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TREAT 'EM WHITE

The highest compliment any man could ever receive was paid to Warden "Billie" Fenton of the Nebraska state penitentiary when Fred Brown, Omaha bandit who had led police officers a merry chase for nearly a month, said that Nebraska's prison custodian would not have been harmed had the bandit and jailer come face to face. "For", said Brown, "he treated me white when I was in the penitentiary and I would not have shot him".

To have that said about one by a man hunted by hundreds of other men is certainly a compliment and a high one. Brown was fighting for his life and it was merely a matter of good fortune that he did not seriously mangle or kill a number of the hunting party. He was caught unawares. But at any time had Warden Fenton approached, Brown would not have fought. He regarded Fenton too highly for Fenton "treated him square".

There is a lesson in that statement of Brown's by which every man may profit. Warden Fenton would probably have saved his life had he met the bandit just because he had done what was "white". Few are the men who can boast of such a record. There is probably not a man in the Nebraska state prison who would not endorse Brown. And a prison is no easy matter to go "white". It is not hard to overlap the line when one is dealing with hardened criminals such as inhabit the penitentiary. All men should consider the statement of Brown and think how much "treating the other man white" is really worth in the end.

HIGH SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

Completion of each school year finds more and more high schools attempting to publish a school paper of some kind. Almost every high school now has a paper which is published by the students of the school at regular intervals. This growth of interest in publications has called for instructors who have some knowledge of the fundamentals of journalism.

High school teachers, as a rule, have little foundation for teaching journalism. Few, if any have had any course in it. Until more experienced instructors are secured the rating of high school publications will not be great. Instructors of journalism should seek a more thorough knowledge of their subject than they generally possess.

BABE RUTH AND FAME

But last year Babe Ruth was the most talked of man in America, at least in baseball. Now he is regarded rarely and with no complimentary comment. Three times this year Ruth has been suspended. All three times were the results of too much

rime. Ruth went on his barnstorming career because he thought he could get away with it. He was suspended and fined by Judge Landis. He got back in baseball expecting a wonderful ovation and he got it. But then he failed to connect with the ball. His cheers turned to jeers and Ruth lost his temper. He assaulted an umpire and started after a fan in the bleachers. He was suspended a third time for "crabbing".

When men reach the "hall of fame" in that way and fall in as disgraceful a way as that, the drop is much worse than just gradually passing out. A man who cannot hold his followers is a poor man at best. He may reach a stage of overwhelming apparent success but he fails because of the very high momentum of the thing. Better it were that he had struck a reasonable level and kept it than go high above it only to fall farther below and to get mad because one loses out by one's own actions is worse still. No man is regarded highly who cannot stand a defeat. There is a lesson in Ruth's downfall for all.

STUDENT OSTRICHES

Recently a college professor announced to the world that college students, almost without exception, swallowed every statement he saw fit to make concerning his subject. There is a lamentable lack of questioning attitude, he averred, that is necessary before a student can tap the wellsprings of learning.

How often have we noticed the same thing in the class rooms of Indiana. An instructor or professor will make a prodigious statement concerning something touching his subject, of which his auditors never heard before. Every one hastily writes it down in the ever-present notebook as gospel, although outside of class someone would be sure to ask for more information. We have seen a learned professor demonstrate the spelling of a word per Chaucer, Anglo-Saxon and Teutonic, and even show how it was spelled about 5,000 B. C., in the Indo-European. He probably was right, but did anyone ask where scholars derived their information? Not a one.

Perhaps we are being trained to be intelligent animals, instead of thinkers. A trained horse can do his work just as efficiently without knowing why, but something more will have to be expected from Americans if we don't want to be a group of trained horses performing at the command of a few whip-holders. Students say instructors dislike questions. Undoubtedly they do resent foolish queries, but if a college is a boy on one end of a leg and an instructor on the other, how can the instructor do his best if the fellow opposite becomes the proverbial "bump on the log". All that would result under such circumstances, and about all that many modern classes are, is a dry monologue ground out by a professor.

Mos' instructors would probably welcome a little original thought injected into their recitations, we believe. Maybe they would not, as students maintain.—Indiana Daily Student.

200 NEWSPAPERS NOW

GET THE NEBRASKAN

Nearly two hundred of the leading editors of Nebraska are now regularly receiving the copies of The Summer Nebraskan. The university is taking this means of informing the people of the state about what its leading educational institution is doing.

PAUL GRUMMANN WRITES OF TRIP TO CARNEGIE

Mr. H. R. Grumann, son of Paul H. Grumann, director of the school of fine arts, writes from Wilkesburg, Pa., concerning his trip of the "Carnegie". He states that after spending a few months in the West Indies making observations from St. Thomas to Barbadoes, he returned to the U. S. A. and hopes it won't be necessary for him to leave it again.

Mr. Grumann is at present in the research department of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, East Pittsburg, Pa.

10 PER CENT INCREASE IN CHEMISTRY STUDENTS

Fifty-five students are registered in freshman chemistry and 42 in organic chemistry. This represents about a 10 per cent increase over last summer.

LOUISVILLE FIELD TRIP IN GEOGRAPHY

The Louisville trip will be made Saturday, June 24. The trip is made via auto truck. The party will leave Nebraska Hall at 7:30 A. M. Studies will be made of the Salt Creek valley, the Platte valley and industries. Places to be visited are the sand dredges, Indian cave, state fish hatcheries at South Bend, stone quarries and the pottery plant at Louisville. Visitors are welcome and arrangements may be made for transportation by signing the bulletin in Nebraska Hall or consulting Miss Anderson before Friday noon.

UNIVERSITY ALUMNI IN POLITICAL RACE

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Shike, '11, University Place, republican; third district—P. F. O'Gara, '06, Hartington, democrat; fourth district—Lloyd Crocker, '06, Beatrice, republican; sixth district—Charles W. Beal.

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