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In this issue will be found another article expressing the opinion of one of our fellow students on the Literary Society question. We are always glad when space will permit to insert the opinion of any student on any subject that may seem to be to the student or vital importance.

Jot down your ideas concerning any subject that seems to be weighing heavily upon your mind, enclose it in an envelope addressed to the Spectrum, drop it into the slit in the door leading into the post office and your ideas will be given proper consideration and space provided it can be found.

Last Saturday the college was visited by a committee that were delegated by the legislature to visit this institution and ascertain for themselves as to what our needs are. These gentlemen were shown through the various college buildings and given a full opportunity to see all the equipment. Coming as they did on Saturday they were not able to see in what a crowded condition many of the classes are. This was our misfortune.

A rather radical innovation in college administration has recently been put in force at the Oregon Agricultural College. This responsibility for student government is now placed entirely in the charge of the Students Council.

Sleighting Helpful

Last Saturday evening eight young couples of distinctly domestic tendencies set out in a bob-sleigh to develop their friendship and learn if possible something more definite about the future. The driver who by the way was the most deaf procurable, was instructed to head toward Dilworth and proceed at the slowest possible gait.

ed and much needed coin was conspicuously handed over.

But time and dormitory regulations do not recognize true felicity and the happy ones at length set out homeward, still unmindful of the bitter cold and murmuring only at the harshness of Fate in having to part "Ah too soon."

Here is where these enthused ones should have received an admonition from one not under the influence, for an elevated box is far too conspicuous a place for the exchange of fond glances.

But mistakes and indiscretions are more or less common to all and so they are not to be criticised or ridiculed by the Spectrum. So long as they are sincere, as they undoubtedly are, we stand ready to screen them from publicity.

In the last issue of the Spectrum there appeared an expression of student opinion on literary societies. The object of this article is not quite clear, but seems to be either a defense of the changes that the Philomathian Literary Society has undergone during the last school year, or an attempt to convert what the writer admits to be the only other Literary Society in the institution, the Athenians into a segregated society.

With all due respect and sympathy for the segregated society it has not yet been demonstrated to the satisfaction of all that mixed societies cannot succeed. It is hard to understand how the Athenians have grown and prospered for sixteen years if such is the case.

The only ground on which a charge of failure in mixed societies in this institution should be based would be the falling off in the interest in the old mixed Philo society till it was possible to dissolve and replace it with the present boys society.

As to mixed societies being out of date we are still open to conviction. It might more logically be argued that they are the most modern, for it is in the old institutions that segregation is most common.

When an organization feels called upon to attempt a general change of all other societies to conform to its peculiarities, there is ground to suspect that the old law of "misery likes company" is at work.

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## Prof. Bolley Gives Stirring Address

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GIVES POINTED FACTS VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS GIVEN, ON HOW THEY CAN PROMOTE AGRICULTURE.

Prof. Bolley of the Biological Department delivered an address before the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce last week that has been likened to Roosevelt's Guild Hall speech in London. In brief, Prof. Bolley gave the men of this organization some truths that went direct to hearers and some of it was not of a consoling nature. He pointed out how that the farmers were as a whole somewhat suspicious of these various chambers of commerce and how that these organizations are in many cases working against the interests of the farmers and indirectly their own. He urged the men of this organization to use their influence in securing such legislative measures as tended to promote the farmers' welfare and place this great industry upon a more stable foundation, for unless agriculture prospers, all other businesses which are subsidiary are sure to wane as a result.

After giving them some valuable suggestions as to how they could best promote the great cause of agriculture, he induced them to begin at once by instructing their agents at the various elevators to clean free of charge all seed grain for those farmers who do not possess a fanning mill. One of the leading companies has already issued these orders according to the suggestion. Others are to follow. This one suggestion from Prof. Bolley cannot help but be productive of much good and bring into the pockets of the farmers who avail themselves of this opportunity a large sum that otherwise would be lost.

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## Another Musical Program At Grand

The program to be given at the Grand next Sunday evening, Feb. 12th, promises to be one of the best given this season. A recital is to be given by Mr. Volney L. Mills of the Wesley Conservatory of Music, and Prof. E. A. Boehmer, Director of Fargo College Conservatory of Music, assisted by Mrs. E. R. Wright and Miss Bertha Hagen. The program consists of 15 numbers. There will be two novel features presented at this conference; it will be the first time that Mr. Mills, who is one of the very best singers in the Northwest, will give a recital, and also the first time that some of Prof. Boehmer's compositions will be played in public a recital.

The recital begins at eight o'clock and the A. C. students should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear this promising program.

EXCITEMENT INCREASES AS CONVENTION APPROACHES (Continued From Page 1)

Cabinet and all other prominent politicians have been mentioned as probable candidates. Sherman, New York; Burke, North Dakota; Baily, Texas; Clapp and Nelson, Minnesota; Cummins, Iowa, and Deneen, Illinois appear to be favorites. It is possible that several of these gentlemen will be presidential candidates.

Twenty tons of asbestos paper have been ordered by those backing the Non Partisan Rag which will make its appearance in a few days. This paper has no regular issue dates but is published when the occasion demands. So fiery and hot are the articles it will contain that type of special composition had to be ordered. With asbestos paper and special high melting point type the hottest of political news will be easily printed.

A certain rosy cheeked little boy in the Roosevelt primary grades is a wiser but sadder boy. His challenge for a kiss from two of our popular freshmen girls was successful, but ah, the results. He hasn't been able to attend school since. Little fellow, you should have previously advised with your elders. It takes a man with a strong constitution to stand a kiss from a freshmen girl and even for the strongest, it is dangerous.

## Prof. Hard Talks On Soils And Soil Survey

BEFORE \$100 AN ACRE CLUB IN VALLEY CITY.

THIS ORGANIZATION TO AID SOIL SURVEY IN BARNES COUNTY.

Prof. Hard, head of the Geology Department, recently addressed the members of the \$100 an acre club at Valley City. This club is one that was recently organized and has for its purpose the promotion of farming in Barnes county. It is composed of a live, energetic body of farmers and business men who are on the alert to secure all the information possible along any line that will promote the interests of the people of the county. Mr. DeLancy, the President of the organization, every two weeks secures a number of specialists to address the members. Prof. Hard was invited to enlighten its members on matters pertaining to the soil and particularly relative to the soil survey which has as one of its objects the study of the crop adaptability to different soil types. That Prof. Hard's address and work was properly appreciated may be judged by the fact that this organization has already taken steps to give monetary aid to the survey in order to insure the coming of the soil men to their county next summer. These men readily see that a definite knowledge of soil types and conditions, are necessary before the highest agricultural possibilities can be realized. That the Geological Department at the College is and can further be of immense service to the state is beyond question.

## Dr. Dolt Will Talk About Scenes In The Holy Land For The Y.M. and Y.W.C.A.

The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. will hold a joint meeting Sunday Feb. 12, at 2:30 P. M. in the Armory. Dr. Dolt will give an illustrated lecture on "Scenes in the Holy Land at Christmas Time." He has visited these lands, and has quite a collection of slides prepared for the lecture. They cover many of the scenes about Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jericho, Nazareth, the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee, and other places of historical interest. The associations have also provided for three or four selections of special music.

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