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THE OFFICERS' MESS

Much of the well-being of officers in life at sea depends upon the way a mess is run. A well-conducted mess tends towards contentment of its members, and consequently—as Admiral Goodrich once remarked—toward efficiency, in that men will naturally be more cheerful about their work when able to look forward to reasonable comfort and congenial surroundings in their moments of rest and leisure. There are vessels—the destroyers, for instance—where the quarters are anything but luxurious. Even on the Yorktown, a seventeen-hundred-ton ship, the wardroom at the time of her first cruise was anything but a spacious apartment, yet, in spite of all drawbacks, what pleasant company its junior officers made! The sleeping rooms opened directly on the mess-room, and the space between these and the table, when the officers were at meals, was barely wide enough to permit the passage of the mess attendants. To make the way still more difficult there was a hatch about midway in the room's length which led directly to the steam steering room on the deck below. At sea this was habitually kept open, and the servants, while passing the food, had to grasp a rope, suspended from the beams overhead down into the hatch, with one hand, balance the tray with the other, and swing themselves across the yawning aperture. As the Yorktown can safely take on almost any motion in a seaway short of turning "topside down," the accomplishment of this feat without spilling of soup or gravy over those seated nearby, not to speak of the sudden disappearance of attendant and food into the depths below, was a thing to be thankful for. But nowadays they design ships, large and small, with more regard for the health and well-being of those on board, and on the whole naval officers live pretty well and at a comparatively moderate cost as compared with civilians of similar conditions of refinement and education. Although not many visiting strangers are quite as lacking in decent manners

as the fellow who, on being offered a cigar in the wardroom of one of our ships, helped himself to handful out of the box of perfectos tendered to him, and stowed them away in his pocket with the remark that, "As Uncle Sam pays for them I might as well have my share," there seems to be an impression with some people that our naval officers are maintained at the public expense. They are not. They pay their way as do others, and in addition often entertain people in whom they have no personal interest, but with whom they are brought in contact in a social-official way.—Ex.

GRAHAM TO DEBATE

Owing to the resignation of Guy Smith from the debate team that is to meet the team representing the University of Oregon Law School, Mr. Sidney Graham, will fill the vacancy. Mr. Graham is a debater of long experience, having had exceptional opportunities for perfecting himself in this line while studying in Eastern Colleges. The team as it will meet Oregon is composed of three Junior Law students. The boys are working hard on the subject, and are confident of victory. To beat Oregon in debate means considerable to "Old Willamette," and such at present is the intention of the team.

FRESHMEN CLASS MEETING

The Freshmen Class met for its regular semi-monthly business meeting on Thursday last at the home of Miss Helen Pierce. The opening of the meeting was delayed somewhat on account of a number of the members not being able to find (?) the place. Mr. Gibson is said to have begun his search about 6 o'clock. However, most of them found it by 8 o'clock, and the meeting was called to order by (Pres.) Miss Pigler. The matter of the college glee was taken up and it was voted to extend an invitation to all college classes to join in the glee which will be held in the spring. After the business was transacted the committee

on entertainment fixed up the stage and soon had the moving pictures show in full swing. Songs were sung and games were played, after which the girls served a dainty lunch. At a late hour the most of the crowd, boys as well as girls, started toward Lousanne Hall.

SPAIN'S RESOURCES.

The natural wealth of Spain in minerals has been known to everybody since the period when Cadiz was founded at the pillars of Hercules 1000 B. C.; but not until very lately have its resources been scientifically developed. Unfortunately today, like the country's public securities which are held for the most part in Paris and Brussels, these properties have passed into foreign hands. One by one the weak governments of the past have been compelled to part with the nation's treasures,—the copper mines of Rio Tinto, the lead mines of Tharsis and Linares, and the great quicksilver mines at Almaden, all of world-wide vogue as producers of metal. Nevertheless the sources of wealth are now being systematically exploited and yield revenues to the state and pay wages to Spanish workmen. The rise and growth of Bilbao under foreign control and with foreign capital, has been quite as phenomenal as the story of our Leadvilles, Buttes, etc.

Spain produces her own sugar on the beautiful "vega" of Granada and other parts of that most favored region, the olive thrives throughout all the south and east, and the production of olive oil is a very large industry, while wines are produced both in the south and the north. The luxuriant garden stretching from the French frontier to Gibraltar,—about 700 miles,—shows the almost unmatched natural resources only one section of Sunny Spain. Within that seaboard strip, cork, wheat, rice, the vine, and all manner of fruits of both the tropical and temperate zones are cultivated. The one small city of Castellon in Valencia received in 1906 over 6,000,000 boxes of oranges at about \$2 a box, or \$12,000,000, while in the mountains flanking this coast re-

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gion are located the famous mines of Linares, Almaden, and Rio Tinto.

Agriculture is of course backward. Farming operations hark back to the childhood of the race,—to Bible days,—and olive oil and wines prepared for the market in a more or less primitive way are shipped to France and Italy, there to be elaborated, put in bottles and casks with foreign labels, and sold to the world as native products, the return to the Spanish growers being comparatively small. The farmer still plows with a crooked stick and the ancient threshing floor is the usual fanning-mill. Still, the sale of American harvesting machinery is making headway, though slowly. Deering, Plano, and other harvesters and Deere plows are used on the King's farm at La Granja and were exhibited by him at the Saragossa Exhibition in 1908.—*American Review of Reviews.*

SENIOR LAWS.

Dan Cupid Allen went down to the ranch for a few days.

Skiff has been lonely since his brother and his wife moved to Portland so he is exceedingly desirous that some of the boys go out and stay with him nights. He fell in with George Murdock one luckless evening and persuaded him to visit South Salem and spend the night with him. Murdock, having in mind the famous hospitality of the Skiff family, readily acquiesced, and journeyed along with the jubilant Skiff.

After a good supper and an hour or two spent in conversation, the two Georges settled own to studying Equity. They pegged away until 12 o'clock, when they began to get sleepy, so they pinched the light and went to bed. Murdock awoke when the morning sun was well up the maple tree near the window. Outside the birds were singing as though there was no such a thing as Equity and Inman. Skiff was

breathing like a porpoise that had just dined on baled hay. George yelled "Skiff" until his throat was as hoarse as a cross cut saw, but still Skiff slumbered and slept. Murdock strained his ears and heard Mrs. Skiff moving around down stairs, where she, knowing full well the arduous seige the boys had put in on law, was preparing a late breakfast for the tyro barristers. George jumped on Skiff and clouted him around until he was tired, but to no effect. Murdock's mind was now made up. he would run away. So he slid into his clothes, climbed out the window and slipped down the alley like a tom cat shot in the back with a bootjack.

LOCALS.

"As red as the driven snow" seems like a strange metaphor, and yet it describes the color of the snow which has fallen more than once in different parts of the world. In 1808 over five inches of red snow fell in Camiola, Germany. Brick red snow fell in Tyrol in 1847. Orange colored hail rattled on the foors of the cottages in Tuscany, on March 14, 1813. Kane in his book on "Arctic Explorations" says that his ship passed the cliffs of Sir John Ross on which were patches of red snow which could be seen at a distance of ten miles.—Ex.

Two frogs once fell into a bowl of cream; one was an optimist, the other, a pessimist. Both floundered and spluttered about, but the pessimist soon exclaimed: "O dear, O dear. I can never get out of this," and ceasing to try to swim soon sank and died. The optimist, on the other hand, true to his principles even in this dire emergency, cried out, "Never say die;" and bravely striking out swam round and round all night, till in the morning he was safely seated on a little dry mound, for by his efforts he had churned the cream into a pat of butter. Let no one of us be heard to "creak" this coming year, but let us one and all "churn" hard.—Ex.

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INTER-COLLEGIATE

The Whitman College Pioneer places the stamp of its disapproval upon the Inter-Collegiate basket-ball rules. In a recent trip through Oregon, Whitman lost to M. A. A. C., to O. A. C., and won the second game with O. A. C.

The compass used by Dr. Marcus Whitman after following most of the decrees and vicissitudes of fortune, has been discovered and turned over to the library of Whitman College.

"This year, the fiftieth for Simpson, marks the most prosperous period for the schools' history. Already this year two donations of \$20,000 each have been received, and practically every student has become a Christian. And what will the next fifty years bring?—*The Simpsonian*.

Twenty-five thousand dollars has been appropriated by the State of Oklahoma to install a printing plant in the State University.

Before one of the largest crowds that ever turned out to witness a basketball game here the U. of W. five were defeated by the O. A. C. five at a score of 26 to 14. The game was fast and interesting throughout.

Baseball practice has begun at O.A. C. in earnest. Every afternoon and evening the players may be seen practicing. In the new armory the track athletes are working out to get in trim for the early spring meets.

The University of Washington's two shells now under process of construction will be the center of attraction at a big reception in their honor Saturday night. The affair will be held in the new crew quarters, and will also serve, say the hosts, Coach Conibear and Capt. Bart. Lovejoy, of the eight, as a housewarming for that building. The craft are progressing so rapidly that the Spanish Cedar planking, which arrived recently from Boston via the Horn, will begin to be put on next week.

"Wisconsin Day", which was pulled off today, was a great success as a means of raising money among the students to send the crew east next June. Collectors were everywhere, and might have been distinguished by their eagle-eyes, their omnipresent check-books, and their pockets sagging with gains. The committee in charge expects to find, when the results of the canvas are counted tomorrow, that more than \$900 has been raised by this means.

SHAKESPEAR ON BASEBALL.

I will go root.—"Richard III."
Now you strike like a blind man.—
"Much Ado About Nothing."
Out, I say.—"Macbeth."
Thou canst not hit it; hit it; hit it!—
"Love's Labor Lost."
He knows the game.—"Henry IV."
O, hateful error.—"Julius Caesar."
A hit, a hit, a very palpable hit!—
"Hamlet."
He will steal, sir.—"All's Well That Ends Well."
Whom right and wrong have chosen as umpire.—"Love's Labor Lost."
Let the world slide.—"Taming The Shrewd."
He has killed a fly.—"Titus Adronicus."
The play as I remember pleased not the million.—"Hamlet."
What an arm he has.—"Cariolanus."
They cannot sit at rest on the old bench.—"Romeo and Juliet."
Upon such sacrifice the gods themselves throw incense.—"King Lear."

THE PRIZE YELL

Although a little late in the day, we print the yell awarded first place in the contest, recently closed. Miss Frances Gittins is the young lady's name whose efforts were crowned with success.

"Hickle 'em, pickle 'em
"Hickle 'em, bickle 'em
Can 'em, pickle 'em
Roast 'em toast 'em
Piece by piece.
Do 'em, stew 'em
Black 'em, blue 'em
Give 'em Willamette
Rees! Rees! Rees!"

A woman, dirty and disheveled, came into a public dispensary with her right arm torn and bleeding. As the surgeon bathed her wound preparatory to binding it up, he asked: "Dog bite you?"

"No, Soir," the patient replied. "Another loidy."—Ex.

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Members of the Alumni, old students, new students, and others interested in the success of this paper are invited to contribute at any time. The interest you take will be appreciated. Address all communications to the Editor-in-Chief.

President Guy Smith of the State oratorical Association acquitted himself in a most creditable manner when confronted with the charge of "railroading", "corruption" and graft in general presented by one of our sister schools. Personally the Collegian holds the opinion, that under the present constitution and by-laws of the association, the executive committee is vested with no authority to suspend any rules or take any such drastic action as was reported to the delegates meeting. But after this had been reported to the assembly and no objection or correction had been offered, and by adoption of the report, had made the action of the executive committee, its own, any further discussion or criticism was utterly uncalled for and showed a decided lack of propriety. Not only by a single vote did the meeting rectify the records of the executive committee, but by voting down two motions to reconsider, showed very clearly where the delegates stood upon the matter.

The decision rendered in the contest was not a popular one.

Much comment has been heard regarding the quality of the Oratorical contest. Many persons in a position to be capable of judging in such matters, remarked that, the recent contest was of a higher standard than any other held in late years in this part of the country. All of the orations deserve great credit and every orator can well feel proud of the impression he has created for himself and his school. As our own speaker, she knows how much we appreciate her efforts, and the many favorable statements made concerning her oration show that it has received the most favorable consideration by all who heard it.

COLLEGE LIFE.

Mr. Snider:—"What kind of bread will you have?"

"I'll take graham."

Dan Cupid Allen has developed into an authority on divorcees. He has seen the ill effects of his own work at the marriage counter.

"Cy" asks, "What would you do if a girl should ask you to marry her?" Draw your own conclusions.

I say, did you see the wild man from McMinnville?

The editor who misrepresents "College Life" (or rather who doesn't represent it at all) is again delinquent in presenting "copy," Deplorable. No matter how grievous a task it may be, we nevertheless feel it incumbent upon us to indicate in this mild, inoffensive manner, the despicability of one who falls to such depths of infamy as to fail to hand in Collegian copy.

Westley complained of the heat in church the evening of the contest, and sat back near, the door where the ushers presided.

William Tell was a myth.

Coriolanus never allowed his mother to intercede for Rome.

Blondel, the harper, did not discover

the prison in which Richard I. was confined.

Nero did not kill his mother or fiddle over burning Rome.

Alfred the Great neither let the old hag's cakes burn, nor did he venture into the Danish camp disguised as a minstrel.

Fair Rosamond was not poisoned by the jealous Queen Eleanor. She died in the odor of sanctity, in the Convent of Godstow.

Wellington, at Waterloo, never cried, "Up guards, and at them."

Cleopatra could not have dissolved her pearls in vinegar, because vinegar does not dissolve pearls.

Charles IX. did not fire upon the unfortunate Huguenots from the window of the Louvre, during the massacre of St. Bartholomew.

The seige of Troy is largely a myth. According to Homer's account, the fair Helen must have been sixty years old when she eloped with Paris.

The Pass of Thermopylae was not held by 300 but by 7,000 Greeks.—Ex.

The University of Washington Daily wishes to exchange a semi-weekly news letter with the Collegian. A reporter will shortly be appointed to correspond with Washington and keep that college informed as to the affairs of Willamette.

MCKEE GETS FIRST PLACE.

Among Seven Contesting Colleges, McMinnville Secures State Championship—Oregon, Second, P. U. Third—Percy M. Collier, U. of O. is President Elect.

Last Friday evening the Annual State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest was held in the Methodist church, resulting in a victory for McMinnville College, with the University of Oregon and Pacific University, close seconds. Nearly a hundred delegates and friends of the competing orators were present, all hopeful for the success of their representative, and in the evening a large crowd of enthusiastic students and townsmen filled the church. All of the orators were far above the ordinary in quality and without exception, the delivery of the orators was unusually effective. Mr. McKee won out by the

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originality of his composition and the forcefulness of delivery, but was closely followed by Harold Rounds of the University of Oregon. The title of Mr. McKee's oration was "The Anglo Saxon," and the theme followed was the influence of the sturdy Saxon upon all society and his place in modern civilization. The Ladies' and the Gentlemen's Glee Clubs rendered several selections, being heartily encored. The program follows:

Violin—Serenade Pierne
 Miss Georgia Starr
 Oration "Oreg. Agri. College"
 C. Despain
 Oration "Willamette University"
 Miss Ruth Rees
 Oration "Pacific College"
 Miss Florence Rees
 Oration "University of Oregon"
 Harold J. Rounds
 "Birds of The Night" Sullivan
 Ladies' Glee Club
 Oration "Albany College"
 Grover C. Birchett
 Oration "McMinnville College"
 Edwin F. McKee
 Oration "Pacific University"
 W. E. Gwynn
 "When the Corn is Waving" Buck
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Judges:

Judges on Composition:

Judge S. A. Lowell. Prof. Daggey,
 Prof. Wilson.

Judges on Delivery:

Judge Will R. King. Atty. F. T.
 Griffith, Prof H. H. Herdman.

During the afternoon preceeding the contest, the regular business meeting of the executive committee and of the Associated Delegates was held in Chapel, considerable business of importance being transacted. The fact that several of the orations exceeded the limit as to number of words gave rise to a good deal of difficulty, the executive committee finally deciding that the orations should be reduced in length, in delivery to conform to the By-Laws of the Association regarding that point. This action of the executive committee was quite severely criticized in the subsequent delegates' meeting, but after the action of the execu-

tive committee had been indorsed in three instances, further consideration of the matter was dropped. This being the meeting specified for the election of officers the following were elected to reign over Oratorical affairs for the ensuing years of 1910 and 1911.:

President—Percy M. Collier of the University of Oregon.

Secretary—Mr. Birchette.

Treasurer—Horace L. McCoy of Pacific University.

Next year the contest will be held at the University of Oregon. The same old bone of contention that has absorbed the major portion of these meetings again unearthed and arguments

pro and con flew fast and furious.

This was in the nature of an amendment, the purpose of which was to so alter the system of judging as to decide entirely upon the general effect of the oration as delivered and not as at present to consider composition and delivery separately. The "Oregon" delegation was the originator of this innovation, supporting it strongly, but after considerable discussion it was voted down. A couple of minor amendments were adopted.

A set of resolutions to the effect that the Association go on record as endorsing the act of certain Monmouth supporters in invoking the initiative to

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raise a sufficient tax to conduct the school, received the unanimous support of the delegates.

In the evening following the contest a large number of delegates and others including the orators were banqueted in the church parlors. Many witty and appropriate toasts being responded to by representatives of the various colleges.

A BONNET SONG.

Bonnets big and bonnets small;
Bonnets low and bonnets tall;
Bonnets round and bonnets square—
Bonnet gossip fills the air.
Some go scooting to a point,
And lop over out of joint;
Some are scollopy and wide,
And have dudads on the side;
Some are loaded down with grass,
Harness buckles, garden sass,
Turkey feathers rooster's tails;
Big rosettes and freckled veils;
Some have whiskers on the dome
That you have to brush and comb;
Some slope downward like a pan,
And look fine on Mary Ann;
Some are felt, devoid of frill—
These a long-felt want to fill;
Some like colanders are made,
Decked with flowers of every shade—
Roses green and roses blue,
Violets of a pinkish hue;
Some like mush-rooms, slope down
much,
Hiding Switches, rats and such;
Some are trimmed with fuzz and fur—
Look so neat and warm on Her;
Some are slim and some are fat,
But she doesn't care for that.
She'll bring home one high and nice—
High in shape and also price.

Still mere man can't help but smile
at the bonnets now in style. Sort of
wonders, does each gent, what the
ducee they'll next invent to adorn the
fluffy bun of his fair and only one.—Ex.

LOCALS.

The Student Conference on Missionary Service which was held at Willamette from Friday to Sunday of last week was, in the opinion of those in attendance, a most helpful and inspiring gathering. About seventy-five delegates from the schools of Oregon were present.

The whole atmosphere of the conference was missionary, in a healthful, wholesome, honest way. The subjects were presented in a practical, matter of fact way, by people who knew of them first hand,—people who have either spent some time in active service

in foreign fields, and therefore know whereof they speak or are planning to go in the future, and whose lives and thoughts are being moulded by this fixed purpose.

Dr. T. Dwight Sloan, of the Student Volunteer Movement, himself a volunteer to the work of medical missions in China, is a man with a Message, as all who heard him know. His presentation of the needs of other countries, and of our obligation as students in a Christian land to do all in our power to hold



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LOCALS.

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pickter shop, kin make a boston bull
dorg, luk like a angel. Giv 'im a call.

An Alabama man tells of an old negro
in Birmingham who became possessed
of a seedy and forlorn looking dog, to
which he promptly assigned the name
"Moreover." The story is printed in
Harper's Weekly.

"Jefferson," he was asked, "how did
you hit upon such a name as 'Moreover'
for the dog?"

"I gits it, outen de Bible," he replied.

"The Bible?"

"Sure, sah. Doan' yo' 'member where
it says, 'When Lazarus lay at de rich
man's gate, Moreover, de dog, come an'
lick his sores?'" --Ex.

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When a man lak ole Cy Smith gits
to hangin' around the tabernacle in his
best sute of close, with red sox an' tan
shuse, I dunno. I don't wanter know.

It is said of Patrick Henry that dur-
ing his practice of law in the Virginia
courts, and when he was familiarly ad-
dressed as "Governor," a man who had
been arrested for stealing a hog, and
who was out on bail, went to the Gov-
ernor to have him defend him.

The Governor said: "did you walk
away with that shoat?"

"I don't like to say."

"Out with it."

"Yes, sir!"

"Have you got the carcass?"

"Yes, sir."

"You go home you wretch; cut the
pig lengthwise in half, and hang as much
of it in my smoke house as you keep in
yours."

At court, the governor said: "Your
Honor, this man has no more of that
stolen shoat, than I have."

The man was cleared.---Ex.

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