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NOT "FINDERS KEEPERS, LOSERS WEEPERS"

A hard-working University girl, struggling to make both ends meet, lost a purse and a treasured twenty-five dollars. The purse did not contain a name, but the purse and the money were returned by an unknown University man who had traced the girl's name through a numbered bill from a downtown store.
 A pity statement of an incident that occurred on the campus the other day. Looking at it one way there is nothing to be excited about, but lacking in glamour though it may be, this little incident is more intriguing than hundreds of happenings that get columns of news space.
 The girl thought more of that twenty-five dollars than some people think of five hundred. That money was vital to her happiness. And it was lost, in all probability, forever. No doubt the eternal hope that some one would return her money brought her some meager consolation. For such is the frailty of mortals—hope.
 Consider then the young man that found the money. No name in the purse. It was all his. He could use the money. It is safe to say that these thoughts occurred to him before any consideration of the loser. Of course he could derive some satisfaction from doing a good turn. But the loser probably did not need it. Such are the vicissitudes of life.
 But money was returned and everyone was happy.

Now a lot of platitudes about honesty being the best policy could be applied here. Honesty IS the best policy. But that young man did not return that money only because he thought it was the best policy. Nor did he return it because he thought he might be haunted by accusing memories ever after. He returned it because there is something in the great mass of human beings, call it conscience or what you wish, that all men must reckon with in such cases.
 Some persons are never tempted to do the dishonest thing. Dishonesty is almost impossible in them. Other persons are incapable of being honest. But between these extremes are the persons who must decide to do the honest thing.
 So when the unfortunate girl had hope in spite of her reason, she was unknowingly putting her faith in something without which the human race would be a piteous spectacle.

THE THUDDING BOOKS

John came down to the library with a bunch of the boys who had eight o'clock classes. With half a dozen others he stood for about ten minutes waiting for the unlocking of the doors. While they waited, the janitor stood inside the door and waited for eight o'clock.
 Bill rushed in on his way to an eight o'clock with a book due in at eight. He shoved it through the slot in the locked doors and heard it tumble to the floor below. While John waited outside, some fifteen or twenty students pushed their books through the door. Each time he heard the sound of books crumpling to the floor, some with the bound edge down, some open edge down, some top or bottom down, but always thudding against the floor or the tumbled books below. And the janitor stood and watched the books pile in a messy

Scrimmage Is Bill For Hoop Squad Monday

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 down the two guard positions. Eddie Armstrong got in the game toward the last and with Lewandowski as a running mate, stopped the yearling attack and took the ball up the court to Witte, Olson or Brown.
Hard Work Ahead
 Hard scrimmage is the task for the squad to surmount this week and part of the Christmas vacation. Nebraska meets Missouri and Washington on Saturday, Jan. 7, and Monday, Jan. 9 respectively. Special defensive plans are being developed by Coach Black to meet the great offensive attack of the Tiger five man power unit.
Missouri Valley Standings

	W	L	pts.	op.
Oklahoma	2	0	1,000	86
Missouri	1	0	1,000	36
Kansas Aggies	1	0	1,000	20
Washington	1	0	1,000	28
Okl. Aggies	1	1	.500	87
Drake	1	1	.500	61
Kansas	0	1	.000	13
Grinnell	0	2	.000	59
Nebraska	0	2	.000	42

Last Week's Results
 Washington 28; Nebraska 27.
 Missouri 36; Nebraska 15.
 Kansas Aggies 20; Kansas 13.
 Oklahoma 44; Grinnell 16.
 Drake 37; Oklahoma Aggies 33.
 Oklahoma Aggies 54; Grinnell 43.

Cadet Competition Is After Holidays

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 panics scores alike the average score for the entire company will be figured. This will eliminate larger companies, running up larger scores.

heap while he waited for eight o'clock, the official opening hour.
 Libraries at many universities open at 7:45 or 7:50 o'clock, permitting students to return books to the loan desks in good condition before their eight o'clock classes and to give students without eight o'clocks who accompany them to school, a place to study when they arrive.

YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN

An old tradition was retained by the action of the Committee on Student Organizations which yesterday decided that University Night was not as bad as it was painted. At least it has possibilities of clean and humorous amusement for the student body, if properly handled by a small committee of responsible students, and supervised by a faculty committee to guard against cases of momentary insanity, as displayed on the Orpheum stage last year.
 This University Night committee might go to the other extreme and present a Sunday school program which would not be even as heartily received as last year's bungle. Very few University students are interested in the goody-goody type of entertainment. They will not pay admissions to hear lectures on scholarship, by fellow students, nor will they pay money to see "shady" plays which do not represent the real interests of the student body.
 With last year's program before the committee as a bad example, and with the use of a little common sense, this year's program should measure up to the expectations of the Committee on Student Organizations, when it decided to reinstate the performance because they recognized its justification in a University life.

In Other Columns

Panacea
 Dean Hanford of Harvard has proposed a "battle of culture" to take place between student teams of ten men each from Yale and Harvard. Under the plan the teams would take identical examinations which would cover all departments of study. The object of the competition is to stimulate interest in studies to offset the emphasis now placed on athletics.
 Whether or not the battle of culture would do anything to alleviate this emphasis on athletics is rather problematical. You can fill stadiums to watch football contests, but unless the thing is done right the audience in the examination hall will consist mainly of professors and a few Phi Beta Kappa aspirants. If the plans are worked out carefully, however, there may be a thrill or two in the spectacle for the man about campus.

Imagine, for instance, the tense moment when the third question on the economics exam is reached. The Harvard entry is writing furiously, but across the table the hope of the Blue sits biting his fingernails. Obviously he had gone to the movies the night he should have been gunning for this very problem. From the gallery comes the familiar "brek-ek-ek-coax-coax—fight, Yale FIGHT!" And then, with but three minutes left to write, the Eli's face lights up—his pen flies across the paper as hats, coats and tattered bits of paper becloud the gallery.
 Then of course, there might be the regular time-out periods as the pride of the Harvard History department gets writer's cramp and a substitute has to be sent for. Perhaps the thing could be run off in quarters with ten-minute intermissions between each while the two teams retire for refreshments and perhaps a smoke.

On the whole we think it's a good idea.
 —Daily Princetonian.

Students at the University of Omaha must make a grade of 70 in 75 per cent of their studies during the first semester or they will not be permitted to register for the second period, Dr. Karl F. Wettstone, president, said today.

The rule has been in the catalog for several years, Dr. Wettstone said, but has never been enforced. "But it will be enforced this year," he said. "We are giving them plenty of warning—the semester does not end until the first of February—and those who do not bring their work up will be dropped."
 Asked if the ruling would affect athletes he declared that the first duty of the student was scholarship.
 "I don't care whether we have a basket ball team or not if the standards of the school have to suffer for it," he said.
 One member of the basket ball squad is reported to be low in his studies, but is expected to bring his grades up by tutoring before the end of the term. It is too far ahead to predict the result upon athletics, Dr. Wettstone said.
 —Omaha World-Herald.

Average Student Age Nineteen Says Survey

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 younger age than men. Among students under eighteen years of age, 328 are women and 240 men.
 In professional courses the predominant age is 22. One hundred and nine of the 561 professional students gave this age. These courses are confined almost wholly to men, there being but 13 women enrolled in them.

Kirsch Gives An Illustrated Museum Talk

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 Austria, Italy, and Sicily.
 Some colored scenes of Nebraska sunsets were shown. A series of scenes exhibited the changing colors of the sunset at its various stages.
 Another group of colored pictures was composed of views of stage settings, which Professor Kirsch has made for the "Merchant of Venice," to be given by the University Players.

Judges Name Six Debaters on 1928 Team

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 E. Leavitt debated in 1923 and is now with the Marmon-Leavitt Auto company.
Mostly New Men
 With a squad composed mostly of new men, Professor White will begin work in preparation for the two debates on the question, immediately after the close of Christmas vacation. The members of last year's squads

who are again on the team are Evert M. Hunt and David Fellman. Most of the other men had previous experience either in high school or other colleges.
 The speakers in the tryouts were, alternating from affirmative to negative:
 Joseph Ginsburg, Ponca; David Fellman, Omaha; Sherman Welpton, Omaha; Robert M. Baldwin, Hebron; J. L. Pearl, Burwell; Chauncey Hager, Ord; Carl J. Marold, Sagnache, Colorado; Reginald C. Miller, Lincoln; John Reimers, Brule; Lester P. Schoene, Syracuse; Samuel S. Diedrich; H. B. Sarno, Lincoln; Archibald W. Millen; Joe Hunt, Scottsbluff; and Evert M. Hunt, Lincoln.

Athletic Board Is In Favor of Allen

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 tained in the tentative constitution of the so-called "big six" group.
 The board's answer to the matter of student representation was the statement that there has been student representation at K. U. for twenty years or more. Two years ago the constitution of the Men's Student Council changed from the old plan of electing three athletes and two non-athletic members, to a plan of having captains of the varsity teams of major sports sit on the athletic board.
 The board agreed that the coach of the freshman football team should be under direction of the head football coach, and from all available information found that such relationship had prevailed at Kansas. It is not customary, however, among Missouri valley schools for the head coach to appoint the freshman coach, according to information obtained by the board.

Stanley A. Henry, Husker Star, Dies

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 Formerly Employed Here
 Following his graduation, Mr. Henry was for three years in the employ of the Nebraska Buick company in Lincoln. In 1923 he entered the service of the National Lamp Works at Minneapolis, attaining a success which resulted in his appointment as district distributor for the General Electric company's refrigerators at South Bend, Indiana.
 The body was brought to Lincoln, arriving Monday morning and funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at Swanton, Nebraska, the home of his surviving mother, brother and sister.

Himmel Contributes To Botany Periodical

A recent number of the bulletin of the Torrey Botanical club contains a contribution from Dr. Walter J. Himmel, assistant professor of botany. The article is a report of some of Dr. Himmel's research in plant physiology and is entitled, "A Contribution to the Biophysics of Podophyllum Petioles." Dr. Himmel came to the department of botany from Minnesota last September.

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Origin of Custom of Christmas Tree Is Unknown; Many Claims Are Made

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 19.—In a short time the market will be flooded with Christmas trees and everyone will be buying one—for what is Christmas without its tree? The buying of Christmas trees has become a habit rather than a custom. In the hurry of modern civilization many have forgotten the symbolism connected with the tree.
 The idea of the Christmas tree is very old. Long before authentic history of the use of the tree started there were numerous legends concerning it. The Scandinavians tell of a tree which sprang from the blood-drenched soil where two lovers were killed by violence. During the Christmas season mysterious lights could be seen blazing in its branches.
 In France there is a legend of a thirteenth century knight who saw a gigantic tree with its branches covered with burning candles. At the top was a child with a halo around its head. The knight appealed to the Pope who explained that the tree stood for humanity; the candles for human beings; and the child, of course, for Christ.
Who Started Custom
 Many countries claim to have been the first to establish the custom of the Christmas tree and credit for having done so has been given to many men. Two of the most famous of these are Martin Luther and St. Winifrid. St. Winifrid, in addressing a group of pagans once said, "This tree is a sign of endless life because its leaves are always green. See, its top points straight to heaven."
 This explains why Christmas trees are invariably of the evergreen type and why straight pyramid-shaped trees are chosen. The Christmas tree of today meets both these requirements which shows that unconsciously the symbolism has been adhered to.
 Aside from legends, it is hard to

of the tree appears first in the records of the sixteenth century. It seems that the custom of having a tree in the home was most popular in Germany and spread from there to all parts of the earth. In 1840 the Duchess Helena of Orleans introduced the custom to France by bringing a tree to the Tuilleries. Queen Victoria's marriage to a German prince brought the custom to England. The German emigrant brought the idea to America.

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