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Mr. Howard Harrison,
High School,
Grants Pass, Oregon.

Dear Friend:--

Your letter of the 8th has just arrived, and I am referring it to President Gulley, since I do not know the answer to your enquiry. I know how matters stood the last time we conferred with Registrar Pallette at the University, but what the war and the past few years have done I do not know.

Until some time after my retirement, the college was on exactly the same basis as the University of Oregon, Oregon State and the other colleges of the state so far as teaching credentials for Oregon were concerned. When the requirement went into effect for a full year beyond the bachelor's degree, we made arrangements with the University of Oregon that our students who graduated and wanted to teach would do their graduate work at the University, where they were on exactly the same basis as the graduate of the University.

Some time after my retirement, President Gulley was informed that for full and unquestioned recognition Pacific College should become a member of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools. In the meantime it was arranged that a student going to the University for graduate work or transferring to the University for undergraduate work would have his credits conditionally accepted, the condition being that he do satisfactory work at the University. If that was done, all his credits would be accepted at face value.

During the war emergency I understand that the requirement of a year's work beyond the bachelor's degree was waived, but what effect this had on our graduates who wanted to teach I do not know. You will hear from President Gulley, I am sure.

By the way, we came very near not having any President Gulley yesterday. He got up early to do some disking on his farm north of town, with a big disc with 22 inch discs, as I remember it. He went to drive the tractor under a cherry tree, when a limb of the tree caught on the front of the tractor, and before he could get the machine stopped, this limb, bent away forward, slipped over the front of the tractor and struck Mr. Gulley across the chest and knocked him off the tractor, and right in front of the big disc. Fortunately he caught the limb with one hand, and the limb held, enabling him to hold his head and shoulders above the oncoming disc, which ran under him instead of over him. One hip was badly bruised and skinned up, one leg was also very roughly treated and the shoe torn off, he had not discovered his hat yet when I last saw him, and he picked himself up and went chasing the runaway tractor and disc. It was a very narrow escape from being sliced up by that heavy disc.

I've tried for salmon at Oregon City four times in the

past two or three weeks, and all I got to show for it was a good wetting one day when it rained off and on (mostly on) all day, and one three-pound jack salmon. One day the man on our right caught three salmon before eight o'clock, the boat on our left got five fish, one man getting three, and the boat next to that one getting three fish, all caught by a woman, who lost two others and her husband lost three or four or five. Wish I could come to Grants Pass for some fishing -- they say they really are catching salmon down there.

We got to spend ten days out at the coast the second half of April, and thought we should be getting right back there soon; but it now looks as if we'd not get there before the middle of next month. Commencement and yearly meeting are ahead, in addition to a commencement address or two, one of them at Sisters, where I hope I may get some fishing.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you from both of us, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.

Glad you are staying there another year. You like it and are happy there, and I am sure are doing good work, so why change?