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BELKNAP WINS *Farmers Win*

In the Local Oratorical Tryout Friday Evening, Clark Belknap Won the Gold Medal, and the Boyer Prize of Twenty Dollars.

His Oration Was Entitled the "Twentieth Century State" ---H. S. Hardman Won Second Place and Will Deliver the Toast at the Banquet

Because he delivered the oration "The Twentieth Century State" in such a manner that pleased the judges, Clark Belknap was awarded the gold medal of the oratorical association of Willamette University and a prize of \$20 from Dean Boyer. The contest was close and the silver tongues held sway without hindrance, to the delight and edification of the large crowd assembled in honor of the occasion. The orators dealt with the questions that are occupying the public attention.

Mr. Belknap has a fine presence on the platform. His delivery is earnest and thoughtful, with a strong quality of sincerity that carries with it weight and conviction. Mr. Belknap has had considerable experience in the art of oratory and will be a creditable representative of the "old historic school" in the state contest which takes place at Monmouth in March.

The oration "Political Wrongs and Individual Responsibilities," by H. S. Hardman, was given second honors. Mr. Hardman had an able oration and gave it in a creditable manner. All of the orations were of high merit and well delivered. Leon Yanckwich told of the inhumanity and cruelty of the child

labor evil, and quoted statistics to prove the statements which he made. Murray Shanks discussed the ideal relation between capital and labor and what inestimable good would come if the two factions would only realize that they work together and not against each other to attain the highest welfare for all.

The judges on composition were Hon. Charles McNary, Prof. E. T. Marlatte and Rev. Paul Bandy; on delivery, Rev. Father Moore, Judge John H. Scott and E. T. Moores of the blind school. The presiding officer of the evening was Mayor George F. Rodgers.

The evening program was opened by a selection of instrumental music by the Y. M. C. A. Mandolin Club. The number was so well given that the audience wished for more and asked for it. The club was generous and responded. Between the second and third speakers Mernie A. Hug sang in her inimitable and pleasing manner the pretty "Kiss Waltz" from Ardi. Again the audience was not satisfied with that which was given, but demanded a further libation of song. The singer graciously responded and sang a pretty

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In an Interesting Game the O. A. C. Basketball Team Won from Willamette by Score of 28 to 13

The Game Was Fast and Somewhat Rough --- Hornschuh Scores Most Points for Willamette

By the score of 28 to 13 the basketball team of Willamette University went down to defeat at the hands of the lads from Corvallis Friday night in the Willamette gymnasium before a large and enthusiastic crowd of rooters. There was some rough playing indulged in at the beginning of the game, but the penalties of the officials put a damper to this work.

The first half was much better than the last, as the teams kept pretty close together. At one time Willamette was four points in the lead, but gradually lost it. The close of the first half stood 8 to 12 in favor of Corvallis. O. A. C. in the second half caught the spirit of basket throwing and netted the sphere every once in a while, rolling up the score considerably. The varsity boys upheld the honor of the cardinal and the gold in a very creditable manner. Willamette can well be proud of her team though it loses.

Rooper, forward, piled up six points for Corvallis; Horton, forward, six points; Rooper, guard, four points; Spires, guard, two points; Foster, center, six points; Moore, forward in place of Rooper, four points. For Willamette the score winners are Moores, forward,

three; Pemberton, forward, one; Hornshuch, center, six; Nelson, guard, two; one point awarded, total 13.

Frank Grannis, referee; Don Yantis, umpire.

Roy Heater, former physical trainer of Willamette, but now with the Agricultural College, accompanied the O. A. C. team.

ADOLPHIBUS DUGGLEHEIMER
per Perry Reigelman.

"Vat to efery mans iss, dere iss some-dings vat iss not."—Binkleweiser.

I moost at the front of, vere I koom from tell you. I vas mit py a city on der Rehin geporen. My mooter vas ein voomans of great insoles und ein hardt so great as the ocean iss bigness. Since my demise ven but a childt I haf mit mein mooter on ein big farm ben pursuings a very fashionablelessness livings. It iss hier dat die dreamings before related has never taken place.

Dis iss die dreamings dat fer ten foots follered me in front of all the nights to come. I vill now begunness.

Ven I to mans estate koom I from out the parental ving saled vunce on der hurryeaning deck of a Mustanging bonys. Der vint und der hale stones mooch plo und der lightenings made lightens as iss der cannonadings roar bigness. Vell, ven I vunce hadt the ashore from der canoe along cut I started for all the money to rake into mein bockets vat I kud. Vell, as I mein canoe down der streamings gepadelt hat I looked her side of her poat on and mit die river floatin in I gazed the face of another Dutchmans into. But ven I looks the vater into too hardt I comes mit der conduct of dat oder Dutchmans into already yet.

Vell, before I kneughs vat hadt onter

me happened to fell I soon mit der surface of the bottom vass floatin on. Andt I hadt hardliness der schanse to around me lookings ven all me aboutt her a lot of sphrites komed. Vell—I vass vunce in my life surprisedly. Der sphrites vere vun off der queerablist peoples dat mein eyes hadt ever upon lookings east. But ven I vass upon der sphrites vere still conjecturings yet I vas gifen—ACH HIMMEL, vun great big jherkie py somdings vat I knoghed knott vat it vass. I vass mit der terrors aguing, for the speed limit, loike the choo-choos of a certain city in the neighborhood, vas so greatness dat mein elodings began fire to ignitings from der frictionatings of der vater mit. (Ach leber Augustine, fer ein schooner ob beer old Wilwaukee.) Iyellt but ven I the openings of mein mouth made vide dey mit der sehorehings up filled dat I a great deal had chokings, yet.

Vell, der speed limit grewed faster yet still always. Den ve daown to a sthop sloaed und mein ears ware assailings mit ein terrificationating noiselessness. Den me around I looked at, Ach, mit der mouths laffn me at I seeingsings der glambats vat vir at der glambakery haben yet. I vass so startlingatings dat my eyes awokened and (Ach Himmel) I vas still in der pett sleepings. Vell, I rolled over mit der pett und dere vass mein vife mit ein broom stiek poking me in der ribs into yet. She told me, "Happy Christmas und ein Merry New Year," and I said, "Vare done you get it?" She told me dere, und der lump iss on mein headt yet. Den she told me, "Ven did it sthart?" und I said, "Get houdt," and she did.

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Once upon a time the stalwart members of the second Willamette basketball team journeyed to the little Indian village of Chemawa to mix with the Indian braves in a basketball skirmish. The struggle took place in a long, poorly lighted tepee which some one had named the gymnasium, and was fiercely contested to the end. Chemawa commenced the scoring and the crowd of Indian youths and maidens which filled the gym shouted themselves hoarse. But soon the mighty Willamette forwards got busy and commenced a little basket tossing on their own account. At the end of the first half the pale faces were slightly in the lead but in the second half, which was even faster and more stirring than the first, they piled up the score until it was seen, when the smoke and dust had blown away, to be 16 to 10. Hornschuch distinguished himself both in the game and between halves on the side lines. The whole team played good consistent ball, Johnson's foul throwing being a feature. Lowe, Jeffries and Winslow made good as subs and Nelson as referee was fair and impartial. Willamette's lineup was: Hornschuch and Leach, forwards; Johnson, center; Cummins and Wilson, guards. A little party of Willamette rooters dared to invade the Indian territory but their feeble shouts were drowned out by the excited Chemawa maidens who surrounded them.

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Members of the alumni, old students, new students, and others interested in the prosperity and success of the paper are invited to contribute at any time. Address all communications to the Editor-in-Chief.

Owing to some misunderstanding between the manager of the Collegian and the executive committee of the student body, the staff was unable to put out an issue in January. The former manager's resignation has been accepted and Mr. Trill elected to take his place. It is hoped that from now on the Collegian will appear regularly.

At last the big "W" has been awarded, and handed to each member of the football team, or at least to those that happened to run across the person who dealt them out, wherever he happened to see the survivor of the gridiron. Of course they are appreciated very highly, but it would have shown a much better spirit, had a special meeting of the student body been called, so that the students might have had a chance to see the heroes of the fray rewarded for the efforts they put forth in upholding the institution. And then it would have been no more than just to the players themselves, that a little demonstration should have been made on their behalf.

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After so much criticism, it is only just to say that conditions have been growing better of late. A good crowd of enthusiastic rooters attended the last two basketball games, and most of them were students, which fact makes

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the affair more commendable. Only one more game of league basketball remains to be played this season, and the result of that game must be in favor of Willamette, so don't miss seeing it, when it is played.

Those who heard Opie Reed's lecture on "First One Thing, and then Another," cannot but be impressed with the imaginative powers of the great novelist. Back of that veil of humor which was so prevalent throughout his entire lecture, was revealed the sound thought and wisdom of the man who has placed himself in the front rank of American writers. Perhaps no man ever spoke in Salem that could better keep his

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audience in a state of laughter, through sound logic, than did Mr. Reed. The High School is to be commended on securing such a man to lecture in Salem.

THE HEART OF A BUSINESS MAN.

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Thirty-three years ago a young Irish immigrant, with all of his belongings, crossed the Missouri river with a yoke of oxen. He settled on what he has ever since called his "gift from Uncle Sam"; for he always maintains that Uncle Sam gave him that farm.

He was very industrious and prosperous, and for some time he lived in retirement. Retirement? I will tell of one day's activities and allow you to judge for yourself.

One morning he boarded an early train for the capital of the state. After arriving there, he hastened through his business affairs, and then wended his way to a poor tenement district of the city. He ascended an old stairway and went to a little back room where he greeted a feeble old lady who had been left behind in the racing tide. He spoke a few cheery words, then shaking her hand and leaving in it a large coin, was off again.

Where had he been? Only to see an old neighbor of pioneer days.

He then went to a jeweler's store and purchased a baby's ring, saying, "I must next go to see another woman; she would be disappointed if I didn't."

He stepped into a car, rode to the outskirts of the city, and went to a little cottage where a young married couple lived. The woman, with a beaming face, met him at the door and gave him a hearty welcome. After a few minutes of cheerful conversation, he placed the ring on the baby's finger, and was off again.

Where had he been? O, the woman had been a hired girl in this gentleman's home; but he had not forgotten her.

A business errand for his church next claimed his attention. And so the day went; yet his friends at home thought that only business had occupied his time the whole day.

For up-to-date photos, that will please the college critic, call on Tom Cronise, the old reliable standby.

COLLEGE LIFE

For the nobbiest spring fashions, especially applicable for examination wear, call on "Fashion-plate" Hornchucks, "Buttrick-pattern" Chamberlain and "Delineator" Crawford.

They didn't flunk out, but they Bach (ed) out fearfully quick. Nich war?

Philosophy.

According to a wayside philosopher (tramp) the ordinary man's a fool, he'll climb a tree for an apple, when if he'd wait long enough it'd fall off. They will go to war to kill men, when if they'd leave them alone they'd die of old age. And they'll run after a girl where, if they didn't, the girl 'ud run after them. "Nuf sed."

Prof. Tillman (in surveying class)—"Mr. Underhill, what angle did you get for that problem?"

Mr. Uunderhill—24 deg. 50 min. 60 sec."

R. Hewitt (after Prof. Matthews gives a certain problem to find the number of handshakes)—"Did you say the number of hands that shake?"

In Chemawa's dimly lighted gym You could see her sweetly greeting him. Hornshuch 'most forgot his duty, So dazzled was he by her beauty. "Willamette's girls are poor; She's my style I'm sure." On the homeward car that night 'Twas pitiful to see his plight, And Sunday in the early dawn This youth was to Chemawa drawn.

When we were children we learned that twelve inches make one foot, and so on. But only recently, and it was by the object method, some of us learned that two feet make one dime—disappear. Some of the specators at the Freshman-Sophomore basketball game Monday afternoon were highly entertained by a clear demonstration of this fact. The exhibition was given

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during the intermission, and took the form of a slight of hand, or more strictly speaking, a slide of foot performance.

Crawford insists that Rome was canned rather than sacked.

Morgan—"Where do you get your authority for that?"

Winslow—"I don't need any authority. I have a little common sense."

Morgan—"What authority have you for that last statement?"

Professor Fisher, who has been confined to the hospital for the past few weeks, has fully recovered and is again wielding the rod in the library.

In addition to the good advice received from Prof. Riddell's lecture on "Love, Courtship, Marriage, etc.," Smith, Shields and Crawford took lessons on "Child Culture." "Judge" says that they are eminently practical.

Forecast of a college week:
Monday—Hazy—no one knows their lesson.

Tuesday—Bright—everybody busy.

Wednesday—Stormy—French lesson not well prepared.

Thursday—Mist—Hardman out of school.

Friday—A Royal day—Hardman in school again.

Why do people laugh in their sleeves? Because that is where their funny bone is.

Prof. Adams—"One who tries to read without thinking is a zero with the rim knoecka off."

Prof. Reynolds—"Why is the book I am looking for always in the last drawer? (Because I always stop when I find it.)"

Is the High Price getting higher?

Girls, ask Hindman what he found in his suit case?

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Belknap believes in studies scientific. Ask him how to play with a string.

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Winslow, before student body—"I am going to make a proposition (proposal) especially to the girls."

♦ ♦ ♦

Ask Gilbert about his friend at the Sacred Heart Academy.

Paradoxical.

The nervous foreigner got up and went back to the conductor of the street car.

"Pardon, m'sieur," said he, "but ze car, he runs so slow, and why, if you please? Ees it not so?"

"Yep," replied the conductor. "We can't help it though. You see, the car ahead is behind."

The foreigner's eyes opened wider. "Would you mind saying him again?" he asked apologetically.

"I say," replied the conductor, louder than before, "that the car ahead is behind. See?"

The foreigner returned to his seat. "Ze ca-r- ahead, he ees behind?" said he to himself. "Most wonderful, most astonishing in zis country."—Ex.

EXCHANGES

The Evergreen, of the W. S. C., has put out an excellent Christmas number. The work was done by the Freshmen and they may well feel proud of it.

Review, of McMinnville College, we had to look all through the paper before we could find from where you came. A full date line on the outside would help a great deal. However, the inside matter is of pretty good material.

The Oregon Weekly, from U. of O., brings news of the establishing of correspondence courses in several branches in the university. The paper is as full of news as usual. An exchange column would do it good, however.

The Maroon, from the University of Puget Sound, carries more than mere sound. It has some good stuff between its covers.

The stories in the Wyoming Student are short, crisp, and to the point. They are well worth reading.

The Courier, Magazine of Musical and Dramatic Art, is found upon our exchange tables. Between the covers there is a great deal of good reading material for those interested.

The Pen Charter Magazine comes to us from Philadelphia. It is a neat booklet, very modest in appearance and contains the usual or more than the usual amount of school spirit and life. We are glad to get you.

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The joint meeting of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. held Sunday afternoon in the college chapel was led by Rev. Selleck and though the attendance was small the meeting proved to be one of the most inspiring and beneficial of the year.

Mr. Bisbee and Miss Cornelius rendered a duet which was beautiful and very impressive.

Mr. Selleck then gave a heart-to-heart talk, taking as his text I Chron. 29:5, dwelling especially on the fact that the Israelites gave, gave willingly, and then rejoiced. He made an appeal for every one to consecrate themselves completely to God's service and to come to Him with empty hands, which God would fill with His Spirit and blessings to be distributed among His people.

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The Junior Laws have finished their examinations on Blackstone, and will now take up the work on Real Property and Contracts. They are wearing the smile that won't come off—deeming it rare sport that they have laid "Sir William" to rest with appropriate ceremonies.

Hon. J. W. Morton, now practicing law at Hood River, and a former member of our class, was a visitor of the Law Department recently. Mr. Morton is enjoying a flourishing practice in the "apple center." His old classmates are always glad to welcome him.

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Event of the year.

The greatest event of the college year took place last Thursday evening in the Philodorian hall, when a dainty and delicious bachelor dinner was served by the Philodorian to their sister society and friends. The society opened its evening session by a response to roll call, with quotations from the Bible. The following excellent program was rendered: Vocal solo, W. G. Trill; poetry, Perry Reigleman; lecture, "The Fair Sex," H. K. Spalding; reading Clark Belknap; violin solo, Philip Stover. The discussion, "Resolved, that a constitutional amendment should be secured giving the federal government exclusive control over divorces," was carried on in a spirited manner. The two leading features on the evening's program were the lecture on "The Fair Sex," by Happy Harry, and the violin solo, by Mr. Stover. "Winsom Brown Eyes" proved himself well informed, and kept his hearers in storms of laughter while he unwound the profound mystery. Mr. Stover charmed his audience with delicacy and richness of tone.

After the close of the program, Miss Gittens, the president of the Philodorian Society, came forward, and after a well chosen and interesting speech, presented to the Philodorians, in behalf of the Philodorsians, an artistic scene, to serve as an embellishment to the barren walls of the Philodorian hall.

The jubilant audience adjourned to the dining room and all partook of a delicious bachelor supper, served by broad shouldered athletes with all the ease and grace of dainty waitresses. Toasts were proposed, and all were immersed in the flood of wit and merriment.

After the guests departed the eccentric old bachelors relaxed, threw up their hands in horror at the O! most horrible sight! of so many dishes to wash.

Each fair one found awaiting her a lovely bouquet of carnations tied with old gold and cardinal ribbon.

WEBSTERIAN.

The Websterian Society held its regular meeting Friday afternoon, Janu-

ary 31. A good literary program was rendered. A. B. May gave an interesting and instructive talk on the "Power of Choice."

Mr. Seltice read a composition that was exceptionally good. Mr. Seltice is one of the new members of the society and promises an acting interest in the work.

The debate, "Resolved, that the bill appropriating \$125,000 to the University of Oregon be approved by the people," was won by the affirmative, Messrs. Underhill and Forbes, over the negative, Messrs. Hobson and Chamberlin.

The Websterians and their sisters, the Adelantes, will hold a joint meeting next Friday evening and a good time is assured to all. All Websterians and Adelantes be sure and come.

ADELANTE.

The election of officers for the ensuing semester was held at the regular meeting of the Adelante Literary Society last Friday. Those chosen to fill the offices which have been so faithfully conducted the past semester are: President, Frances Newcomb; vice president, Atha Dimick; recording secretary, Winnifred Reeves; corresponding secretary, Marie Schmidt; treasurer, Fannie Funk; first directress, Alma Haskins; second directress, Nellie Casbere; first critic, Helen Smith; second critic, Anna Jackson; first usher, Mathilda Siegmund; second usher, Mary Emmel.

The literary ability and enthusiasm of our present corps of officers insures rapid progress in the literary and social status of the society. This society, though young, ranks among the first in literary attainments, one phase of which is debates. This was shown by our success in the recent tryout. Our girls did nobly and we are proud of them. Those interested in literary work are cordially invited to attend our meetings and observe for themselves the high quality of work this society is doing. Programs of special merit are rendered at the monthly joint meetings of the Websterian and Adelante societies. The next one of these will occur next Saturday evening, February 8.

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written romance, also one for consolation.

The signification of 1908 was not forgotten, and the game played in its honor decided the fates of many present.

College songs and yells were indulged in as if by common impulse, but best of all were the refreshments, to which every one did ample justice.

Those present were: Misses Nora Emmel, Selma Norberg, Atha Dimick, Mary Isham, Theo Bennet, Hattie Beckley and Alma Haskin, and Mr. and Mrs. Beatty, Misses Frances Newcomb, Mary Emmel, Mathilda Siegmund and Marie Schmidt.

The happy company dispersed after giving three rousing cheers for their genial entertainers, Miss Newcomb and Mr. and Mrs. Baetty.

GUESS AGAIN

The following are typical descriptions of some of our most popular young co-eds. Can you guess who they are?

Name—Miss ———.
 Age—uncertain.
 Disposition—winning.
 Ambition—to get married.
 Hobby—late hours.
 Favorite resort—Library.
 First impression—she is cute.
 Present opinion—She thinks she is.
 Occupation—Flunking.
 Destiny—Old maid.

Name— ———
 Age—Variable.
 Disposition—Cranky.
 Ambition—To become a Sheperdess.
 Hobby—Proposing.
 Favorite resort—M. E. church.
 First impression—Beautiful.
 Present opinion—Beauty is as beauty does.

Occupation in college—Flunking.
 Destiny—Famous debater.

Name— ———
 Age—Decreasing.
 Disposition—Cheerful.
 Ambition—A lawyer's wife.
 Hobby—C. O. H.

Favorite resort—State library.
 First impression—Homesick girl.
 Present opinion—Changeable.
 Occupation in college—Talking to the boys.

Destiny—Actress.
 Name— ———
 Age—Youngest child.
 Disposition—Warlike, but just.
 Ambition—To run on woman suffrage ticket.

Favorite resort—Dean Bowyer's office.

First impression—Sincere.
 Present opinion—The same.
 Occupation in college—Student affairs.

Hobby—Oxford post cards.
 Destiny—Prof's wife.

Name— ———
 Age—Let x equal her age.
 Disposition—Quiet and lovable.
 Ambition—To become a "Brownie."
 Hobby—Miss Kaufman.
 Favorite resort—Amen corner in library.

First impression—Sweet little girl.
 Present opinion—Sweeter.
 Occupation in college—President of literary society.
 Destiny—To live for "Eber" more.

BELKNAP WINS

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love sing, "Just Awearin' for You," which was enthusiastically received. At the close of the contest, and while the judges were making their decision, the university male quartet sang in fine harmony "Until the Dawn."

Congratulations fast and furious were showered upon the winner by his admiring friends.

TRILL TO MANAGE COLLEGIAN.

Wallace G. Trill was recently appointed by the executive committee to manage the financial affairs of the Collegian. He is a senior in the College of Law, and will fill the place left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Catlow.

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Unruh Mana- ger Athletics

At the Regular Student-body Meeting Mr. G. E. Unruh of the Law School was Selected as Athletic Manager for '08-'09

The associated students of the university, at their meeting last Wednesday, unanimously elected Mr. Glen Unruh general manager of athletics for the coming year.

Mr. Unruh will make an excellent manager, as he has had considerable experience in that line from the time he first entered Willamette, some six years ago. In fact he has managed



G. E. UNRUH.

every student body enterprise from a Christmas carnival to a football team, and judging from his past record we may justly expect "something doin'" in the athletic line next year.

"Slim" is one of those genial, good-natured chaps that makes friends and also keeps them. He is a wide-awake, energetic fellow and keeps things humming every minute.

The students are to be congratulated in their choice, as Unruh's ability, experience and acquaintance will help materially in producing successful athletics for the year '08-'09.

Unruh has already got busy and says that he sees material in sight for a husky football team next fall.

WHAT IS TRUE LITERATURE?

Problems of Modern Literature.

(By Leon Yanekwieh.)

Nothing is stationary. Everything is evolving. The law of evolution applicable to every department of human knowledge is applicable and holds true to literature also.

Literature, too, evolves from incoherence to coherence, from indefiniteness to definiteness. By literature we mean the aggregate of literary products of mankind. Literature is the way of transmittal of thought or, as defined by the modern sociological critics, a means of socializing thought and sympathy. Literature thus is a social product. As such its character depends on the character of the social environment in which it is produced; it bears the impress of that environment and in studying the literature of an epoch we can discover the social environment that has produced it and vice versa.

It is only realizing this sociological meaning of literature that we are able to understand why one of the greatest, if not the greatest, literary critics of the world says: "Among the documents which bring before our eyes the sentiments of preceding generations, a literature and especially a great literature is incomparably the best." (H. Taine, "History of English Literature.")

To every social organization corresponds a certain conception of literature and a certain literature. And as the social environment has been in continual change so has the literature.

In the mediaeval period, in that time of religious mania and perverted idealism, when supersition was regnant, the attention of mankind was directed to everything but precise and experienced facts.

It is in these forceful sentences that Taine depicts that epoch: "For seventeen centuries a deep and sad thought had weighed upon the spirit of man; first to overwhelm it; then to exalt and weaken it; never losing its hold through out this long space of time. It was the idea of weakness and decay of human races, Greek corruption, Roman oppression, and the dissolution of the ancient world had given rise to it. This epoch in its turn produced a stoical resignation, an epicurean indifference, Alexandrian mysticism and the Christian hope for the kingdom of God. 'The world is evil and lost, let us escape by

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BELKNAP WINS *Farmers Win*

In the Local Oratorical Tryout Friday Evening, Clark Belknap Won the Gold Medal, and the Boyer Prize of Twenty Dollars.

His Oration Was Entitled the "Twentieth Century State"---H. S. Hardman Won Second Place and Will Deliver the Toast at the Banquet

Because he delivered the oration "The Twentieth Century State" in such a manner that pleased the judges, Clark Belknap was awarded the gold medal of the oratorical association of Willamette University and a prize of \$20 from Dean Boyer. The contest was close and the silver tongues held sway without hindrance, to the delight and edification of the large crowd assembled in honor of the occasion. The orators dealt with the questions that are occupying the public attention.

Mr. Belknap has a fine presence on the platform. His delivery is earnest and thoughtful, with a strong quality of sincerity that carries with it weight and conviction. Mr. Belknap has had considerable experience in the art of oratory and will be a creditable representative of the "old historic school" in the state contest which takes place at Monmouth in March.

The oration "Political Wrongs and Individual Responsibilities," by H. S. Hardman, was given second honors. Mr. Hardman had an able oration and gave it in a creditable manner. All of the orations were of high merit and well delivered. Leon Yanekwich told of the inhumanity and cruelty of the child

labor evil, and quoted statistics to prove the statements which he made. Murray Shanks discussed the ideal relation between capital and labor and what inestimable good would come if the two factions would only realize that they work together and not against each other to attain the highest welfare for all.

The judges on composition were Hon. Charles McNary, Prof. E. T. Marlatte and Rev. Paul Bandy; on delivery, Rev. Father Moore, Judge John H. Scott and L. T. Moores of the blind school. The presiding officer of the evening was Mayor George F. Rodgers.

The evening program was opened by a selection of instrumental music by the Y. M. C. A. Mandolin Club. The number was so well given that the audience wished for more and asked for it. The club was generous and responded. Between the second and third speakers Mernie A. Hug sang in her inimitable and pleasing manner the pretty "Kiss Waltz" from Ardi. Again the audience was not satisfied with that which was given, but demanded a further libation of song. The singer graciously responded and sang a pretty

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In an Interesting Game the O. A. C. Basketball Team Won from Willamette by Score of 28 to 13

The Game Was Fast and Somewhat Rough --- Hornschuh Scores Most Points for Willamette

By the score of 28 to 13 the basketball team of Willamette University went down to defeat at the hands of the lads from Corvallis Friday night in the Willamette gymnasium before a large and enthusiastic crowd of rooters. There was some rough playing indulged in at the beginning of the game, but the penalties of the officials put a damper to this work.

The first half was much better than the last, as the teams kept pretty close together. At one time Willamette was four points in the lead, but gradually lost it. The close of the first half stood 8 to 12 in favor of Corvallis. O. A. C. in the second half caught the spirit of basket throwing and netted the sphere every once in a while, rolling up the score considerably. The varsity boys upheld the honor of the cardinal and the gold in a very creditable manner. Willamette can well be proud of her team though it loses.

Rooper, forward, piled up six points for Corvallis; Horton, forward, six points; Rooper, guard, four points; Spires, guard, two points; Foster, center, six points; Moore, forward in place of Rooper, four points. For Willamette the score winners are Moores, forward,

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three; Pemberton, forward, one; Hornshuch, center, six; Nelson, guard, two; one point awarded, total 13.

Frank Grannis, referee; Don Yantis, umpire.

Roy Heater, former physical trainer of Willamette, but now with the Agricultural College, accompanied the O. A. C. team.

ADOLPHIBUS DUGGLEHEIMER per Perry Reigelman.

"Vat to efery mans iss, dere iss some-dings vat iss not."—Binkleweiser.

I moost at the front of, vere I koom from tell you. I vas mit py a city on der Rehin geporen. My mooter vas ein voomans of great insoles und ein hardt so great as the ocean iss bigness. Since my demise ven but a childt I haf mit mein mooter on ein big farm ben pursuings a very fashionablelessness livings. It iss hier dat die dreamings before related has never taken place.

Dis iss die dreamings dat fer ten foots follered me in front of all the nights to come. I vill now begunness.

Ven I to mans estate koom I from out the parental ving saled vunce on der hurrycaning deck of a Mustanging bonys. Der vint und der hale stones mooeh plo und der lightnings made lightens as iss der cannonadings roar bigness. Vell, ven I vunce hadt the ashore from der canoe along cut I started for all the money to rake into mein bockets vat I kud. Vell, as I mein canoe down der streamings gepadelt hat I looked her side of her poat on and mit die river floatin in I gazed the face of another Dutchmans into. But ven I looks the vater into too hardt I comes mit der conduct of dat oder Dutchmans into already yet.

Vell, before I kneughs vat hadt onter

me happened to fell I soon mit der surface of the bottom vass floatin on. Andt I hadt hardliness der schanse to around me lookings ven all me aboutt her a lot of sphrites komed. Vell—I vass vunce in my life surprisedly. Der sphrites vere vun off der queerablest peeoples dat mein eyes hadt ever upon lookings east. But ven I vass upon der sphrites vere still conjeeturing yet I vas gifen—ACH HIMMEL, vun great big jherkie py somdings vat I knoghed knott vat it vass. I vass mit der terrors aguing, for the speed limit, loike the choo-choos of a certain city in the neighborhood, vas so greatness dat mein clodings began fire to ignitings from der frictionatings of der vater mit. (Ach leber Augustine, fer ein schooner ob beer old Wilwaukee.) Iyellt but ven I the openings of mein mouth made vide dey mit der schorehings up filled dat I a great deal had chokings, yet.

Vell, der speed limit grewed faster yet still always. Den ve daown to a sthop sloaed und mein cars ware assailings mit ein terrificationating noiselessness. Den me around I looked at, Ach, mit der mouths laffn me at I seeingsings der glamps vat vir at der glambakery haben yet. I vass so startlingatings dat my eyes awokened and (Ach Himmel) I vas still in der pett sleepings. Vell, I rolled over mit der pett und dere vass mein vife mit ein broom stiek poking me in der ribs into yet. She told me, "Happy Christmas und ein Merry New Year," and I said, "Vare done you get it?" She told me dere, und der lump iss on mein headt yet. Den she told me, "Ven did it sthart?" und I said, "Get houdt," and she did.

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insensibility, amazement, ecstasy.' Thus spoke philosophy. And religion coming after it accounted, 'Prepare for the kingdom of God is near.' For a thousand years universal ruin incessantly drove still deeper into their heart this gloomy thought. In place of free creed, enforced orthodoxy, in place of moral fervor fixed religious practices; in place of the heart and stirring thought, outward and mechanical discipline such are the characteristics of the middle age."

No wonder then that social environment corresponds to the conception of "art for art's own sake"; conception which considers the poet a sort of divine being, who shutting his eyes and ears to all that is facts, lets his imagination wander in the higher spheres, wherefrom he receives inspiration. And the literature of that time, characterized as romanticism, bears the impress of that environment and conception. To depart as much as possible from facts, to create heroes a la Don Quixote, to describe sentiments that exist in imagination only, on one hand to limit their sphere of action to courts, kings, monarchs, princes and nobles; to despise the mass, the people at large, on the other hand, this is the tendency of that literature.

The detrimental and pernicious influence of such literature is thus given by Ruskin: "Wherever art is practiced for its own sake and the delight of the workman is in what he does and produces instead of in what he interprets or exhibits, there art has an influence of the most fatal kind on brains and heart, and its issues, if long so pursued, in the destruction both of intellectual power and principles." But human society and human knowledge advance. To that epoch of aristocracy and superstition follows the enlightened nineteenth century with its discoveries. The triumph of science and democracy changes the face of the world and, simplicity, the face of literature. Psychology teaches us now that a writer is not a supernatural, inspired being, but a man, who has some psychical faculties higher developed than the common man. Many are inclined to be-

lieve that sensitiveness is higher developed in the writer but, as an intelligent critic said, that superior quality is the power of expression, of composition. And so, really, it is. We see a sunset, sunrise or other natural phenomena. We are deeply impressed, but are unable to express in words the sensation felt. "How beautiful it is," or some kindred words are the only expressions we are able to utter, and these are far from making people understand the beauty of the scene and the intensity of the impression. It is the writer only who, though impressed almost in the same degree, is able to draw a plastic picture of the landscape so as to make us realize the beauty of the sight and the depth of the impression. Hence, to the conception of a poet inspired modern psychology opposes the conception of a poet-man, a man higher developed psychically of course.

Along with evolution of science and as a cause of it, goes evolution of society, democratization of institutions. The struggle for existence becomes more acute; other sufferances than the imaginary ones of Abelards and Heloises are brought forth.

The modern man arises, of whom

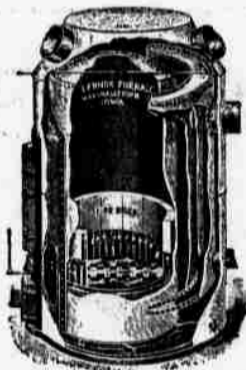
Taine says: "Impelled by two sentiments, one democratic, other philosophic, from the shallows of his poverty he exerts himself to rise, lifting the weight of established society and admitted dogmas, disposed either to destroy or to reform them, and at once generous and rebellious."

As the result of these changes the tendency of literature is no more to shut its eyes before the world; the popular tide is advancing and literature descends from its higher spheres to reality.

To the romanticism of Hugo follows the realism of that great genius Zola. Like a physician he dissects modern society. The soul of the people, hitherto a mystery to us in its various manifestations, is the object of his studies. Tolstoi, Ibsen, Daudet, Gorgi, Hauptmann, Zudermann and others are following the same path.

In the American literature, too, the stories of Hiawatha follow those powerful stories of real life of London, Wells and others; and in the English literature, besides the phalanx of writers of past decades we find today that great truth-teller, Bernard Shaw.

(To be continued).



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