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AN OBJECTION MET.

The following brief but intelligent review of the single tax taken from the daily paper published at Washington University, at St. Louis, gives the situation in a nut shell. It states practically objections to the plan which have been offered here, and refutes them much in the same manner as prevails here at Nebraska.

Perhaps the following editorial is a rather sharp attack on the "grind," perhaps it does not give all sides of the question, but, at any rate, it answers the purely personal point of view with which those who oppose the plan are wont to shield themselves:

"From the grind's point of view the 'Single Tax' seems to be objectionable. The grind says, 'I don't care about all this foolishness you call student activities. I am here to learn a profession. Why should I pay out five dollars to support all this tommy-rot which is absolutely of no consequence to me?' It is easy for him to say this when the majority of the students are not like him, and the activities go on just the same. If one should watch this same 'greasy' on Thursday afternoon, eagerly looking over some one else's shoulder to see the Student Life just out, he would understand the grind's point of view. To express his opinion correctly, this individual should say, 'Why should I pay \$5.00 to support activities when I can derive their benefits for nothing?' Such a person is narrow minded and cowardly.

"The 'Single Tax' will prevent such sponging and shrinking of responsibility. The grind just described will be compelled to pay his lawful share toward supporting the activities by which he is benefited. Having paid his money for the activities, he will be sure to get his money's worth by taking all that is coming to him. He will attend all the athletic contests, he will help to swell the crowds at the games, in so doing will help to make the teams win, which in turn will give the whole University a boost in the public eye—for the athletics of a university go a long way toward making her reputation."

"The effect upon the individual must also be taken into consideration. The grind, who already has started upon a lop-sided development, will if left to his own inclinations, become a mere human machine. By being compelled to help support activities, and thereby strongly induced to take an active part in them, he cannot help having his views broadened, so that

he will receive a more all-around development and become a real man."

AN OPPOSING POSITION.

The following two arguments are leveled against the proposed single tax:

First—Has the great majority a right to impose a tax upon the small minority without their consent? Every citizen has a tax imposed upon him for the support of the common good of his community. This tax, though, is not and must not be burdensome.

Second—Is five dollars too much to impose upon any individual? It is to be questioned whether any student goes through the year without the expenditure of this amount for college entertainments. The scheme contemplates, however, a provision exempting students of meagre means upon application to the Chancellor.

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