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STUDENT BODY MEETING

The meeting called for discussing proposed amendments to constitution accomplished nothing.

That student body meeting was sure a hummer, even though nothing was done. We are not certain but what it would be a good idea to hold one once or twice a week for the purpose of arousing spirit. Some time since a committee was appointed by the president of the student body for the purpose of taking the census of opinion and to propose certain amendments to the Student body constitution that time and circumstance had rendered imperative. After discussing the status of the student Body, pretty thoroughly, with students, alumni and others, the committee on constitutional revision was persuaded that the only course expedient and possible at the present time, was to strike out all provisions in the constitution relating to the management of athletics. At that time, athletics were in the hands of a student affairs committee, composed of students and faculty. Proceedings in this committee developed the sad condition that the student membership of said committee was merely nominal, and since a mere pretense of actual authority was distasteful to the majority of the Student Body, it was decided that for the best interests of the student body, the merely nominal authority should be permitted to go the way of the real, and amendments were proposed to that effect. Now when the Student Body was called to order by President Shields, it was decided to go into a committee of the whole for a free for all discussion of proposed changes. With Mr. Reichen in the chair, one hour and a half was passed in arguments both on and off the subject, ranging from abolishing the constitution as a whole to striking out small portions thereof. After considerable discussion, however, the amendments were in substance approved by the committee of the whole, which arose to report. At this juncture a roll call was demanded and it was found that the number present had been

steadily diminishing until at the present time there were but 26 present. 30 being necessary to constitute a quorum, adjournment followed. The Student Body met again Monday, and the results, if any will be reported in the next Collegian.

There has been so much inquiry in regard to debates at Willamette, their past history and present status that I have been requested to contribute a short article on that subject. The historical part will be limited to a period of the last ten years as sources for obtaining definite information upon the subject prior to that time are very limited.

In the year 1899-1900 Willamette did not engage in intercollegiate debate. The Philodorian and Philodosian societies were doing active work within the societies but ventured no further.

1900-1901. Willamette represented by Sewart, Sykes and ——— met P. U. in a debate on the trust question. The contest which was held at Salem resulted in a victory for Willamette.

1901-1902. Willamette met Pacific at Forest Grove. Chinese exclusion was the subject for discussion. The Willamette team consisting of Sewart, Keyes and Swafford was defeated.

1902-1903. No regular University team was put in the field. The Freshman class, however, developed a strong team, composed of Winslow, Gale and Warfield which challenged and defeated the Portland High School at Salem on the government ownership of railroads.

1903-1904. Arrangements for a debate with P. U. were made and Winslow Miller and Glover were chosen to represent the University. About a week before the debate P. U. called the debate off. The Willamette boys were confident of victory and were bitterly disappointed at the outcome.

1904-1905. Activity in the debating line was limited to the societies.

1905-1906. The Willamette girls met McMinnville College at McMinnville in a debate on the government ownership question. Our team composed of Misses Pigler, Hall and Par-

sons was defeated. In the same year Carlson, Simpson and Shields defeated O. A. C. at Salem on the immigration question. The former experience with P. U. was repeated. A debate had been arranged with that institution and a team chosen to represent Willamette, but just before the contest was to come off P. U. again backed down.

This year was an epoch making period in the history of literary activity at the University, in that it witnessed the birth of the Websterian society. Hardly had it gained possession of its youthful powers when it challenged the Philodorians to debate on the ship subsidy question. The latter accepted and chose Simpson and Glover to represent it. The Websterians put forth McKnight, Reichen and Carlson who won such a signal victory over the rival society that no attempt has ever been made to regain the championship then won.

1906-1907. The girls team composed of Misses Glover, Smith and May revenged the defeat of the year before by defeating the McMinnville girls at Salem on the question of Municipal ownership. At Corvallis, Wilson, Spaulding and Shields defeated O. A. C. on the Monroe doctrine policy. Winslow, Reichen and Poisel won over Whitman at Salem on the question of the justification of the 15th amendment. The year's success was due primarily to the able coaching of Professor Prideaux.

1907-1908. Material was so divided among the numerous teams that each received practically no coaching and as a result each of the five teams suffered defeat. The girls debated the permanent retention of the Phillipine Islands, Misses Emmel, Dimick and Smith going to McMinnville and Misses Beckley, Bennett and Norberg meeting Albany at Salem.

The Whitman - Pacific - Willamette League was organized and the immigration question chosen for discussion. Zimmerman, Nuener and Trill went to Walla Walla, while Reichen, Woods and Shields remained at home to meet Pacific. Harrison, Johnson and Mc-

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1908-1909. In the league the commission plan of city government was debated. Harrison, McNees and Beckley defending the negative, were defeated by P. U. at Forest Grove; Oakes, Heltzel and Shields maintaining the affirmative, won over Whitman at Salem.

Summarizing, we observe that out of a total of fifteen debates we have won seven and lost eight; of four held with P. U. we have won one; of the three with O. A. C., have won two; in the three with Whitman we have won two; won one and lost two against McMinnville, gained one victory over Portland High School and suffered one defeat to Albany.

In my personal observations on the past of debates at Willamette I have been strongly impressed with a few facts which have influenced my position in regard to our future course. First, in order to maintain a high standard of intercollegiate work, debating material should be concentrated in one or two carefully chosen teams. I believe the policy of trying to schedule inter-collegiate debates enough to afford a place for every prospective debater in the school is very disastrous on the ultimate interests of debate. The obvious consequence is to divide the good debaters among different teams necessarily weakening each, and to so scatter the material that it is impossible to secure the careful training and systematic coaching that are so essential to a winning team. Thus it lowers the institutions inter-collegiate standard and reputation which must always be maintained in order to attract the ambition of prospective debaters. I believe the proper plan for developing new material is by a system of strong inter-society debates, reserving inter-collegiate work as a goal for only those who make good.

Secondly, debates should be placed upon a more permanent basis. We have simply jumped at debates here and there and have had no permanent plans or definite policies in view. The result has been hasty preparation, overwork, and interference with regular school work which has incurred the disapproval of the faculty.

Now, as to the present outlook. The Whitman-Pacific-Willamette league was terminated last year dissolving all definite relations with other institutions. No others have been established as we consider this to be a splendid opportunity to revolutionize the management of debates and accordingly Dr. Patterson and the Council are working out a plan for placing them on the proper foundation for the future. Briefly the plan is to secure the co-operation of some other institution or institutions in establishing a system similar to those in vogue in large eastern institutions. We hope if possible to have it so arranged that the question for discussion one year and the preliminary try-out will be held the year before, thus giving more time for preparation and preventing interference with regular work. If such a plan is worked out the faculty is willing to give credit to work done in debate, which they have heretofore steadfastly refused to do. Such a system will eliminate the strenuousness that has heretofore characterized debate and enable the girls to again participate; it will insure regular and systematic coaching, and it will give debaters and coach something definite to depend upon. But most important of all it will place debates where they belong namely, on the basis of a recognized department and permanent feature of college work.

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BANQUET IN PORTLAND.

The Board of Trustees of Willamette University met in the Taylor Street Methodist Church in Portland January 11th. and there held a banquet in honor of Mr. A. H. Eaton, Dr. Kimball and Mr. W. W. Brown, to whom the University is indebted for the administration building, [Eaton Hall], and the College of Theology and Music. Many addresses were made in the course of the evening by members, concerning various phases of the University work.

During the evening a telegram to Mr. Eaton from the Student Body was read, which little token of remembrance was greatly appreciated. An enjoyable time was had by all, and the meeting served to forge even stronger the bond existing between these men who are working for a larger, better Willamette.

In the afternoon preceding, the semi-annual meeting of the Board was held and much business relating to University affairs, transacted. Among other things it was decided that hereafter, Indian students will be required to pay full tuition instead of being admitted to University courses free of charge. The Board voted to elect six extra members to its number, who shall be honorary members. The extra membership will be filled at the June meeting.

FOOT BALL SQUAD FEEDS.

On an evening last week, the members of the foot ball team and substitutes were banqueted at Lausanne Hall by President Homan and Dr. Sweetland. In the absence of the President, Dr. Sweetland presided over the ceremonies. Nineteen men including the Coach and Manager were present to enjoy the bounteous repast. At the banquet's close, a handsome stop watch was presented to Dr. Sweetland as a token of the appreciation the boy's have for his efficient services during the past season. Two ballots were taken for the purpose of choosing a captain for next year's team, but both resulted in a tie, so the election was postponed. Those present were:

Dr. Sweetland, Coach; L. R. M. Pierce, Manager; P. Homan, McMeachinne, Zimmerman, Reeves, Low, Ham-

ilton, Marsters, Blackwell, Bellinger, McKnight, Winslow, Gibson, Wesley, Belknap, Booth, Rader and Cummins.

PHILODORIAN SOCIETY

The society was called to order at the usual hour with the president in the chair. The following literary program was rendered:

Piano solo Ray Smith
Reading Perry Reigleman
Lecture Wesley Beckley
Current events Mr. Gardner
Five minutes talk

..... W. L. Smith and Arthur Schaupp

The question debated was: "Resolved That Football acts to the Best Interest of Willamette University."

Belknap was appointed leader on the affirmative and Stone on the negative. Debaters chosen on the affirmative: McCain, Reigleman, Hatts, Gardiner; on the negative: W. L. Smith, Beckley, Shaupp and Armstrong. Ray Smith presided as Judge and cast his ballot in favor of the negative.

J. H. ACKERMAN SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

On Friday morning, J. H. Ackerman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction spoke to the students assembled in Chapel on the subject, "Rating." His discourse was well spiced with wit and humor, and touched upon an earnest subject akin to everyday student life. "What is your rating in the Bradstreet of the student body and faculty?" "Can you afford to let anything lower your rating?" "Is your rating high enough, or will you try to race with yourself to beat yourself?" were some of the questions he raised.

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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.

It was strongly apparent in the recent Student Body meeting, that over half of those present did not even know the purpose for which the meeting had been called. In this case the amendment had been posted for ten days, and there could be no possible excuse for anyone, not to know just how he stood upon the subject. When a student waits to the last moment, and then seeks to form his opinion in Student Body meeting, he is more likely to arrive at a false conclusion than otherwise. Again, when he attempts to participate in discussing something, concerning which he has never previously given a thought it is probable that his argument will fly wide from the gist of the matter. Before going to the meeting, the subject to be discussed, should be carefully considered, and some definite decision reached, regarding it. In this manner, much irrelevant, incompetent and immaterial [guess that's all of them] matter, foreign to the subject may be dispensed with, and an intelligent decision will be more likely to be reached. We don't think everybody can go to the meeting with a different idea, and reach

any conclusion. As regards the constitutional amendments, the committee has done its duty, and doubtless some other course of action will have been decided upon by the time this issue is in print. But to maintain loyalty and college spirit, students must be permitted to participate in the management of student affairs, is fundamental, but how this is to be accomplished, is another question. Have some plan in mind before attending Student Body meeting.

Much is being spoken and written, and we presume still more, thought, concerning the advisability of the political parties holding an assembly for the purpose of suggesting candidates for office, previous to the direct primary. Those in favor of this plan argue that under the present nominating system, incapable, office seeking men, are the only ones who will circulate petitions and spend money to secure their election and refer to the results of the direct primary to verify their statements. Farther, they maintain, that organization is essential for the advancing and perpetuating of democratic principals of government, that this may only be accomplished through organized political parties, and under the present primary method, the total disintegration of parties is threatened. Lastly, that the assembly is not opposed to the spirit of the direct primary law, but rather, that that law is incomplete without some addition of this nature, in as much as there is a provision in the primary law, stating that it is for the purpose of maintaining political organizations. Those opposed to the assembly hold that it would be contrary to the direct primary law, and a return to the old convention system, which would be deplorable. That it would mean the reinstatement of political bosses and private interests, which does not exist at the present time.

RHODA'S RESOLUTIONS.

The kitchen fire crackled merrily, notwithstanding the whistle of the northwest wind in the chimney. The soft wish, wish of a wooden spoon on the bottom of an iron kettle told of the

preparation of hasty pudding for dinner.

"Stick-jaw pudding, to tire your chin, Marmalade on it ever so thin," chanted a soft voice behind the stove.

Rhoda bit the end of her pencil thoughtfully, drew her feet up and settled a bit of yellow paper on her knee. In order to be undisturbed she had crawled into this retreat namely, a place about a foot square, made by three boards, upright, forming a support upon which the chimney was built. As long as she could remember this had been Rhoda's "sanctum sanctorum," to which she fled from boisterous puppies, teasing brothers and callers who attempted to kiss her.

"Stick-jaw pudding to tire your chin," Marmalade on it ever so thin."

Murmured Rhoda again, and then the chubby fingers grasped the stubby pencil and she began laborously to write.

"My new year's resolutions: "Today and every day this year I resolve to get up just when mamma calls me and before, sometimes. Not to get mad when the boys bother me nor to cry when mamma combs my hair, to set the table and wipe the dishes when she tells me to and act just like I like to do it".

Rhoda heaved a sigh and stretched her cramped limbs, until her feet stuck out from behind the curtain. Oh, fateful act! Her mother saw them and said: "Oh, you there Rhoda? Come and set the table now. Dinner is most ready."

From behind the stove there came a prolonged O-o-o, in a minor key.

"I don't want to I can't do it. I'm busy. Honest, I am. Oh, you always want me to do something just when I'm enjoying myself." "Hello," said a teasing voice. "What's sulkey doing in the cubby hole?"

"Go way and leave me be! Don't you take that paper! Mamma!" Rhoda was shrieking now. "Mamma, make Marvin stop bothering me!"

The precious document was finally rescued, and peace restored.

But the charm was gone. Rhoda realized it. She drew a long breath, crumpled the paper in her hand and through it into the stove.

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liness to write 'em." She did not know that she spoke as if with a knowledge and experience beyond her years.

But that night her pillow was wet with tears, and who shall say they were not shed in sacred memory of that morning's confidence granted alone to a bit of yellow paper.

—A. V. H.

Y. M. AND Y. W. C. A.

The first meeting of the year being a joint meeting was held in the Chapel Sunday, January 9, 1910. That there is greater interest than ever, in the associations, is shown by the increasing attendance. The ability with which Mr. McKnight handled the subject, "Student Obligations," made the meeting very interesting and helpful. Mr. Guy Woods talked on "Student Obligations to school" and Miss Theo Bennett on, "Student Obligations to the Associations," both of which aided greatly in making the meeting a success.

Don't fail to come to Associations meetings. You need the spiritual uplift they all give you.

SENIOR LAW DOINGS.

Judge Bingham has at last assumed charge of the class in code pleading. He is recognized as one of the best pleaders in the state and the students are particularly favored by the opportunity of his instruction.—

Professor—"Give me an example of vindictive justice."

Stone—"A woman with a paralyzed tongue."

Pluto, to the wayfarer who had gained Charon's stormy banks—"What on earth wert thou?"

"A lawyer."

"To hell you go."

Lawyer—"I demand the reading of the indictment."

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ment proceedings. The would-be owner thereof says that he attached the wrong animal. Meanwhile, the horse is waiting.

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SOME POETRY AND A LOT OF WHOLESOME TRUTH.

When a damsel has a steady who's a pretty decent man, and who shows a disposition to perform the best he can; who is shy of sinful habits, and whose bosom holds no guile, and who labors in the vineyard with a gay and cheerful smile, then she shouldn't make him promise that he'll do a seraph stunt, when they've stood up at the altar with a preacher man in front; and she shouldn't spring a lecture when he comes around to court, for a man is only human and his wings are pretty

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short. When a maiden has a lover who is surely making good, who is winning admiration, who is sawing lots of wood, then she shouldn't make him promise that he'll be an angel boy when the wedding ceremony ushers in a life of joy; she should murmur: "He's a daisy and we'll take things as they come; for a man is only human, and his halo's on the bum."

OBITER DICTA.

"It is my opinion," said the Janitor as he patted one of the radiators in approval of its efforts to warm up, "that our lives have been saved a good many times by the pure food law. The things that the food manufacturers have attempted to feed us would have sure sent us all to the boneyard if they hadn't been caught at it in time, but the good work isn't all done yet. Only yesterday I clamped my teeth down on what I thought from the company it was in to be an English currant, and found after I had cracked off a part of my best molar that it was a pebble."

"A man that can't tell a currant from a pebble, except by chewing it, won't have his life saved for long by any pure food law I reckon," said the Office Boy. "What you need is a gardeen or a gizzard, Janny."

"What some folks as I could mention needs is a bringing up on bread and water, and if I had my way—"

"The question under discussion is the pure food law," interrupted the law student, "and we shall not be assisted in giving it or any of its phases due consideration by indulging in irrelevant personalities, although such personalities may be the truth and nothing but the truth," and the law student looked very hard at the office boy to see whether he felt anything drop. He didn't appear to, and the student continued: "One of the most surprising developments of that law is the discovery that great quantities of coloring matter were used by manufacturers to make their products attractive."

"I read not long ago," said the janitor, "that a government chemist found enough coloring matter in a pint of milk to color a union suit big enough for President Taft."

"Seems to me Janny," said the Boy, "that that story ought to be s'pressed by the pure food law, for it sure is adulterated. You couldn't color nothin' with chalk and water. I'll bet you read that in a comic supplement without noticin' that it wa'nt in the depart-

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ment of 'Simple Science for Senile Souls.' If you'd a read a little further you'd probably have found out that some evil minded bossy had been arrested for coloring her own milk."

"That wouldn't be as surprising as you seem to think," said the Student opening a volume of the New York Supplement. "I know of no decision finding a cow guilty of coloring her own milk but in *People vs. Bosch*, 114 N. Y. Supp. 65, the court rules that a cow can adulterate her own milk, and coloring is only a form of adulteration. The court says in this case that a man who is arrested for selling adulterated milk can't defend by alleging that he sold it exactly as it came from the cow. The law specifies what constitutes milk, and if a cow doesn't conform to the legal requirements the pure food law will get her owner if he don't watch out."

"Well I can't agree with that court," said the Janitor, "According to the nature of things in this world you've got to trust to experts. Now, if you wanted to know anything about heating a building you'd come to me, and I'd tell you more about it than any supreme court that ever lived. What I don't know about radiation and drafts and dampers and clinkers and cord wood no mere judge of law points has any license to express an opinion about. A cow is a milk expert, and when she says a thing is milk I'll take her say-so."

"Other people don't seem to put their trust in experts, Janny," said the Office boy, "f'r instance, when the boss feels chilly he don't send for the heat expert to take the temperature of the office before he makes up his mind he's cold, but he steps to the speaking tube and yells—Well you know what he yells, Janny. Its usually something pretty warm, and the colder the office the warmer his remarks are and I never noticed the heat expert filin' any dissentin' opinion. Expert cows and expert janitors is all right, all right; but it's the consumer that has the last guess whether they continue to do business or go to the soap factory—or the intelligence office."

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cold leavin' your mouth open so long," growled the janitor, as he opened the door to the regions below. "But then I shouldn't complain, for I'd have enough sight harder work to heat this office if it wasn't for you're hot air," and the Janitor closed the door and the discussion at the same time.—*Ex.*

AT O. A. C.

The winter short courses opened at The Oregon Agricultural College, Tuesday, January 4th, with the largest and most representative body of students

ever in attendance. There are men and women ranging in age from sixteen to sixty-five years and representing almost every walk of life. Side by side with the girls and boys from the ninth and tenth grades of the public schools of the state are graduates of Brown, Yale, Lake Forest and many other great eastern and middle west universities and colleges. There are farmers and fruit growers who own or manage farms ranging from five to 2500 acres. There are teachers and housewives stockmen, dairymen, horticulturists, business men and capitalists. This

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Tommy came out of a room in which
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"Why Tommy, what's the matter?"
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"P-P-P-Papa hit his finger with the
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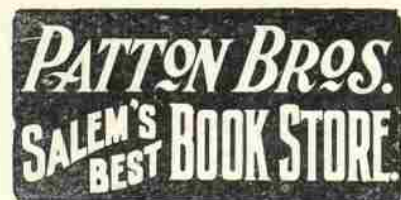
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