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THE "STRAW VOTE" POLL

A "straw vote" poll in which students will have an opportunity to indicate their presidential candidate choices will be taken next Wednesday morning at all nine o'clock classes. The vote is being sponsored by The Daily Nebraskan. Information concerning the candidates is being supplied through the courtesy of the Department of Political Science and the Independent magazine.

Too many students are indifferent to everything except that directly related to campus life. The attitude of indifference thus developed during their collegiate career continues when they enter the business world. And such terms as civic responsibility and citizenship merely recall vague ideas of some speech made at the club or noticed in the headlines of the daily paper.

Such an attitude is deplorable. Since education is primarily a training for life, it is important that the student should keep in contact with daily happenings and the problems under discussion. And the problem now holding the center of attention is the discussion concerning possible candidates for the next presidency.

Too many students are really interested but feel that they cannot take time to read the many articles in magazines and newspapers on this topic. The Daily Nebraskan is making an effort to outline briefly the high points of the discussion by presenting short feature articles on each of the prominent candidates.

"My lord, the castors on your buffet squeak when it is moved."
 "Ho, knave, haste and bring me the castor oil!"—
 Sou'wester.

SOMETHING ELSE IS ABOLISHED!

University Night is now only a title to be tucked away with the class society pins. For after bravely striving to regain a place in campus affairs this year, it wilted under faculty disapproval and the University Y. M. C. A. has finally decided to do away with the program entirely.

The action followed the report of the University Night committee that it was impossible to submit a program that would meet the approval of both the faculty committee and the student body. The faculty desired a talent show such as that now presented annually by the Kosmet Klub while the students preferred a burlesque on campus personalities. While the faculty committee admitted that there was nothing particularly bad about the skits, they felt that there was nothing elevating or worthwhile about them. After a few attempts to obtain other skits the undergraduate committee decided that it would be impossible to reconcile the two opinions as to what a University Night should be.

The omission of University Night will be a disappointment to the student body. It was the one night of the year that students could enjoy wisecracks on others—and themselves. It was the only entertainment that smacked of campus life in the past when the enrollment was small enough that everyone knew practically everyone else.

But the action of the Y. M. C. A. in ridding itself of the program was a wise one. How they ever came to sponsor such an entertainment no one knows. For the staging of a good burlesque does not usually coincide with the general policies of such an organization. But since it was a good money maker and no criticism was voiced against the idea, the "Y" shrugged its shoulders and continued the programs until last year when the storm of disapproval was so great that the Night as formerly staged was abolished. Now the attempt to stage a University Night that would merit the sanction of the "Y" has ended in a dismal failure. With the recent action the organization has rid itself of a blight that brought nothing (eliminating the financial side) but adverse criticism.

Whether a University Night sponsored by some other organization might be permitted is another question. It would certainly be welcomed by the students. A faculty committee, with censorship based upon the standards of a clean burlesque rather than an appropriate Y. M. C. A. entertainment, would probably have supervision over the skits. Responsibility for the staging of the acts would rest entirely upon those participating. But it is doubtful whether any organization would care to sponsor the program and whether university authorities would allow the reinstatement of such a University Night.

The Cynic Says:
 Perhaps if the time on University parties were to be extended until midnight there wouldn't be so much interest in this parking situation.

THE SOAP BOX



By the 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.

UNIVERSITY NIGHT

To the Editor:
 As chairman of the University Night Committee I feel that I should make a statement explaining the action of that committee in dropping its plans for University Night.

At a meeting last Friday afternoon the committee considered carefully the possibility of continuing with its plans. But the consensus of opinion of the members present was that the conception of the faculty com-

mittee and the conception of the University Night committee as to what University Night should be were so very divergent that it would be impossible to stage a show which would please both the faculty committee and the student body.

The faculty committee maintained that it should be of the nature of the Kosmet Klub Revue of last Thanksgiving, that is, a talent show. The University Night committee thought that it should be a burlesque on campus personalities, but it recognized the fact that obscene and vulgar jokes, such as were some of those of former programs, should be eliminated, and it had eliminated what in its opinion was objectionable material.

There were to be absolutely no drinking scenes or obscene remarks such as had appeared in programs of previous years. The University Night committee felt that it had arranged a program devoid of dirt and smut. In fact members of the faculty committee admitted that there was nothing particularly bad or evil in the skits, but the fact that they possessed nothing of a high and good nature was sufficient reason for their being stricken out. The faculty committee held that the entire tenor of the acts was too low. They required that no mention be made of smoking or drinking by university students and that campus gossip and scandal be completely eliminated. That is, they desired a talent show of a nature similar to the Kosmet Klub Revue.

The University Night committee felt that by postponing the affair it could arrange a show that would meet with the approval of the faculty committee. But the opinion of the committee was that even though such a show could be staged it would not then meet with the approval of the student body, for it believed that the student body expected and desired a burlesque show. So in view of the fact that the conceptions of the two committees as to what type of show should be presented were so divergent that there was no hope of reconciling them the University Night committee decided to discontinue its plans for University Night.

WILBUR MEAD, Chairman,
 University Night Committee.

In Other Columns

WOMAN AND THE WEED

One symbol of her emancipation woman has agreed voluntarily to cast away. No longer need weary traveling men vacate their habitat before a feminine influx, or harassed deans tear their hair at co-eds who refuse to obey non-smoking regulations; not, that is, if the vote of the National Convention of Sororities means anything.

A curious twist to the usual older-younger generation quarrel reveals itself here. The present upperclassmen apparently form the party of the right in the controversy on smoking; and they, in no uncertain terms, reprimanded the alumnae whose visits to college are signalled by clouds of smoke hovering around the sorority houses. The conservative Juniors and Seniors complained, too, that the alumnae give incoming students a false impression, and lead the young to over-indulgence in the vice of tobacco. They cited evidence to show that college women are losing their health because of smoking. No doubt they gave graphic details of floors strewn with cigarette butts, of smoking bouts fought with grim determination, of gloomy mornings afters from nicotine orgies. The alumnae had no comeback; they meekly agreed to this drastic prohibition.

Drastic, that is, if the reactionary upperclassmen can enforce it. One wonders if they themselves really expect to.—Harvard Crimson.

He—"Please."
 She—"No!"
 "Oh, pretty please."
 "No!"
 "Please, just this once."
 "I said NO!"
 "Aw, please, ma; all the other kids are going barefooted."—Purdue Exponent.

ILLUSIONS AND PARADOXES

Norman Angell, the British journalist, whose title to fame was established by the publication of his sweeping work of modern militarism on the eve of the World War, has now directed his keen and incisive powers to an analysis of some of the more fundamental faults of democracy which make possible some manifestations as armed conflict between democratic peoples.

There is some significance, perhaps, in the fact that the people of a great democracy who fought so strenuously to save the world from militarism and now plan to seize the septer of the seas from their former ally, the British, should be pointedly told that the voice of the people is the voice of satan. There is suggestion in these words. But with such notable examples as furnished by Chicago and Oklahoma, Mr. Angell's criticisms of the present workings of the democratic system may be better appreciated in reference to the American situation when he says: "Political failure has not so far mattered much because the captain of industry has been so successful. But the magnificent industrial structure itself, despite the great capacity of the business man, may be put in jeopardy, unless the defects of an outgrown political system can be corrected."

In the wider field of world politics much interest must be attached to the lecturer's criticism of democracy when he points out that the nations which made the war and peace, imperialist and democratic France, for instance, is a highly educated nation, and that Germany was ruled by the most educated class in the world. Athens and the Peloponnesian War come readily to mind. Pericles ruled on the Bema by the art of persuasion. Socrates lectured in the Academy; Phidias worked in marble and Aeschylus was still writing his immortal tragedies for the Attic stage. Yet at the point when genius seemed on the threshold of the greatest triumph of the social group, the Hellenic world was hurled into an abyss of ruin by the insane policies of its demagogues and warriors.

In reality Mr. Angell is dealing with paradoxes. He finds in the jury system, the most discredited feature of an antiquated legal system, a suggestion for his remedy of the present difficulties besetting democracy. Nevertheless, there is much merit in the suggestion. It provides for the solution of fundamental issues on the basis of appeal to professional merit, deliberating under expert guidance, instead of submitting complicated issues to the mob inflamed by newspaper banners and partisan propaganda.—Daily Texan.

I asked her to marry me,
 And she said,
 "Go see Dad."
 She knew that I knew that her Dad was dead.
 She knew that I knew what kind of a life he had led.
 She knew that I knew what she meant
 When she said,
 "Go see Dad."—Purdue Exponent.

'31—"I didn't do my homework."
 '30—"Not prepared."
 '29—"The books were out on home use."
 '28—"The available material was not sufficiently valuable to undertake a comprehensive report."—Cornell Daily Sun.

Notices

Wednesday, March 14

Green Goblets will meet Wednesday at 7 o'clock at the Beta Theta Pi house.
 Farmers' Fair
 All chairmen and members of executive committee for Farmers' Fair will hold a meeting in the Home Economics building, Room 213, at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, March 14, 6 o'clock.

Gamma Lambda Meeting
 Meeting and dinner of Alpha chapter of Gamma Lambda, Grand Hotel, Wednesday, March 14, 6 o'clock.

Phi Tau Theta
 Phi Tau Theta, Methodist men's religious fraternity, will have a meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday, March 14, at the Wesley Foundation, 1417 R street. All Methodist men are invited. There will be entertainment and refreshments.

Thursday, March 15

Biz Ad Men
 All men in the College of Business Administration are invited to a smoker Thursday, March 15, at 7 o'clock in the evening in the Y. M. C. A. room of the Temple building.

Senator Curtis Has Outside Chance

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 attorney of Shawnee County. Prohibition, at this time, was three years old in Kansas and far from a success. Curtis went at its enforcement with the same energy that had brought him under the wire first in more than one county sweepstakes. He had been elected to his office at the age of twenty-four, and he was re-elected at the age of twenty-six. There followed four years of successful practice as a lawyer. In 1892, the same year that Henry Cabot Lodge published his seventh book on government and took his seat for the first time in the Senate, Charles Curtis was elected to the Lower House of Congress.

Different Mode of Living

The career which began at this point is in striking contrast to the career which had had the Kaw Reservation, the paddock, the hack stand, and the county attorney's office as its background. For one thing, the new career had none of the sudden, startling changes which were characteristic of the old. Curtis was elected to the House of Representatives in 1892, and thereafter continued to be re-elected to the House of Representatives with unflinching regularity for fourteen years, from 1892 to 1906. For another thing, there were now no gallops down the track and no neck-and-neck finishes under the lash. Curtis had landed a place on the important Ways and Means Committee of the House; but after twelve years of plugging, his name still stood eleventh from the top of the august body.

In 1907, after a hiatus of fifteen years, there came another turn of fortune. The unexpected happened. A Senator in good health and sound mentality actually resigned from his office. He was a Kansas Senator and Curtis was elected to succeed him.

Now Near Top

With one short lapse of two years—from 1913 to 1915—Curtis has stayed in the Senate ever since he entered it; gradually bettering his committee posts and advancing toward seniority. He is now firmly established near the top of several committees which control the expenditure of public money. He is chairman of the committee on the Senate's rules. Three years ago his party honored him by electing him to succeed the vastly different Lodge as Republican leader in the Senate. Yet in all this time there has been no important law enacted which bears his name. There has been no great adventure in which he suddenly flashed before the public. He has advanced to power and responsibility through the successful repetition of an orthodox routine. And between the colorful career of ol' Cap Curtis' boy and the conventional existence of Charles Curtis, Senator, there is a gulf as if these two were different persons.


The fact of the matter probably is that public life in our own times is poorly organized for great adventure and much better organized for regularity. Adventure has made a few successful men in politics, but it has made many more. Men like Cur-

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Sticks With Regulars

There is no surer road to party eminence than regularity, and Curtis is nothing if not regular. He was so regular on the occasion of that important test of regularity, the great schism of 1912, that he not only stood by Taft—though he came from the insurgent West—but confidently predicted that Taft was the only man who could win and that he would be triumphantly reelected. The same regularity has been evident in other important crises in his party's history.

Curtis does not make policies; he unveils them. It is his business to sound out the opposition, plan a campaign, arrange a compromise if one is necessary, and muster the votes when the skies are stormy.

Does Little Speaking

Curtis seldom takes the floor in Congress, and then chiefly to make a point of order, remind his colleagues that they have strayed from the matter theoretically under discussion, call for a vote, or move an adjournment. His legislative efforts, if they can be called legislative efforts, are chiefly of a domestic nature. In the last session of Congress he introduced seventy-six bills. Sixty-nine of them were pension bills. Five were bills to settle claims. One was a bill to provide an Indian memorial at Medicine Lodge, Kansas. And

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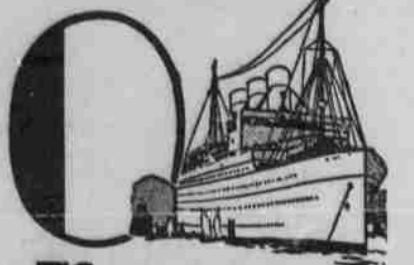
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the other a bill to create the most innocuous of all farm boards. Nevertheless, despite these facts, Curtis is a power in the Senate and a great man in his own environment. His is usually the shoulder that makes the wheel turn round. His is usually the conciliation which finds a basis for agreement. He is (Continued on Page 3.)

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