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SAYS EXAMINATION SYSTEM POOR.

Prof. F. M. Lawson, chairman of the geology department of the University of California, favors the system of instruction used in European universities over that used in the United States, according to the Daily Californian. Professor Lawson's chief criticism, however, seems to be of the present examination system. The article in the Daily Californian reads:

Instruction in this university encourages a spirit of dependency and paternalism as contrasted with the European universities, is the opinion of Prof. F. M. Lawson, chairman of the geology department. In foreign countries the student is left to his own resources in following his college work.

Professor Lawson believes that the student here expects to be driven, and does not develop his own resources, and in explanation of this, that the fault lies with the method of instruction and not with the student.

"The present system of examinations was given as an explanation, in part, of this condition. The student is encouraged to memorize instead of to apply his knowledge," says the professor. "If he were examined on his ability to apply what he has learned to the subject at large and not the particular course being taken, he would be enabled to use and develop his mind in an original, untrammelled method."

In the opinion of Professor Lawson, the prevalent examination system in which the professor has charge of the examinations for his course is not conducive to the best results. As soon as the professor grades the work of his students, he loses his influence among them. In addition, every professor has a particular attitude toward his subject and is not able to judge in an unbiased manner the work of his students. He is forced thereby, to pass upon the handwork of his own teaching.

REACHES ENGLAND

The cross-word puzzle has invaded England. The Manchester Guardian weekly recently commented editorially upon the "import from America" as a "great comfort to salesmen of dictionaries, glossaries, and the like." The Englishman deems the cross-word puzzle just what its name implies—a word puzzle only, and ends his lengthy paragraph with the traditional bad English joke. The clipping:

WORDS, WORDS, WORDS.

The world is a puzzling place, but man is not to be deterred from the delight of additional and self-inflicted bewilderment. At one time he found his pleasure in the manipulation of bits and pieces in a jig-saw. Then came the more intellectual diversion of acrostics. Now we are asked to revel in an import from America called "cross-words." The acrostic in its time must have done valuable work for the Bible Society, since the more obscure names of the Old Testament have a knack of beginning and ending with the vowels that otherwise defy the puzzle-maker while they are also fairly hard to remember. The new pastime must be a great comfort to the salesmen of dictionaries, glossaries, and the like, and the old complaint that the average man's vocabulary is limited to some five or six hundred words out of the treasury that is open to him may be dissipated by the present quest of verbal oddities. The complete "cross-word" enthusiast is led up hills of chemistry and into dales of botany, he must even put his nose to the English grammar and be quite sure where the species "adverb" begins and ends. The thing beneath the word need not excite him; it is the riment of letters that he seeks, and he must be

sure to get them in their proper order. The young lady who thought that to write was human but to spell divine might profit by the new pastime, but people who are more deeply interested in things than in words will wonder, like the charity boy confronted with the alphabet, whether it is worth going through so much to learn so little. However, the trinomials appear to be a large, happy, and busy faction, but this only increases one's fears as to the fate of a family in which there should be a lonely realist railing at all this quest of the shy noun or dim elusive epithet. May not the result of such a clash become upon occasion—cross words?

Ten Years Ago

The University of Texas was at a low ebb financially. It was feared that unless the legislature made a substantial increase in the appropriation, it would be necessary to close the doors. In the summary report of the financial statement of the Military Ball that had been held at the Rosewide, it was shown that the music cost thirty dollars, rental of the hall, twenty-five dollars and cab hire, ten dollars.

Twenty Years Ago

Considerable comment was aroused among the members of the faculty when interviewed regarding their opinion regarding the new rule being considered by the schools of the Missouri Valley Conference. This rule if passed would exclude all men from participating in athletic contests who had not been in school for six months previous to the contest. One member of the athletic board made the statement that "I am not in favor of the rule. I do not see why men entering the University who are strictly amateur and bona fide students should be deprived from making the team." The marked gain in attendance and quality of students that were at the summer school of the previous year had encouraged both faculty and board of regents. Most of the work offered was in the Teachers College and practical helpfulness was to be the keynote of the future summer schools. A new course in school music was to be offered with Mrs. Carrie B. Raymond as the instructor. All classes in the school of agriculture were to be dismissed for the coming week so that the student and faculty could attend the various meetings of the state agricultural association that was then in session.

The College Press

MR. SHAW TALKS ABOUT WAR.

Bernard Shaw has indulged himself once again in his favorite sport of dispelling illusions and prejudices. That versatile gentleman takes delight in telling his fellow-countrymen of their own weaknesses and shortcomings. This time it is the recent world war. The English, like all other peoples, believed that their fatherland was pursuing the course of justice while their opponents were out for more selfish goals. At the time of the war Mr. Shaw took exception to many English opinions. And he was severely reprimanded. For the January Century Mr. Shaw has consented to review his war record, and he finds that many of his then heretical opinions have al-

ready become trite truths. And he advances further military opinions which have not yet received the union label. Mr. Shaw goes so far as to defend the Germans in their sinking of the Lusitania. He says: It was the business of the Germans to sink every vessel that could carry munitions and food to the British islands, whether they were actually carrying them or not. Sentimental people who will not face the fact that the business of war is killing, imagine that if a ship hung out a red cross and called itself a hospital ship, or if it carried saloon passengers and sang, "Yes, we have no munitions" it must not be torpedoed. . . . A blockade that is not utterly ruthless is no blockade at all; the net must have no holes in it. Mr. Shaw finds several distinct consequences of the world war. An end has been put to czarism, the new German empire, and the older Austrian empire. The Irish question has been settled and women now have seats in Parliament. Mr. Shaw delves into prediction enough to forecast that the next war "might even reform our spelling.—The Dartmouth.

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Calendar

Friday, January 16. Alpha Xi Delta—Formal. Pi Kappa Alpha—House Dance. Kearney Klub—Dinner—Grand Hotel. Ag. College Mixer—Ag. Campus. Saturday, January 17. Pan-Hellenic Formal—Scottish Rite Temple. Nu Alpha—House Dance.

Notices

Tassels. Tassels' picture for the Cornhusker will be taken at 11 o'clock Saturday at the Campus Studio. Every one wear their uniform. Union. There will be an open meeting of the Union Literary Society Friday at 8 o'clock in the Temple. The program will be given by the new members. Sigma Delta Chi. A meeting of the Sigma Delta Chi will be held Sunday at 2:30 in The Daily Nebraskan office. Ecclesia Hall. The Ecclesia Club will hold a luncheon at the Grand hotel Friday noon. Kearney Club Dinner. Kearney club dinner will be held Friday at 6:30 at the Grand Hotel. Everyone who has attended University from Kearney is invited. Reservations should be made at the Grand Hotel by Thursday evening.

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