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WILLAMETTE WINS DEBATE

Team From Law College Gets Unanimous Decision in Portland

A week ago Friday the debating team representing the Willamette College of Law met and defeated the crack team from the University of Oregon Law School in a debate held at the Washington High School, in Portland. The Willamette team consisted of Messrs. Sidney Graham, Robert Eakin and John Reichen, all three gentlemen being members of Junior Law Class. The boys were especially proud of winning this debate, there being many small obstacles raised to prevent an absolutely fair and impartial contest, and having triumphantly surmounted all obstacles, both the team and "Varsity" are correspondingly elated. The judges were Justice McBride of the Oregon Supreme Court, E. A. Clark, whose brother is at present a student at the University of Oregon, and W. N. Gatens an Alumnus of the State University. In view of the fact that both the other teams put out by the Oregon Law School succeeded in winning their debates, Willamette is justly proud of her victory.

An attempt will shortly be made to arrange a triangular debate involving the law schools of the universities of Oregon, Washington, and our own Willamette.

STUDENT CAVALIER

A Romantic Escapade of Senior Law Student—Sacrifices Self to Save Friend—It Is Rumored.

Probably no event of recent years more strikingly evidenced the fact that the days of chivalry are not mere recollections of the past than the adventure of a student of the Senior Law Class, recently given out for publication. The tale reveals the fact that the good old days "When Knighthood Was in Flower," have not died out in human breast but are merely dormant, awaiting the opportunity to rise and manifest themselves. This epistle might

be prefaced with the often misquoted Latin phrase, "arma virumque cano," which has been construed to read, "a man, a gun and a dog," only in this case the dog was not present, and thereby hangs the tale, to wit: Report has it that a short time since, an ex-pedagogue and a charming miss were bowling merrily over the citron groves and vine clad rocks of Polk County, shooting ever and anon at objects by the wayside with a small caliber rifle, of uncertain accuracy and indeterminable disposition. While speeding by a mail box (constructed by tying the three sides of a cigar box together with a shoe lace) the young Diana raised the rifle and sent a bullet crashing through the mail box, severing the shoe lace, and another post office investigation was thereby instituted.

Let us shift the scene from the sunny meadows, blooming with yellow sunflowers, white milkweed and dog fennel to the imposing chambers of the Federal court, Portland, Oregon. "Prisoner at the bar," the words came with grizzled sternness, "guilty or not guilty?" "Guilty, yer honor," came in accents soft and low. "I fine you 25 plunks, you've got no business being guilty," said hizzoner. Call the next case.

Thus readeth the record concerning the Senior Law student's first appearance in the Federal Court. It is rumored that a marriage is to shortly occur. Sic semper McGinnis.

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- "Home Sweet Home" (in A flat).

McKNIGHT TAKES THIRD

In Close Contest McMinnville Secures First Place.

The Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Association held its annual contest at Philomath, the evening of April 1st. First place was awarded to C. H. Woody of McMinnville College with the oration "The Vital Issue." H. E. Barnhart of Dallas College with the oration entitled "The Way to Win" secured second honors, and Charles McKnight of Willamette, giving the oration "A Social Menace," was awarded third place. R. J. Thornton of Philomath and Miss Emma Croft of Pacific University were the other contestants. Honors were very closely divided between the first three speakers, each oration being of excellent quality.

The judges were:

On composition—Philip E. Bauer, C. W. Coman of Philomath; Mrs. Eva E. Dye of Oregon City.

Delivery—Rev. J. R. Knodell of Portland; Rev. C. C. Poling, Portland; Rev. C. T. Whittlesey, Eugene.

THE EDITOR'S VISION

A Sight For Sore Eyes—Remarkable View Into Hereafter of Delinquent Subscribers.

The editor was almost gone. His feebly flickering breath barely penetrated the tobacco smoke of the office. Dr. P. W. Byrd bent over the wasted figure, took the slender hand in his and felt the pulse. "Circulation almost gone," said the doctor, straightening up. Immediately the sinking editor raised upon his pillow and roared: "You lie, we have the largest circulation in the state," and falling back, expired. Contrary to general expectancy, an angel called for the editor in a gilded chariot. On the journey to the realms above, they passed a station labeled "Hades." The editor asked permission to stop and look around before going farther, which was granted, and dismounting he entered the city limits and

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was quickly lost from view. After waiting some time the angel, becoming impatient, drove inside and started out to find the recent passenger. Arriving at a large building, from which volumes of smoke were issuing, the angel entered. Inside was a huge furnace over which the sign "Delinquent Subscribers" was emblazoned in fiery letters, while beside the furnace door stood the editor, his coat off, a beautiful, satisfied smile upon his face, shovelling in coal at top-most speed. Upon observing the angel he stopped a moment and said: "Drive on, I've decided to stay here. This is Heaven enough for me."

Moral—If you haven't paid your subscription, get busy.

\$100,000 FOR ENDOWMENT

Hon. Robert A. Booth to Give \$100,000 to Endow Varsity Upon the Raising of \$300,000 More—A Plea For the Smaller College.

Robert A. Booth's conditional gift of \$100,000 to Willamette University makes it highly probable that the pioneer educational institution of the state

will soon possess an adequate endowment of half a million for the college with \$50,000 to be invested in a memorial hall for the pioneers of the state, among whom Mr. Booth's venerable father has always been conspicuous. There ought not to be much difficulty in raising the \$300,000 needed to acquire Mr. Booth's donation. The university has so many friends among the influential and wealthy inhabitants of Oregon that they can give the money without missing it. All that is necessary to accomplish the object is a little concerted effort which a man of President Homan's ability and energy will understand how to stimulate and direct.

The adequate endowment of Willamette University will fulfill an ambition which was dear to the hearts of the Methodist pioneers. Before they had provided themselves with comfortable homes they founded this school, which under different names has pursued its career throughout the entire history of Oregon. Its graduates are among the important citizens of the state. Its faculty has always contained men of ability and leadership. It has been a stronghold of intellectual and religious culture and has done much to give the civilization of Oregon its distinctive cast. The tendency of our population to view political questions in the light of the moral law may be traced in great measure to the original impulse given to the life of the commonwealth by Willamette University and its founders.

Friends of education cannot repress the hope that Mr. Booth's worthy generosity may set an example which the well-wishers of other denominational schools will follow. None of the smaller colleges in Oregon has an adequate endowment. Some of them only meet their current expenses with extreme difficulty. Naturally the instruction which they impart suffers from the lack of means. Probably all of them have

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graduates who could, if they would, provide them with funds for carrying on their work broadly. It is a pity that the opportunity is not seized, for there is no more beneficial disposition of wealth than to donate it to the cause of education. The cry that there are too many of these colleges is not wholly baseless, to be sure, but there is much to be said on the other side. The ambition of the various benominations to maintain their own colleges is excellent and in spite of the money it costs it should be encouraged. It is a great deal better for the churches to maintain too many schools than to despise education as some illiterate sects boast of doing. We must not forget either that the instruction provided in the denominational colleges is of a type unlike that of the state institutions. To discuss whether it is better or not is aside from our present purpose, but at any rate it is different and it supplies a needed variety in our social life.

The tendency of the state schools is to emphasize the scientific aspect of the world. The denominational colleges give more attention to the ethical and religious aspects. All these are essential and the world would lose in richness of interest if any of them should be unduly subordinated. The small colleges of Oregon have done valuable work in building up the civilization of the state and a still more important work awaits them in the future. It would be regrettable if they were prevented from accomplishing it by the mere lack of money.

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THE ART OF CONVERSATION

I am mighty fond of talkin',
There's no use denyin' that,
Though I have no use for squawkin
Through the inside of a hat.
I have used a pile of language
In my rather talky day,

BUT,

There's lots of things that come to mind
It doesn't pay to say.

There's lots of things it doesn't pay
to say;

Just lay 'em by for use some other
day.

If I'd said all I've been thinkin',
'Stead of settin' tight and blink-
in',

I'm afraid I'd took to drinkin'—
Tooralay!

When my wife, who has a passion
For a ribbon rather bright
And goes just beyond the fashion
When the fashion's at its height,
Comes to me and says: "Well, Silas

How d'ye like my bonnet, eh?"

WELL

There's lots of things that come to mind

It doesn't pay to say.

There's lots of things it doesn't pay
to say;

Just lay 'em by for use some other day

You can bet your boots upon it,

If I told the truth, doggone it,

On the subject of that bonnet—
Tooralay!

When the boss is kind of worried

And the credit's on the slump,

And in manner kind of hurried

Keeps us fellers on the jump,

Turns to me and yells: "Ye jack-
ass!"

In a sassy sort of way.,

WELL,

There's a lot of things that come to
mind

It doesn't pay to say.

There's a lots of things it doesn't pay
to say;

Just lay 'em by for use some other
day.

If I'd called old Mr. Lumpkin

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In the management of forests, the reforestation of denuded tracts, and some just principle of taxation that will not be burdensome, yet adequate, we have a few of the innumerable problems that render the administration of our timbered regions, one of the most difficult and complicated of them all. It is generally admitted that forests are necessary for the conservation of the water supply, the equalization of flow in streams, and the renewal of the soil, but there are almost as many different opinions as to how this may be accomplished as there are men. The proceedings of the Conference of Governors assembled at the White House in May, 1908, for the purpose of discussing the absorbing topic of Conservation of Resources, expressed the opinion that forests of trees, by throwing off waste matter in the form of dead branches and leaves, prevents during storms, the rapid precipitation of water upon the lowlands, by holding the rain drops and absorbing

the moisture which sinks into the ground, reappearing in the form of springs, that, by their regular flow, form a continuous supply of water for irrigation purposes. This is amply verified by observation that in those regions disafforested gigantic floods sweep down the canyons unchecked, destroying and defying. In 1901, in the Appalachian System alone, damages aggregating \$18,000,000 were caused in this manner. As regards the influence of forests upon the soil we have only to consider that soil is to a large extent, given its fertility through moisture, and if the source of moisture is destroyed, lands will become desert and barren.

But this question is asked, "How, if we are to preserve the forests almost intact are we to secure lumber sufficient for commercial purposes?" The answer is by preventing waste in the cutting. There is no opposition between forests as sources for the conservation of our water supply and as sources whence we derive our merchantable lumber. The only requisite to the harmonious operation of these two is that mature timber only be cut and not the indiscriminate slashing of both old and new. There is a period in the life of a tree when it is more valuable than at any other time. At such time the tree is said to be ripe. By a continuous process of marketing the mature timber and allowing the younger growth to mature before cutting, no waste will result, and there will yet remain sufficient forest to answer the purpose of conservation. At present, the waste due to unskillful and careless logging is enormous, amounting to nearly 25 per cent of the whole cut. By careful methods this may be almost totally eliminated, the trees will make more lumber and the forests endure much longer.

Another important point upon which opinions vary is the ownership and administration of forests. It is generally conceded that large private holdings are undesirable, because of the inability of the individual to protect his holdings, and by his negligence and mismanagement frequently endangering the property of others. On the other hand, conditions differ so materially in different states, that a general policy, emanating from the central government,

while adequate in a few cases, would result in great injustice in others. "The forests of a state are not the result of labor, but are natural wealth derived solely from the state which is the original owner."

With regard to private holders, the state has the right to exercise such control over them as will prevent the wasting of their lands, which injures not them alone, but the surrounding country as well; inasmuch as the state is the original owner, it has the right to insist that its natural advantages shall remain unimpaired by acts of its citizens. As concerns absolute Federal control, forests differ within the state, which varying conditions, a general policy cannot be altered to meet. A state should be allowed the control of its timbered areas subject to government sanction, but it is utterly inadequate and unjust to give the National Government absolute administration of the forest local within the state.

The plan of taxing standing timber annually is one of the greatest obstacles in the way of perpetuating our forests. The money paid in taxes in this manner decreases in like proportion the amount which should be set aside for conservation, reforestation, and prevention of waste. Other crops are taxed but once, such as the annual tax on grain, corn and fruit lands, yet forests which mature but once in a life time are taxed probably fifty times before the lumber is ready for market. Many plans have been suggested for rectifying this evil, but as yet, none have met with general approval. It is advocated that the tax be removed from standing timber and the land alone be assessed, and that after cutting, a tax be levied upon the manufactured lumber.

Reforestation is now being advanced as a general policy that will after a few years produce annually a yield of timber in excess of the yearly cut. Some plan of this nature is rendered imperative to prevent the total destruction of our forests, and indirectly of our water supply. But this is a plan that must have a universal application. As concerns private holders, no individual is going to spend money in reforestation, the benefit of which will probably not

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accrue during his life time, unless his rival and competitor in the lumber business will do the same. The same holds true with regard to states. Regulations prescribed by different states would differ, which would work injustice in one or the other. So in this one instance, the intervention of national authority is essential. Yet the Federal government owning but 22 per cent of the total stand of timber cannot arbitrarily interfere and prescribe restrictions concerning the remaining 78 per cent. The most feasible plan seems to be that the government might by contractual relations with forest owners in those regions where lumbering is now being carried on (about 80 per cent of the timbered area), provide that conservation and reforestation be practiced under rules prescribed by the Forest Service.

It has been truly said that fires have occasioned more damage in Oregon than the axe. It was over sixty years ago that the first great fires swept over the state devastating the timbered regions and leaving blackened stumps and charred logs in its wake. Since that time precautions have been continually added to prevent their recurrence, until now over \$200,000 yearly is expended for the prevention of fire. By the system of fire patrol maintained by the Forest Rangers inestimable good has been done; much serious loss has been averted. But the reason why no fires of such serious consequence as those of sixty years ago have recurred, while due in part to the splendid work of the rangers, has a deeper reason than this.

Sixty years ago, at the time of the great forest fires, underbrush had grown up, broken limbs and logs lay heaped together and a thick coating of debris covered the timbered country. When the fires came, they swept everything burning the accumulation of years of waste and leaving the ground clear. The years are bringing about just such another condition, and when the accumulation of waste has reached a sufficient depth and the fires come, the feeble efforts of man will be of no avail. Immediate action is necessary along several lines if our fast disappearing

forests, which exercise such direct and potent influence upon the prosperity of the state, are to be preserved, and provision made for their perpetuation.

This is a problem of colossal importance, having as its adequate solution, the preserving and perpetuating of our two greatest assets: our forests and our water supply. The conservation of timbered areas is the immediate factor that enables irrigation to be carried on throughout the state. These two are inseparable. There are hundreds of thousands of acres of arid lands now being made habitable by means of irrigation, and there remains hundreds of thousands of acres capable of trans-

formation from barren sage brush plains into fields and gardens, the support of human beings, through the application of a little moisture. So the lavish waste of resources is to be condemned, and that immediate protective steps will be taken is shown by the numerous conservation conventions assembled in recent years, from whose reports, the most of the above cited statistics have been compiled.

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advent of the Medic baseball team. Already a few of the old stars, as Dick Ross, "Dubb" Hobson and McLatyre are limbering up their triceps Extensor Cubitis, and will soon be back in their old form.

Dick Ross, a man of voluminous baseball renown, has been elected captain. His experience will probably make him a good leader. Although not definitely arranged as yet, a game has been scheduled with the Portland Medical College and will be played in the near future. Manager Lowe has this in charge.

The Seniors are observed these days, with long faces and anxious countenances. They have good reason to be with the "finals" and the "State Board" staring them in the face, but for all of that we are told that Massey is taking a special domestic course in infant "psychology." Also Bartlett has left school for a few days to look after his desert claim near Burns, Oregon.

MEDIC ALUMNI

Dr. Fred H. Thompson of last years class is establishing a good practice at Stayton. He has performed several operations at the Salem Hospital in the last month, among which were a Mastoid operation and the enucleation of an eye.

Dr. G. C. Ballinger, also of '09 has been lately appointed Pathologist for the Oregon State Insane Asylum, succeeding Dr. Clements who will have charge of the new State Tubercular Sanatorium. Dr. Lewis of '09 is located at Silverton, and is already a busy and successful practitioner.

Dr. Fox of '09, after working some months for Uncle Sam has located at Gervais, and rumor has it that he is contemplating matrimony.

I. L. A. NOTICE

A practical plan to improve the quality of oratory in the American colleges has been launched by the International Lyceum Association, which is the clearing house of all the interests of the Lyceum and Chatauqua movement of America. It is proposed to offer prizes for a grand clearing contest of those who have been winners in the various leagues, and have this "meet" in connection with the annual convention of the association, which is held this year at Winona Lake, Indiana, at the famous assembly grounds, September 1-10, inclusive. Some three hundred dollars are

to be offered in prizes, and a spirit of co-operation on the part of the colleges is already manifested.

The work is in charge of an academy of the leading critics and educators of the I. L. A., of which Dr. Richard C. Hughes, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Education for State Universities, is chairman.

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Forget practice is expensive when indulged to excess.

Chamberlain in baby Law: "I pass." It was some time before Mr. Heltzel learned just what the meant.

Prof. Inman: "Yates, what does the executive department of state consist of?"

The Supreme Court."

Miss Heiss in Biblical Lit.: "The Christians were the worst in the bunch."

Rejoice O ye faithful, Old Uncle Cy came prancing down the aisle at the tabernacle the other night with an old maid on his arm.

LOCALS

Now is the time and now is the hour to give the old reliable Salem photographer a chance to show what he can do. Tom Cronise is the name.

Senator Murphy Foster, at a dinner in Washington, said of a certain retraction:

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"I desires to retract mah last night's remark, namely—I see before me ten chicken thieves includin' Calhoun Clay. What I should have said, dear brethren and sistern, was—I see befo' me nine chicken thieves, not includin' Calhoun Clay."—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

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Little Willie had a very pretty gov-ernness, and on April first he rather startled his mother by rushing in to her and saying:

"Mamma, there's a strange man up stairs who has just put his arm around Miss Wilson's waist, and kissed her several times—"

"What?" said the mother, as she jumped up to pull the bell for the butler.

"April fool, Mamma!" said Willie, in great glee. "It wasn't a strange man at all. It was papa!"—Ex.

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out to any ball games this season, your
grandmother died four times last sum-
mer."

"Oh, yes, I can, sir," answered Jim-
mie. "Grandpa has married again,
although it was very much against the
wishes of the family."—Ex.

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cently purchased at the Salem Woolen
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At an annual series of races "for all
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field of hot, excited horses and men, all
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yield to the importunities of the starter
and get into line.

The patience of the starter was nearly
exhausted. "Bring up that horse!" he
shouted. "Bring him up!"

The rider of the refractory beast, a
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an' I ain't got no door!"

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conversation or quiet rest was an im-
possibility. Finally a drummer carry-
ing half a lemon in his hand, tiptoed
over to a little boy who sat behind the
snorer.

"Son," said the drummer impressivel-
y, "I am a doctor, and if that man
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