DEBATE NEWS

$125 Prize Soon to Be Awarded
Work in the Debate Club Kicks Off

The question for the first debates between Pacific University and Idaho has been chosen. It reads thus: "Resolved, That the Enactment of the old age pension by Great Britain was inexpedient." The debates will take place on Friday, January 19—one at Forest Grove and one at Moscow. At Forest Grove the affirmative will be taken Pacific and the negative by Idaho. The positions will be reversed in the debate at Moscow.

The question is one of great interest and importance, and this is the first time that it has ever been discussed in an intercollegiate debate. The literature upon the subject is limited. The energies of the students will not be taxed to the limit by the burden of research. There will be time for reflection, digestion, arrangement and, for practice in delivery. It seems to give promise of proving to be in every way an ideal question for debate.

The trial debate is to be held on Saturday afternoon, November 4. On Wednesday afternoon, if this week Professor Holmer spoke to the candidates for the two teams. He gave a brief history of the British old-age pension act and spoke of the issues involved and of the literature of the subject. On Saturday morning the sides which the candidates are to have will be determined by lot.

At the trial debate the Edgerton Prize of $125.00 will be awarded to the contestant who receives first place. This will be the eighth year the prize has been awarded. It is the oldest debate prize offered at the University.

Professor Holmer has consented to give as much time as he can spare for coaching the teams. "The University," he said, "was unexpectedly deprived of the services of the man whom it had expected to take charge of the debate work. There is plenty of time in which to get someone for the second debate. We will do what we can in the meantime."

The section of the University who are interested in debate are entitled to a debate coach. Every form of interest is considered with a coach. Surely debate is as desirable a student activity as football. If the University were suddenly left without a football coach the wire would be carried to the nearest town until a coach was secured; but it seems that debate and other forms of public speaking can safely be allowed to still for themselves.

We shall welcome an ounce whose business it shall be to take charge of debate.

Utah has requested Idaho to renew debate relations, but we are unable to do so at present because of the great cost. When the legislature meets and the railroad connects northern and southern Idaho, debates between Utah and Idaho will not be burdensome financially. In a year Idaho had offers for debates from five universities, but was compelled to decline because of the rules of the Triangular League prevent- ed her from debating any other college than the members of the League.

The Whitman College Pioneer un- consciously paid a high compliment to the last issue to the editorial staff of the Argonaut when it was mentioned that the staff was very small and that all the positions except the elective ones were as yet unfilled. It was probably made as a "joke," but they called attention to the fact that the editor and his associ- ate are doing the work of ten ordinary persons. The inference is that they must be persons of remarkable ability. Thanks for the compliment.

The chancellor of Oxford University has announced that hereafter that au- thentic instances will consist less on the classics and give more attention to the studies that are practical in every day life.

—Pioneer

FIRST GAME OF SEASON

A GREAT VICTORY

Idaho Defeats Lewiston Normal 32 to 0—Will Play Gonzaga College Next Saturday

Idaho's football team made a good showing for itself when it defeated the Lewiston Normal last Saturday afternoon by a score of 32 to 0. It was only a practice game and the normal boys were clearly outclassed from the start; but it looked good to see Idaho again making touchdowns and those who attended the game got their mon- ey's worth.

Captain Thornton is credited with the first touchdown for the season, but Laidtrown followed with another only three minutes later. Lewiston made yardage a few times in succession in the first half. This was about all the offensive work done by the normal boys. At the close of the first half the score stood 35 to 0.

All the men on the squad were given a trial in the second half, and the quarters were cut to ten minutes each. Had the regular team remained on the field for a full game, the score would in all probability have been a record broken. For the first game of the season the kicking was good, only two of the goals being missed in the nine chances. Thornton received two fair catches successfully. Among the other players who are deserving of mention are Laidtrown, Mann, Hillman, Kottson, Per- kins, Scharong, Bippin, Dougling and Strohecker as well as the men on the first line who were less spectacular but equally effective.

Compared with scores made by other northwest teams last week, Idaho may anticipate some success in the game this season. The Lewiston Nor- mal has "about seventy men" in the school and will probably rank on a lev- el with the Pendleton high school. Whitman only made 35 points against Pendleton in a game which was called the close of the third quarter. Idaho made 35 points in the first half. The University of Washington succeed- ed in making a score of 20 to 10 against the Lincoln high school of Seattle. Lincoln high is much stronger than either the Normal or Pendleton, but they used only the old style of play, rather than give their players away. Be- fore the Tacoma game. Under these circumstances twenty points is a comparatively small score for the U. of W. to make.

Gonzaga College Saturday

The University of Idaho will play Gonzaga College on Saturday. Gonzaga, coached by a fine team...They have been coached by George Varnell, a well known foot- ball official, who knows the game from start to finish and has trained his men to play to the best possible advantage. This is the first time Gonzaga has ever played a game outside of Spokane and it will be worth seeing. Few of the University students could go to Spokane to see the game but, when it is all said and done, the Davenport High School by a big score a few days ago and will give the Vanart team a hard scrab...The W. of Washington C. game comes only a week later. Next Saturday is the time to see the home team getting into shape, for the great contest with our old rival at Pull- man. Come out and root and show the boys that we are always behind them. The game will be called at 1:45 p.m. sharp.

CONSERVATION

Prof. Aldrich speaks of Status of Conservation, at Assembly Last Week

Prof. Aldrich was one of the dele- gates from Idaho to the National Con- servation Congress held from the 5th to the 9th of September. It was planned that each governor should ap- point certain delegates and that the various cities and towns should also send members. Governor Brady ap- pointed 36 from Idaho, three of whom were from Moscow. Only six of the 36 attended; and three of these were the three from Moscow. They were Presi- dent MeLean, Hon. J. D. Day and Prof. J. M. Aldrich. The convention was largely a local gathering. There was a state fair in progress in St. Paul at the same time and so the occasion was immense. The number and fame of the speakers on the program also drew many spectators. At most of the ses- sions there were from 500 to 1000 present, and at the special meetings there were from 10,000 to 15,000.

Almost the first thing on the program the first day was an address by Presi- dent Taft. Theodore Roosevelt, Secre- tary Wilson, Judge Lindsey, James J. Hill, and other prominent men were also on the program. President Taft tried to summarize all that the government has done for conservation, and what should be done in the future. His address is very valuable, and has been widely published in the Popular Science Monthly.

Prof. Aldrich said that the term "Conservation" should be limited to the natural resources belonging to the United States government, and that it should imply not the using of what we have but merely the saving of what is now going to ruin. The great irriga- tion projects are thus considered as altogether out of the realm of true con- servation. They do not save anything that is being destroyed but only make use of the land that has been, up to the present time, of little or no value.

At the present time the law prohibits the reservation of lands in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming as an act of congress. President Taft will recommend to congress at its next session the removal of this prohib- ition.

"It seems as though very little had been done, when we consider that of the hundreds of thousands of acres of forest lands that have been strip- ed of their timber, only 5,200 acres have been reforested. This is a very serious state of affairs. The government is now controlling the removal of them from large tracts of land as prophesying the conditions and method by which logging may be done on re- served lands.

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At last the staff has been ap-
pointed. We find it pretty-annoy-
ing work to publish the paper
weekly, without any assistance.
Yet it seems best not to select the
members of the staff till it is
known what they can and will do.
It might be done in the spring
with some certainty, but that would
give the Freshmen no chance
even if a number of those ap-
pointed would fail to return in the
fall. Now that the staff is com-
plete we hope to offer a better pa-
er to our readers.
We tried to secure workers who
are willing to put some real effort
into the work. Those whose arti-
cles showed signs of being neglect-
ed and only half done were prompt-
ly rejected. All who were too
late with their copy had no chance,
for the material must be collected,
pre pared and handed in on time.
The press can not wait for a slow
reporter. We want to have the
Argonaut out every time just
when it is due and consequently
we don't want assistants who are
always behind time. (And neither
do other people, for that matter.)
All select ones were made very care-
fully and conscientiously and if
any one is dissatisfied, he is ex-
clined to come and demand a change
but he must be prepared to argue
for his reform and his reasons will
be required.

Religious Census
This year every college student
was requested to sign a card when
registering stating what church
he or she was a member of or if not
a member which denomination was
preferred. The purpose was to find
the status of church membership
among the University students.
The same system has been carried
out for some years ago. The results
of this census are most extraordi
nary and surprising. Of course,
tere were a number who failed to
fill out the card. But actually
fifty per cent of the men who did
fill them out are members of some
church. Of the women who signed
the cards, four out of five and one
half per cent are church members.
Twelve denominations are repre-
sented. Following is an approxi-
mate summary of the results. This
chart does not include preparatory
students.

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FOOTBALL
Gonzaga College
VS.
University of Idaho
IDAHO FIELD
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Game Called at 1:45 p. m.
Prof. Frankson is in Chicago to deliver a lecture before the National Dairymen's Association.

Prof. Wicks, Mr. Vincent, and Mr. Iddings are at Lewiston with the University exhibit at that place.

Prof. Nicholson returned home Sunday from Spokane. Mr. Kroeger heard his classes during the last week.

Prof. McCaffrey will soon go to Butte to coach the basketball team, which will be on the road the first of December.

W. W. Sukebbery, captain of the football team last year, is in charge of the preparations for the coming season.

The number for the new gymnastic team will be determined immediately.

Emil Anderson, ex's, came down from Spokane this week and is looking the town and campus over. He will register next week.

Jos. M. Adams, a future pedagogue, has charge of the preparatory classes in physics last week during the absence of Professor Soulen, who is in Spokane on business.

The followings are still coming in, this week brought four of the old students back. They are George Durnali, Joe Barrett, Will Cope, and Will sand.

Prof. Chedsey is at Lewiston conducting an essay office at the Lewiston Fair. Assays of samples contributed by various mines are being received at the office.

The Preparatory football boys have been working hard. They have been out every day for practice. The team has been a success and is expected to win the championship.

At 5:30 last Sunday morning everybody was aroused by the new fire bell. Prof. Molloy and Eldridge made a hasty trip across town with the University hose cart. Half way up the hill they tied the hose to a tree and went on to the fire, at the residence of Emil Leuschel. The trip was wholly successful, for the damage was comparatively slight.

A great number of enquiries have been received and a very large registration is expected. This school will give a three year course in practical agriculture. It is open to all young men who have completed the eighth grade. Prof. Iddings is principal of the new school. The faculty consists of the following competent instructors: The school year is only six months. The course opens Monday, October 17 and closes in April.

A class meeting of the class of 1911 was called at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday. The chief business was election of officers for the next term. The following were elected: President, Geo. Rembou; vice president, L. Arthur P. Becket; Secretary, Verona Bailey; treasurer, Paul M. Clements; Sargent-at-arms, H. H. Blank. After some discussion of the deficit caused by the 1911 "Gim of the Mountains," a committee was appointed to audit the report of the manager of the annual.

Washington News Letter

U. of W., Seattle, Wash., Oct. 3.

The basketball team, a favorite in the University of Washington is this year far above par. Last week many old veterans of the game were on the floor for the first time and displayed much class in the game.

Capt. Warmer Williams will register this week, and he will take up the matter of issuing a formal call for candidates. As yet no coach has been secured, but as it is planned the team will be placed under the auspices of the Associated Students of the University of Washington. Last year the team was not coached by a tutor, but managed their own affairs; and under these conditions they ended the season in a very creditable manner. Although not winning the championship many games were played in which the scores were on a very narrow margin. The team last year lost to both Whitman and Idaho, but took an important game from Washington State College, which team later won the championship.

Provided that the A. S. U. W. sees fit to bring the basket ball team under their jurisdiction the team will be provided with coach and should bring out material that will insure a winning season.

Dormitory Notes

Work at Ridenbaugh Hall has begun in earnest with thirty-five occupants. Of this number thirteen are old girls, and of the new, thirteen are college freshmen. It is hoped that in this case eighteen will prove a lucky number. The girls at the "Dorms" are hoping for a sunny day next Saturday, as they will hold their annual reception on that day.

Miss Ena Anderson spent last Saturday and Sunday with her parents at Palouse.

Miss Jessie Coman was a visitor at the Spokane Fair on Saturday and Sunday of this week.

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