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TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Sessions of the legislature seem to be a favorite time for poorly informed persons to spread untruths about the University. The following appeared in an Omaha paper on February 19, 1917, in an obscure article on the Dafeo bill to establish a state printing commission:

"Large sums have been spent in the past by the institution (referring to the University) without the formality of letting contracts according to bid and there appears, according to Printer Dan Webster, to have been little responsibility assumed by any of the school authorities in the process. The new measure is expected to inject business principles into the University."

This is an example of where that short and ugly word could well be used. If Mr. Webster has been quoted correctly, he has been guilty of speaking without making an attempt to ascertain the facts, or he has been guilty of an offense equally bad, of intentionally misrepresenting the facts.

To show the unfairness of what was said in this article, and in the hope that the legislators would not be misguided by a statement so incorrect, The Nebraskan yesterday asked H. A. Evans, the purchasing agent of the University, whether printing contracts were let for the University catalogs or other University printed matter, without calling for bids. Mr. Evans' reply was put into written form, and given to the chancellor. It is sufficient answer to the charge made by Mr. Webster and should encourage him to be more careful the next time he speaks about the University.

Mr. Evans says:

"February 23, 1917.

Chancellor S. Avery,
University of Nebraska.

Dear Chancellor Avery:

"This is to advise you that all printing for the University of Nebraska, regardless of the department, is awarded on a competitive bidding basis which is conducted by the Purchasing Agent.

"We have complete records on all printing, which date back several years, which are open to the inspection of any printer or citizen of the State of Nebraska who has any doubt in his mind in regard to the correctness of the above statement.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) H. A. EVANS, Purchasing Agent."

Some of the detractors of the University, who are wont to speak in the manner of this Omaha news article, could, with profit to their own business knowledge, spend some time in studying the efficient methods used by the University. It is to be doubted if any institution or any business house in the state approaches it in business efficiency, and especially in the care with which money is expended.

PRAYER

The University is to take part in the Universal day of prayer next Sunday, and Professor Staff will speak at Vesper services in the Armory at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

There is something fine in the thought that the students of all the nation are to spend this day in prayer. To turn one's thoughts to a higher being, to spend even a little while in the contemplation of man's real insignificance just as a man, will do everyone good.

It is to be hoped that the student who is so busy reading the paper Sunday morning, or resting in bed, will find time for an hour in the afternoon, to join in this vesper service. Students who know Professor Staff will welcome the opportunity to hear him. Those who do not go will miss a message, which, coming from a man on the campus who commands the highest respect, is bound to be uplifting.

Hard luck is still with the Huskers. Yesterday Captain Campbell's arm was broken during the tussle with Ames. And still Nebraska never gives up the fight.

The comment on the weather should have been held over until today. Yesterday afternoon was still better.

NON COMPOSITIS

Our Daily Thought
Cheer up, tomorrow's Saturday.

The latest story is a good one. There is a certain professor on the campus who is very near-sighted. A certain well-known co-ed wanted to go to the Portmanteau Players, Wednesday afternoon, but to do so would have to miss this professor's class. Finally, she found a girl friend and offered her a dime to wear her hat and sit in her seat in the class. The bargain was closed, one girl went to see the Players, and received credit in the class, and the other girl spent a very profitable hour in the classroom and earned a dime. Don't try to guess the names, because you never could.

The Lenten season ought to be a money making season for the young swains around here, if the old adage of "money saved" is true.

Yesterday,
We celebrated the
Birthday of
The one man in
The whole
World
Who holds the
Record
Of never telling
A lie.
Other men
Have said,
"Father dear,
I never prevaricate"
But they
Have never been
Able to
Get away
With it for any
Great length of time.
Far be it from us
To cast any
Reflections
On any of the
Bold protectors
Of this noble race,
But it has become
A historical fact,
Never having happened
Before or since.
George Washington
Is the father of
Our Country,
Noted for having
His hatchet ready for
Any occasion
And he certainly
Could make the
Chips fly.
The bark never scared him
Either.
But we cannot help
But feel that
Somewhere, somehow,
There is a mistake
About that little
Lie.

Reporter: Do you know any news?
Student: Nothing, except that I swallowed a dime a little while ago. Do you see any change in me?

paring to run against teams from Cornell, Michigan, Minnesota, Kansas and Missouri at the big meet to be held at Omaha.

Five Years Ago Today

Tryouts for the interclass debates were held with 31 contestants for the four teams.

Baseball at Nebraska was still in the air owing to the reluctance of the Missouri valley conference in changing the stiff eligibility rules.

Four Years Ago Today

The Cornhusker basketball five returned from a four days' trip into the enemy's country with four games from Drake and Ames to their credit.

Fifty students returned from the Nebraska student missionary conference held at Crete.

The first University Week venture was definitely announced.

Two Years Ago Today

The Nebraska rifle team ranked second in class "C" in the national matches, having defeated several of the larger eastern schools.

One Year Ago Today

The Huskers defeated the Drake basket tossers by a score of 34 to 24.

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A Lesson On Preparedness

A member of the faculty, whose attention had been called to an editorial in a local paper bearing upon the question of preparedness, had the following to say, printed because of its interest to the University public:

"A morning paper closes an editorial with this sentence: 'That is to say, less conscription of men means more conscription of money. That, at bottom, is the choice before the country.'

"Most of those who believe in a minimum amount of compulsory training for every able-bodied male citizen between certain ages will be inclined to accept this statement. In the great struggle between Rome and Carthage the men of Rome prevailed over the money of Carthage in spite of the genius of Hannibal. After the Punic war the Romans pressed on to conquer the world through the use of their own citizen soldiers, and the mercenary soldiers of the east were easy picking for the Roman legions. After the ancient world had been conquered, however, the policy gradually shifted. The wealth of the Empire was used to maintain the legions who established their fortified camps along the Rhine, the Danube and the Euphrates. When these legionaries were mustered out after several years of paid service they frequently made the best farmers and vine dressers along the slopes of the Apennines. It was a conscription of money, not of men, and it worked just as the editorial suggests; but under this system, though peace was maintained, the defense of the Empire as everybody knows gradually weakened. Finally about the middle of the sixteenth century the last remnant, Constantinople, fell before the valorous Turks while the last emperor endeavored to defend his capital by the use of mercenaries secured with money obtained by 'taxing' the gold and silver offerings in the churches. "The record of history shows that a mercenary army is a poor substitute for a people bound together through the ties of a common training for a common defense."

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Field Geography

All members of the class are requested to meet in U 309 next Saturday, Feb. 24, at 8:00 a. m. sharp. The semester's work will be outlined

and the class divided into sections for field work. N. A. Bengtson.

Xi Delta

Xi Delta will meet at the Alpha Xi Delta house at 1:00 p. m. Saturday. Important.

Palladian and Union

Palladian and Union will hold a joint open meeting in Palladian hall tonight at 8:30 o'clock. Visitors are invited.

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THE DAYS GONE BY

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The Nebraska relay team was pre-