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## UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

It is decidedly to the interest of the students, faculty, administrators, and state citizens to get behind the athletic situation as it exists at Nebraska at present. As we stand now we have a record to be proud of. We have made this record under severe difficulties. Every year the strain becomes greater. Our Cornhusker nerve is all that is keeping us going now in the face of the odds against us. We have the men, the coaching staff, the spirit of which to make the best athletics, but we lack the facilities.

Ames has just refused to play Nebraska on Nebraska territory. According to the schedule Nebraska was to play two games at Ames and the Iowa Aggies were to play two here. But they refuse to come on account of the Nebraska floor. Such an arrangement would give Ames the advantage of their home floor, with no advantage for the Nebraska team.

Ames' refusal is based on the ground that the floor at the University of Nebraska is too small. There are no out-of-bounds lines.

It was with a considerable amount of exertion that Dr. Stewart persuaded Drake to play on Nebraska ground. Already our athletics is beginning to suffer. Our management cannot book games with the colleges that are logically the materially with which we should play.

Every citizen of the state should take this matter to heart and do something for his state while the Cornhuskers are still holding their own. Each student of the University has a part to play to discharge the loyalty he owes to his college. Likewise each citizen has a duty to perform to keep up the educational institutions of his state. Are you doing yours?

Consciously or otherwise, there has been a tendency toward extravagance in school and class social affairs. Hops, which in former times have cost the student a dollar or a dollar and a quarter, raised to two or three dollars. Each class has a hop a semester. The two upper classes usually have in addition to this a Prom, or a formal party. Heretofore the two kinds of parties have been totally distinct in character. This year such has not been the case. Hops, as they were given by the Sophomore and Junior classes this semester, have, except in the name been almost as pretentious as the proms were formerly.

Such a tendency is an outgrowth of the times. The students of the University are trying to reinstate the school on a pre-war basis. When the class hops raise the ticket price, relatively the price of prom tickets goes up a notch or two. It is a struggle to make the proms pay. It is furthermore undemocratic. With prices so high students generally cannot afford to take in all the parties, and as a result some of the parties do not pay.

We must keep our parties democratic and within reach of most of the students. Let us not try to make our demonstration commensurate with our joy at having again, after several long months of trials, and sacrifices, and disappointments, a college with all the aspects and activities of an up-to-date institution.

We fail to be stirred by the promise that the University Students' Directory will be out "ready for distribution by the beginning of next semester." We have been patient, and impatient, tolerant, cross, hopeful, and indifferent in turn. First there was the war, then the shortage of labor "on account of the war," delay, both on the part of the students who furnish the copy, and on the part of those who read, and assemble, and put out the copy.

In normal times, despite the inevitable disappointments and mishaps, the directories have been out by the end of the second month of school. There has been more than twice that time so far this year and as yet we have nothing but a promise of a directory for the beginning of the next semester.

The directory is like Carcasonne, always just ahead and in sight, but unattainable.

## STATE HOUSE GOSSIP

Items of Interest Gleaned From the Doings and Sayings of Members of the Legislature.

### Propose New State House

Prospects for the erection of a capitol building that will be a credit to Nebraska are better at this session of the legislature than they have ever been before. The sentiment in favor of replacing the edifice which now disgraces the state seems to be fairly unanimous among the senators and representatives. Representative Geo. E. Tracewell of Valentine, who made a gallant fight two years ago in behalf of the capitol bill then before the legislature, is already preparing to introduce the new bill this year.

### The Constitutional Convention

The present Nebraska legislature will provide by law for the calling of a constitutional convention. The matter of the selection of delegates and other details must be incorporated in a law passed by this session of the legislature. There is nothing to prevent the convention from submitting its work to a vote of the people at a special election, but it is assumed that the changes proposed will be submitted at the general election in 1920.

### Salary Question Bobs Up

The salary question threatens to fall like a deluge over the Nebraska legislature. More than one member has a tentative arrangement by which the various county officers throughout the state may receive increased compensation. Despite the fact that county officers were but recently elected knowing exactly what their salaries were to be, the hint is quite general that many of them have whispered to the representative from the home district that a raise in pay would be most welcome.

### National Prohibition

There is not the slightest opposition at either end of the capitol to ratifying the national prohibitory amendment. At no time has there been any doubt that this would be done, and the ratification bill will be the first one introduced and acted upon in both houses, taking precedence over the legislative salary and expense appropriation measure. Representative Hostetler would like to have his name on the ratification bill to be given the preferential number of House Roll No. 1.

### Issues Proclamation

Governor McKelvie's first proclamation deals with the relief of suffering in Syria and Armenia. He says: "In order that this worthy relief work may be facilitated and encouraged in Nebraska, and with the thought in mind that the dollar that is given to a worthy charity is the dollar that most often returns to bless the giver, I do set aside the week of January 12-19 as a time that every citizen shall give thought to the need of the suffering people of the Near East and shall contribute as generously as he can afford."

### Amend Primary Law

Senator Bushee of Kimball wants to change the primary law so as to get rid of some of the unsatisfactory results that have been experienced through it. He believes that 90 per cent of the voters do not know enough about state candidates below governor to make an intelligent selection among them, and that they express their choice blindly by voting for names instead of men.

### Labor Legislation

Labor legislation varying from strikes to child labor and from employment agencies to the law regulating pay day will be submitted to this session of the Nebraska legislature. Probably a score of bills and amendments intended to correct or establish rules governing labor and labor conditions are in readiness for introduction.

### Women Control Schools

Nebraska counties are partial to women as county superintendents of schools. The educational directory just issued by the state department of education lists sixty women as having been chosen at the last election to these positions. This leaves but thirty-three of these jobs for the men. Many of the women are serving third and fourth terms, others still longer. Twelve men were retired and women elected in their stead at the recent election.

### Oppose Government Ownership

All three members of the Nebraska railway commission expressed themselves in a telegram to President Elmquist of the national association of railway commissioners as being opposed to the plan of W. G. McAdoo for continuing operation of the railroads under government guarantee as to earnings, with a view to their ultimate retention and purchase by the government. The commissioners think the roads should be turned back to the private owners as soon as possible.

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A cover charge will be made for after treatre parties. Large dancing space, moonlight and novelty dances. Music by Schembeck.

Reservations should be made to insure tables.—Adv.