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**AMBITIONS.**

Ambition means well. To have the ambition to succeed means to have the will to succeed. Where there is a will there is a way; conversely, where there is ambition there is a way also. Ambitions are always optimistic, they are what makes the future seem rosy-tinted and give hope to the faint heart. Without ambition there is no interest in anything and existence then must seem like a dreary monotone. Ambition always kindles a desire for advancement and keeps away that self-contentment that kills a desire for better things. It gives backbone, inspires enthusiasm and breeds determination. It is the spark of progress that with proper care will grow into a flame which will become the all-consuming fire of success. Air castles are outgrowth of ambition, but they are less substantial and are ever changing.

**MORE ALL-AMERICANS.**

Yesterday the Daily Nebraskan was the first Lincoln paper to announce Walter Camp's All-American selections. Again Nebraska athletes are honored by being placed among the men supposed to have no peers in the whole world.

Captain Swanson of the year just past, has been admired because of his qualities of leadership, his sincere interest in the team, his desire to make a record for Nebraska and for clean sportsmanship. His position on Camp's team is a fitting climax to a most successful season.

John Pucelik, the giant guard, who for the past three years has been a mountain of strength, was also chosen by Camp for one of his mythical elevens. Pucelik has played a most aggressive game at all times and his absence from the line next year will leave a gap that will be mighty hard to fill.

Nebraska is proud of these two men who have shown the east what kind of men they grow in Nebraska.

**CHRISTMAS FEVER.**

For the last day or two students have been laying down on the job. Work that should be done, is neglected with a "I'll do it next week when I have more ambition."

There will be time for work next week, but next week primarily is a time for rest and relaxation. The less thought that is given to the problems and tasks of work then, the greater will be the enthusiasm and energy with which it will be attacked after the first of the year.

Next week and the week after, those who don't wipe the slate clean right now, will be lamenting the fact that they didn't do it when they should. Next week, this week will be history. The little hardship that the schoolwork brings now, will only be a memory next week if it is done now, yet if neglected, will be a most irksome task and spoil the pleasant times possible during the holiday season.

If this "Christmas fever" of putting things off is getting the best of you, fight it, for its successful defeat will mean a great deal of pleasure in the next two weeks, and possibly a better final grade in the university courses you are taking.

**"GREATLY REDUCED."**

In one of the more or less popular stores of Lincoln candy was on sale a short time ago at eighty cents a pound. It was good candy and had a wide sale. Now that the Christmas season is on and people are buying more candy than usual, they do a little searching around. The purchasers of two weeks ago are somewhat surprised to see their eighty cent candy marked "one dollar and fifteen cents reduced from one dollar and twenty five cents." Something is wrong somewhere.

In this week of hurry and scurry, in fact at most any time, people are often easily hypnotized by their own desire for a bargain, this candy which is really selling, is an example of it. There can be no admiration for a concern that does this, of course, but the biggest lesson to learn from it, is to keep a steady head whenever on the surface apparently something is to be obtained for less than its real value.

**Contemporary Opinion**

**PARABLE OF THE AMBITIOUS YOUTH.**

Once upon a time two desirable seats presented themselves to an ambitious youth with a yearning for "sit-in' pretty." Undecided as to which one to choose, he tried to take both at once. As a result he landed between them on the floor.

Isn't it true that a similar fate awaits most students who try to succeed in a number of activities? The ones who are not content with sticking to dramatics try their hand at athletics or publications. Time passes rapidly. Soon these students become sophomores, then juniors, and when graduation comes they have nothing to show for their efforts but a flurry here and there which has resulted in their accomplishing practically nothing. Trying to succeed in many lines, they have met with scarcely more than partial success in any.

On the other hand, most of the men and women on the campus who have arrived some place have done so by concentrating their energies in one field until they have mastered it. Then success has crowned their efforts; and as a result they have often found themselves installed in important positions on the campus aside from their particular specialty.

Written in the archives of the university are the names of a few persons, who have met success in practically every field of endeavor on the campus. But these persons are the exceptions and their cases do not prove anything. By far the majority who have attempted it have landed on the floor in one way or another. It is a logical and profitable plan to stick to one activity.—Michigan Daily.

**University Notices.**

**Notice of Change of Meeting.**  
The talk to be given by W. J. Whitten to the commercial club Thursday at 11 has been postponed until next Thursday, December 22, at 11 o'clock.

**Civil Engineers.**  
American society of Civil Engineers will meet Wednesday, December 21 in M. A. 102 at 7:30 p. m. City Engineer George Bates will speak on the design of the construction of the Lincoln Municipal swimming pool.

**Square And Compass Club.**  
The regular meeting of Group B, Square and Compass club will be held Wednesday evening, December 21 in Social Science 107. Dr. Wolcott will present a number of topics for future study and all members should be present to express their preference. Dr. Rankin will give a talk on the history of Masonry which promises to be highly interesting. All University Masons are invited and urged to attend.

**Commercial Club.**  
The commercial club will hear Mr. Whitten of the Lincoln chamber of commerce, Thursday, December 23, at 11 a. m. in 305 S. S.

**Omaha Club.**  
The Omaha club will hold a social meeting, Wednesday, December 21, at 8:00 p. m., in Faculty hall, Temple building. The committee has succeeded in procuring this desirable meeting place and has arranged a very attractive program. Every Omaha student welcome. All members come promptly and bring a friend.

**Notice.**  
The Gallery range will be available to all men who have not fired the prescribed course, on December 21, 22 and 23.  
By order of Colonel Mitchell:  
**SIDNEY ERICKSON,**  
Major, Infantry, (D. O. L.)

**Inter-College Basketball.**  
There will be a meeting of college athletic representatives 4 p. m. Wednesday in the office of the director of athletics for the purpose of drawing up a schedule for the inter-college basketball tournament.  
**F. W. LUEHRING,**  
Director of Athletics.

**In Years Gone By.**

Seventeen Years Ago Today.  
Word came that Miss C. Ruth Rouse, from Girton college, Cambridge, England, expected to visit the University of Nebraska in January, in

the interest of the student volunteer movement for foreign missions.

**Ten Years Ago Today.**  
The fourth annual banquet of the cadet band was held in the Lincoln hotel. About seventy-five plates were served.  
Memorial hall, packed to a generous capacity, was the scene of the rendering of Handel's "Messiah" by the university chorus, led by Mrs. Carrie Raymond.

**The Calendar.**

**Wednesday, December 21.**  
American Society of Civil Engineers 7:30 p. m. M. A. 102.  
Group B of Square and Compass club, 7 p. m. Social Science 107.  
Omicon Nu business meeting, 5 p. m. Ellen Smith hall.  
Beaver City club meeting, 12 m., S. S. 102.  
**Friday, December 23.**  
Omaha club, 7:30 p. m., Faculty hall.

**Faculty Notes.**

Prof. C. W. Taylor of the teachers' college was in Iowa on business last week.  
Supt. Reimund of Tecamah, R. D. Moritz of Seward, and John True were callers at teachers' college last week.  
Prof. W. Sealock has been giving the Kirby language and grammar test to all the freshmen of the teachers' college this week.

**EXHAUST**

The coming vacation probably is the shortest that Nebraskans have had for many years, so every one says. Being of an optimistic frame of mental make-up we decided that the following is usually true. The shorter the vacation the less forgotten.

"Four days to do my Xmas hocking"  
Quoth Amos Ade,  
"That I may help to fill the Xmas stocking"  
But Fate now with him played  
So on each Hebrew's door a knocking,  
Alas on each, a sign he spied "No more loans made."  
—Lainia Post.

Don't fail to take home todubious parents all your papers with a grade of over 50, it lends color to your dramatic recital of "The Burning of the Midnight Oil."

The co-eds across the table in the library when asked to foreclose her conversation, looked up at the jolly fellow who lent his handsome car and queried "don't you suppose they know better than to come up here to the library and try to study?"  
—Venice.

Gift suggestions that the bound to win the hearts of the family:  
Father—New tobacco cure.  
Mother—A pair of antique chop sticks to match the linoleum on the kitchen floor.  
Sister—Some nice cotton hose.  
Grandmother—A new book of bedtime stories.  
Brother—A year's subscription to The Woman's Home Companion.

**Cornhusker Queries.**

Q—What magazine did writers in the university publish about 25 years ago?  
A—The Nebraska Literary Magazine, a quarterly, ran in 1895-96 under the encouragement of the department of rhetoric and of the English club of the university.  
Q—Who was the first dean of the arts college?  
A—Rev. Orsamus C. Dake, a clergyman of the Episcopal church, was the first professor of rhetoric and English literature and the first dean of the arts college.  
Q—How many campuses has the University of Nebraska and which is the newest?  
A—The University of Nebraska is now spread over three campuses, the city campus and agricultural school at Lincoln and the college of medicine at Omaha. The later is the newest.  
Q—How was the popularity of the university spread in the early days?  
A—At first the university was known in legislature debates as Lincoln high school. Later, especially under Chancellor Benton, speech-making tours were made over the state increasing interest in the institution.

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**BRCKETT TALKS TO ENGINEER FRESHMEN**

Ag. College Professor Tells Of Need of Agricultural Engineering Course in University.

Professor E. E. Brackett of the agricultural engineering college spoke before the freshman engineers yesterday on "Agriculture and the Engineer."

Professor Brackett told how the engineering field was becoming more specialized and how the agricultural branch of engineering was rapidly growing in importance. Nebraska is especially interested in the agricultural development as its welfare depends largely upon the agricultural interests. There are 124,000 farms in Nebraska and these are the most important part of our wealth and their products form a large part of our income. The industrial population of the state does not number more than one tenth of the total in comparison with the large numbers connected with the farms and allied interests.

The first agricultural engineering course was given at Iowa state college by a graduate of the mechanical engineering department of the University of Nebraska. From here the study has spread to other Universities and Nebraska now has as good an agricultural college as any in the United States. The agricultural engineering building at the college of agriculture campus is probably the largest and most up to date edifice of its kind in the world.

Some data in regard to the value and importance of the Nebraska farms was given by Professor Brackett. According to the latest census there is over \$153,000,000 worth of farm machinery on Nebraska farms. More power is used in the plowing of its fields than in all the industries of the state put together.

The agricultural engineering course is not presumed to teach everything that should be known about the most scientific farming methods, but it does give the student the fundamentals on which proper practice is based and leaves to them the working out of the minor details.

There are many problems which should be solved in the various agricultural lines. The building proposition is one of the most important on most farms as it is one which is most often neglected. The proper appreciation of rural architecture is needed as the poor way in which many of our farm buildings are constructed is deplorable.

Drainage and irrigation are two problems which confront the engineer in many parts of the state. Many times they are closely related but their inter-relations are often overlooked by the ordinary farmer.

There is connected with the agricultural college an extension department which helps the farmer in many ways in the study of these problems. They send out blue prints on all the various phases of farm planning and design of buildings and print pamphlets on many of the problems of farm management.

Nebraska has taken the lead in the installation of a tractor testing department which tests all the makes of farm tractors before they can be put on the market. The testing laboratories are in charge of a graduate of the agricultural college and every tractor is given a rating in accordance with the tests so made. This serves the farmer in that he knows what to expect when he buys a certain tractor. To date over 80 tractors have been tested and rated by this department.

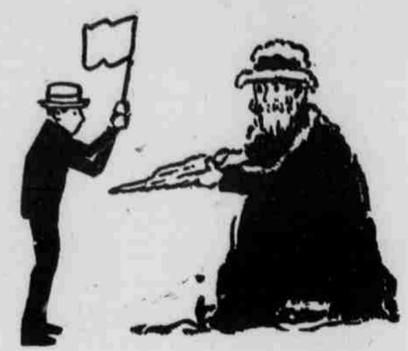
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