

The Forum

Daily Nebraskan: As a matter of common justice to myself as well as the junior class I consider it no more than my duty to explain why the junior play was a financial failure and also to explain my method of procedure that the student body may use their own judgment in determining whether or not I should be censured for the way in which I conducted the business end of the play. The student organization committee have agreed that I deserve punishment for not complying with certain rules laid down by that committee in regard to the handling of money for such affairs as the juniors' play. It is true I have not entirely lived up to requirements but the reason is not due to any whimsical or fanciful ideas of my own or is it because I wanted to be contrary, but it is rather because I was forced to work under abnormal conditions for almost the entire period from the time the play was selected till after it was given. These abnormal conditions I do not care to discuss publicly but would be only too glad to talk to anyone about them privately.

In the first place I was ignorant of the fact that I came under the jurisdiction of Mr. Tuckerman, auditor of student accounts. I sent some telegrams and made some few other expenditures before he quoted the law governing the expenditure of money. After I had been thus informed I agreed that I would, as far as possible, not spend any more money unless I did it with his voucher checks and allowing the same to pass through the hands of the treasurer of the class. We can readily see that this is an accurate way of doing business, but it is indeed a very slow process. It is like walking down to O street and back again before attending a class, instead of walking directly from one building to another. I am not trying to find the slightest fault with the system where one has plenty of time to carry on the necessary operations but I do contend that the system cannot and will not work successfully in emergency cases. The process is too slow.

Everybody knows the junior play was prepared in a very short time, many doubted that so heavy a play as this one could be prepared within three weeks time, yet this was the problem before the cast and the management. This was an emergency case. Things had to be done and done quickly. Plans had to be laid out and acted upon without delay. Up until a little while before the play was given I had been practicing nightly in one of the heavy parts of the play. I had to transact my business during what spare time I could find during the day time. When I wanted to make a 5-cent or 10-cent purchase I didn't have the time to look up the treasurer of the junior class and pay him the 5 cents or 10 cents and then ask him to deposit this money in a certain bank that I might buy a certain article for the play. Time was too short for that. And there were a great many small bills to pay too.

Instead of paying these bills by these vouchers checks and following out this slow process I payed out the money directly to the other party and obtained a receipt therefor. This was a much quicker way and I did

it to gain time. Now, Mr. Tuckerman says he doesn't know whether these receipts are absolutely correct and therefore he cannot audit my accounts. It seems to me that this would be so easy because if he doesn't wish to accept the receipts for their face value he can call up a few of the men who signed them if there is any doubt and have them verify the same.

I am sure I can account for all my expenditures and if I could not I would be perfectly willing to pay the same out of my own pocket. I see no reason why the student organization committee should take any radical steps when conditions are so favorable and simply because I failed to live entirely up to the requirements of the committee. If I would have had plenty of time I would have transacted the business according to their rules altogether.

The play, as perhaps most everybody knows, was a financial failure. It was almost a \$500 proposition. The cash sale of tickets amounted to \$215. When Nebraska spirit falls so low that five or six hundred students will not buy tickets to one of the big functions of the year, especially when the prices are very low, we had better call the ambulance because I think something is the matter.

Of course there were many things that week which combined to compete against the junior play. In the first place Sothorn and Marlow drew out practically all the theatre-goers in town. Its sale at the box office for their last night in Lincoln was over \$2,000 while ours was only \$215.

The second thing which acted as a hindrance to our success was skeptical and pessimistic attitude of the students. Few thought the play could be prepared in so short a time. The fact that three original members of the cast gave up their parts made them even more pessimistic.

In the third place the junior-senior prom did much to hinder the sale of tickets for the junior play. Many wished to dance rather than go to the play. They couldn't afford both.

In the fourth place the blinding storm on the day the play was given had its share in keeping down the sale of tickets at the box office. There are many reasons why the play didn't pay out. The class expects to make up the deficit in the near future. The plan has not been definitely decided upon as yet but complete arrangements will be made soon.—Frank Kruse, Chairman Junior Play Committee.

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Prof. Hutton Webster contributes the article "Primitive Education" in the fourth volume of Monroe's Encyclopedia of Education, just published.

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TORNADO DELAYS MANY—NO UNIVERSITY PEOPLE INJURED OR KILLED

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state it was seemingly deserted by all but those coming in on the Blair division of the Northwestern. Those who came from the southern part of the state on this train were treated to a thrilling ride between two cyclones which shook and swayed the train terrifically. Stacks, houses and everything movable on both side of the moving train were whisked away like



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feathers. A number of injured were brought to Omaha for hospital care.

At Ralston those coming on the 7:25 train were allowed to get off and select souvenirs such as splinters of wood and several were lucky enough to get photographs of the station as it had been which were lying among the debris.

Individual Damage Done.

The following were the only cases of actual damage done to students or their relatives which had been reported till a early hour this morning:

Unable to get any word from her parents Miss Ruth Sheldon left yesterday for Omaha. The W. F. Sheldon home at 2428 Grant was completely destroyed.

Professor Hunt's home at Thirty-fourth and Cuming was demolished. Professor Hunt now with the Twentieth Century Farmer was formerly

head of the department of Rhetoric and Oratory at the University of Nebraska.

Miss Harriett Parmalee is without a home today as her parents' dwelling but bare splinters were discernible among the ruins.

It is probable that many other university people suffered losses but affairs were in such a turmoil last evening was entirely demolished, although without any serious injury to any of the members of the family.

Miss Agnes Russell is also reported to have been turned out by the tornado, their house being torn until nothing in Omaha that nothing definite was obtainable. It is probable that today with the aid of the state militia which Governor Morehead called out last night order will be brought out of chaos and anxious Lincoln people will have their fears relieved.