



MRS. EHRGOTT OF PORTLAND SPEAKS ON SUFFRAGE

Question of Woman's Rights Ably Discussed by Speaker—Strong Argument.

"Votes for Women" is a very live question among P. U. students and it was with much interest that Mrs. Ehr-gott, of Portland, was followed in her talk on Woman's Suffrage last Thurs-day in Brighton Chapel. Mrs. Ehr-gott proved to be a very entertaining speaker and presented several very forceful arguments in her explanation of "Why college students and profes-sors cannot fail to recognize the right-ousness of this world-wide movement for the freedom of woman."

It is very right and proper that in America this movement should take the form of votes for women. A cen-tury ago there was no High school open to girls in America. During the middle ages a question had arisen as to whether or not women were possessed of souls. By the time of the first set-tlements on the continent it had been decided that they had souls, but men were not yet willing to grant that women had brains. The Quakers were the only people who believed in giving their women an education. As late as 1793 we find the first school to receive girls was that of Newberry, Mass., which gave instruction in Read-ing and Grammar for two hours in the afternoon after the boys were gone. In 1812 Boston schools refused admit-tance to girls because so many were coming. A great hue and cry was raised when Vassar opened her doors and the young women came flocking in from all over the country. It took brave and strong men in those days to make it possible for the women to have the education they so longed for.

One hundred years ago there were only three things a woman could do. She could always marry, if she had a chance, then if not she could be an old maid aunt or a dressmaker. At the Chicago Fair it was shown in the wom-en's building how in a single century a woman's three occupations had grown to three hundred and ninety-two. God never made any difference between the brains of men and women.

Women are out in the big world of education and business. They are actively engaged in everything and it

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CHANGE MADE IN METHOD OF HOLDING ELECTION

Nomination by Direct Primaries Instituted—Constitution to Be Amended.

At a meeting of the student body Tuesday, October 8, a discussion of long standing was terminated.

For some time there have been two factions, those in favor of society tick-ets and those in favor of direct prim-aries. By the old method two com-mittees were formed, one from the Kappa Delta and Gamma Sigma societies and the other from the Philo-mathean and Alpha Zeta societies. Each committee made up a ticket from the representative members of their respective societies and according to the constitution posted it ten days prior to the student body election. By this method there naturally arose two parties and it became a society matter rather than the best man for the office. An-other evil was that of electioneering. Many of the new students in times past who did not know either side well voted not as they would like but with the side which electioneered hardest.

In a long discussion Tuesday it was finally decided that, as the constitution did not provide how the officers should be nominated, it would not be uncon-stitutional to nominate them by direct primaries. A motion to that effect was made and carried and the primaries were held at that time. The plan was also presented in the form of an amendment to the constitution which will be voted upon at the next meeting this week.

GAMMA SIGMA

Gamma Sigma listened to a good program last Thursday evening as usual. Max Reeher gave a very effec-tive reading followed by a debate on the question "Resolved, that the gov-ernor of the state should not have the power of pardon." George Rasmusen and H. Taylor defended the affirma-tive and managed to convince two of the judges that pardon boards should supersede the power of the Governor in this regard. Frost and Berreman put up a hard fight to show the incon-sistency of the affirmative. Harold Benjamin gave the criticism in which he demonstrated that his sojourn in the Canada wilds had not affected his powers of oratory. During the busi-ness meeting Jay Austin, Byron Good-man, Oscar Axelson and Lester Ma-ronney were initiated into the society.

FACULTY MAKES RULING CONCERNING ABSENCES

Decided Change in the Excuse System Formulated at Recent Faculty Meeting.

At a recent meeting of the faculty rules were discussed and formulated as to the obtaining of excuses for class absences. The previous custom has been for those absent from classes to obtain excuses, the girls from Miss Farnham and the boys from the presi-dent, and to present the certificate justifying their excuse to those profes-sors from whose classes they were ab-sent. A change has been made in this present ruling so that now the student may go to class without an ex-cuse—that is—without first going and giving his or her excuse to the presi-dent or Miss Farnham.

In the new ruling the absent stud-ent offers his excuse to the teacher from whose class he was absent. This professor has the student make up the work lost in absence in the way he sees most fit. At the end of the week all absences are reported to Professor Shippee. Then when ten absences of any one student are reported from all classes combined, not ten absences from any one study, and the committee on excuses thinks the reported excuses were not justifiable the student is called before this committee. The committee has the privilege of merely censuring the student or of requesting him to leave school. But this will depend on the reasons offered by the student as to his absences.

Other new rules have been made and these along with the new chapel rules are to be published soon and dis-tributed among the students. In this manner, it is hoped, they will be more clearly and easily understood.

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Everyone had something to say on the subject "The Waste of Our Time" Tuesday afternoon so that no time was wasted in that meeting at least. Many good and interesting ideas were sug-gested by the leader, Miss Ruth Brown, in a short talk. After a pleas-ing solo by Freda Acker each girl gave her ideas about the use of her time and made suggestions concerning im-provements which all could make in the division of their time.

COLLEGE STUDENTS WORK ON MOVING LIBRARY

Vacation Declared by Faculty that Library May Be Installed in Its New Home.

Many people who had worried ex-pressions Friday morning would have had broad smiles on their faces if they had known what was in store for them. At the close of the chapel exercises Prof. Shippee arose in his place in Faculty Row and made a short speech on his usual subject but on a very different aspect of it. After the library com-mittee had given up the effort to get young men to work for the munificent sum of fifteen cents an hour they had decided to hold preliminaries for cam-pus afternoon. Following this intro-duction he produced some very busi-ness like notes, which strangely re-sembled library cards, and divided the work which was to be done among the various ambitious youths of the college and called for volunteers to bring var-ious implements such as wheelbarrows, ropes and boxes.

By one o'clock most of the boys were busily engaged in moving the books from Marsh Hall to the new building. The workers were divided into two crews. The first group com-prised those who carried the boxes of books from the main library room to the main floor of the library building. The second crew lowered books from the third story by means of a rope and pulley and then carried them on wheelbarrows to the basement of the building where the government docu-ments will have their home in the future in company with the "grave-yard books."

Although the young men worked hard they were not the only ones to distinguish themselves for several mem-bers of the faculty demonstrated their ability at the ends of ropes and the handles of wheelbarrows.

After their strenuous labors the young men were refreshed by sand-wiches and chocolate which were served by the Philo and Kappa girls on the steps of Marsh Hall.

The boys showed their enthusiasm and interest in the work by voluntarily returning Saturday morning to finish up the work of moving.

Mr. Levi Austin has been on the sick list during the past week.

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is only fair that they have part in the politics which govern all these interests. Seventy per cent of the High school graduates are girls. Fifty per cent of the college graduates are women. These are all perfectly capable of knowing how to vote. Politics govern everything, women's interests as well as those of men, and women should have their share in governing their own interests.

We get an education to show the world how a great mind and soul can be developed and the best kind of homes be made, and it is only as women have equal privileges with men that the husband and wife can stand equally together in the world thereby making the biggest, best kind of a home. A woman's place will always be in the home but she should also be able to enter into all questions in any way affecting her interests and the interests of the home.