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## HOWARD GOES TO WIS.

Former Popular Nebraska Professor Receives Further Honors at the Hands of Wisconsin University.

The following extract appeared in a recent issue of the Wisconsin Daily Cardinal:

The historical department has been fortunate enough to secure Professor George E. Howard to deliver a course of lectures on The Causes of the French Revolution. Dr. Howard is an extremely able man and as a lecturer is known throughout the country. He was at one time the head of the department of history at the University of Nebraska. After some years of efficient services at that place he accepted the chair of political science and history at Leland Stanford University. This position he held until the time of the Ross episode when he resigned. Since then he has been engaged in research work at Cambridge, Mass. He has written several monographs on English institutions which have been widely read.

### Sigma Chi Banquet.

The nineteenth anniversary of the founding of Alpha Epsilon chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity was celebrated last Saturday night by an elaborate banquet at the Lincoln hotel. Besides the regular members of the local chapter, a number of alumni and visiting brothers were present. Paul F. Clark as toastmaster called upon the following for toasts:

George Burget of Ashland, W. R. Burton of Hastings, Regent Edson of Omaha, and Dr. J. F. Stevens, Professor Richards, C. M. Mayne, J. V. Wolfe, L. E. Ewart and R. R. Rainey.

Others present were: Dr. H. A. Shannon, J. H. Mockett, Jr., Roy Hinshaw, V. P. Sheldon, Paul Fitzgerald, H. D. Landis, George Risser, J. L. VanBurg, O. G. Horne, H. P. Peterson, De Hansen, Edgar Shaw, A. J. Coates, J. A. Kees, J. M. Nelson, F. D. Stratton, Fred Hawksworth, Otto Schneider, Jesse Whitmore, Robert Burg and Cliff Le Roy.

### Phi Gamma's Entertain.

Last Friday evening Phi Gamma Delta fraternity entertained at the second of a series of dancing parties which they are giving this winter. Walsh hall was tastily decorated for the occasion with the University colors and with palms. The parlors were resplendent with lights, roses, carnations and the fraternity colors.

Part of the records of the state relief committee of '91, brought from the state house stores to the state historical society vaults a year ago, are being taken back because they are needed as evidence in suit against D. E. Thompson who was on the bond of Chas A. Mosher of the committee.

The Registrar, Miss Smith, was removed from the hospital to her home last Saturday. Her physician reports that she is improving rapidly and will soon be about again.

### U of N. Students as Teachers.

Complaints have been repeatedly made at the office that the demands for teachers that come in from over the state can not be filled from among the students. This brings to notice the very important fact that University graduates are being more and more appreciated as teachers. Gradually the standard demanded by the lower schools is being raised and the requirements increased. The fame of the University as a training school for teachers is permeating slowly into all sections of the state. From many places where, a few years ago, a very meagre education was deemed sufficient for the ordinary teacher, the demand now comes for university trained instructors. This does not necessarily mean that the normal schools of the state are not doing work of a high grade but it means that the school system has reached a stage of development where men and women of broad education and deep culture are demanded. People are beginning to realize that no other institution is as well prepared to furnish persons of this character as the State University.

The size of the band as it appeared in dress parade last week was somewhat of a surprise to many. Evidently considerable weeding out has taken place of late. At any rate, it is better to have a fair sized band of musicians than a large one partially composed of figure heads.

The senior boys have been thinking seriously of appearing in caps and gowns on commencement day next June. While no definite action has yet been taken, it is likely that the class will make this innovation as it has many other during its four years stay in this institution.

Professor Nicholas M. Butler who has been acting president of Columbia University since the resignation of Seth Low, was, last week, elected to the presidency of that institution. Dr. Butler, though very prominent in educational circles is not yet forty years old.

There has been considerable agitation among the fraternities at Minnesota University recently over the question of pledging. An attempt has been made to limit by mutual agreement, the time when "rushing" may begin to the opening of the school term. Representatives from five of the fraternities met with President Nortrop and agreed to make no move toward prospective men until the first day of the fall term. They agreed to do this regardless of the action of other fraternities.

A. L. Shaw, a graduate student has accepted the principalship of the schools at Seward. He takes the place of Mr. Smoyer, a former University student, who goes to the Philippines.

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C. C. Tellesen visited the University Saturday.

## DEAN BESSEY TALKS

Addresses Convocation on the Agricultural Possibilities of Western Nebraska.—Many Practical Ideas Brought Forth.

Dean Bessey gave an interesting discussion at yesterday's convocation, on the "Agricultural Possibilities of Western Nebraska." Western Nebraska, he said, had, for the past ten or twenty years been a victim of two kinds of liars. Twenty years ago this country was lauded as the garden spot of the world. On the face of it this was false and the motives for such reports were strictly necessary as was found out by the eastern investor who bought his land freely.

This class of reports was soon followed by others almost as bad. The former were given out in pretended optimism while the latter were decidedly pessimistic. Long and wearily have they bewailed the alleged suffering and hardships of this western country. Like the first report this was as false and the greatest suffering which this western section has endured has been the result of this very effective lying.

The central portion of Western Nebraska is composed mainly of sand hills while the western portion is an elevated plane with a few mountains such as the Pine Ridge and Wild Cat. This country is not barren as so often been stated but is covered with the richest kinds of grasses which have proven highly interesting to botanists. The sand hill portion is covered with shrubs while the growth of trees is confined to the canons. Though the precipitation in this region is only about one-half as great as eastern Nebraska, the grasses are sufficiently watered to afford pasture for large herds of stock. In many of the places irrigation is possible. The Loup river brings down enough water to irrigate a large tract while the South Platt region can be made a veritable Nile by irrigation from two to ten miles on either side.

With all these possibilities there is no reason why the large tract of land could not be made very valuable. The sad mistake of the early settlers was in ripping up the rich turf and planting grass in its stead. For this purpose the land is unsuited, being from 2,500 to 4,000 feet above the sea level.

The real value of this land is in its use for grazing. The vegetable growth is admirably suited to the environment. In fact the plant growth here is almost as perfect as nature could have made it. For this reason the grasses should not be destroyed as has been done.

In these alone is the wealth of western Nebraska. Her stock can be raised at a minimum cost. Here alone is their feed not affected by the winter cold, the summer drouths or the spring floods.

Mr. Smith, a junior law has discontinued his studies at the University.

### BOOK SWIPING.

I was at work in the Library. A girl came in and sat down near me. After arranging her note book she departed for a few minutes. Upon returning she placed several open text books on the desk in front of her, one on top of the other. She began studying the upper one. I noticed the books were texts on a subject on which a large class were writing papers. I remained in the library for about an hour and a half and she continued to study book No. 1.

I had often wondered that when a certain set of books were in use why it was that all the good material disappeared so suddenly from the shelves. This little incident solved the mystery in part at least, but I could not see the honesty of such an act.

Ye book swipers! We cannot tell your motives in doing these things. It may be some friend is coming to the Library later on who wants these books or that you are afraid you will not be able to find any after you have finished your No. 1, but don't you think it would be a little more fair if you would at least limit your number and give some one else a chance to catch up a little in his work. Or in case you are holding them for a friend is it just the right thing to cheat some one else in order that you may get the books.

In the case I mentioned the girl had five books, four of which were idle for an hour and a half which might have meant six hours study to some other students. And I don't know how much longer they remained secreted under the other book after I left.

Some of us do not want to resort to such methods in order to get our work done and if you would just divide up with us once in a while you would get along just as well and help a whole lot of us who have not the desire to swipe.

Mr. One-who-has-been-hard-pressed-for-books.

### A NEBRASKA PRODUCT.

The Nebraska Farmer in a recent number gives the life history of Curly cornhusker the "steer" which made Nebraska famous. It is shown that he was strictly a Nebraska product, having been bred, fed, and exhibited by the animal husbandry department of the University. His conduct at the recent international live stock exposition held in Chicago was indeed creditable to the western university and state from which he came. In this contest Curly won the proud distinction of being the best two-year-old grade Hereford in the world, and second best grade of any breed of that age. He also won second prize in the class of grades and pure-breeds exhibited by agricultural colleges, making a total of \$90 in money.

The Schoolmaster's club will meet next Friday evening. Dr. Lees will present a paper of High Schools and Colleges.