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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1914

The second Beethoven symphony program drew nearly as large a crowd as the Hon. W. J. Bryan. This speaks well for the excellence of these music treats and the cultural taste of the student body.

SCHOOL SPIRIT.

(By Dr. H. B. Alexander)

Not all young people are able to distinguish school spirit from mob excitement. Take the football field for illustration. On the bleachers is a great concourse of persons bound together by no other tie than that of sharing a common interest and a common feeling; on the gridiron are the two elevens, each united in every move by a common purpose and a common understanding, and both, even in their antagonism, keenly aware of the limitations within which they must act, the rules of the game. Psychologists would tell us that the spectators share with one another only a "mob consciousness," while the players are banded together by a far higher "consciousness of kind," or sense of fellowship. Between these two is all the difference between noisy emotion and individual irresponsibility on the one hand, and on the other, a clear-cut sense of duty, of mutual purpose governed by discipline.

If we stop to ask ourselves what makes genuine school spirit we must see at once that it is to be found in disciplined fellowship rather than in the rowdyish feeling of the mob. It does not express itself in meaningless noise, in idle pranks, or in wanton destruction—for all these imply only lack of self-control. Rather, it is quiet and unassuming; it is habitual, not an affair of occasional celebration; in the routine of life, it is sympathetic and service-giving, and in hours of trial it is evinced by that ability to take one's medicine which is the sign of manhood. In short, it is the spirit of good breeding.

Service is the great gift of fellowship. And service means first of all being serviceable—knowing one's work and doing it. Service thus implies loyalty—loyalty to the studies which you are in school to pursue; loyalty to the ideals of the state which has built schools that you may profit by them; loyalty, first and last, to your own ideals of the good. In a school, every student is a model for every other; every student is a

creator of school sentiment and school custom. If in every act, you think of yourself as the founder of a tradition, you will not act unworthily of yourself or of your school. Immanuel Kant, the great German philosopher, would make the rule of all conduct to be: "So act that you can will your action to become a universal law of conduct." This is, perhaps, only a philosophical version of the Golden Rule; and our rule for the student is but its special application to school life.

But service implies more than loyalty. It implies also understanding. He who would be true to his fellows must understand human nature. He must be open-minded to the thoughts and ideals of other men, and of other kinds of men; he must know something of history and literature, entering into the life of other times and places while living sympathetically the lives of those about him. He must be tolerant and suggestible with respect to his own ideals, ever ready to better them when the mind is reasonably convinced.

Again, service implies good will, which is the capacity of being moved to action by knowledge of need. The supercilious critic is out of place in the world of the educated. What is demanded is sincere desire to see and earnest effort to do the right. Not with soberness where the affair is light; Sir Long-face will earn the by-name of Kill-joy. There is no better savor to human character than an unassumed cheerfulness, and geniality is the very soul of a hale and hearty fellowship.

All of these qualities call for knowledge, for wisdom in the good Hebraic sense of the word wisdom. It is belief in the value of this wisdom to state and citizen that has built and that sustains our schools. It is faith in the value of clear thinking that makes schooling worth while. Remember that your education is the education of the state; remember that your school spirit is the reflection of the spirit of the national fellowship of the state's citizens; and finally, remember that the soul of all true school spirit is the will to be educated.

Jones' Orchestra, phone L-9666.

* NOTICE *
* The Nebraskan is again pre- *
* senting an opportunity to the *
* student body in the way of offer- *
* ing positions on the reportorial *
* staff. Any live student willing *
* to put in an hour each day may *
* apply. MANAGEMENT. *

Scott's Orchestra. Call B-1482 or B-4521.

PLAY PRESENTED BY DRAMATIC CLUB

Given Before Sorosis Club Tuesday Evening—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan Were Guests.

The Dramatic Club presented a one act play entitled, "How the Vote Was Won" before the Sorosis Club at the J. E. Miller home on Tuesday evening. The husbands of the ladies of the Sorosis Club entertained their wives on this occasion and by way of a surprise invited the Dramatic Club to present this play on a subject so dear to the hearts of the ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan were among the delighted audience.

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Classified Column

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UNI. NOTICES

Cornhusker Pictures.

All Juniors and Seniors who want their pictures in the 1915 Cornhusker will have the same taken at Townsends before December 1. Three dollars covers the price of photos and cut.

Union Society Closed Meeting.

Union Society will hold a fudge party for members only, Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Short program. Important business meeting. All members are urged to be present.

Palladian Society.

The Palladian Literary Society will hold its regular meeting on Friday night at 8:15 in the Palladian Hall. Everyone is invited.

United Ag. Club.

On Saturday evening, the 7th, the United Ag. Society will hold its first meeting of the year in Horticultural Hall. This is room 107 of the Plant Industry building. All Ag. students are invited. Preparations have been made for a large crowd and a good time is in store for those present.

Tenor Singers.

First tenor singers are needed in the Glee Club. Those wishing to try out see either Mrs. Raymond or Earl Jackson.

Senior Football.

All senior football candidates will meet on Tuesday at 11 o'clock at the east end of the Armory.

H. R. HARLEY, Manager.

Junior Football.

All candidates for junior football report in front of east end of Armory today from 4 to 5 o'clock.

COMMITTEE.

Tegner Society.

A regular meeting of the Tegner Society will be held in Art Hall, Saturday evening, November 7th, at 8:15 sharp. Prof. Joseph Alexis will talk on "Sweden at the Outbreak of the European War." You are welcome.

Thornburg's Orchestra, B2556.

CHANCELLOR AVERY IN EAST.

Attends Convention in New Jersey—Will Return About the Middle of This Month.

Chancellor Avery is in Princeton, New Jersey, this week, where he is attending a convention of representatives from the several state universities. Meetings of this kind are held annually in the east in the vicinity of Washington, D. C. The chancellor will return about the middle of the month.

Loeb's orchestra, L-9896, 325 So. 17.

Professor—"Mr. Jones, which of the books in this collection have you found the most useful?"

Jones—"The Roger de Coverly Papers."

Professor—"Yes, yes. Now will you be kind enough to tell the class why?"

Jones—"It just fits the short leg of my table."—Exchange.

To the Daily Nebraskan.

Our welcome contemporary kids us because the special the afternoon of the Minnesota game still has the "Saturday Morning" head. They compliment us on our excellent prophecies as to the game, score, etc. That's one on us, but the Nebraskan can take judicial notice that we can predict another game coming off soon and we have some pretty strong prophecies about that game that are going to prove just as correct.—Daily Iowan.

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