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OUR OPINION.

The Omaha World-Herald has been endeavoring to enlist the newspapers of the state in the campaign it is making against the Temple Fund, having assailed their common-sense and individuality with the following misleading question: "Shall a memorial to John D. Rockefeller be erected upon the campus of the Nebraska State University?" In the same mendacious manner it solicits the opinions of its hired correspondents throughout the state, whom it represents to be purely unbiased parties. In order to bolster up its unholy assault it has resorted to the practice of begging opinions, hoping to stir up the more virulent and easily influenced of the country press into favoring it with opinions that can be used for publication and to fill up space and appear under a heading. Now it exhorts its own correspondents to make a superficial canvass and send in as favorable reports as possible from their various towns, trusting that they will strive to please. Considering the class that a man puts himself in in agreeing to become a World-Herald correspondent it is quite likely that the "opinions" sent in will be suitable to its purpose.

This query of the World-Herald resolves itself into such meanings as these:

"Will you kindly lend your efforts to furthering the anarchistic attempts of a partisan sheet seeking notoriety and the approbation of those of its persuasion. Will you please serve as the tail to our kite in order that we may use you and any favorable opinion that you can favor us with? We merely desire an expression of purported opinion, whether you are concerned or not. We have an axe to grind, and you can be of invaluable service to us, as we will take the credit for soliciting your opinion as well as those of other subsidized publications who like yourself have no mind or character of their own."

Such methods are entirely consistent with the World-Herald's attitude all along and are characteristic of that newspaper.

Although the World-Herald has not insulted us by asking our opinion concerning its infamous course in respect to the Temple Fund, we are willing to grant the favor of our own accord. In the first place the World-Herald does not state the question in an unprejudiced manner, and thus shows that it is actuated by selfish interests. It has expressed some opinions regarding free speech, but it certainly does not live up to its own doctrine when it does not give the other side a fair show in the statement of the question at issue. The very wording of the question is enough to disgust any editor who is

alive to the situation and who has any sense of individuality and propriety.

We welcome the opportunity for having at our disposal a magnificent new building that will serve so many useful purposes, and our faculty, students, alumni and the friends of the University are willing to put forth the necessary efforts to bring it within our grasp. We all appreciate the work of Chancellor Andrews, who has devoted his noblest efforts and great executive ability in making our University one of the greatest institutions in the west. We deprecate the contemptible methods employed by the World-Herald, and will certainly not allow ourselves to be swerved from our purpose by its misleading yellowness and contorted logic. We are not misled by its sanctimonious rabidness and its habit of appealing to all that is good and true in its spirit of feigned righteous indignation.

The World-Herald regards with indifference the custom of many wealthy men who spend large sums gambling and betting on the horse races, but when it comes to contributing to schools and churches, it flares up in angry indignation. Instead of striking at real, existing evils, it imposes upon contingencies that are decent and just, with a purpose to deceive and misrepresent. Such methods are dangerous to society, and an abuse of the power of the press. There is no exaggeration in this. The World-Herald has amply sustained its past reputation in its attitude toward the temple fund.

The temple building is a certainty. We are within easy distance of the goal. We have reason to congratulate ourselves upon the prospect of soon having a building that will provide quarters for our Christian associations, literary societies and social bodies and relieve many of our congested departments. The efforts that the World-Herald may put forth will avail nothing and we advise it to return to its former methods of seeking advertising by arranging some more word letter contests.

Today the track team candidates meet. Every University man, who can, should attend the meeting, whether he is possessed of any special athletic prowess or not. The exercise afforded is especially beneficial to the student who is confined closely to his studies. No man who is working hard should miss the benefit that is held out to him. And all men who have merit in any of the specialties practiced should be the first to come out and have their physical powers developed and brought out. The promise for a strong team is good, but more men are wanted, and those showing merit will be given every encouragement. The facilities of the physical training department are intended to be used in improving the standard of health and physique of the students, and every man who goes into the squad will have an opportunity to take advantage of his privileges.

The basket ball team meets Wesleyan tonight in what will probably be the last practice game before beginning the regular schedule. The prospects for a good schedule are promising and a northern trip is already assured. The team this year has shown up well in practice, and when it gets down to harder work it will doubtless give a good account of itself.

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