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WELCOME BACK, VAN WINKLE!

Rumors indicate that the Varsity Party committee is finally arousing from its lethargy of the past few months. At least a general chairman for the second semester was appointed by the Student Council yesterday afternoon. When the date for the next party is announced we can safely conclude that the committee is once more functioning.

This action is welcomed by the student body. Working against opposition and indifference last fall the committee succeeded in enticing the students to the total population in one year." their parties. The students attended, enjoyed themselves, and were led to believe that Varsity parties might be a pretty good idea after all. Just when the student body was beginning to drift into the habit of attending the dances, the parties were discontinued for an indefinite time.

The blame for the period of inactivity during the winter months does not rest entirely upon the committee. Certain conditions arose which made it inadvisable to continue.

Now these conditions have been removed. The re-organization for the second semester marks another attempt to place Varsity parties at the social prominence which they deserve. This time the student body is in a more favorable frame of mind.

Success or failure-it now depends upon the com-

ness."-Wisconsin Cardinal,

TO CONCLUDE THE ARGUMENT

Since interest in the discussion of vaccination for the subject. The article today was the subject to the subject to the subject. The article today was the subject to the subject vention makes his discussion an appropriate and au-



Daily Nebraskan readers are cordially invited to contribute articles to this column. This paper, however, assumes no responsibility for the sentiment expressed herein, and reserves the right to exclude any libelous or undesirable matter. A limit of six hundred words has been placed on all contributions.

To the Editor:

In an article on "Does Vaccination Prevent Smallpox?" which appeared in the "Soap Box" of The Daily Nebraskan on Thursday, February 16, 1928, statements are made which should not go unchallenged since they are both misleading and contrary to facts. The writer starts out by quoting from something written by "Sidney E. Smith, a prominent M. D. of New York City," who, he claims, made the statement that "Smallpox vaccination does not prevent smallpox; if anything it increases the susceptibility to the infection and lowers the chances of recovering from the disease." In the next sentence he accepts this statement as a fact though he offers no evidence in support of his conclusion.

The quotations from Herbert Spencer, Alfred Russell Wallace and John Burns are unsupported statements by laymen who did not have, nor did they attempt to secure statistical data to support their impressions. The quotations from Rusta, Ward and Bakewell do not furnish any evidence from which the conclusion could be drawn that vaccination is both ineffective and harmful.

The writer makes the statement that James Phipps died of tuberculosis from vaccination. He would also have us infer that Jenner's son died of tuberculosis as a sequel to vaccination. According to the Mortality Statistics of the U. S. Census Bureau for the year beginning July 1, 1879, and ending June 30, 1880, the number of deaths from tuberculosis (all forms) in the United States was 326.2 per 100,000 of the population. For the year Jan. 1, 1924 to December 31, 1924 the rate was 90.6 per 100,000 of the population. The rates for the years 1925, 1926 and 1927 will probably be slightly lower than for the year 1924. For every person per 100,000 of the population who died of tuberculosis in 1924 there were 3.6 persons who died of this disease in the year 1879-1880. Previous to the year 1879-1880 the yearly death rate was still greater than it was during this year. The number of persons in the United States who have been vaccinated is greater today than is ever has been in the history of the United States and yet tuberculosis is decreasing in prevalence and in mortality year by year. There is no direct evidence that tuberculosis was ever caused by vaccination. That tuberculosis may have been transmitted through vaccine in the distant past, when arm to arm vaccination was practiced, is possible. All the evidence certainly appears convincing that instances of such infections must have been extremely infrequent if they ever occurred. The argument in any event has no weight since all smallpox vaccine is obtained today from bovine sources. Moreover, none can be produced or sold in the United States without the approval of the United States Public Health Service.

In nearly all countries the manufacture of smalland control of all the smallpox vaccine which is pro- land of ours may protect itself against diseases, and state secretary for several years. fore vaccine can be manufactured, the plant where it not so fortunately situated." is to be produced is inspected by a representative of

the U. S. Public Health Service. If the plant upon inspection meets the requirements of the Service, a permit is granted; if it is lacking in any of the requirements, a permit is denied. The Director of the Hygienic Laboratory is furthermore required to purchase on the open market at stated intervals samples of all vaccines manufactured or used in the United States. He is required to test them and if any are found to be unsatisfactory in any respect they must be at once withdrawn from the market and destroyed. Such close and careful supervision insures a continuous supply of safe and reliable vaccine.

Rosenau, in "Preventive Medicine and Hygiene," 1927, p. 27, says, "The distinguished mathematician, Bernouilli, estimated that 15,000,000 people died of smallpox in 25 years in the eighteenth century. It has smallpox epidemic in Chester, England, population 14,713. At the termination of the epidemic there were but 1,060 persons, or 7 per cent of the population, who had never had smallpox. Many similar instances are cited in the literature. The French physician, De 1a Condamine (1754), said that 'every tenth death was due to smallpox and the sive of smallpox and the severe that the first meeting. due to smallpox and that one-fourth of mankind was either killed by it or crippled or disfigured for life.' Sarcone (1782) estimated the number of persons in Italy who suffered from smallpox as 90 per cent of the population.

"Smallpox was introduced into the Western Hemisphere by the Spaniards about fifteen years after the discovery of America. In Mexico within a short period 3,500,000 persons are said to have died of the disease (Chapman). Catlin (1841) states that of 12,000,000 American Indians 6,000,000 fell victims to smallpox. In Iceland, in 1707, 18,000 perished out of a population of 50,000; that is smallpox killed 36 per cent of

In the epidemic of 1752 Boston had a population of 15,684. Of this number 5,998 had previously had smallpox. During the epidemic 5,545 persons contracted the disease in the usual manner, and 2,124 took it by inoculation. 1,843 persons escaped the city to avoid the infection. There were, therefore, left in the

city only 174 persons who had never had smallpox. Statistics might be quoted indefinitely, all of them confirming and extending the citations already given. Huskers Have Two A single illustration of the seriousness of smallpox in recent times will suffice. During the five years, from 1893-1897, 275,502 persons died of smallpox in Russia. Practically all of these lives might have been saved through vaccination.

During the pre-vaccination period one out of every 10 or 12 deaths was due to smallpox. Today the death rate has fallen so that only one out of approxi- Holt in Saturday's contest, Olson has "Used to be that two was company and three a mately every 2,500 deaths in the United States is due crowd. Nowadays two is company and three is a wit- to smallpox. This represents a rate of 0.6 per 100,000 of the population in 1920. The following quotation is taken from the 1920 Mortality Statistics of the Bureau of the Census of the United States: "The danger of Varsity plenty of opposition but the smallpox, however, among an unvaccinated population tussle with the Sooners will be of tour of western cities, Professor must not be lost sight of and the high rate (87.3) in the most interest to the Nebraska Showerman is giving a public series Since interest in the disconnection of the colored of New Orleans should serve as basket fans. Featuring a peam made at the state university. The lectures devoting another day to the united States during the year 1926, approximately the subject. The article today was written by Herbert the United States during the year 1926, approximately have compiled a record of fifteen ancient city sites, and his association

> It is sometimes asserted that smallpox vaccination Missouri, ranking second with four is unnecessary today since smallpox is of so mild a defeats marked up against them. character. That it is not always mild is confirmed by An abundance of material is on Large Staff of modern and therefore recent statistics. In Kansas City, hand to take the place of the reg-Missouri, during the year 1921, there were 943 cases of smallpox with 159 deaths, a mortality rate of 47.59 Grace and Tom Elliott will get a per 100,000 of the population. Of this number only chance to work in as forwards and one had ever been vaccinated. This individual made so will Othmer, provided he is not the statement that he had been vaccinated 33 years already holding down a center posibefore but there was no scar anywhere on his body to furnish evidence of a successful vaccination. In 1922 there were about 100 cases with a mortality of 63, or 18.31 per 100,000. The death percentage of those having the disease in 1921 was nearly 17; in 1922, 63. There was only one death among those who had been vaccinated in the 222 fatal cases.

In a smallpox epidemic which occurred in Denver, Othmer being used in that capacity, Colorado, in 1921 and 1922 there were reported in however, he has little chance of start-1921, 924 cases with 37 deaths; in 1922, 802 cases with ing the play for Nebraska. 247 deaths. The death rate in 1921 was 4 percent; in 1922, 30 percent.

The following quotations are taken from the Varsity can pull out a win over the American Journal of Public Health", Vol. XIII, No. 11, Nov. 1923, pp. 950 and 951: "Is it right for the guard- Valley, the 1928 season will not be ians of the people's health to allow to pass unchallenged the false declarations of the anti-vaccinationists? Shall they be content to put out fires which have gained headway through the highly inflammable majerial for bers can be depended upon to play which the anti-vaccinationists are largely responsible? Such a course is not in accord with modern public the Sooner invaders. health practice. The producers of smallpox tinder-boxes should be publicly branded as destroyers of the race. Why should innocent children be needlessly exposed Dogmatism Depends to disfigurement, blindness, or death, because a few fanatics, ignorant of medical science, proclaim their false doctrines from the housetops?...... In Denver, the chiropractors vociferously proclaimed the uselessness of vaccination as a protection against smallpox case of fundamentalism in science. and for a time succeeded in winning a large section of On the other hand, he said, there is the public to their point of view, but just as surely as danger of a person becoming so liba shaving will burn when a match is applied, just so eral that he has no convictions or will the unprotected contract smallpox when exposed beliefs at all and is unable to accomocontagion. As time went on it became increasingly plish anything. It is necessary to apparent that the unprotected were furnishing all the guard against the two extremes in victims, while the properly vaccinated were escaping. any subject, he said, expressing the Finally the unvaccinated chiropractors began to con- opinion that some fundamentalists tract the disease; one who fled in his shame not only have accomplished great things in died himself, but started the disease in a town which science. had previously been free. In December last, among 21 ies are not necessarily caused by deaths from smallpox in Denver, 16 had never been dogmatism," Professor Engberg said. vaccinated and not one of the remaining five had been vaccinated for 25 years. The protection afforded, and convictions regarding his subject the importance of the observation that vaccination, without being dogmatic. to be effective, must be repeated every five or six years, will be apparent.

"Childhood furnishes the smallpox reservoir. Suc- National Officer cessful control in a country like the United States is therefore simple. If the health officers and the medical profession can create favorable public sentiment, it will be comparatively a simple matter to vaccinate all the children. In our efforts to utilize the public health in Cairo. He is one of a staff of knowledge which is daily coming into being, we are seven workers in the Egyptian field, prone to neglect some of the measures that have been having the position of social secreproductive of so much good in the past. Smallpox vac- tary. cination falls in this category. It is a true and tried friend that has never yet been found wanting. In the al in securing the erection of a new pursuit of the refinements of public health we should not forget the old and true measures that have done so much in the past to promote health and happiness.

"The anti-vaccinationists should be attacked everywhere as a menace to the welfare of mankind. on a sixteen months' furlough a few The disfigurement and death for which they are re- years ago and while he was back sponsible should be brought home to them. Their false visited this city. As a student here doctrines are too costly and should not be allowed to he was very active in "Y" circles, vaccine is under government control. In the United spread. It is the duty of those the are trained in science being president of the university astotes the U.S. Public Health Service has supervision to see that the truth prevails, to the end that this fair sociation for a term. He was also case at home or haperted from other countries. Be. serve as a beacon light that will guide other countries. Mr. Nipps took his undergraduate

(Concluded Sunday)

Notices

Friday, February 24

Awgwan Contributors
All copy for the Automobile number Awgwan must be in the office by 6 o'cle Friday afternoon, February 24.

Lutheran Club
The Lutheran Club will meet Friday e ning in Temple 204. Reports of delega to the Regional Conference will be giv Afterwards a pie social will be held. ladies are requested to bring pies.

Saturday, February 25 Cosmopolitan Club
There will be a social meeting of the osmopolitan Club of the University of Nersaska Saturday Feb. 25, at the Temple uilding room 202, 8:15 o'clock. Professor ldfather will speak on "Syria".

Sunday, February 26

Social Calendar

Friday, February 24 Sigma Alpha Epsilon formal,

Lincoln hotel. Sigma Nu house dance. Alpha Delta Theta, house

Saturday, February 25 Kappa Alpha Theta formal, Lincoln hotel.

Alpha Theta Chi formal, Scottish Rite Temple. Theta Chi, house dance. Phi Kappa Psi, house dance.

Cosmopolitan club social, Tem-

Kappa Psi, house dance. Alpha Phi, leap year party. Big Sister party, 3-5 Ellen Smith Hall.

Week-End Games

(Continued from Page 1) the last few practice drills, and althe pivot position against the lanky support of the Republic." been getting the call lately at a guard position and works well with Lewandowski or Gohde.

ponents and are far out ahead of field.

have been used in many games throughout the season, will probably relieve Holm and Krall during the week-end contests. Olson may play a guard position but his old position is the center position. With Munn and

A chance to end the season in a burst of glory is the Huskers. If the Sooners, hitherto undefeated in the as disappointing as has been anticipated. The stage seems set for a possible upset and the team memthe best game of the season against

On Person-Engberg

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Speaks to Y. M. C. A.

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Last year he was very instrumentbuilding for boys' work in Cairo and since then has been in charge of that kind of work.

Was Active Student Worker

work at Washburn College, receiving his A. B. from that institution. He

University of Chicago and at the ard. Columbia University Teachers' Col-

Visitor Was Traveling Secretary tary for student work in the Rocky ported by Gordon Hedges.

when he went to China. next summer at which time he will company. go into the industrial department, with headquarters at Shanghai.

Prom Favors

(Continued from Page 1) is presented. The Prom Girl will fall, W. K. Myers, V. C. Byers, Audmake her entrance just before in- rey Musick, and Frederick Hufsmith. termission.

A dinner dance given by the Lincoln Hotel, from 6:15 till 8:15 Eddy Is Head o'clock will precede the prom. Randall's Royal Fontenelle orchestra, which will play for the prom, will furnish music at the dinner dance, Hotel.

Wisconsin Man Says Old Cities Beneficial Cinder Team Will

(Continued from Page 1) ples of government by the people, the great vocation is intelligent citizenthough he may start the Kansas ship, and that whatever contributes cats show promise of good marks in game, Munn will undoubtedly take to this is worthy of the approval and the sprints, while Fort, Peru, will be Excavations Are Described

He describes the digging up of old cities such as those destroyed by eruptions of Mt. Vesuvious in Italy, and the interesting life of the times which this work uncovered.

Reporters Work

(Continued from Page 1) who have contributed feature articles are Fritz Daly who covers the interfraternity council; Maxine Hill; and Pauline Bilon, Miss Bilon covers University Night news and also reported the Co-Ed Follies.

Ruth Palmer, former assistant managing editor, has been reporting news from the Student Council and the Cornhusker. University Players

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Ag College Has Reporters In 1910 he took a position with cott, Kenneth Anderson, and Madge ced, according to Coach Henry P. the Y. M. C. A. at Denver and two Brinton. Anderson also covers the Schulte, Husker mentor. years later became traveling secre- Awgwan. Farmers' Fair will be re-

Mountains region, which embraced Others handling regular runs are Thursday afternoon to get them in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Utah, Helen Day, who has handled the bulk shape for the meet Saturday. The Wyoming, and New Mexico. He of Ellen Smith news including Ves- remainder of the Cornhusker team continued in this capacity until 1913, pers and Y. W. C. A. meetings; Ar- took their regular training workout thur Schroeder, military; Dean Ham- The indoor track under the east sta-Mr. Nipps' work in China was pri- mond, Andrews Hall; Joyce Ayres, dium was sprinkled down Thursday marily connected with the govern- glee club; Leon Larimer, band and so that it will be in shape Saturday ment school students prior to his re- College of Business Administration; turn to this country last year. He Alice Petersen, historical society; Chinese Theme Is intends to resume his work there and Lyman Cass, Chicago Opera

Reporters who have helped in the writing of The Daily Nebraskan to date this semester include: F. E. Stibal, Gordon Larson, Mary Louise Freeman, Lee Vance, G. N. Fader, Are Selected Eloise Keefer, Paul Nelson, Harl Anderson, Boyd Von Seggern, Naomi Henry, La Verne Hans, Dorothy cost and foundation of the Y. W. C. the intermission, after the Prom Girl Nott, Doris Minney, William West-

(Continued from Page 1) A committee to investigate traffic pock, for this very reason.'

giving all who are unable to attend conditions in and about the Univer- A short skit written by Harriet the prom, an opportunity to hear sity was also appointed at the meet- Davis was presented by Hazel Sut-Art Randall and his musicians. Tick- ing by James Jensen, president of ton, Geneva Davis, Pauline Bilon, ets for the dinner dance can be set the Student Council. Richard F. Faye Williams, Katherine Williams, cured from Charles Bruce at the Vette is chairman of the committee, and Lillian Faytinger. Cornhusker office or at the Lincoln The other members are: Karl Nearly a hundred girls attended Schminke, Marjorie Sturdevant, and the dinner which was sponsored by Charles O. Bruce.

Contend on Saturday

(Continued from Page 1) Zook and Zorn of the Peru Boba strong contender for honors in the broad jump.

Due to lack of indoor track facilities the college entrants will probably not provide strong competition

later pursued graduate work at the are being covered by Florence Sew- for the Huskers who have been training for some time and have experienced one big meet at Kansas City Agricultural college news is sup- this season. The official list of N. C. plied by Elvin F. Frolik, Harold Mar- C. entrees has not yet been announ-

Coach Schulte sent his distance men through a 2:15 half mile run

Keynote of Dinner

(Continued from Page 1) so it was that she offered herself in 1906," said Miss Piper. Mrs. Gold Also Talks

Mrs. R. G. Gold, who has been a missionary in China for twelve years described Miss Coppock as the very A. as it stands in China today,

"The Chinese are not, after all such far-away neighbors," declared Mrs. Gold, "and they want our inspiration and sympathy to help them carry their loads; they do not want Of Committee us to carry their loads. No one ever reached closer to the hearts of the Chinese people than did Grace Con-

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