

IN DEFENSE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA

Columbus Telegram Editor Condemns $\begin{aligned} & \text { We do not impute bad motives } \\ & \text { Professor Bengston. We do emphat }\end{aligned}$ | Polumbus Telegram Editor Condemns | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Professor Bengston. We do emphat- } \\ \text { ically fimpute a l lack of horse sent } \\ \text { in }\end{array}$ |
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| Lecture of Nebraska State |  | University Professor

professor not well posted COURSE OF TRUE LOVE Recently Professor Bengston the Nebraska State University de
livered a lecture at Columbus, in which be showed, according to reports, a lack of laformation regard Ing the agricultural development and
possibilities of this end of the possiblities of this end of the
state. The Columbus Telegram takes the protessor to task and stands up
for western Nebraska in the follow ing editorial:
Last Saturday there came to co umbus a man on the payroll of our
sreat state university. an educator. He delivered a lecture an educator. He delivered a tecture that western Nebraska is not frove for
tarming, and that it should be aban farming, and that it should be abandoned to the range cattle business.
It does not seem possible that suct a lecture should have been delivered by authority of the state university, but Professor Bengston, the lectur
er, gave proof of his connection with our great free educational system.
His talk about westera Nebraska wad the very same talk which the editor
of The Telegram heard twenty-five years ago about central Nebraska. As
ate as 1895 there was much sentment in eastern Nebraska in favor
of creating a free-range country of creating a free-range country
west of the 100th meridian, giving all
that vast domain over to the catle hat vast domain over to the cattle
Industry. And the argument was an honest arsument. Men did not then believe that the west two-thirds of
Nobraska could ever become valuable for tarming purposes. $\begin{aligned} & \text { But the } \\ & \text { situation is different now. There is }\end{aligned}$ no excuse for suck argument today. because there ts proof at hand most profitable yields of grain in al the state were returned from the
soil in the extreme western counties the very soil which this paid unikrazing tand.
Having personal knowledge of the nuccesk scored by many farmers in western Nebrakka, aad fully believ. Na, ing that asricuttural science will soon The engagemeut of Miss Efhet
make that section of our state highly Roosevele to Dr . productive, The Telegram calls upon productive, The Telegram cans upon New York has been announce
the university authoritien to fmmedi. Colonel and Mrs. Hoosevelt.



