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## NO ECONOMY HERE.

There has been more or less advice given to the students of the university, lately, concerning their expenditures during the coming year, and it has been urged upon them from different sources that expenses should be cut to the lowest figure in every way.

This is good doctrine, but why it should be set forth by the Chancellor and not practiced by the Faculty is difficult to understand. It seems that the professors in the various departments have enlarged the expenses of those under their instruction instead of decreasing them. This is especially true of the English department. To the casual observer it would appear that last year very satisfactory work was performed when the freshmen required only one text book, and the preparatory classes none. This year in addition to another text book, costing \$1.25, the freshmen are required to purchase "helps."

Further than this, many are required to take this work, when justly they are entitled to credit for it, because they have gone over it, in the high school from which they graduated. This is especially true of the Omaha High school where Rhetoric is compulsory throughout the whole four years' course. Two recitations a week, are held except in the last year when every day recitations are required. During this time about twenty-four themes are handed in which are carefully examined by competent instructors.

Another extra tax was levied upon the freshmen in the department of mathematics, when a change in text books was ordered. Seventy-five cents (which would pay a subscription for the Nebraskan) was added here, while last year's students would have been able to dispose of their old ones at good prices. The members of the class of 1900 now have the distinction of being the first ones to use a text book in the English department, costing a goodly sum. Other costly changes have been made of which mention need not be made.

It is not the purpose of THE NEBRASKAN to cry down any improvement which might be attained by the purchaser of additional text books and other students' supplies, but it might not have occurred to the professors who have suffered no diminution in their salaries, that the allowance of hundreds of students has been cut down to far below what they received last year.

When the books are ordered for the next semester, it is to be hoped that the changed conditions of many of the students will be taken into account and allowance made accordingly.

In one of the editorial columns of a local daily of recent issue, the report of President Croan, of the Western Normal university was published and favorably commented upon. The report showed that over 1,500 different students had enrolled at that institution last year, against 1,724 the year before. To those unacquainted with Professor Croan's methods, some explanation of why this school should enroll more than the State University, is necessary. In the first place the word "different" should be omitted; then it must be remembered that there are five terms at this academy and every student is required to register anew at the beginning of each one. The registration is computed by numbering consecutively each name as it is enrolled, and the last number on the list is supposed to be the enrollment for the year. Add to this, a rather erratic way of counting which is in vogue at that place running something like this, one, two, three, five, six, seven, eleven, etc., and you arrive at the grand total as given to the press. The statement that \$200,000 is annually expended among Lincoln merchants by students or the Western Normal college is preposterous.

During the summer it will be remembered, the chancellor received a tempting offer from the University of Ohio should he accept the position of chancellor of that institution. After a slight consideration this offer was refused, though the increase in his salary would have amounted to something like \$1,500 per year. It was the chancellor's loyalty to this institution that impelled him to stay with us. The interest he has taken in his century class, would not permit him to leave it at this time.

Nearly everyone possesses a certain loyalty for the institution for which he works, but an offer of \$1,500 increase in his salary per year, would generally be a sufficient amount to buy up whatever stock of loyalty he may have on hand.

Some mark of appreciation is due the chancellor for his loyal deed. The students of the university should see that this is done at once.

Freddy Barnes can now write his name preceded by "Prof." since he is a professional.

When electrocution is introduced in China, such names as Lee Hung Chang will be abolished.

Owing to the approaching football season, Col. Hardy says he has a hard time working the barbers for ads.

Professor Barber is of the opinion that the use of the editorial pronoun is merely a display of "egotism," instead of "egotism."

Every body vote for the Uni boys, Frank Eager and Fred Shepherd, regardless of party. They will stand up for the Uni and they are the kind we want.

An eastern book concern sent a package containing fifty Sixth readers to the university last week. They must have an exalted opinion of the high standard of Nebraska's seat of learning in the east.

The new book "Flora of Nebraska" edited by the members of the botanical seminar, is destined to take its place beside such noted productions as "Mr. Potter of Texas," and "Mr. Barnes of New York."

## THE UNIVERSITY SENATE.

### A New Organization Formed Under Auspicious Circumstances.

A new university organization was ushered into the world Saturday night when about twenty-five boys of the school got together and adopted a constitution and by-laws for a University Senate. The enthusiasm which was displayed gives flattering prospects for a brilliant future for the senate.

The meeting was a very interesting one owing to the fact that the organization of a new society is always accompanied by doubts and misgivings and more or less calamity howling is produced generally to the benefit of all. The first meeting was no exception to this rule and the wrangling, argumentation and extempore debating which was indulged in was sufficient to keep the young men's wits sharpened until the next meeting.

Whether the fact that the boys or senators will lead them into the bad ways, as told by the newspapers about this class of men remains to be seen, but they broke the record in one respect by actually accomplishing something. A constitution was adopted and officers elected for the first session. Of course these things were duly discussed like real live senators would do it.

It was decided to have an open meeting twice a year at which the public is invited to be present. The constitution adopted, provides that any one endowed with the requisite amount of good horse sense, will be eligible to membership regardless of what other society or organization he belongs to. The method of procedure will be as much after the manner of the United States senate as possible.

The officers elected are: R. P. Teele president, E. H. Kring vice president, L. C. Smith secretary, J. A. Gilman treasurer and A. W. Carpenter sergeant at arms. The next meeting will be held next Saturday evening in the chapel or Paladian hall, which all who are interested, are cordially invited to attend.

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