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Guide to the Corvallis College Benefit Broadside, 1859

Title

Corvallis College Benefit Broadside

Dates

1859 (inclusive)

Creator

Summary

The Corvallis College Benefit Broadside publicizes a program of vaudeville performances, music, and a blackface minstrel act on women's rights presented on December 31, 1859 as a benefit for Corvallis College.

Quantity

0.02 cubic foot (1 oversize box)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Historical Note

Corvallis College, the predecessor institution to Oregon State University, was incorporated in 1858 as a coeducational institution of primary and preparatory education. Plagued by financial instability, the College changed hands several times and added college-level coursework in the 1860s. In 1868, Corvallis College was designated and adopted as the agricultural college of the State of Oregon by the Oregon Legislative Assembly and given land grant status.

The December 31, 1859 issue (number 48) of the *Oregon Weekly Union* includes a notice that a company of amateur performers will give a benefit entertainment for Corvallis College that evening and states, "It is rumored that some of our prominent citizens will appear."

Content Description

The Corvallis College Benefit Broadside publicizes a program of vaudeville performances, music, and a blackface minstrel act on women's rights presented on December 31, 1859 as a benefit for Corvallis College. Two copies of the broadside are included in the collection.

Alternate Forms Available

The broadside is available in the Oregon Multicultural Archives Digital Collection at:
<http://digitalcollections.library.oregonstate.edu/u/?cultural.148>

Preferred Citation

Corvallis College Benefit Broadside, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Custodial History

The broadside was found by Mr. Gerhard, of Albany, Oregon, in 1889. According to the November 27, 1889 *Albany Democrat* (reprinted in the November 29, 1889 *Corvallis Gazette*), Mr. Gerhard planned to send the poster to Oregon Agricultural College to be "placed among its curiosities."

Acquisition Information

The broadside was transferred to the University Archives from the OSU Libraries Special Collections in 2005.

Related Material

This item is a component of the [Oregon Multicultural Archives](#).

Materials pertaining to Corvallis College are available in the Board of Trustees (RG 33) Records; the Columbia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Collection; and the William A. Finley Scrapbook.

Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

Organizations

Corvallis College.

Topics

African Americans--Oregon--Corvallis.

Geographical Names

Corvallis (Or.)--Social life and customs.

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Broadsides.