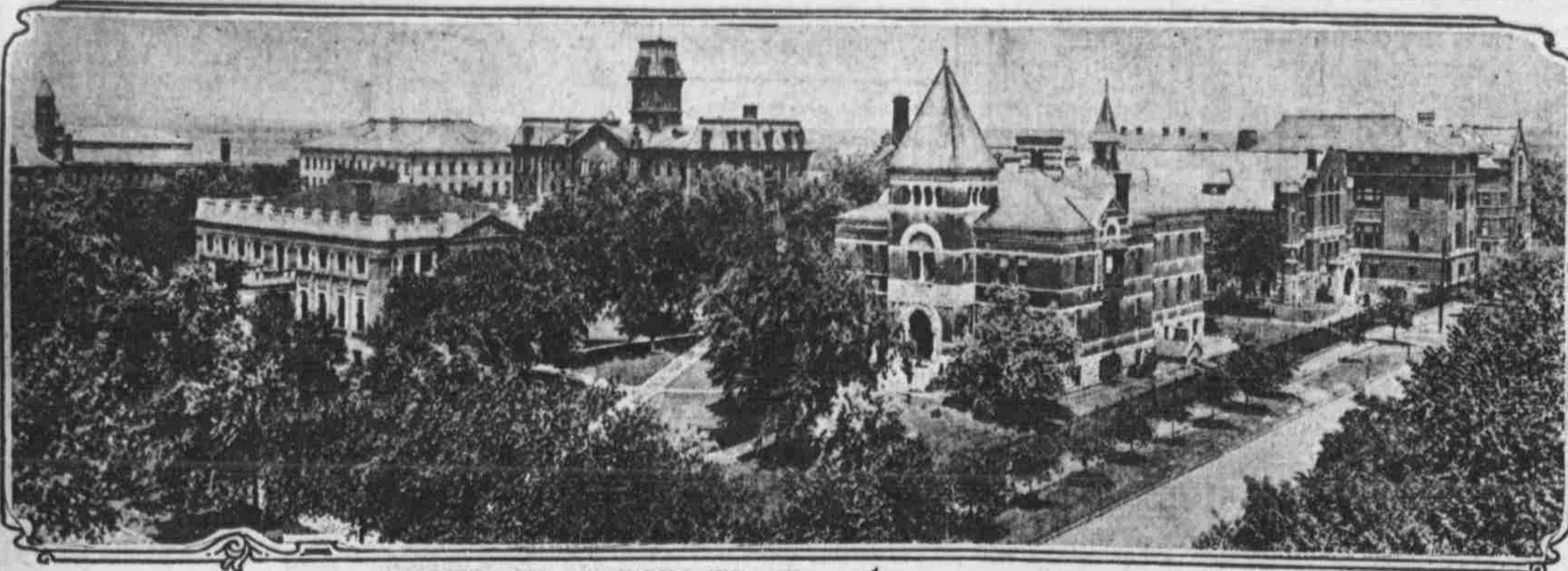


Lincoln the Most Important Educational Center of the West



UNIVERSITY of NEBRASKA - Downtown campus.

THE city of Lincoln has well earned the distinction of being one of the best known educational centers of the west. Very few cities, less than fifty years old can boast of having within its borders four great universities alone, each one of them recognized the country over as among the best of those which represent the kind of education for which they were founded.

In the center of them all is the great University of Nebraska with a student population well up toward the five thousand mark. So well known have these universities become over the whole world that all of them have upon their records the names of students sent here from many foreign countries, for it is worldwide that Lincoln, Nebraska, furnishes the best institutions from which the young man and woman seeking a higher education can have their ambitions realized.

University Place, three miles from the city of Lincoln, seat of the great Wesleyan university of the Methodist Episcopal church; Cotner, four miles from the city, seat of the Christian college known as Cotner university; College View, five miles distant, having within its limits the great Adventist college known all over the Mississippi valley as Union college; these with the state university within the city, have contributed their part toward making Lincoln the educational center it is.

In addition to these are the two well known business colleges, the Nebraska school of business and the Lincoln business college. The conservatory of music, the great high school with its contributing grade schools; the Lincoln academy; the Catholic parochial school, and a dozen other schools all have given Lincoln the reputation it has earned of being an educational center second to none in the country.

Nebraska State University. While Lincoln is surrounded by colleges and universities the one which appeals to all people of the state irrespective of creed or position, is the state university. Nebraska people are proud of their university. It makes little difference whether they live along the Missouri river on the east or along the lesser streams of the west, there is but one school and that is the state university.

When the founders of the University of Nebraska placed the school on a bare four blocks of ground they had little idea of what the growth of the institution would be before half a century would pass. Even before a quarter of a century had elapsed it was seen that in but a short time more room would be needed, and in due course of time an additional block and a half was purchased adjoining the present site for an athletic field and the old field taken on which to erect additional needed buildings. Now again comes up the proposition of more room, and this fall the people will decide the all important question of whether to purchase more ground adjoining the present site or move to the state university farm two miles distant, where the state already owns a large tract of several hundred acres.

Land and Buildings Owned. Counting the experimental stations at different places in the state and land owned for university purposes, it is estimated that the real estate owned by the state is worth at the present time \$1,471,235. In addition to this it is estimated that the present value of buildings on the city campus is \$133,621. The buildings

of the medical college located at Omaha are estimated to be worth \$100,000. At the Curtis sub-agricultural school the buildings are worth \$73,700. On the university farm the buildings are worth \$31,954, while the improvements are \$3,170 more. At the North Platte sub-station the buildings and improvements are worth \$38,701. At Valentine, \$13,412; at Scott's Bluff, \$1,540; at Culbertson, \$2,410; improvements on city campus other than buildings, \$121,300. A recapitulation of the property owned by the state in connection with the university shows as follows:

Endowment lands and real estate	\$1,677,130
Buildings on city campus and experimental stations	73,700
School buildings, Omaha and Curtis	173,591
Improvements on city campus	121,300
Buildings on university farm and campus	31,954
Improvements on farm campus	3,170
Buildings and improvements on experimental stations	38,701
Value of all real property	\$2,079,976
Chattel property	442,598

Total value of university property \$2,522,574. This of course covers the present value of the property of the state listed as university property, and does not cover the original cost of the buildings, some of which are not in a perfect condition and which may have to be replaced as the years come. The more recently erected buildings are of modern construction and are fireproof.

Medical School in Omaha. One of the very important adjuncts of the state university is located at Omaha, the medical college. This college is recognized throughout the country as one of the best medical schools in the United States. The last report of the committee of the American Association of Medical Colleges, placed this college in the class A list, a distinction given to but very few medical colleges in this country. The new \$100,000 building which is now nearly if not quite completed, will add much to the efficiency of the college as it will enable the regents of the state university to transfer two years' work more of the medical work to the Omaha college, thus giving this part of the school the final four years of the six years' academic medical course.

Another very important addition to the state university during very recent years is the new telescope worth about \$8,000. This is decidedly a Nebraska telescope for most of the work was done by Nebraska students in the department of mechanical engineering under the direction of the professor in charge. The work was done under the supervision of Prof. G. D. Swesey. The lens is a twelve-inch objective and was ground by Dr. Minick of Nebraska, so that the telescope is a Nebraska product in every sense of the word.

University and Crops. The crops of Nebraska to a great extent govern the attendance at the university, though not always being a sure thing to figure on. Last year crops were not considered the best by considerable, yet the attendance at the university was over 200 more than on the previous year, the Chancellor Avery believes with the outlook this year that the attendance will be much larger than in any previous year.

Last year the registrations numbered 4,123 and out of the university was graduated 400 students in the different degrees. The prospects for the coming year are very good. If the crop conditions are to be a criterion on which one may judge of what can be expected in the way of new registrations or rather registrations

of new students, the number ought to run well up toward the 5,000 mark.



MAIN BUILDING OF THE NEBRASKA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY AT UNIVERSITY PLACE, WITH THE CLASS OF 1914 AND FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY.

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University Place. The largest and most important of Lincoln's suburban villages from the standpoint of education is University Place, about three miles northeast of the city. The town has a population of about 4,000 and is reached by a line of the Lincoln Traction company and the Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice Interurban railway.

It is a busy little city, well supplied with business houses of every description and with many very fine residences within its borders. It is the home of hundreds of retired farmers and business men and is one of the cleanest cities morally to be found in the west.

Being the seat of the great Nebraska Wesleyan university it is perhaps along the right lines that it should have the largest and most modern church structure between the Mississippi valley and the Rocky Mountains. The church cost over \$100,000 and is a model of convenience in every particular.

Wesleyan university has played an important part in the life of Nebraska, and its graduates are to be found in every city and hamlet in the state. While not as large as perhaps some of the great Methodist colleges of the country, it has reached a point where it is a strong factor in the work of the Methodist church and the education of the boys and girls from Methodist homes, not only of Nebraska, but of many other states, and, also, foreign countries.

two years, and Acting Chancellor Ellenwood, until 1897, when Chancellor Huntington was selected, serving until 1898. Ill health compelled him to retire, and W. J. Davidson was selected, who served until the present chancellor, C. A. Fuller, was chosen in 1910.

The main building of the university was erected at a cost of \$100,000, and the White Memorial building, just north of it, was completed a few years ago at a cost of another \$100,000. Other buildings such as a gymnasium, heating plant, plant house, etc., has brought the value of the buildings to about \$350,000. The campus and athletic field covers about forty-four acres, and is valued at \$111,000, making the valuation of the university property in the neighborhood of \$500,000.

Wesleyan has an endowment fund amounting to \$336,026. The original endowment was \$100,000, of which Andrew Carnegie was its first head in 1885, serving until 1892. Chancellor Crooks served

cent years this was increased to the above amount, and the work of increasing the amount to \$500,000 is already being taken. The annuities of the institution amount to \$27,500 per annum.

The first year's attendance at the Wesleyan university in 1889 numbered exactly ten students. In 1898 the number reached the century mark, and in 1907 it had reached 200. This year the attendance was 429. The graduating class this year numbered fifty-six, taking the bachelor's degree, one the master's degree, thirty-four university state certificates, thirty-four first grade certificates, seven first grade kindergarten, twenty-five second grade state certificates, sixteen academy graduates, six graduates conservatory of music, seven graduates school of expression.

The division of students taking the different courses discloses the fact that of the 429 students, which does not include (Continued on Page Seventeen.)



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