

The State University.

The institution of learning in this state that most readily takes hold of all citizens and excites their interest and admiration is the State University, located in this city. It is but natural that all Nebraskans turn to the university with pride, because it is peculiarly their own, built with their money, supported by their contributions through a common treasury, and supported by the whole people, for the whole people and for the one common end of good citizenship and aid and advancement along all the lines of higher citizen life. Not all the people of this state have at all times felt this as they ought to feel it, but all are coming to feel it and feel it very strongly. The sudden rise in attendance from a little over 400 to nearly 900 in a single year shows the increasing confidence of the people and their determination to make good use of the facilities thus afforded them.

There is an ever increasing recognition, also, that the university is but a part of the great free school system of the state, that system that all experience and observation declares to be an essential part of every stable and free government. The university is only the upper grades of this work; the faculty are simply teachers in other rooms from those occupied by the teachers in the graded schools or in the district schools. There are fewer graded schools than district schools, and there are fewer high schools than graded schools and there is but one university. This is because as we rise in the grade of schools the demands in the way of means for equipment and of territory from which to draw scholars increase. Education seems to be very much like any other manufacturing process—the higher the form the larger the plant required, and the fewer of such plants can be in operation within a given area.

The university has three functions—education, investigation and information. All three are closely united and dependent more or less on each other; but there are very few institutions that can do all three at the same time. When a university has reached the point, as our own has, that such work is going on continually, it is at a very high standard.

Indeed, the standard of our own university is recognized not only at home but outside of the state as rapidly advancing and as already very high. It stands side by side with the best universities in the country, and in some respects leads most of them. It is far in advance of the older colleges of the east, which have greater names, perhaps, but are fast losing even that prestige. We are well abreast of Michigan, even, which has long been called the great university of the west.

The people of the state ought to remember that at their own university they can secure six years' sound education without a dollar of tuition fees; that any boy or girl who has completed the course given in a good rural district school may enter; that there are high schools all over the state that prepare for entering the university proper, that is, beyond the preparatory courses, and that once in the university there is practically no limit to the amount of work that can be done. There are four groups of studies in the academic college, four more in the industrial college, a college of law, instruction in art and music, a sugar school for those who wish to know about beet sugar and sugar beets, special courses for those who for any good reason cannot stay through the full time, courses preparatory to law and to journalism and to medicine, a special course for farmers, a short course in agriculture, and for practical work, which some wish, courses in civil engineering, in electrical engineering, in steam engineering, in industrial training with shop work, and others that cannot be enumerated here. The large buildings with the excellent equipment, often in a single department exceeding in value all the endowment of some of the colleges of this state, afford every opportunity for the successful prosecution of studies in any and every direction.

The spirit of the university is that of helpfulness to all the state and to

no vacations and work through the year with untiring industry, trying to discover new ways of being useful or of increasing their usefulness. They have been in the field this past summer, in the libraries of the east and even of Europe, in their laboratories and libraries at home, and are prepared to make the coming year one of the most noted in the history of the university.

And from all over the state students are coming to meet these earnest men and women in greater numbers than ever before. The correspondence is many fold greater than has ever been known. The chancellor has been for weeks visiting county institutes and the cities and towns of the state, familiarizing himself with the people and their wants and needs. Everything that can be done to make the work successful has been done, and the outlook is for a season that will far surpass the work of any previous year.

Gresham's Views.

Judge Walter Q. Gresham, who has gained a favorable national reputation among the masses because of judicial decisions in railroad cases in the interest of the people, has decided views concerning the present situation of affairs in this country. Like all men who are not superficial in their thoughts, he plainly sees beneath the froth of a boasted national wealth of sixty-five billions an undercurrent of discontent which is rapidly swelling into a roaring torrent that will, unless heeded in time, sweep all before it. It would be well for the country, well for humanity and well for the progress of civilization itself, if those who are rushing the country to the verge of destruction in a mad race for official spoils would pause a moment and heed the warning of such men as Judge Gresham. That our readers may understand his position as regards the present political outlook we subjoin a part of an interview which he had with a World reporter last week. He said:

I have made it a rule to never talk politics since I have been on the bench, and I do not care to depart from the rule now. Without desiring to have you violate your rule, may I ask what abuses threaten to disturb public tranquility? I would say that the control of elections and legislation by the corrupt use of money more than anything else menaces popular government and the public peace. If these abuses are not speedily checked the consequences are likely to be disastrous. If the people are convinced that they can not rely on the ballot as a means of expressing their choice of men and measures there will be a revolt the like of which the country has not yet witnessed. The most insidious of all forms of tyranny is that of plutocracy. Thoughtful men see and admit that our country is becoming less and less democratic and more and more plutocratic. The ambition and self-love of some men are so great that they are incapable of loving their country. Here the judge paused as he was warming to his subject and refused to speak further. "I am afraid I am doing too much talking," he said. He believes, the principles of the third party will take hold of the masses, and that it is the party of the future. —National Economist.

Plow and Hammer: A prominent lawyer of Tiffin, when asked if he would support Brice for the presidency if nominated, replied: "Yes. The millionaires run this country, and they ought to run it. They always have and always will. We do not want any ragged breeches brigade controlling affairs in this country." We wonder how this lawyer would get a living if it were not for the ragged breeches brigade. We wonder if this ragged breeches brigade does not only furnish the products, but through it the money that allows the lawyer to live from the sweat of other men's

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