

FIRE THREATENS OLDEST BUILDING

U Hall is Saved From Total Destruction by Quick Work of Fire Fighters.

FLAMES CAUSE \$200 DAMAGE IN BASEMENT

Defective Wiring Given as Cause of Blaze—Passer-by Discovers the Smoke.

While University of Nebraska students were home eating Christmas turkeys and celebrating Santa Claus in particular, the oldest building on the campus of the Cornhusker Institution came near seeing its last days. A matter of about ten minutes probably saved U hall from total destruction. Last Wednesday morning when H. C. Witte, veteran mail carrier of Station A, was sorting mail on the first floor of U hall, his attention was

called to smoke emerging from the basement of the building by a passer-by. Mr. Witte hastily ran to the home of Fire Chief Olson, who lives on R street, across from the library building, and in as much time as it takes to tell it the firemen were on the scene.

Smoke had filled the entire building when the firemen arrived although the flames had not gained much headway. In a few minutes, however, the blaze would probably have taken on dangerous proportions and the building might have gone. The quick work of the fire fighters probably saved the oldest building on the campus. Only the printing plant store room where the switchbox is located, was damaged much.

The blaze was caused by a defective fuse in a switch box in the basement of the building, next to the newly established trade school printing plant. From the switch box the flames had spread upward into the beams supporting the first floor of the building but they did not penetrate the floor. The damage to the building amounted to \$200, according to Chief Olson. Repairs on the wiring and

damaged portions of the basement were started immediately and the ruins are nearly cleared up.

CUTTER PREDICTS BIG UNIVERSITIES

Dean of Medical College Says Schools With 25,000 Students to Become Common.

That universities of the middle-west will soon be boasting of twenty to twenty-five thousand students is the prediction of Dean Irving S. Cutter of the college of medicine of the University of Nebraska. Dr. Cutter believes that universities which do not have a student body of that large a

number will be missing the mark.

This enormous growth among universities of the middle west will come, Dean Cutter says, because the people are going to begin demanding the type of education the university can give them. State universities today are proud when they have a student body in the neighborhood of 10,000.

"That doesn't begin to measure the service they can give and will give some time," the dean continued. Dr. Cutter explained that while no tuition is charged, except in professional schools, certain fees combine with endowment interest and government funds provided under various laws to make up about one-third of the yearly expenditures, so that taxpayers do not go down in their pockets for three million dollars a year.

as some of them believe, but for very much less than that; and they get in return service that they are only beginning to appreciate.

CORN EATERS CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED

University of Nebraska students may attend the banquet of the Corn Eaters club, Wednesday evening at the Lincoln chamber of commerce. The club is organized for the purpose of furthering the use of corn as a table delicacy and thereby adding the cause of the farmer. Any member of the club is pledged to use corn each day in at least one form. The entire menu of the banquet Wednesday evening will consist of the Nebraska product in one form or other.

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