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As an example of a crowd of students and instructors thoroughly permeated with college spirit, enthusiasm and enterprise we desire to point to the engineering department of the University of Nebraska. Since the launching of the engineering annual, the most notable innovation is a proposition for an engineering camera club. This would undoubtedly be of great practical value to the students of that department. Another proposed innovation among them is a 7:30 class in free hand drawing for which no credit is given. Imagine a European history class meeting at that hour in the morning to do some special work in source study or a Greek student putting in an extra half hour studying side lights on Homer. The result of this spirit of enterprise may be seen in a recent letter from some engineers in Cuba asking for a cable message announcing to them the result of the Nebraska-Northwestern game, provided one was played. It is that kind of spirit that strengthens the University over the country.

The suggestion made in the Nebraskan some time ago and developed more fully in this issue to the effect that students send to their local papers communications concerning the University, if followed out, could be made of great value to the University. Advertising of this kind would be much more effective than any other kind. It is a suggestion that students could very easily act on.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the debating association will manage to adopt a constitution soon that will stay adopted until an organization can be completed at least.

Chancellor Andrews' convocation addresses this week will prove of especial interest. They should be listened to by the entire student body.

**COMMUNICATION.**

Editor Nebraskan:

A recent issue of the Nebraskan mentioned the fact that students ought to help make the University known through the medium of their home papers. This seems advisable and in a comparatively easy thing to do. A letter which would be instruc-

tive to many who are unacquainted with university work could be written at a little expense of time and with great profit to the writer. If by this means some boy or girl is influenced in an educational direction, the writer of the letter is to be commended.

The prevailing idea in certain districts and among certain classes with regard to university work is that Latin, Greek, German, French and Mathematics are the only branches taught. Nothing at all is known about the technical schools. Law, agriculture, mechanic arts, civil engineering and electrical engineering are not known to be among the subjects which the University offers. The institution is looked upon as giving only a superficial education, something not practical enough for the young man who has to make money. It may be imagined that such persons as are mentioned above are not intelligent, but this is not the case, they simply have not had any opportunity to learn of such things. Many of them are bright enough and would begin to attend the University at once if they saw the advisability of so doing.

Many boys do not attend school because they have a greatly exaggerated idea of the cost connected with such a course. Perhaps they have read statements to the effect that the cost is small, that they can work their way through school, but they say: "O, well, that looks nice in print but we don't believe it." What a revelation it would be to them to see in their weekly paper a letter signed by a trusted acquaintance, which explains away all the difficulties. Those who before never hoped for an education would be interested.

For those who have had a very limited education, perhaps only that afforded by a country school, it would be well to lay much stress upon the courses in agriculture and mechanic arts. Many could enter these schools who are not qualified for entrance to the academic department, since only a knowledge of the common school branches is required.

These are a few of many suggestions which might be offered. Let us see what we can do in this line. It is the duty of every student, to help his fellow and at the same time help his alma mater.

**STUDENT.**

That the trusts rule the Republican party is getting to be well understood by most of the people. In return for the special privileges that have been granted the trusts they find the money to elect Congressmen and thus continue to bleed the people. In this connection the New York Times says: "Whatever opinion our statesmen and our economists may hold, it is plain that the beneficiaries of Dingleyism are not prepared to dispense with the blessings of a system under which they have found it delightfully easy to get rich. Congressman Dalzell is one of the spokesmen of this class of wide-awake Americans. He thinks that the granting of tariff concessions even to the products of Cuba will raise serious questions. We should say so. Porto Rico is smaller than Cuba, yet the howl that went up when it was proposed to establish free trade with that island, our own island, was so terrifying that it frightened the President from his plain duty."

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"The acceptance of free passes or other favors from railroads by public officers or employes shall be made adequate ground for vacating the offices held by them.

"All public service corporations shall be required by law to make sworn public reports, and the power and duty of visitation and public report shall be conferred upon the proper state and local auditing officers to the end that the true value of the privileges held by these corporations shall be made plain to the people.

"Steam and electric railroads and other corporations possessing public franchises shall be assessed in the same proportion to their salable values as are farms and city real estate.

"The proceedings of the Republican majority of the state board of equalization are a scandal. Property values instead of being equalized were increased or diminished at the dictation of political bosses pursuant to corrupt combinations and conspiracies."

The Republican convention declared in favor of a revision of the revenue laws of the state so that all classes of property will bear their just burdens of taxation. As the Republicans have had control of the legislative and executive branches of the state government for several consecutive years one is impelled to wonder why they have not long since accomplished the reform.

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