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BASKETBALL FRIDAY.

A Battle Royal is Expected on That Evening.

The basketball boys have been practicing hard for the game with O. A. C., n I now everything is in readiness for what promises to be one of the most hotly contested games ever witnessed in our gymnasium. Although we won from the State Normal School by a good mar-gin, yet the team did not display the snap, endurance and accuracy which characterized the With Parwork of last year. sons, the only man lacking of last year's crack team, and with several good meu from which to select his successor, there is to reason why we should not put up even better ball than last year. In the practice game with the city Y. M. C. A. last Thursday night, a somewhat better showing was made, although the score should have been much larger on one side and smaller on the other.

Improvement was especially noticeable in Pollard, who made 14 of the 20 points scored for the Varsity. Victor Allen, a University student who played with the Y.M. C. A., made 7 of their 8 points for them. Although the game was rough, especially on the part of the Y. M. A., the listlessness which characterized the Monmouth game was entirely lacking. The only two baskets which the association made from the field, were made over Simpson, a new Whipman who was put in in ple's place in the last half just to see what he could do. With the exception of letting his man get away from him, those two fatal times, he played a good game, and, with practice, will make a strong player.

O. A. C. always put out a very strong team, and from reports this year's is even stronger than usual. For the first time in their history they met and defeated the Portland All Stars in Portland last Friday night by a score of 26 to 16. The victory was all the more remarkable considering the fact that it was won on the Portlander's own floor. Swan, who played forward for the farmers, is certainly a wonder, throwing 12 out of a possible 13 baskets in the All Stargame.

Taking into consideration the records of the two teams and the friendly rivalry which exists between the two schools, the game Friday night gives every promise of being a very interesting and also stubbornly fought contest.

THE RESTORATION AGE.

[The Development in the Portroyal of Nature in the Eightrenth Century as Showh by Gray, Cowper, Baros.]

Looking back over the periods of literature which preceded the age of Johnson, we find that the facts busied themselves entirely with subjects which pertained to the court and high life. The Restoration Age was one of great frivolity. Wordsworth great frivolity. says of Addison who is the representative of that period, "There is not a single image from nature in the whole of his words." Next, in the age of Queen Anne the writers still dwelt with the intrigues of fashionable city life. It was an artificial age, when poets labored to present in stiff artistic form the carelessness of the time. But in the age of Johnson we are lead from the close drawing room into the open field.

Among those who give us the fresh air of the country are Gray, Cowper and Burns.

In 1751 Thomas Gray produced his "Elegy in a Country Church Yard," in which we catch many beautiful glimpses of humble nature. He pictures the evening with its solemn stillness,

"Save where the beetle wheels his droning flight

And drowsy inklings lull the distant folds."

"How the moping owl in her secret tower complains to the moon."

He presents again as they once lived "the rude forefathers of the hamlet" who now sleep in the graveyard under the elms. We see them working in the field, reaping and plowing and in the forest

"How bowed the woods beneath their sturdy stroke."

His comparisons are almost altogether with nature, for example such phrases as

"Along the cool sequestered vale of life."

His reflections are put in a simple unpretentious manner.

Cowper gives lengthy pictures of nature. In the first book of the Task, he describes the rambles of a school boy, a walk in the country and the scenes there, with the delightful rural sounds heard, and he comments on the lessons which nature teaches. He declares that her works are superior to, and in many in-

stances beyond the imitation of art.

With Burns, however, we have some of the sweetest pictures of nature's work which have been produced. Nothing can surpass the beauty of the description of the simple little daisy; the "wee modest, crimson-tipped flow'r," no other poet could find so much poetry in so simple a subject. "The Banks o' Doon," "Highland Mary," "Mary in Heaven," and "To a Mouse" show the power of Burns in the portrayal of nature as well as his poems on her in her bleaker aspects, as in "Winter," "O Wert Thou in the Could Blast," and "A Winter Night."

Thus from the stiff artistic form of the earlier poetry of the a e of Queen Anne, when nature was entirely disregarded the literature developed into the presentation of life in its humility and absorbit.

and obscurity.

GRACE MCCONNELL.

THE DOCTORS' DOINGS.

Mr. Hamilton decided to postpone the study of medicine for another year.

Laboratory work is in progress by Prof Tuthill's statements of chemistry.

Mr. Mortenson of the Senior class is demonstrator.

The last cadaver for the year is being dissected now by members of the Sophomore and Freshmen classes.

All the male members of the Senior class, excepting Holland-Todd, supports either a professional mustache or symptoms of one.

The rough houses come in rythm, and the scene of the last one may be likened to "After the battle."—Griffith.

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Y. M. C. A.

Last Sunday's meeting was led by Pollard, and participated in by many of the men present. It was a good meeting in spirit and in thought. The subject was "Christian living, is it worth the cost?" The attendance showed an increase over the Sunday before. We hope it will continue to increase till every man in school attends regularly. Bible study is progressing nicely. New classes will be formed at the beginning of next semester. We invite every man who reads this to come.

Y, W. C. A.

The Thursday evening prayer meeting was led by Marie Whipple and the Sunday afternoon meeting was led by Prof. McCall. The talk he gave was thoroughly practical, and one from which every girl may make some application to herself.

Societies.

PHILODOSIAN.

The meeting of January 15 was the best attended of this year, all members being present except one. Another highly commendable thing was the careful preparation of every member on the program. Two of our old members, Bess Stowell and Eva Marlatt, were admitted as members, and the names of Mary Soloman and Violet West were proposed for membership.

This program was rendered: Paper on Great Musicians, Ethel Allen.

Paper on the coming 1905 fair to be held at Portland, Ore., Lily Hardwick.

Five minute speech, "Games to be played by the girls' basketball team of W. U.," Lottie Randall

Current events, Jennie Coyle. Five minute speech on coming leap year party, Mabel Robertson.

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We very naturally feel a hesitancy when it comes to criticising our superiors, but there is one thing of which we are going to take the liberty to speak. That is the Chapel attendance on the part of the faculty. Nothing is more disheartening to students or makes a worse impression upon visitors than a row of empty chairs upon the Chapel platform. If 9 o'clock is too early to permit members of the faculty to get up and eat their breakfast and be on time for Chapel the time had better be changed to a few hours later. It is a deplorable fact that in eight consecutive weeks of school, there was only one morning when the faculty chairs were all filled. Is this as it should be?

With a library well filled with reference books, and with two librarians, it seems as though the student might have access to the library at other times than from 9:30 to 12 and from 1 to 3:30. It appears to us that the library should be open at least till 5 o'clock on school days and a part if not all of Saturday. This is not written because of an idle whim of the editor, or simply to fill up space, but because of actual complaints which have come to our ears. because of the existing condition of affairs.

Literary society work is not what it should be at Willamette and something should be done to raise its standard. For three or four years the two societies have eaked out a miserable existence-at times springing up and flourishing for a few weeks only to die out and wither away again How many times in the

past three years have the following or similar words been recorded in the pages of the Collegian relative to the Philododorian society? "Many fitting orations were made over the corpse of the dead past, and then lifting the veil which obscured the lustrous and brilliant future strong and earnest appeals were made emphasizing the fact that action was necessary and that that action must be in the living present." This sort of thing has occurred so often that it has come to mean nothing what-

This is really a serious matter. For three or four years we have had no good society and what is the result? Where are our debaters? Where are our orators? The literary society is one of the most if not the most important of our student enterprises and the benefits to be derived from good society work may easily be compared with the benefits derived from our studies themselves. Why then this lethargy? We realize that it is much easier to pick out evils than it is to correct them or even suggest means for their correction, but in this case we think there is a way by which the present condition can be greatly improved. That is by the organization of a rival society. We believe that as "competition is the life of trade," that competition would also be the means of permanently bringing back to life the dead corpse of the Philodorian society. At least let us try it. Let some one who is not already loaded down with leaderships, take hold of this and confer a lasting benefit upon himself and upon his fellow students.

A FAREWELL TO MISS GRAY.

The class of '09 gave a farewell party in bonor of Miss Margaret Gray last Suturday evening, at the home of Miss

Nellie Tucker, 415 Capital st. "Flinch" and "Panic," the games of the evening, were played with much enthusiasm; at 10 o'clock games were closed and refreshments were served. Mr. Hewitt, the toastmuster, made merry the hearts of those pres-

Margaret Gray said a few words of farewell to the class which were responded to by the president, Mr. George Simpson. At 11 o'clock the merry making crowd dispersed, all expressing their appreciation to the hostess for the enjoyable evening.

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Dr. Waters led the Chapel exe cises on Friday morning.

The local oratorical contest will take place Jan. 29.

The greatest game of the season next Friday. Do not miss

Do not forget the big game Friday night. It will be a hum-

Miss Lucy Moreum has returned to school after a week's absence.

The Eugene Register is a live up-to-date daily. It has a Willamette University correspondent.

Mr. C. A. Miller of Michigan and Miss Goodkneckt of Salem were Chapel visitors Thursday.

There are some queer stories going around about bieveles and snow. Most of them are rather slick affairs.

Prof. J. B. T. Tuthill has been obliged to be absent from his class room for several days on account of a severe cold.

The game between our girls and the Rocky Mountain dians will without doubt be interesting.

It will not be long before we can thank Senator Booth for good walking places. We are going to have new sidewalks.

The Philodorians have now changed their time of meeting from Friday to Saturday night. The change to last only during the basketball season.

It has been said that the campus is to be plowed and seeded, making it as beautiful in appearance; as the state capitol grounds.

The game of basketball which was to have been played in Albany last Friday evening be-tween our girls and the Albany girls was called off by the latter on secount of the hall in which the game was to have been played being torn down and remod-

Profs. Phelps and McCall, accompanied by about twenty students witnessed the Chemawa-Albany game of basketball at Chemawa Saturday night. They report a very rough and onesided game which ended in a score of 20-0 in favor of the Chemawa girls.

THE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Th ugh somewhat tardy the interest now being taken in the coming local contest of January 29 is quite strong. There are excellent prospects of five con-testants, Kinney Miller, Walter Winslow, Grace McConnell, Chas. Skidmore and Ray Andrews being the students who have decided to enter the contest. Mr. Skidmore, who had been elected as manager for the arrangements of the contest on deciding to enter it himself as an orator, resigned his place as manager, and Wallace Riddell was olected in his place. It was decided to offer prizes at the contest to those winning the first two places and to provide for these prizes an admission of 25 cents will be charged to the conte t-75 per cent of the net receipts of the evening will be given to the winner of first place and 25 per cent to the winner of second place. The work of the Oratorical Association should be conWHY DO PEOPLE

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A SERIOUS STATEMENT.

For some time the matter of making certain changes in the social system of our schools has been under consideration. There has been a growing feeling among many of the teachers, students and friends of the school, that the time has come when it may be advisable to break with tradition and bring our social life into nearer accord with the conventions that govern good society everywhere at the present day. Times and enstoms change and we must also change with them; and observances appropriate enough in the days of our ancest rs, more or less remote, though they may have for us still the charm of antiquity, seem occasionally out of keeping in this generation.

These generalizations have reference, not to the social life of the school as a whole, but to what is known among us as the "couple system"—once the "op-posite system," we believe—a distasteful name, but the only way to get rid of the name is to get rid of the thing. And some-thing of this sort is what is intended in the way of social alteration.

It is not meant, we wish it to be clearly understood, to restrict or forbid the association of boys and girls. It is easy to see that to attempt that would be not only undesirable, but irrational, in a co-educational school. Critics would naturally ask, why are boys and girls brought together in the school, if they are to be kept entirely apart? Far from separating the students, we desire that they shall have more, rather than less, social life. We wish our society to be so organized that all may take part in it -not a favored few-and to this end to do away with the exclusive association of one boy and one girl during a whole term, or a year, as is the case under the "couple system," is, we believe, the first important step.

The abuses that have grown up under this arrangement are the reasons that all real friends of the school would see it abol-

In the first place, as we have intimated above, it has led to the practical exclusion of all except the "couples" from our social life. A girl who is half of a "couple," so tradition insists, shall have no intercourse with another boy: she shall not walk with him to class, attend a reception with him, receive a call from him, hardly speak with him on the campus. This sounds absurd, but every student

will testify to the fact that actual or attempted violation of traditional conventions has led to serious social difficulties. Boys and girls, therefore, who, for various reasons-because they honestly disapprove or because "all the nice boys and girls are taken," or because they are bushful, or intimidated by others—do not belong to the "couples," find themselves to a degree that an outsider would not believe possible, shut out from society.

In the second place, the exclusive association of one boy and one girl fosters or teaches bad social form. Nobody needs to be told that good society does not look with favor upon a young man and woman, who, on any social occasion separate themselves from others, and sit or stand alone most of the time. And still, who that knows our school has not seen this breach of good manners often? Moreover, the two together at receptions, ice cream socials, little church affairs, are the same two that the wearied observer sees every day on the broad walk, suntering, lingering, presum-ably o . their way to class, but, apparently with only one object, to consume as much time as possible in getting there. Another instance of the social form which the "couple system" has onused to exist among us, is the impossibility of three people, two boys and a girl, walking anywhere together, but especially to chapel or to class. girls come out together, a boy joins them, one girl falls back, or goes on-oftener the latter, if she wishes to get to class on time for she cannot remain, so says Weslevan "good form," to interfere with the private conversa-tion of the "couple." Imagine this occur ence on any town or city street! Many other "examples gross as earth, exhort us" of the improprieties of conduct that have grown out of our peculiar social customs. We cannot but feel it undesirable that our students should leave us under the impression that these are the habits of good society. Moreover, though we form a little community by ourselves, that does not seem a sufficient reason why we should be a social law unto ourselves, or countenance practices that will unfit us for society outside.

In the third place, we know that in many cases this exclusive association has served to excite feelings which are a premature and crude form of the emations of later life. A boy and a girl thrown constantly together often begin, after a while, to think that a kind of sentimental relationship exists between them, greatly to the detriment of the natural and healthy emotion which belongs to the association of boys and girls under normal conditions. No judicious parents allow their young sons and daughters when

at home to receive or to pay exclusive attentions, or to be constantly in the society of one person; those privileges belong to maturer years, and we believe that they should not be anticipated by young people at boarding school, away from the restraining influences of home. The exaggerated emotions thus excited often serve the very objectionable purpose of drawing time and attention away from the regular work of the school.

So that, in the fourth place, we make the not unimportant point that the "couple system" interferes with study. And when all is said and done, boys and girls come here primarily to study. They have athletics and debating clubs and social life, but after all, the main thing is to learn their lessons.

For all these reasons, and many incidental ones growing out of them, the school administration has decided and publicly announced, that this year, and from this time on, there shall be no "couples," that general association is to be encouraged, but no specialization—the prepara-tory school is not the place to specialize in any line.

If it once becomes evident that the school is going to cooperate heartily in this reform and the strongly expressed opinious of many students of this and other years leads us to believe that it will do so-then we shall be able, as we said to start with, to have more, rather than less, social life, and we shall find that it can be helpful and plea ant for all, to a degree not before this fully realized.

HALL NOTES.

The initiations were postponed this week on account of the illness of Miss McDonald.

The first copy of the "Spin-ster's Gazette" is to appear this

A can of ovsters missing from the hall.

Miss Minnie Morden of Seattle and Miss Anita Thurston of Eugene were visitors at the hall Monday evening.

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