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OLD OREGON

The first two issues of "Old Oregon" have taken me back to the dear old campus, clear from the state of Texas. Every alumnus must be rejoicing at the victorious outcome of the recent trial, the proceedings of which were so clearly set down in the second pamphlet sent to alumni. However, it is with the first issue that the wandering graduate is specially concerned for it contains articles from alumni as well as items about them and to her who narrowly escaped being the editor, it seems a very worth-while publication.

When dues make this magazine a more frequent visitor and the now greatly-besought services of the alumni secretary can be constantly applied to drafting news material and collecting interesting items for graduate perusal, such mistakes in dates of graduation and the like will not mar the pages of the magazine, in surprise to the erstwhile alumnus who may have read in the first attempt that he was graduated even before the family Bible records his birthday. Criticism of such mistakes is ill-made if offered by a

graduate—who has neglected this the past year—and we can all make succeeding issues better by getting into active service to our University again through the pages of the magazine which is ours to make, by helping the editor, and her job is not an easy one.

When the work is a little longer under way, we hope that permanent secretaries may be selected from each of every one of the classes since the beginning, for their acquaintance with the individuals in college at the same time with such secretaries, will add an authentic touch to notes which may appear from time to time. This kind of organization too, will enable the University to feel it has a more definite hold on those who were once trained in college traditions. A permanent class secretary should be elected at the last senior class-meeting, annually.

"Old Oregon" certainly does have the Oregon spirit between its attractive covers and with all of our dues paid we have the medium through which we may again be comrades, as in the good old days. See what your dollar can do! This is a splendid opportunity for alumni support of the new Oregon.

NORMA HENDRICKS STARR, '06
Dallas, Texas.

THE BONDING MEASURE

On June 3rd, 1919, at a special election, the people of the state of Oregon will be asked to vote upon a measure which is of vital interest to every alumnus and former student of the University of Oregon. This measure is the Reconstruction Bonding Bill, which provides for an issue of \$5,000,000.00

worth of bonds to be used for new buildings and improvements in the state of Oregon. Out of this \$5,000,000.00 the University would receive \$500,000.00, which will be used in constructing much needed buildings on the campus. This is the time for every one of us to get out and put this over with flying colors. It means a great deal to your Alma Mater. Those of you who have been on the campus recently know something of present conditions at the University. The recitation rooms and laboratories are taxed to the limit. If this year's enrollment, which was close to 1,350, is to be taken into consideration, the enrollment for next year should be at least 1,500, as this year was far from a normal year for higher education. This student body of 1500 with the crowded conditions that we have now, means a serious problem for the University unless some relief comes by the passing of this measure. The state of Oregon has provided a means for the training of her youth that will make them better and more useful citizens and the state a better place in which to live. Its legislature provided a means this year to build new buildings on the campus. Now it is up to *you* to do *your part*. To quote Prof. Simeon E. Baldwin, of Yale, who says: "A liberal education obtained at any American college is, in part at least, an unearned gift. The state may be the giver. Past generations may be. But however this may be the student never pays for what he gets, when he gets it. The debt remains and the resulting duty to pay later when he can. He pays it best by rendering that service whatever it may be when called upon." Here then is your opportunity to help your Alma Mater and make partial payment on that indebtedness contracted by you

back in your college days. The Reconstruction Bonding Bill comes up for election on June 3rd. *We count on you.*

THE SERVICE RECORD

When the call came for the nation to give its best and bravest, the University of Oregon did not hold back, or even hesitate. She came forth immediately and gave her best. Her Alumni left whatever they were doing and answered the call. Her campus was almost deserted of men, for they had felt the stronger need for their services and were ready to give the greatest gift, their lives. An intimate relationship with the treasures of the University had made them the first to realize that this call to service was one that could not be overlooked or even put off for the shortest time. Two thousand of Oregon's men broke off the ties that held them and offered themselves to their nation. We feel that there is no institution, no community that has more just cause to be proud of the record of its sons.

The next issue of Old Oregon will be given over to a Military Service Record of all former students and Alumni of the University. For several months now questionnaires have been going to men and women who entered the service. In this way data has been gathered for this military record. These questionnaires have traveled all over the globe, from China to Italy. A few of them have been returned unanswered, but a great many have come back full of the things that make history.

Perhaps there has been someone that we have not reached — we should be glad to have any suggestion or additions that you have to offer. It will not be too late if you will write immediately.

Letters of Appreciation

Merle Chessman writes:—"Permit me to congratulate the association upon its first issue of "Old Oregon." It was splendidly edited and mighty interesting to one who has not been situated so that he could re-visit with any degree of frequency the scenes of undergraduate days, and who, therefore, needs the inspiration such as is furnished by this publication. I wish you every success in your undertaking."

Mr. Chessman is secretary of the Umatilla County Patriotic Service League, which is located in Pendleton, Oregon.

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Harold Fitzgibbons, who is studying medicine at Rush Medical college, writes: "My copy of 'Old Oregon' arrived this morning and has stimulated me to immediate response, (dollar enclosed). Great credit is certainly due the association, for the magazine surely fills a large felt want. We, who are at Rush and have been away from the West for some time, are greatly pleased with the first edition, as it answers a hundred questions that we would have liked to ask regarding former friends on the campus. Every alumnus will no doubt have the same feeling, that the 'missing link' between the 'has-beens' has at last been found."

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W. A. Dill, who is in the department of journalism at the University of Kansas, writes that: "The first issue just received. It is full of most interesting reading and I hope the way will be open for a continuation of the magazine."

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Another of the Washington, D. C., alumni is Mrs. Elsie D. Bond, who is doing clerical work in the office of the Secretary of the Navy. She was graduated in the class of '08. Her husband, Jesse H. Bond, '09, is directing an investigation of labor and wages in the machine tool shops of ten Northeastern states, under the direction of the department of labor. She says she has enjoyed reading "Old Oregon," but that some of the older ones seem to have fallen by the wayside. Address is 1629 P street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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Vesta Holt, '13, writes a long, newsy letter about former students and alumni from Medford, Oregon, where she is head of the department of science in the high school. She says that she enjoyed reading 'Old Oregon' very much.

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From Lieutenant Hubert G. Schenck, at Fort Monroe, Virginia, comes the following: "Unless you have been 'stuck' in Fort Monroe, you can't imagine the call of the best state in the Union. I know that I am simply one of many that appreciate 'Old Oregon.'"

Ira E. Caston, '18, who is in the naval hospital, U. S. Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Wash., sends in the following: "The copy of 'Old Oregon' reached me some time ago and I have enjoyed reading the news it contains immensely. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for sending me the magazine, though my alumni dues were unpaid. That is a real 'Oregon Spirit,' and I owe an apology for not showing enough 'Oregon Spirit' to keep my dues paid up."

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From Kelso, Washington, March 15th, Gladys Cartwright, '16, writes that "Old Oregon" crossed her path the day before and she immediately forwarded her check for a year's subscription. She further says the magazine is certainly great; and she hasn't felt so closely in touch with college since she left. "Long may she wave," says Gladys.

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C. W. Walls, '12, sends the following enthusiastic bit: "Mrs. Walls and I enjoyed the copy of 'Old Oregon' that you sent and I enclose check to cover subscription for a year." This letter is dated at Fossil, Oregon, and the stationery shows that Mr. Walls is in the general merchandise business there.

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Cloyd O. Dawson, '16, writes from Tillamook, Oregon, that he is glad 'Old Oregon' is going to come and see him every month and he is sure that there will not be a more interested reader found than he.

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Nellis Hamlin, '18, writes from Harvard: "I read the March issue of 'Old Oregon' from cover to cover and am sure no one enjoyed it more than I did."

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Earl Kilpatrick, who is assistant division manager of the American Red Cross, with headquarters in Seattle, Wash., writes that "The first copy of 'Old Oregon' was received this morning. The association is most heartily to be congratulated upon actually issuing the long-talked-of alumni publication. The value of it and the need for it will be so thoroughly demonstrated by this first issue that there will be no question of its success in my opinion."

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Karl G. Becke, '17, at Salem, Oregon, writes as follows: "I have taken great pleasure in reading the first edition of 'Old Oregon,' and wish to congratulate the association on the outcome of its venture. It is no small undertaking to lay the foundation for such a publication, but the success, measured by the first edition, is well worth the effort. From this time on, the work necessary to edit the publication, will undoubtedly become lighter as all alumni will certainly appreciate the results that have been obtained and will stand more ready to cooperate with you in the future. Here's wishing you the best of success."

State-Wide University Day

UNIVERSITY DAY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

War had just been declared when the first State-Wide University Day was announced, and last year we were in the very midst of the conflict. War interests and activities rightly took the center of the stage. The alumni organization was kept alive and served a very useful purpose, but it was not put on a stable peace time basis, nor was University Day, as an annual state wide reunion and celebration for alumni and former students, pressed home with the energy that the idea deserves.

This year the war is won. The state and the University are entering upon a new era of prosperity. Now is the time to perfect the organization of the alumni so that they can more nearly fulfill their true function in relation to the University. Oregon alumni are loyal, and many have rendered exceedingly valuable service to the University. I am sure however, that they will agree that with a closer organization, and with the "Old Oregon," the new alumni magazine, as a medium of information and inspiration, alumni will be better able to advise and help the University in its many functions and problems. No college can reach the maximum of effectiveness, nor fully meet the needs of those whom it would serve without constant contact with and help from its alumni.

This year will mark the beginning of what I am confident will be the period of the most rapid growth and development that the University has ever experienced. It will also mark, I feel sure, the beginning of a greater alumni association.



LOCAL OBSERVANCE

The alumni council suggests that local observance take at least three forms in every community.

1. Closer organization of alumni.
2. Celebration of the day in good fellowship.
3. Some work for the University.

If you have no alumni organization of the University of Oregon in your community, be sure to get one formed on May 9th, 1919, the annual State-wide University Day. Make sure that everyone who has ever attended the University of Oregon or taken work from it for credit through

the extension service, is a member of this organization. If you should live in an isolated place try and get in touch with the nearest group. We do not realize what we are missing of the old associations we formed while in college. Do you remember how we used to start out early in the morning of University Day, build new cement walks by Deady, bleachers on Kincaid Field, and paint the "O" on Skinner's Butte? And how good that campus luncheon was the girls prepared? Does this not make you want to "come back" again to dear "Old Oregon?" Surely it does, if you still have a little of that "Oregon Spirit" left from by-gone days. Success of this State-wide University Day. What does this mean? It means we must have the support of every alumnus. Who does this mean? It does not mean the other fellow but *you* who are reading this. So if your heart is really warm to the University and you have an earnest desire to do your part in some way, get behind this and help. Elect a president, a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer and report the names of the members and officers to the secretary of the University of Oregon Alumni association, Eugene, Oregon.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOLS

Before the sun has set on University Day, 1919, every one of the students in the high schools in the state of Oregon should know where the University of Oregon is, what it is and what it offers to the student who is ambitious to learn to lead and serve men. To every fair and reasonable person it is evident that those of us who have been partakers of this bounty are debtors to the state for all the advantages we have enjoyed while here at college. Is it asking too much of you to do your part by helping in this State-wide University Day? Something like 4000 boys and girls will be graduated this year from the Oregon high schools. Surely you will want them to know what men and women in the community are alumni of the University, so that they can turn to them for candid, impartial and competent advice in answering the question, "Shall I go to college?"

Every local committee should include one or two very competent persons who will cooperate with the high school principal in a special assembly, on University Day, if possible, and surely during University week. At this assembly the alumnus who speaks should make clear to the students what splendid opportunities for college training are found at the University of Oregon. Illustrated booklets, presenting in detail the work at the University, will gladly be sent every one who desires them. The alumni secretary is sending copies to every local committee chairman.

ALUMNI OUT OF THE STATE

We hope that alumni and former students of the University, wherever they may be, on this day, will find a way to foregather and feast in the name of the University. In the graduate schools of the east and here and there throughout the country are little groups of loyal Oregon men and

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women. Surely once a year they may meet and celebrate the day which of all days is dedicated to service and loving thoughts of their alma mater.

"Old Oregon" will welcome any news items regarding the social celebration you had on University Day, whether luncheon, dinner, party, ball, picnic or entertainment. Will you let the other Oregon Alumni know of your good times?

WHAT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS CAN DO

The question may arise when you are organized into local organizations, "What can we do now that we are organized?" Here are some problems for groups to work on.

First this Reconstruction Bonding Bill which comes up on the 3rd of June at a special election. This bill would give the University \$500,000.00 which would be used in the construction of much needed buildings on the campus. It is important for every alumnus and former student to get out and work for a "Greater Oregon."

Second, the Women's Building campaign. This campaign to raise \$40,000.00 from alumni and former students is being worked out by the Portland Alumni association. It is hoped that this money will all be pledged by Commencement.

Third, the paying of your membership dues which entitles you to "Old Oregon." Has "Old Oregon" meant anything to you? Is it bringing you back to "dear Old Oregon?" If you wish it to be a regular caller and you have not sent in your dues, send your \$1.00 in right away as no copies hereafter will be sent to those who have not paid their dues. Would a membership drive be possible in your organization?

Fourth, the addresses of Oregon alumni and former students in your community. Chairmen of local organizations are asked to send in the names of all alumni and former students residing in their locality to the alumni secretary. The association is endeavoring to get in touch with all former students. Questionnaires are being sent out for them to fill which will make their records complete and which we hope will keep us in touch with them. Fully one-third of these have been returned unclaimed. If you are a former student or know of any former student that has not returned a questionnaire, will you send the name in with correct address. Alumni who have not been receiving "Old Oregon" and other University literature are asked to drop a postal card to the secretary of the association with their correct address. In one of the forecoming numbers of "Old Oregon" names of alumni and former students that have been "lost" to the University will be printed. Do you want to see your name among the "dead" ones?

Campus News and Comments

The returning alumnus who visits the campus in the near future will find the interior of Friendly hall undergoing extensive repairs and alterations. Certain familiar parts of the building have already taken on a strange appearance. It is rumored that these improvements are in some way connected with the Students' Army Training corps, a part of which was quartered in the dormitory last fall. Whether such repairs are rendered necessary by the destruction wrought by S. A. T. C. men or merely made possible through the generosity of the war department has not been officially announced. At any rate the old reception room has been greatly enlarged, the fire place removed from the middle to the side of the room. Shifting the fireplace will, of course, necessitate a new chimney. Plumbing will be overhauled, rooms renovated and the ravages wrought by time and bad temper will disappear. New plaster, wall decoration and hardwood floors are already in sight, and there will soon be little to remind the old-timer of the days when nothing was fixed except the menus, the price of board, and the feud between the north-enders and the south.

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An appropriate piece of statuary representing the figure of an American pioneer is being placed on the north side of Thirteenth avenue between the library and Friendly hall. This impressive work is A. Phimister Proctor, an eminent American sculptor, and is a gift from J. N. Teal, of Portland, to the University. A huge boulder brought from the banks of the McKenzie will furnish the pedestal and the statue will face toward Johnson hall. To perpetuate the memory of the hardy pioneer in a masterpiece of this kind seems especially fitting when we recall the debt which Old Oregon owes to the pioneers of Lane county, whose courage and self sacrifice made a University possible. The figure of the pioneer in action, with face turned to the southward at the same time, typifies the steady march of the University across the large campus toward Johnson hall, and the new Women's Building that will soon rise in the background.

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"Old Oregon," together with the Emerald, the University catalogue and most of the other publications of the University, is a product of the University Press, the laboratory department of the School of Journalism. The University Press was started about five years ago on the basis of the old plant of the Oregon State Journal, which was donated to the School of Journalism by Webster Kincaid, '08, and his father, Harrison R. Kincaid, one of the pioneer publishers of Oregon. Later the Regents appropriated \$880 for improvements, and again, \$5,000. The plant now inven-

tories about \$10,000. The coming year's business will probably be about \$15,000. Considered as a University Press, the plant is considerably overshadowed by a dozen or more establishments of the kind in various Universities of the world, but considered as a journalism laboratory it easily ranks in the first three, and in some respects is the best of all.

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While the University's reputation in intercollegiate athletics has been splendidly maintained during the past three or four years special emphasis has been placed on the development of intra-mural sports. The initiative was taken by appointment of a faculty committee some three years ago. It was through their influence that the new open air gymnasium was secured for the women, four new tennis courts joining Kincaid field on the south-east were constructed and a golf course laid out on the thirty acre tract south of the cemetery. Last winter President Campbell named a new committee with the same general purpose in view—more general participation in sports by students and faculty members. Under the leadership of Professor DeCou the committee undertook to convert the old drill shed into an open-air gymnasium for men. The sides were enclosed for a distance of eight feet above the ground and wire netting placed above. This gave three new basketball courts or three indoor tennis courts, besides abundant opportunity for volley ball, indoor baseball and handball. The eastern one-third of the floor is set aside for the use of faculty men. To meet the demand for outdoor tennis this spring two new concrete courts are under construction between Deady hall and the old concrete court just west of the library. Two more dirt courts will be built next to Kincaid street for the use of the Campus high school. The committee's work has already borne fruit in the form of more extensive interest and participation in intra-mural sports by those who profit most by systematic exercise.

The Zoology department has recently received a valuable addition to its collections in the form of a gift from A. G. Prill, of Scio. The donor is a collector of long experience, having served in that capacity for the Smithsonian Institute and the Golden Gate Park museum. His gift to the University consists of some 200 specimens of birds and mammals. The collection will be housed for the time being on the top floor of old Deady hall until permanent quarters can be found. The receipt of such gifts from friends of the University, serves to emphasize the need for a new science hall to store and arrange a wealth of material now in possession of the departments of botany, zoology, geology and kindred sciences. It is hoped that the erection of such a building will not long be deferred.

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With the disbanding of the S. A. T. C. the University continued to cooperate with the war department through the establishment of the R. O. T. C. Recently an important change has been made in the base of military

operations on the campus. The barracks constructed last fall on the 30 acre tract just east of the cemetery is being fitted up as officers' quarters, and rifle rooms. The field still furrowed with the trenches, constructed under the direction of Colonel John Leader, promises in the course of time to become a sort of military reservation. Lieutenant Colonel Raymond C. Baird has recently been detailed by the National government to assist Colonel Wm. H. C. Bowen in carrying out the military program. Increased emphasis will be placed on class room instruction in military science and history with less attention than is customarily given to close-order drill.

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Under stress of war conditions activity in intercollegiate debate was temporarily suspended. The forensic council, however, hit upon the happy idea of promoting an interest in the art of debate more widespread than that of any previous year. The results attained through intra-mural contests surprised even the most sanguine advocates of this policy. Practically every fraternity and residence hall entered two teams in the initial contest, faculty members rendered assistance as coaches and served as judges. By common consent Varsity debaters were eliminated and organizations represented by stars of the second magnitude. The series of contests revealed a surprising amount of hidden talent and material for all the teams Coach Prescott will have occasion to use for the next four years. Beta Theta Pi was the winner among the men's fraternities and the women of Hendricks hall will have the last word in the final contest at assembly on May 27. This final bout between the winning organizations promises to be the liveliest contest of a co-educational nature witnessed in Villard hall for a long time. A substantial trophy of some kind will be awarded to the undisputed champions of University debatedom.

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"Only once in eight years" read the placards displayed in the windows of Eugene business houses a short time ago. The occasion was the annual intercollegiate oratorical contest held on the University campus in which nine colleges and universities were represented. The very language of the advertisement recalls to some of the alumni the event of 1903 when the contest was held in Eugene and the University represented by Harvey Bruce Densmore, '03, now a member of the Washington faculty. The recent contest was well attended, each college sending a considerable delegation to cheer their chosen representative. Old Villard again echoed to college yells and college songs and a spirit of friendly but intense rivalry was manifest. It is significant that four out of nine of the orations dealt with the problem of Bolshevism in some form and all made frequent references to the great war and the problem of international peace. The contest was won by Mr. John J. Canoles, representing Albany College, with a very timely and forceful oration on the league of nations. Miss Ramona

Stover, representing the Eugene Bible University, was second with a margin of only one-third of a point between her and the winner. The University was represented in the contest by Ralph Hoerber, who spoke on the subject "Liberty Within the Law and Without." The contest was of course followed by the usual banquet lasting until two in the morning. The toastmaster for the occasion was Mr. Carlton Spencer, 1913, who won for the University in the inter-collegiate contest during his freshman year. Mr. Abe E. Rosenberg, winner of last year's contest, furnished the toast for Oregon. Both the contest and the after-dinner speeches challenged the view that oratory is becoming obsolete.

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One of the best known officials about the campus is always the registrar. Mr. A. R. Tiffany, who held this office at the University for eleven years, has recently resigned to enter the printing business in Eugene. His place has already been taken by Mr. Carlton E. Spencer, also an alumnus of the University. Mr. Spencer graduated with the class of 1913 and during his college career was prominent in oratory and debates and in student body affairs. After completing his course at Eugene Mr. Spencer studied law in Portland, at the same time acting as Secretary of the Portland law school. At the outbreak of the war he was a practicing attorney in the metropolis but soon quit his practice for enlistment in the ground service of the aviation corps, where he won his lieutenancy. Only a few weeks after his discharge Mr. Spencer was asked to take charge of the Registrar's office at Eugene. On account of his wide acquaintance with alumni and his extensive experience in administrative work, the new registrar's appointment has met with universal approval.

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Every alumnus of the University should be interested in a measure to be submitted at a special election held on June 3, 1919, which provides for an issue of \$5,000,000 worth of bonds for building and construction work inside the state. The primary purpose of the bill is to relieve congestion in the labor market which may result from the demobilization of our army. But Oregon has an added justification for undertaking at this time an extensive program of public works. Various state institutions stand in need of new public buildings, the demand for which the six per cent limitation on the state's income has made it impossible to meet. None of these needs are more pressing than the requirements of the University for additional laboratory and museum space, more class rooms and a more spacious and modern library building. Besides the new women's building, now virtually assured, the University must have in the near future a science hall, a new library and a building to house the school of commerce with its rapidly increasing enrollment. With the exception of a single residence hall no new buildings have been placed on the campus since Oregon hall was completed in 1916. During this interval the attendance at Eugene has

increased twenty-seven per cent. Problems of overcrowding are now seriously felt in many quarters and needs are apparent which even the new women's building will not satisfy. Dean Straub now makes the confident prediction that next fall will see sixteen hundred students on the University campus and the need for several new buildings is already evident. The bonding bill referred to assigns to the University the sum of \$500,000 for "such building or buildings on the campus as the board of regents may agree upon." Every Oregon alumnus should give his loyal and generous support to the campaign now under way to carry the reconstruction measure which is after all only a *construction* measure and a very much needed one at that.

Woman's Building

The movement to get more adequate facilities for physical training for the young women of the University of Oregon began some six years ago. M. Ruth Guppy, then Dean of Women at the University, organized the Woman's League with this object in view. The work for creating interest and gathering money proceeded very slowly for the first three years. The past three the campaign has been waged with more vigor and the reality of a Woman's Building on our campus seems certain.

The purpose of the building is to provide quarters for the physical training which every woman in the University must take and to form a much needed social center on the campus for faculty, alumni, students and guests. The building at present occupied as a gymnasium was erected in 1881 at a cost of \$5,000.00, and was abandoned by the men long ago because it was unfit for their use. Is it right that we should ask our girls to use this building, which accommodates only 150, when the enrollment in the women students is 550 this year and increasing every year?

At the last legislature the state appropriated \$100,000.00, which is payable in four installments of \$25,000.00 each, upon condition that each payment be matched by an equal sum from private subscriptions. Of the necessary \$100,000.00 to be raised by gifts \$52,000.00 is now pledged.

The Alumni Association has undertaken to raise \$40,000.00 of the outstanding \$48,000.00. The slogan is "Apledge from every Alumnus and former student by Commencement." A committee of club women, headed by Mrs. Roy Bishop, of Pendleton, will raise the other \$8,000.00.

If each one helps to the limit of his ability the building can be started this spring. Since this is the first time in forty-two years that Alumni as a whole have been asked to give money to their Alma Mater, it is certain that each one will respond gladly to this call.

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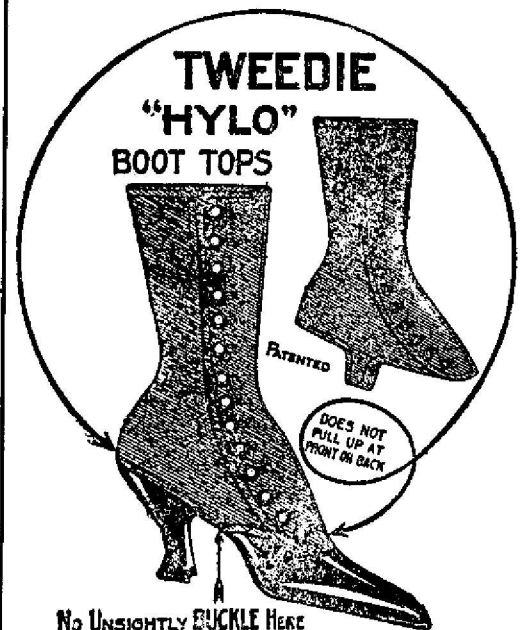
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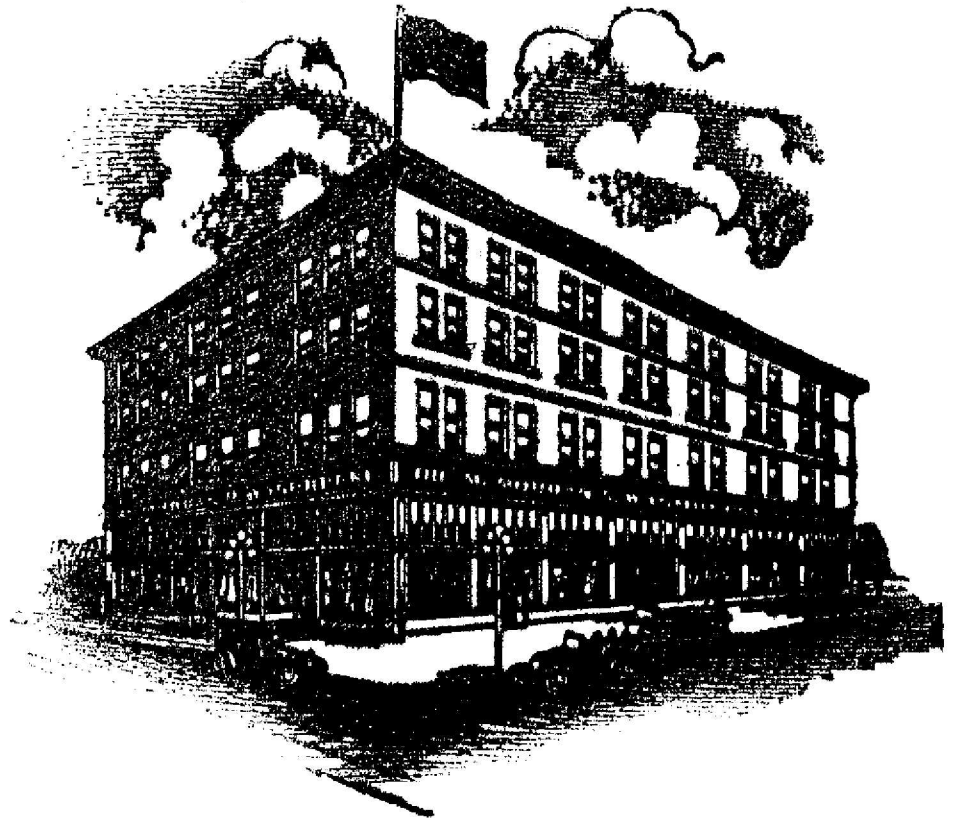
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