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NOW THE THEME

Efforts are Being Made to Arrange the Basket Ball Schedule.

The work in basket ball still goes on and the team improves daily in a manner which is very gratifying.

Nothing determinate about the trip west is yet known, but in all probability this will soon be arranged. Just what the next game here will be is not yet known, but there are any number of teams near here which will be glad of an opportunity to play.

In the basket ball squad there are about twenty men; these are divided into four teams and each team plays a short time. By doing this the play is kept up to a good pitch and not allowed to grow stale, and the men's interest is kept up by their not having to play too long at a stretch.

The season has started well and it is hoped that the students will take hold and push and keep the ball a rolling.

Nothing new has happened in regard to the football schedule for next year.

Mr. Davis, who was elected manager last night, for the coming season, will not assume his duties until the schedule is completed. This work falls to Mr. Buckner. He is waiting now for definite news from the large games as to dates. All has practically been arranged with Minnesota and Iowa except the dates, and in all probability there will be no trouble about that.

Baseball season will be coming directly, and absorbing the attention of the athletes.

Cark Bell, manager of the team, is working on the schedule but as yet nothing absolute is known.

The prospects for a good team are excellent, and Townsend is the man to develop those prospects.

Track team men are beginning to show up and start to work. There seems to be no lack of material, but the season is too young to pick any stars yet.

Negotiations are under way for four outside meets but they are still undecided. Colorado University, Ames, Ia., South Dakota, and Minnesota are the four places with which correspondence is being carried on. No arrangements for home meets have yet been made, or even begun. Just how much ground will be left for a track is a question and the management hardly feels warranted in scheduling meets and holding them in the air, or on grounds supported by sky hooks.

CUBAN RECIPROCITY.

Professor Caldwell Continues Interesting Discussion at Chapel

At convocation Wednesday morning Professor Caldwell continued the discussion of the Cuban Reciprocity Bill, which, for lack of time, he failed to complete some weeks ago.

Some of the most important points of his previous lecture were reviewed, among them particularly, the attitude of President Roosevelt toward the Cuban people, and his persistency in bringing about the proper legislation to relieve Cuba's economic distress and supply the American consumer with cheaper sugar.

The substance of the discussion after the historic connection of the bill had been brought out was, its constitutionality, did not concur with our national constitution? It was a treaty that changed the revenues for the people, but it provided that it would not go into effect until ratified by congress. It was a treaty that required additional legislation.

The fact was brought out the some treaties modify statute laws and that

which comes last would be binding. The question of contention seems this: Was the change made by the treaty or by statutes in harmony with the treaty. The opinion in most cases is that the statutes and treaty agree, some holding, however, that the measure should have had its origin among the people and have been introduced by their representatives, since it deals with matters of revenue, instead of having its initiative from the senate and president of the United States, and to prove that the bill should have been introduced by the house a case to test its constitutionality is much talked of.

The subject was treated in a masterly way and those present were made to understand some of the technicalities that were employed in trying to defeat the measure.

Proposed Cadet Encampment

Since the publication of The Nebraskan's article last Tuesday, the proposed cadet encampment at the St. Louis exposition has been a topic of much discussion among the members of the battalion. It is probable that a majority of the cadets had expected to attend the Exposition individually during the summer and the invitation of the fair officials seems to have met with immediate favor. John Uhl, who is perhaps in closer touch with the members of the battalion than any other man in the University (with the exception of Captain Chase), spoke very enthusiastically to a Nebraskan reporter last evening concerning the proposition. While it is too early for anything definite to be known, he said, present indications seem to point to the sending of a large delegation to the fair.

The pecuniary advantages of the scheme are doing much to make it popular among the students, as the statements contained in the recent letter received by Captain Chase would make a month's visit with the battalion no more expensive than a week's stay under other circumstances.

It will be necessary for many of the cadets to hear from home before the success of the proposition is assured.

Band at Chapel Tomorrow.

The Cadet band will render the following program in chapel tomorrow morning:
March—"Dixie Land".....Haines
Overture—"Crown Diamonds".....
.....Auber
Waltz Movement—"Flirtation".....Steel
Selections from "King Dodo".....
.....Leuders
"Star Spangled Banner."

The regular Friday Band Informals will be discontinued until next semester. The band is practicing at present on a concert to be given for the Temple Fund. The date has not yet been decided upon.

A Fine Portrait Received.

A large copy of the bronze statue of Frederic the Great, Unter der Linden, has been received by the German department. This statue of the famous emperor, is recognized by tourists as a superb piece of work, both in finish and in the splendid figures which stand out in bold relief above the inscriptions. This fine copy of the statue enables the student to form some conception of modern German art.

Professor Fossler has also made arrangements to get a similar copy of the Great Elector from Berlin, which will be another addition to the collection of the department.

Restaurant Unique, 1228 O St.

Sam's Cafe. The only place in the city to get the famous "Little Gem Hot Waffles." Special service for ladies.

A LIVING QUESTION

University Students Express Opinions on Hiring Hacks.

The extensive use of hacks at informal parties this year has given rise to considerable discussion among University men. We find many of them strongly opposed to the policy of having to hire a hack for every minor University social event, as seems to have become the custom this year. As a rule they are not backward in stating that their objections spring from financial reasons, as well as from others. So widespread has the discussion become that we have endeavored to obtain as far as possible the views of representative men on the subject, believing that a great deal is involved, and that publicity ought to be given to the question.

The idea that a student should be bound by conventionality to hire a hack for social functions of minor importance does not seem to be at all pleasant to many, and we found few who were slow in expressing their opinions. When we take into consideration the fact that the sources of revenue of most University men are quite limited, we can appreciate the feeling that seems so popular.

It is a well known fact that quite a number of those whose income is not large feel constrained to follow the pace set by those of greater affluence, with the result that they find themselves entangled in embarrassing complications and are obliged to sacrifice necessities to put up for the luxuries. For these men especially the frequent hiring of a hack involves a considerable item in their month's expense account that is seriously felt. And even barring these as an extreme—if they should be so classed—there are a great many others who are loud in their complaints, which there is reason to believe are of just foundation.

Our reporter interviewed a number of prominent University men yesterday and succeeded in obtaining a number of representative opinions.

One man said in reply to the question asked by the reporter: "I think that this practice of hiring hacks for everything that comes along is growing out of all proportion. The prices that are charged and the frequency of these social events have a telling effect upon one's financial condition. I believe that the use of these hacks ought to be curtailed. It does seem queer that girls who have never seen a hack before coming to the University, should be the foremost in demanding one when invited to a social affair. In fact many of them consider it a breach of form and courtesy if they are obliged to walk four blocks. Now, don't you get it into your head that I'm blaming the girls; because I'm not. It is natural for them to expect what others have and therein lies the evil. Of course there are fellows who can afford to take their girls in style, and they set a pace hard for the rest to follow. But the rest feel that they are being left behind if they don't follow suit. This accounts for a great many unpaid laundry and board bills. Now that's true. I've had experience and I certainly know."

There is a great deal of truth in this statement and we don't believe there is any exaggeration. We are sure that most of the girls would not object to walking a reasonable distance to one of the minor events, or taking a street car if possible, were it not for the fact that others go in carriages, and they are ashamed to go in a less pretentious manner. It is a question of conventionality with them, and from their standpoint of view they are essentially right.

In fact conventionality instead of judgment or even good sense seems to rule in this matter, and has ruled until many University men have been driven to outspoken condemnation of the whole practice. And the item of expense to those who have to stand it can not be lightly passed over. Most of the boys come from small towns and have to be educated up to the pace that is set here. They have never been accustomed to such outlays, but when they are brought to face the situation they feel that they must do their part and travel in as much style as those whose incomes are larger and do not feel the strain so heavily.

Another well posted student said: "You can count on me as being opposed to this order of things. Two years ago I was a member of the Winter club, of Omaha, one of the swellest social clubs in that city, and during all that time neither myself nor any of the other members were obliged to hire a hack for functions. There was nothing demanding it, as I never heard of a case of any of the ladies objecting to walking. The first time I ever found it necessary to use a hack in connection with social affairs, was when I came to the University and attended one of the class functions. I hired one because the other fellows did. I do so now for the same reason. I can't explain it in any other way."

A somewhat similar statement was made by another man who said in addition: "At many other Universities hacks are seldom used, and I think the fellows here are foolish in the way that they go after them for every second-class affair that bobs up. Some one who doesn't feel it so much leads out and they follow along after just because they think they have to. Now down at Kansas our "Frat." is much sweller than the one here, and yet they never use hacks unless upon some very unusual formal occasion. I would be sorry to see the girls put to any unbearable inconvenience, but I believe that a majority of men in school would rather cut out the hacks."

One man spoke in rather strong terms, and we believe that his principle is right, though his opinion was graphically expressed. He said: "Now what's the use of hiring a hack for every ordinary affair that comes along? Why don't you know that before coming to the University, lots of the girls went to dances in a lumber wagon who are now most insistent upon having hacks? Yes, put that in the paper, and tell 'em I said it if you want to. It makes the rest of us feel cheap to pass up the hacks when so many others use them, and I think something ought to be done to call a halt."

This opinion is certainly true in part, although we would not like to back up the statement in regard to previous conditions of the girls in going to dances that he mentions.

All of these men and many others agreed that the trouble lies in the example set by those of opulence, and expressed a desire to see something done to curtail the extensive and unnecessary use of hacks. For formal affairs a hack is all right and even necessary. But these informal affairs do not call for as much.

This is a living public question here in the University, and one that has caused much concern. Hence we are willing to open our columns to communications from those having views to express on one side or the other. We want representative opinions expressed and all are welcome to contribute.

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