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## THE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

### Won by Peters of Pacific University.

The Interscholastic oratorical contest held in Forest Grove Friday March 11 was won by Peters of Pacific University. His subject was "The German Patriot." The decision of the judges seemed to be generally coincident with that formed by the audience.

Goodrich of the University of Oregon came second with his thoughtful oration—"The Passing of Absolute Leadership."

The contest was a highly successful one and was enjoyed by all who were privileged to be present. As usual college yells, songs, hits etc. were freely indulged in. Pacific University might also be accorded first place in this line with O. A. C. a close second.

#### THE BUSINESS MEETING

The executive committee at their meeting Friday morning decided not to recommend the much talked of new plan. Instead an amendment was added to the constitution providing that a copy of each oration shall be transmitted to each college at the same time that the orations are sent to the judges on composition. This amendment is to lessen the likelihood of plagiarism. The anticipated lively debate did not become manifest, as every thing had been "cut and dried" in the lobby.

The next contest will be held at Newberg. Wallace Riddell of Willamette University was elected treasurer, Sanderson of Pacific college is the new president and Goodman of O. A. C. the new secretary.

#### THE BANQUET

Immediately after the contest the delegations and others numbering about 200 in all went to Villards Hall where the banquet was held. This was a very swell affair—the eatables being of the highest order and the toasts to which each college responded, together with those of president Campbell University of Oregon,

Ex. Gov. Geer, Chaplin Gilbert under the able leadership of President Ferrin as toastmaster, were such as to appropriately complete the evening.

The Forest Grove people certainly entertained in a very hospitable manner and they are praised by all for their many kindnesses.

#### OUR REPRESENTATIVE

did not win the state oratorical contest, but did his best. His oration and delivery were both quite different in style from the others. Mr. Winslow has done in this contest, hard conscientious work as he always does in his undertakings and we appreciate his efforts. Though in 1904 when Willamette was just beginning to quicken her pace he did not win a certain gold medal, he did win our gratitude, he did represent us creditably and we predict that in other years that are to come he will win other things honorable both for himself and his Alma Mater.

## Associations.

#### Y. W. C. A.

The Young Womans Christian Association meeting was led by Miss Erna Clarke last Sunday. Her subject "Absolute Surrender" was well and interestingly handled. There was a better attendance than the Sunday meetings have had for several weeks but it was not what it should be.

The girls have begun to raise their Capitola money. Capitola rally was held Wednesday evening and \$9.50 was raised. A new plan has been adopted for raising money. The girls are pledging themselves to earn a sum of money just for Capitola. That is each girl will try to earn a dollar or more by doing some work evenings or Saturdays. It is believed that this plan will be more successful than the one in which socials and bazars are given as it will not interfere with school work. Two delegates will be sent and on these two girls much of the best work of the association will depend next year.

Read the Collegian.

## DAVENPORT COMING.

### America's Greatest Cartoonist to Be Here April 11.

Mr. Homer Davenport, the man of whom all Oregon is proud has been secured to give his now famous lecture, "The Power of a Cartoon," as an athletic benefit. Mr. Davenport is rapidly achieving a world wide reputation as a humorist and story teller as well as a cartoonist. In this lecture will be displayed his ability in both lines as it abounds with humorous and pathetic stories, which Mr. Davenport will illustrate by means of his powerful pencil.

Following is a comment on his lecture by the San Francisco Post of March, 11.

Homer Davenport, the world-famed cartoonist, made his initial appearance last night before a San Francisco audience, and was accorded a royal reception. For two hours he kept his audience in the best of humor with itself, and his little talk was punctuated with applause. His humor is of a quiet sort, which appeals to the highest order of intelligence, and the laughter which greeted his efforts was interspersed with tears over his pathetic moments.

The only accessories used by the artist were an easel with several wide sheets of brown paper on it, a handful of crayons and a full dress suit. This was the first time we have seen Davenport in full dress, and the glad rags are very becoming to the cartoonist. The brown paper on the easel gave out before Davenport had finished, his last cartoon was made on the

redwood board. It was a cartoon of Tom Reed, former "czar" of the house, and it was by far the best of the evening.

#### SPLENDID AUDIENCE

Davenport needed no introduction to San Francisco, and his audience was a thoroughly representative one, including the wealth and fashion of San Francisco, as well as all classes. The cartoonist gave a number of his personal experiences, all of which were well told and vastly interesting. He has an easy and unaffected delivery, and spins out his narratives slowly and clearly and without the slightest hesitation.

## ECHOS FROM THE CONTEST

If the delegation had had mules to pull them out when they got chucked in the stuck hole, Mr. Talbot would not have gotten hurt.

Oh where, oh where has the custard pie gone,  
Oh where oh where can it be?  
With its crust so tender and its custard so deep,  
With its breadth so wide, and its length so long,  
Oh where, oh where can it be?

Mabel should use a little more discretion in her problems of division.

The Forest Grove girls say that Kinny Miller and Burgess Ford were the worst flirts at the banquet.

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Once again the inter-collegiate oratorical contest has come and gone and once again Willamette has failed to win. Our delegates say that the right man received the medal and that the contest was a success in every particular. Although our orator did not win first place, he sacrificed time and labor and did the best he could, for which on behalf of the student body, the Collegian expresses sincere gratitude to him.

Nothing but words of praise can be heard for the royal manner in which Pacific entertained the visiting delegations. The people of Forest Grove seemed to open their hearts and homes and the students left no stone unturned to contribute to the pleasure and comfort of their guests. Pacific made a reputation for hospitality of which she may well be proud.

The plan adopted by the association, at its business meeting for the prevention of plagiarism is a good one and a step in the right direction. We have one fault to find with it however, in that we think that after the orator is permitted to enter the contest he should not further be subjected to the charge of plagiarism by the association or any member thereof. If the fault is not plain enough to be discernable from a three weeks perusal of the oration by seven colleges it is not likely to be great enough to furnish suffi-

cient ground on which to subject the orator to the disgrace of newspaper criticism.

We can not refrain from expressing our regret that the proposed plan, for holding the contest in the future, about which so much has been said and written, failed to be brought up at all. It is our humble opinion that the day for "set" orations or speeches is rapidly drawing to a close and as the old declamation contests were compelled to give way to the present system, so must the present give place to something more or less than debate and oratorical contests to be practicable must be planned with that fact in view.

That our present plan is out of date is evidenced by the fact that it has been dropped by the largest and more advanced Colleges and Universities in the east. That the proposed plan is feasible and practicable has been proven in a score of instances in our own state viz. at Pacific University last June. The sooner the inter-collegiate oratorical association of Oregon adopts some plan similar to the one proposed the sooner it will take rank among practical student enterprises.

It has been real amusing to note with what persistency the Dallas College basketball team has been claiming championships ever since the season, just closed, began. It started in about Christmas when it met and defeated the Portland "All Stars" and immediately laid claim to the coast championship. Since that time they have come thick and fast. Although three times defeated by Washington teams and although they failed to defeat either of these teams in a single match, yet they stoutly assert themselves champions of the Northwest. And when they succeeded in defeating our team once, they at once failed to take into consideration the fact that we had beaten them only the week before, and laid claim to the state championship. If the Dallas calculator who has accomplished such wonders, can show to the world how the first game of the season played in one state can settle the champion-

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Bobby Bob's on the Board by the Boarding Hall.

It is now the medico's turn to "fear and tremble"

What was the matter with the march Friday morning?

Exams are the features of the day, among the medics.

Ask Kinney how it was that the waitress waited on him last.

What makes Clara and Belle so intimate since the contest?

Mr. McCluskey of Toledo, Oregon, was a chapel visitor Tuesday.

How about the appetites of the people who went to Forest Grove.

Miss Holmstrom hopes that Mr. Heltzel will win the Oratorical contest in his Freshman year.

Miss Muriel Wenger, a former student, was among the number who attended chapel exercises Tuesday.

Mr. F. W. Poorman has resumed his studies after a short enforced vacation caused by LaGrippe.

The medics are quite rejoiced over the prospect of a new building. Let the good work go on.

On one of the girls expressing a desire to have a fur around her neck, Edgar asked if his coat sleeve wasn't furry enough.

Monday noon the medical students "posed" before the artist for a picture for the next years catalogue.

Rev. R. Foster Stone, of Ohio, who has been in the city in the interest of prohibition for several days occupied a seat on the Chapel Platform Tuesday morning.

Miss Elizabeth Stowell was called home by the sudden death of her mother. The Collegian extends to her the sympathy of the entire student body.

Next week the University Glee Club starts on its tour through Eastern Oregon and Idaho. They have a splendid program and they will be good representatives of Willemette University.

Dr. Coleman will give a reception to the Faculty and students of all departments of the University, Saturday evening March 19, at the young Ladies Boarding Hall.

Miss Shield—Have you my tickets to the contest?

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EXCHANGES

Dallas defeated O. A. C. at basketball Friday night by a score of 17-15.

Manager—I want you to appear in just one piece holding a stick of dynamite.

"Yes, and how many pieces will I appear in if the dynamite explodes."—Life.

There are two classes of students: Those who work their way and those who work their parents.—Ex.

"I fear," said the postage stamp on the college girl's letter to her far-away lover, "I fear I am not sticking to facts."

"My daughter," and his voice was stern,

"You must set this matter right;

What time did the Sophomore leave,

Who sent in his card last night?"

"His work was pressing father, dear,

And his love for it was great; He took his leave and went away

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Then a twinkle came to her bright blue eyes,

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### PHILOSOPHIAN.

Although the oratorical contest occasioned the absence of several of the Philodorian's most faithful members, the society assembled at the usual hour last Friday afternoon and spent the time very profitably. The attendance was excellent and the interest shown by some of the new members indicates a prosperous future for the society.

The following program was rendered:

Piano Solo . . . Elizabeth Stowell  
Paper . . . Alma Hales.  
Sketch on Anthony Hope . . .  
. . . . . Alice Shepard  
Discussion on State Oratorical Contests . . . . . Sylva Jones.  
Response to Roll call with quotations from American Authors.

### PHILOBORIAN

For various reasons the society was not very well attended Saturday evening. Nevertheless those who did come were amply repaid with a profitable evening and when the program was concluded were glad that they had mustered courage to brave the wind and rain.

The society is still growing and bears evidence that it is entering upon an unprecedented advancement toward an ideal literary and debating association. Ross Soward was elected to membership and initiated with great pomp. There are yet a great number of students in school who should be enjoying the benefits and privileges that can only be conferred by a good literary society, and the Philodorian opens wide her portals and will warmly welcome whosoever wishes to enter providing they come for no other purpose than to secure the benefits and blessings that will inevitably accrue to them if their intentions are serious and properly directed.

The following program was rendered:

Recitation, Lucretia, R. C. Glover.

Resources of Coos County, Oliver Spire.

Twenty minutes Parliamentary Practice Discussion.

Resolved, That an amendment should be made to the Federal constitution, giving Congress exclusive control of divorce.

Affirmative, R. R. Mathews, John Reichen.

Negative, George Simpson, Roy Hewitt.

"And you warrant this suit to wear?"

"Ach, Gott, yes! Vat you tink him for, to eat?"—Ex.

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ship of three states, how the championship of the Northwest can be won by defeats and how championships of a state can be won with one defeat and one victory, he will certainly have established for himself a lasting name among the mathematicians of the world.

When Dallas College has defeated Willamette once more, and the Tocoma, Y. M. C. A. Seattle Y. M. C. A. and the University of Washington, each twice in succession, then and only then can she rightly claim the Northwest championship.

For several issues, the Collegian has been late and it seems that this one will prove no exception to the rule. The only excuse we have to offer is a hazy staff and a lazy editor. Under the circumstances we consider ourselves fortunate in being able to present you with any thing which will answer to the name of paper. However to those who are kicking because the paper is late or because there is nothing in it, we would say that if you would do your duty the paper would come out on time and it might have something in it of interest, at least to yourselves. Do not think you can shift all of the burden and responsibility off onto the staff. We are willing to accept our share, but every student is in a measure responsible for the success of the paper. The paper is yours just as much as it is ours.

Then again we can not be every place at once nor is it possible for us to see and hear every thing that goes on. If the paper does not suit you and you have a plan by which you think it can be improved, why come and let us talk it over. But do not waste your breath in idle criticism, for remember it is much easier to find fault with existing conditions than it is to suggest plans for their improvement.

"What troubles the soul of the mighty Hiawathy?" Inquired the lovely Mimbaha.

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