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## ANIMALS BEFORE MAN MONTANA TRYOUT BASEBALL WORK BEGINS

Prof. Melander Tells of the Pre-Historic Ages.

Professor Melander gave a stereopticon lecture on "Animal Life Before Man" in the chapel last Wednesday morning. The lecture was well illustrated with slides covering what scientists know of the millions of years which lapsed before man became intelligent enough to chronicle his own history. Nature has kept her own record however in the icebergs and stone fossils still preserved. From these and from the different rock strata man has estimated the age of the earth, the kinds of animal life and vegetation. It seems wonderful to think that huge beasts, several times as large as the elephant, with shapes something like a cross between a kangaroo, a sea serpent and a boa constrictor, lived and roamed about on this earth millions of years ago. But their bones have been found and we cannot but believe facts.

The lecture was very interesting as well as instructive and the large audience which attended was well satisfied and hopes that it may learn more of the mysterious past.

Friday night the second intercollegiate game will be played when the W. S. C. team goes to Moscow to juggle the ball with the U. of I. This contest promises to be a close and interesting one.

Nolin, Chapman and Murdock Chosen to Represent W. S. C. in Debate

Sixteen aspirants for honors in debate met last Monday night and fought for places in one of the fiercest forensic word battles of the age. Nearly every man and woman of them has had more or less experience in debate and could well represent the college in intercollegiate debate.

The question under discussion was: "Resolved; That Cities of the U. S., of 75,000 Inhabitants and Over, Should Own and Operate their Own Street Railways." The debate proper was opened by Mr. Thayer, '07, in the affirmative. His delivery was very convincing, and his argument showed careful preparation. Dana Murdock, '10, next took the floor. Mr. Murdock comes to us from the Lewiston High School, where he has made a name for himself in debate and oratory and by the showing which he made Monday night bids fair to keep up his reputation here. His delivery was especially pleasing. Rex Hunt, '07, replied in the affirmative. His argument was very plain and concise. Mr. Price, '09, came next with a very effective argument. Mr. Price is one of our young debaters, and one of whom we may hope much in the future. Clare Ockerman, '07, next took the floor. Mr. Ockerman is well known by all the student body

and his argument showed the careful planning which is characteristic of all his work. Mr. Smith came next with an argument for the negative. He was followed by Miss Prior, '09, with a very carefully planned argument. Miss Prior comes to us new this year from North Yakima. She is certainly to be commended for remaining in the tryout and representing so ably the young ladies of the college. Mr. Boggs, '09, followed with a very convincing argument. R. E. Trumble, '07, then took the rostrum. His argument was well defined, showing careful thought and study, and deserves especial mention. R. C. McDaniels, '09, came next. He is one of our promising young debaters, and gave one of the best arguments of the evening. Mr. Nolin, '10, followed with a very exhaustive argument. Stanley Shaw, '09, succeeded him. He was followed by R. E. Chapman, '09. Mr. Chapman has represented the college before in debate, and is an able speaker. Next came James Blair, '08, and then Otto Burns, '09. The tryout was finally concluded by Milton Klepper, '07, with an exceptionally good argument. The judges, Profs. Beach, Stangeland and Johnson, then adjourned and

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State College Ball Tossers Begin Work Soon.

Coach Bender wants all track men to turn out for practice immediately after examinations to train for the indoor track meet. The event will be pulled off at the end of next month. Its purpose is to get a line on the track material and also inaugurate what should be an annual event. Starting under very favorable circumstances and with the good material in college, there is no doubt of its success.

Baseball practice begins with the commencement of the second semester. All candidates should report either to Coach Bender or Capt. Brown, at or before that time.

The prospects for the coming season are very bright. Eight of the old men are in college and with the promising new material a record equal to that of last year can be looked for. Bender's ability as a player is well known to the ball fans who have followed the fortunes of the national game in the middle west and with the bunch he will have to pick from here a successful season should result.

Manager Chas. Lund reports the schedule now arranged to be as follows:

U. of O., Pullman, April 26-27.  
U. of I., Pullman, May 3.  
Whitman, Pullman, May 10-11.  
U. of I., Moscow, May 18.  
Whitman, Walla Walla, May 30.  
U. of W., Seattle, May 23-24.

The date of the Seattle game has not been finally settled but the probabilities are it will be played on one of the above dates.

The final game with the U. of I. together with several minor games remain to be closed, when the schedule will be complete.