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THE SINGLE TAX

Our definition of the Single Tax in yesterday's issue is by no means rigid. The Single Tax is an assessment of between five and ten dollars a year, mandatory upon all students registering, the proceeds of which will be distributed for the upkeep of the all-university activities.

We believe we are safe in saying that the burden of these activities is at present carried by those least able to pay. The poorer student, working his way through school, is the better booster for school affairs. He buys an athletic ticket, subscribes for The Nebraskan, and does less sponging than those who can afford to pay. Why not equalize the burden? Let's hear what you think about it.

Lincoln's Duty Moral, Not Legal

In talking to faculty members and city commissioners about Lincoln's noise, the first inquiry seems to be as to the legal rights of all concerned.

If the legal liability of Lincoln were the only issue involved, the problem would be easy of solution. The university could go into court, and quickly get an adjudication of its rights. But we contend that the obligation of the city is moral, not legal. They are bound to make things as pleasant as possible, not because of any statute, but because the people of the state have given them the care of the institution.

Lincoln has never been unwilling to assume this burden. The university is the chief source of the city's livelihood, and every attempt to remove the slightest part of the school to another place has met with Lincoln's strenuous opposition. That Lincoln owes the state better service in the care of the school, seems to us, therefore, an incontrovertible conclusion.

Nor is this idea the result of an idle dream of an ideal city. It is based upon what half a dozen cities in the state would be glad to do for such an institution of this kind if they had the opportunity.

The Cornhusker Elections

Those of us from the country towns will recall the popular girl campaigns staged every so often by the local merchants. A piano is the coveted prize, and is given to the young lady having the greatest number of trade coupons from the stores of the town. Each candidate gets as many of the neighbors as possible to promise her their coupons, and the one who holds the most of them to the promise is the most popular girl.

Cornhusker elections have always been conducted on the same basis. We are influenced in our voting by the fact that so-and-so worked hard for the office. Little attention is paid to the merits of the men. No one seems to remember that the editor of the Cornhusker is truly a public servant with a difficult duty to perform. We seem to forget that Nebraska will be judged by this publication, and that a poor production will reflect on each student.

Our ethical code decrees that promises should be kept. But is this rule unalterable? We submit that if there

is anything worse than breaking an election promise it is voting for the candidate least qualified for the position. If you have learned anything, therefore, since making your promise that would lead you to believe that the other man should receive your vote, break your promise and vote for him. No truly deserving candidate will want your vote on any ground other than merit.

Choose the editor of the Cornhusker with all the care you would use in selecting a foreman of your business.

The State Farm Car Line

In our campaign against noise, we do not mean to complain of the car line that runs from the city to the farm campus. The Traction company put this line in recently upon the solicitation of the faculty, and for the benefit of the students. While these cars make noise the same as others, we must tolerate them as a necessary evil.

FORUM

Lincoln, Nebr., Feb. 9, 1916.

To the Editor Daily Nebraskan:

Dear Sir: The University of Nebraska contributed its share of "fighting men" in the Spanish-American war and should the United States be forced to again issue a call for service the Nebraska boys of today would "rally 'round the flag" as readily as did the boys of 1898. I, for one, am quite willing to take Sherman's word for what war is and I feel certain that few, if any, students in the university would care to have first hand information on the subject.

Whenever I think of the European war and all its horrors I thank God that the United States has such a man as Woodrow Wilson in the presidential chair. People may differ with him on his plans for national preparedness, but those who devote any thought to the matter should admit that President Wilson has done and is doing great service to humanity in his efforts to preserve absolute neutrality and to keep the United States out of this world conflict.

Recently there was organized in the university a club known as a "Republican club." A few of those students professing faith in the democratic doctrines and principles have suggested the formation of a Democratic club. Such organizations may serve a purpose, but it is my sincere belief that the time has arrived for the laying aside of all partisan affiliations. We should forget that there is a Democratic party or a Republican party or a Socialist party, for the time being at least, and unite as Americans, standing behind the president of our country without any thought of party affiliations.

President Wilson voiced the right sentiment when he said, "My thought is of America," and while I would not condemn the organization of partisan clubs I do suggest that all true and loyal Americans take thought of America and join in the formation of an American club. Let us forget that we are English-Americans, German-Americans, Bohemian-Americans, French-Americans, Danish-Americans, or Swedish-Americans. Let us all be plain Americans with a big "A" and let us speak out in condemnation of every sentiment that cannot readily be translated into "America First, Last, and All the Time."

The sentiment "America First" is being developed in every nook and corner in the United States. Americans are beginning to appreciate the gravity of the situation in which our country is placed. American clubs will be organized wherever there are Americans, and the University of Nebraska has the opportunity of taking the lead in this movement. Will Nebraska take advantage of this opportunity?

Sincerely,
TED METCALFE.

CALDWELL PREDICTS WAR'S END IN 1916

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legislation. Rather, he argues, everybody will stay because work will be plentiful and wages good.

No practical advantages will be gained by this war for any of the belligerents. The Teutonic allies will not gain much permanently unless they can fight through to India. If that should happen Professor Caldwell thinks that an insurrection would start there. On the other hand, if the entente allies can break the German lines this summer they will succeed in defeating the triple alliance. So far only Belgium, Serbia and Poland have "paid the piper."

UNIVERSITY NOTICES

All organizations and individuals who have had their Cornhusker pictures taken, but have not paid both for the picture itself and its insertion in the annual, will please tend to the matter at once, since no picture will be O. K.'d by T. A. Williams, until paid for.

Important meeting of University Week association, Saturday, February 12, at 1 o'clock in T. A. Williams' office.

Applications for assistant business manager of University Week will be received by T. A. Williams.

Union Girls will have their pictures taken at Townsend's this noon. Be there sure.

Silver Serpents and Black Masques will meet jointly today at 11:30 in Faculty hall. Important.

Valentine party at Union hall tomorrow. A good time is prepared. Only one essential thing—bring a valentine, 8:30 o'clock.

The Cornhusker picture of the Catholic Student's club will be taken at St. George's studio Sunday, February 13, at 12 o'clock.

There will be an important meeting of all chess players this evening at 7 o'clock in the basement of the College Book Store. If you play chess or want to learn how to play be at this meeting. It will be promptly closed at 8 o'clock.

Dr. P. L. Hall, president of the Central National Bank of this city will speak to the members of the University Commercial club upon the subject of "Efficiency" in University hall 102 this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Everybody is welcome.

Printing that's better, at Boyd's, 125 North 12th.

Bauman and Hartman Lucky
Edward Bauman won the first prize of five dollars and Jack Hartman second prize of two dollars, in the Cornhusker advertising contest which closed last week. The men who were in the contest are to remain on the business staff of the Cornhusker.

German Lunch and Cafe, R. C. Schelder, manager. 1121 P street.

The Mogul Barber Shop, S. L. Chaplin, proprietor, 127 North Twelfth.

Meal tickets, \$5.50 for \$4.50, 137 North Twelfth. Newbert Cafe.

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