount the deck, and go out across the gang-plank into the busy marts of trade and throw your wares immediately on the market, thus winning your way to success and teaching to the world that it pays to be at the docks when your goods come.

H. A. GOODE.

We have noticed that the inexperienced writer generally begins his work with the intent of being original, but, that after a time he becomes discouraged, and resorts to a summary or paraphrase of something he has read.

The effort to be original should be one of the first resolutions of all aspiring writers. We, as students need this freshening of thought in our society work, in our debating and oratorical contests,—wherever expression has the opportunity to interest and influence.

Too often we try to deal with and solve governmental or ethical problems, which require an expert knowledge of, or direct contact with facts, of which the ordinary individual is ignorant.

The task of preparing an oration presents a two-fold problem to the student: first, he should strive to write something that will not only entertain, but instruct his audience. This he may accomplish to a degree by making a special study of some author who is more capable than himself. Secondly, he should strive to present his thoughts in his own words, not in the borrowed words of others, who have mastered the same situation which interests him.

To succeed then, it is evident that the writer should be careful in the selection of his subject, which should be one within his power to treat in an original manner. One's own production is sure to be inferior to that of a trained thinker and writer, but it is one's own effort, and its frankness, earnestness and freshness that will be certain to commend it to all readers. M. E. R.
VESPERTINE SOCIETY.

The Vespertine society tendered an informal reception to its former president, Miss Grace Whitehouse, at the regular meeting on the evening of March twentieth. Other guests of the evening were four charter members, Mrs. J. C. Byrd of Spokane, Mrs. Boothby, Miss Cassie Stump, and Miss Maggie Butler. Mrs. Boothby was one of the first marshals of the Vespertine society. The theme of the regular program was Irish in honor of St. Patrick. Shamrock leaves of green tissue-paper were souvenirs and the roll call was answered by Irish quotations. Addresses by the visiting members were very interesting: Miss Butler told that of all the; societies formed at the Normal the Vespertine has lived the longest and is the only one to never change its name; Miss Stump told of a visit she paid to the poet Longfellow while she was a student at Wellesley college.

On behalf of the society Miss Galloway presented Miss Whitehouse, with a copy or Riley’s poems, a graduation gift as a token of appreciation of the interest in the society taken by her during three terms of office. Prizes were awarded to the winners in a merry guessing contest, after which oranges and nabisco were served thus concluding a pleasant evening.

A feature of the O. S. N. S.-Corvallis debate was the section of the Assembly hall reserved to Vespertines. Seated by a beautiful banner of blue and gold, about thirty members loyally cheered the debaters.

With weird ceremony five new members were admitted to Vespertinedom on Friday evening, March twenty-seventh: Misses Marcia Romig, Hope Rogers, Aneita Turley, Effie Shore, and Mrs. C. A. Bryant.

auptentiation of the Irish, in honor of St. Patrick, five girls, Nettie McNiel, Lillie Springer, Lexie Strand, Edna Meyers and Bess TOMP-kins, were blindfolded and led through the mysteries of initiation. The proceedings afforded a great deal of amusement to the onlookers, and will probably be remembered for some time by the victims. The remainder of the evening was spent in relating Irish jokes.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The Young Women’s Christian association held election of officers, shortly before the closing of the first semester. The following were elected: President, Mary Whitney; vice-president, Fannie Fisher; recording-secretary, Ruth Fugate; corresponding-secretary, Merle Shannahon; treasurer, Mrs. Bryant.

The membership committee, of which Miss Fisher is chairman, commenced the new semester by meeting new girls at the train and helping them to find suitable stopping places.

A cabinet meeting was held early in the semester and plans were discussed for the remainder of the year. We will try to send at least two delegates to the annual summer conference held at Seaside in June.

It being necessary for Miss Shannahon to leave school, Miss Jeanette Phillips was elected corresponding secretary.

On April 5 there will be held in Eugene by the Y. W. C. A. of the University of Oregon a local convention. Miss Gage, the student secretary; Miss Maude Ewing Ross, assistant secretary, and other prominent Y. W. C. A. workers will be present. O. S. N. S. will send two delegates. Miss Alma Stone and Miss Fannie Fisher.
ALUMNI NOTES.

At an institute held recently in Tulare county, California, seven O. S. N. S. graduates were present: Misses Jennie and Minerva Neal, '06; Mr. and Mrs. Allen, '02 and '05; Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Grimsley, '99, and Mrs. Carter (nee Mattie Grimsley, '99). The Misses Neal have both been offered the best positions in the county for next year at $900 per month. Miss Jennie will probably accept but Miss Minerva has other plans. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are fast coming to the front ranks in their profession. Both have been offered better positions for next year.

Miss Eva Wash, '05, is teaching at Oregon City. George Murdock, '03, who has for the past years been principal at Independence, has accepted an educational appointment at Manila, P. I.

Dean Butler, '05, who has been principal at Buena Vista for the past three years, will attend the Summer Normal this year.

William Moffitt, '05, who gave up his position in Malheur on account of ill health, has gone to Southern California. His many friends hope that the change will benefit him.

Mrs. R. C. Nicoll (nee Olivia Howell, '97) of Los Angeles, visited her old home and the Normal at the beginning of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hudnrasker (nee Alice M. Smith, '95) visited here recently. They lately returned from a year's missionary work in Jamaica.

Mrs. W. P. Ogilvie (nee Caroline Young, '09) is pleasantly situated in Vancouver, B. C.

G. R. Huff, '99, a prominent stockman and farmer of Arlington, was in Monmouth a few days ago.

W. D. Murphey, '99, has given up teaching. He engaged in mining for a time, but is now in business in Portland.

Dr. H. S. Lamb, '99, is now house surgeon at the Good Samaritan hospital. Dr. Lamb took his degree in the University of Oregon last year.

Miss Mary Harrison, '97, who for several years was principal of the city school at Drewey, is now employed in the city engineer's office at Bremerton, Washington.

W. H. Ragsdale, '96, tells us that he has spent a pleasant winter in Southern California.

Among visitors at the debate with McMinnville were A. E. Wheelock, '05, who is now an attorney in Portland, and Miss Viola Gwinn, '06, who is teaching in McMinnville.

J. E. Dunton, '07, of Ballston with two promising young protégés, attended the oratorical contest. Mr. Dunton recently made a flying trip to Iowa—perhaps in the interest of future events.

The coming election will be full of interest to alumni. W. W. Wiley, '02, is a candidate for re-election as superintendent of Tillamook county; E. M. Smith, '01, wishes to be re-elected county clerk of Polk County; opposing him is Fred Crowley, '05, on the democratic ticket; J. C. Sturgill is republican candidate for superintendent in Gilliam; John C. McCue, '96, of Astoria, wishes the nomination for representative again.

After June we hope to address G. A. Harlow, '96, as 'judge' of Malheur county.

Alumni will regret to hear of the death from typhoid fever of Wm. J. Leever, '98, of Crabtree.

Miss Lida Boothby, '04, may now be addressed as Mrs. Wm. McCready of McMinnville.

Wm. G. Ziegler, '03, is a prosperous traveling man in the interests of Mays & Co.'s seed firm.

The February graduating class are all teaching except Mabel Muldrew, who is at home. Grace Whitehouse has the fifth grade at Independence; Adrian Owen, fifth and sixth at Falls City;
Chester Day is at Buell, Dora Murdock near LaGrande, Anna Godberson at Mosier, Mac Tracer at Elkins, Edith Fugate at Antioch, and Esther Fisher at Ione.

Clara Ireland, '05, is completing the four year's course at the Normal.

Royal Allen, '07, of Cove, has the promise of a raise of salary next year.

Laura Austin, '07 is teaching in the city school at Klamath Falls.

Rebecca Clifton, '06, who will soon finish a second successful year at Enterprise, will return to the valley for the summer.

Mrs. Dr. J. C. Byrd (nee Josie Wolverton) of Spokane, visited her old home a few days ago.

DAVID B. CAMPBELL

The piano recital Friday evening, March 27, by David B. Campbell was a veritable artistic triumph. Perhaps no one but his very capable teacher, Mrs. May Bowden-Babbitt, fully appreciated his ability before. Although he has frequently appeared in solo and his playing has always been much enjoyed, it remained for this formal recital to reveal the degree of proficiency already attained. A brilliant future for Mr. David B. Campbell, pianist, is assured.

Miss Florence Bowden assisted with a double number on her violoncello and was cordially received as she always is. The students would be much pleased to hear her more often.

The program, as appears below, was a severe test of the performer's musicianship and right nobly did he prove himself equal to all demands. Mr. Campbell has acquired a wonderful technique and few pianists, not already acknowledged as masters, are able to play these difficult compositions in the rapid tempo he took. But he also displayed artistic temperament and intelligence in his in-
interpretation of the various selections. MacDowell's concert-etude, Chopin's polonaise, the Tchaikowsky valse-caprice and the Schubert-Liszt Erl King were perhaps most appreciated, although all the numbers were faultlessly rendered. The full program was as follows:

Sonata Op 31, No. 2; Allegro, Adagio, Allegretto........Beethoven
(a) Idyl, Op. 28, No. 4; (b) Sea Song, Op. 55, No. 5; (c) Concert-Etude, Op. 36 .............MacDowell
(a) Melodie, Op. 10..................Massenet
(b) 'The Rosary'........................Nevin
Miss Florence Bowden.
Tchaikowsky Valse-Caprice, Op. 4..................Schubert-Liszt
Erl Koenig’.............Schubert-Liszt

MUSIC NOTES.

The musical numbers at the entertainment given under the auspices of the local Y. W. C. A., at the beginning of the February commencement season, were greatly appreciated. Mr. Barton Arant is to be complimented on his excellent technique in his execution of the famous Military Polonaise in A Major, Chopin.

At the Junior-Sophomore reception on the following evening, the Indian scheme of the event was carried out in the music. The orchestra played sprightly "Silverheels," "Anoma," and other Indian melodies. Four boys in warrior costume sang, "Big Indian Chief"; the girl's trio sang, "Pawnee," and Miss Edna Guthrie's voice was heard to good advantage alone in an Indian love-song.

On Baccalaureate Sunday the Faculty Quartette sang the beautiful "Lead, Kindly Light," by Dudley Buck. Mr. Senator Doughty sang a solo in his usual pleasing manner.

On Monday afternoon, at the Class Day exercises, Miss Lois Dowell sang a double number very sweetly, "My Dear," by Ball, and "You and Love," by D'Hardevot. A piano solo by Miss Boyleston and Moszkowski's Spanish Dance, No. 5, by Barton Arant and David Campbell were worthy of praise.

On Monday evening at the graduation exercises, Mr. Doughty sang and responded to an encore. Mrs. Babbitt played Chopin's Ballade in A Flat. The Girls' Glee club and the orchestra furnished the remainder of the music.

Since our last issue we were favored by a visit of the Gamble Concert company. We consider ourselves very fortunate in securing this company since we had the pleasure of hearing them two years ago. Mr. Gamble's artistic singing was greatly enjoyed by all. Miss Page created general satisfaction by her tender and sympathetic playing. Mr. Lamberson's execution was exquisite while his program showed a careful selection, consisting mainly of pieces carrying a beautiful melody. His principal numbers were "Le Bal Waltz" and "Staccato Etude," both by Rubenstein.
ATHLETICS.

An unmistakable sign of the coming of spring at Monmouth is the activity of the tennis enthusiasts. On sunny afternoons, the library windows are filled with a merry crowd, eager champions of 'Uncle Jay' and Louis Murdock, or Mr. Powell and Hubert Goode. The lower courts will soon be put in shape for playing.

Cupids Knoll offers the usual attractions to golf lovers. Some amateurs among the boys, led by David Campbell, have kept trying their skill at the game.

The boys basketball team played their last game at Salem, January 8, winning by a score of 12 to 37.

The Zenith club basketball team from Portland played a return game with the O. S. N. girls in their gymnasium Saturday evening, February 22. Although our girls defeated the Portland team in their gymnasium, we were defeated on our own floor, as a result of some good practicing which the Portland girls had done. The score was 21 to 5.

As the result of a challenge, which the Senior girls offered the other classes, a game of basket ball was played Friday, March 20. The Senior girls were beaten. Score 6 to 2.

The O. A. C. girls defeated the Monmouth team in the Corvallis gymnasium, Friday evening, March 27. The final score was 17 to 9. The O. A. C. girls will play us a return game, April 4, and we are confident of victory.

We are confident of having a good baseball nine this year. The boys practice every afternoon, and interest is high.

Physical Director H. Zophar Tharp is planning his annual athletic entertainment to be given some time in May.
A number of the boys met March twentieth and organized a Glee club. A constitutional committee was appointed and a constitution was framed and ratified, March 25th. The Glee club laws are very strict and must be obeyed to the letter, or heavy fines will be imposed. The old excuse of having "committee meetings" Sunday afternoons is no longer valid.

The first chapel talk of the semester by Mr. Buckham was especially interesting because it contained many of his own early experiences. Other talks equally enjoyable were, "Student Life at Stanford," by Miss Galloway, "The Psychological Development of the Child," by Mr. Powell, "Two Presidential Candidates," by Mr. Ressler, "Interesting Origin of Geometry," by Mr. A. F. Campbell.

The seniors have divided on the question of class rings and class pins. At a recent meeting these remarks were heard: "We don't want black and yellow enamel; they will think we come from .... ...." "Mr. President, if we don't like the rings that the rest get, can we get ones we do like?" "Of course some of you girls don't want rings. I suppose you think you will get a diamond some day."

The following interesting chapel essays have been given during the past few weeks: "A School for Out-of-School People," by Miss Roma Stafford; "America's Unpreparedness for War," by Mabel Torence; "Some Historic Churches," June Seeley; "Ideals and Character," Jean Sharmo; "The Price of Success," Louis Murdock; "Robert E. Lee as a Gentleman," Delta Dillard; "Katherine


The student-teachers with their assignments for the second semester are: First and second grade subjects, Misses Allen, Chris tensen, Dillard, Dorsey, Halley, Maxwell, Purell, June Seeley, Stoddard, Stone, Mrs. C. A. Bryant; third and fourth grades, Misses Campbell, Irma Campbell, Dorsey, Hyde, Laughlin, McPherson, McReynolds, Mayfield, Murdock, Ross, Schwartz, Simmons, Small, Stoddard, Stone, Thun, Tooze; fifth and sixth grades, David Campbell, Misses Pugate, Gross, Houston, Hyde, Laughlin, Mayfield, Rogers, Schwartz, Seeley, Sharman, Sires, Squires, Tracer; seventh and eighth grades, Misses Irma Campbell, Dorsey, Evans, Hyde, Lorence, Purell, Rogers, Schwartz, Hazel Seeley, Sharman Squires, Tooze, Mr. Munson; ninth, Misses Evans, Houston, McReynolds, Rankin, Ross, Willits, Mr. Goode, Mr. Munson, Mr. Murdock.

The first of the series of the Intercollegiate debates between Monmouth and McMinnville took place at Monmouth on the 28th of February. Question: "Resolved, that strikes on the whole have been beneficial." After a vigorous and spirited discussion, the victory was won by the home team.

On the same evening two other colleges—Albany and Newberg—met at Newberg and the result was a victory for Albany. The final debate for the championship of the league will take place at Monmouth on April 10th.

In the debate of March 6th with Corvallis, we are not as successful. The question was, "Resolved, That the practice of the American fleet is justifiable." The Normal girls ably defended the affirmative, but in the end the judges decided in favor of the visitors.

The business meeting of the I. O. A. O. was held in Room 8 of the Normal building on the afternoon of March 13th. Monmouth was represented by eight delegates: Mary Whitney, Junior; Delta Dillard, Senior; Ella Thacker, Sophomore; Mr. Schreuder, Fresh man; Mr. Strand, Normal society; Bessie Weston, Vespertine; Ethel Gross, Delphian; Louis Murdock, faculty. The president, H. A. Goode, presided. The following business was transacted: Officers elected for the coming year; president, R. R. Clark, Corvallis; secretary, Earl A. Nott, McMinnville; treasurer, Thomas R. Town
send, Eugene. Two amendments were added to the constitution: First, "That no law student that has been admitted to the bar, and no ordained minister shall be allowed to contest. The second amendment was that, no medical or law students could contest who did not have a majority of their work in the liberal arts course."

Two resolutions also drawn up by committees, the first favoring the annual appropriation to the University of Oregon, and the second, a liberal appropriation to the Oregon State Normal school.

RESOLUTION

Monmouth, Oregon, March 20, 1908.

Whereas, The following people co-operated so kindly with the student body of the Oregon State Normal school extend to Mrs. T. B. McKinney, Mr. H. Hirschberg, Members of the orchestra, Citizens who entertained, Business men who decorated, Mr. J. B. V. Butler, Mrs. J. Lindsey, Mrs. M. Stine, Miss Cassie Stump, Miss Maggie Butler, Miss M. B. Backham, our hearty thanks in appreciation of their generous assistance.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of those resolutions be sent to the local press, that they be printed in the April 'Courier,' and that they be entered on the records of the Student Body.

Committee: Louis F. Murdock, Anetsa Turley, Ronn G. Stafford.

Percy—"My hair always curls in the spring.''

What fruit grows most plentifully in Monmouth? Pears.

Orator—The voice of Abraham Lincoln was heard thundersing in the halls and on the stumps.

In Geometry—"What is polygon?"
Miss...—"A polygon is a baby frog.''

Lottie M.—Mollie, what was that I said witty the other night? I want to put it in The Courier.

Peter—I am looking after Maud these days; aint I, Maud? Maud smiled sweetly and blushed completely.

Miss T (In Elocution)—"What is a rising concrete?"
Miss H.—"A rising concrete is a concrete that rises.

Paul (Sitting with Miss Murdock in the Principles class, when asked to move)—"I believe this is mine; I mean the seat.''

Percy (In Literature)—"Pope's father was an Irishman, his
mother was an Englishman, and they were both actresses.'"

E.—"How funny! Gertrude is winding her suit case."
G. W.—"Yes, she wants it to go off on the next train."

Wanted—Any information that will lead to the arrest of the person or persons who broke a section out of Proposal Bridge.

For directions "how to make your friend spark", inquire of "Wizard of Electrobintricity," Room Seven, Normal building.

G.—"I wonder how much longer I'll wear this coat?"
M.—"Not much longer, unless you put a hem on the bottom."

Miss S. (In T. D.)—"Who is president?"
Little Girl—"Teddy."
Little Boy—"Teddy bear."

Mr. Munson (in Principles when asked his authority for a certain statement, replied) Mr. Ressler, my only authority is Miss Dillard.

We had had high hopes of both our debating teams winning because one had a "Goode" leader and the other had at least one "Goodwin."

Mr. Traver—"How do you secure attention?"
Miss Toozé—"Not by giving external rewards, but by giving internal rewards."

Miss T. (In English Literature)—"What things that are worthy are known of Christopher Marlowe?"
Miss G.—"Why he was killed in a brawl."

Mr. Owen—"I took a school once and in one of the grades the teacher hadn't taught geography and—"
Mr. Traver—"Well, they ought to have hung her."

Mr. Buckham (Looking at Hubert's card)—"G-o-o-o, Good."
EXCHANGES.

We were delighted with the poems in the last two issues of The Lens.

At last The Spinster has been received. We congratulate you on your Literary department.

The commencement number of The Tahoma is a paper that the Senior class might well be proud of.

The Oracle is worthy of praise.

Another new exchange is The Superlative, a spirited paper that is worthy your notice.

Is there any criticism we can offer to The Troubadour? No.

The attractive cover design of The Cooper Courier invites a peep within, and one that is well rewarded.

The cuts in Ye Polytechnic are very good.

The Clarion is a good, breezy paper, with its departments well arranged and headed by a good cut.

The Nugget, a good, enterprising paper.

Your paper is very good, Columbia Collegian, but why don’t you add a few cuts?

The Congress is to be complimented on the cuts of its four good-looking debaters.

Albany College Student—minus an Exchange column.

The Collegian, Waynesburg, is as good as ever. We appreciate your compliments.

The Oregon Weekly has a very neat and attractive cover, and its inside material is excellent.

Normal Wireless—quality, not quantity.

The Crimson and White is an orderly and well arranged paper.

The Albany High School Whirlwind is a very good school paper. Its departments are well planned.

The Quarterly Tattler has been received by us. We are glad to receive such a good paper.

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