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THE SEASON OVER.
Nebraska has finished the 1924 season in the Missouri Valley conference. And the Cornhuskers have as good a claim as any other team in the Valley to the year's championship. Drake, Missouri and Nebraska have each been beaten once this season. Although the Nebraska percentage may not be as high as that of the other leaders, the Cornhuskers demonstrated their power in successive victories over the Kansas Jayhawks, the Tigers and the Kansas Aggies. And each game showed the increasing strength of the team.

The Daily Nebraskan believes that the Cornhuskers of 1924 are well able to hold their own against any other team in the Valley. If this belief is concurred in by the majority of sports writers, then Nebraska has surely won the 1924 Missouri Valley title.

Nebraska does not claim that the Cornhuskers have the other Valley teams completely outclassed—but the the Scarlet and Cream squad has won the right to at least equal consideration with the Drake and Missouri.

RULES FOR SUCCESS.
Ten rules that should be observed by every man who wants material success were recently propounded by an easterner who is prominent as a financier, an art patron and a public man. Successful men have always been fond of laying down rules to guide young men to success. Usually they are broad generalities that mean nothing. The latest ten rules are:
1. Remember that every task, no matter how trivial it may seem, is an important one for the young man getting on in the world.
2. Remember that the most serviceable of all assets is reputation.
3. Think. Exercise the spring of your brain.
4. Go for a ride on the horse of your imagination from time to time.
5. Be ready; be fully prepared, be patient.
6. Be neighborly; be a good sport.
7. Work hard; don't spare yourself, but don't become a machine.
8. Taken an interest and due share in public affairs.
9. Meet your fellow men with confidence.
10. Avoid ostentation.

The first two of these rules are excellent. Almost any young man has experienced their working, successfully or otherwise.
"Learn how to think" is the cry of all successful men. Thinking is not a process that can be learned, and most of these successful men realize that truth vaguely. It is possible to apply set form of reasoning to a particular class of problems, but the problems of business world are never exactly duplicated.

The other six rules sound somewhat like Kipling's plus and minus list of the proper attributes of a man—their sum is zero. "Work hard" but "don't become a machine." Where is the dividing line? What is a due share in public affairs? What is "fully prepared"? How long should the young man be patient? How far should he trust others?
Until someone who has succeeded presents a definite list of rules that do not contradict themselves it will be the wisest thing for young men to scheme deliberately for rapid promotion and admit that luck is the all-important element in "success."

NEW THEORY.
A movement in Texas was recently reported working toward petitioning the legislature to abolish all corporal punishment in the state's prison system. Recently the "dark cell" was done away with at the Texas penitentiary, and there has been a corresponding increase in flogging. A somewhat barbarous form of punishment, called the "horse," was abolished only two months ago on the advice of physicians. "Unmanageable" men were forced to sit upon a four-inch beam for three hours without moving. A barrel has been substituted for the beam.
The strongest arguments in favor of corporal punishment in prison

have been based upon the supposed fact that criminals are almost invariably of low intelligence. But recent Nebraska men, have shown with a fair degree of conclusiveness that criminals are more likely to be older intellectually than the average.

Assuming that these tests are indicative of the caliber of the average convict, the futility of corporal punishment becomes apparent. Most men would say, if they were questioned, that physical punishment, after a certain age at least, could never make them less obdurate. It is ordinarily said that the criminal cannot be reasoned with—he only understands bodily pain; but the average man, with whom the criminal seems to be on a level, must be dealt with in the exactly opposite fashion.

Even in the face of this startling reversal of the theory of criminal perversion, there may be arguments in favor of corporal punishment. Yet, the whole question is reopened, and abolition of such methods of discipline should be considered.

The College Press

NEWSPAPER RESPONSIBILITY
Ignorance of the public as to their rights and failure to demand that those rights be respected are the primary causes of wholesale abuses practiced by certain newspapers and public officials.

It is quite customary for certain journals to print sensational stories about college students and campus organizations—stories that not only damage the reputations of the persons involved, but result in great harm to the good name of the University itself—that are clearly actionable under the law. We are so accustomed to seeing unfounded rumors, charges and complaints against college men and women sensationally reported in the press, that we have come to regard that sort of thing as the inevitable price of an education. If the stories are accredited, rightly or falsely, to some public official, if the reporter adroitly uses the favorable alibi "according to," we are baffled by the official tone of the yarn, and decide we must "grin and bear it."

But the courts have taken a different view of cases of this kind.

Whether a newspaper is reporting the words of another, or making a statement on its own authority, the courts have held the paper must accept responsibility for the truth of its statements under the laws of libel.

There are, of course, occasions in which the newspapers enjoy what the courts have termed "conditional or qualified privilege," under the protection of which they may print accounts of judicial, legislative, or other public or official proceedings. Even on these privileged occasions the accounts must be fair, accurate, without malicious intent, and must give both sides of the case.

Contrary to the popular belief and the common practice of certain campus correspondents, the phrase "according to Police Officer So and So" does not make the account privileged. Complaints made in a police station and charges made by a police officer are not privileged. A criminal charge made by a public officer is not privileged, even though that officer be the District Attorney himself, unless it is a part of a proceeding that is both public and official.

In "Lions for Reporters" written by Robert M. Baxter of the New York Herald for the Editor and Publisher, September 3, 1921, the following is included:

"Do not forget that as the investigations and conclusions of a detective are not 'judicial or other public and official proceedings,' there is no privilege and the plaintiff can recover damages."

The Daily Californian Handbook contains the following instruction to the staff of this paper:

"It should be remembered that in circulating a lie, or a statement that is defamatory, or that unjustly holds a person on institution up to scorn, hatred, ridicule or contempt, the newspaper is no less actionable for libel merely because it quotes the authority for the statement. It can not shift the responsibility for a libelous statement by proving that it was actually uttered by the person to whom accredited. . . . To be safe verify all facts of the story and write only the truth."

"The Daily Californian owes its readers prompt and complete correction of its own serious errors of fact or opinion, whatever their origin. The member of the staff who is re-

sponsible for the error likewise owes a personal apology to the person or persons misrepresented."

A newspaper is more than a business enterprise; it is a public utility. As such its policy should not merely conform to the technical requirements of the law. Sound journalism both from a business and ethical viewpoint, is guided at all times by the interests of the community.—The Daily Californian.

Notices

Corneob. Corneob meeting Tuesday at 7:15 in the Temple.

Y. W. C. A. The Agricultural College Y. W. C. A. will meet Tuesday noon in the Home Economics Parlors at 12:20. Dr. Huntington, University pastor, will address the meeting.

Pershing Rifles. Meeting of the pledges Tuesday at 5 o'clock in Nebraska Hall. Meeting of the active members Wednesday at 7:30 in Nebraska Hall, 306.

Freshman Class Meeting. Freshman class meeting, Monday at 11 o'clock in the Temple.

Episcopalian. The Rt. Rev. Ernest V. Shayler, D. D., Bishop of Nebraska, will be the special preacher at the University Episcopal Church Thirteenth and R streets at the 11 o'clock service, Sunday, November 23, "go to Church Sunday."

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Union. There will be an open meeting of the Union Friday, at 8 o'clock in the Temple.

Menorah Society. The Menorah society meeting scheduled for this Sunday has been postponed to next Sunday.

Guardian Training Course. The Campfire Guardian Training course will meet in Teachers College, 21 in the Basement instead of Faculty Hall, at 4 o'clock Monday. The Campfire chorus will demonstrate some campfire songs.

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