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Since there seems to be the general opinion that the university should have a fountain on the campus, some wealthy alumnus could show his loyalty to his alma mater in no better way than by donating one.

What is the matter with track athletics? There is plenty of material in the university but not enough spirit and enthusiasm to bring it out. Nebraska ought to have a winning team this year.

The only big game of the basket-ball season which will be played on the home floor will occur tonight and therefore no student can afford to miss it. The game last night at the auditorium showed that the visitors are no novices at the game. While the varsity team expects to win, it nevertheless needs your presence.

There is a time and place for all things, so it is said. In the same way student enthusiasm in any particular line should not allow itself to overflow except where it will do most good. At times it may be carried so far as to cause disgust, rather than interest in that which it is meant to discourage.

A. S. Pearse has resigned his position as commandant of the Omaha high school cadets.

A "Celebrities Ball" was recently held at Michigan university at which all the students who had gained some recognition while in college were present. It was a gathering of those who had risen to stations of honor in every line of university activity. This is an innovation in the line of university social functions. Inasmuch as Nebraska has boundless resources in the matter of "celebrities," it might be well for this institution to do something similar. A meeting of all the "great student intellects" now in the university would be one which might result in much pleasure.

COMMUNICATION.

Lincoln's Saloon Question From a Student's Standpoint.

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Many influences found in cities are

said to be not good. College towns are seldom large. Higher educational institutions are generally established in small communities and thus avoid the unfavorable influences of large cities. The merits of any town or city giving higher educational advantages should at least have the one important factor—it should be morally clean. The standards of morality should be above the average; if they are not, they should at least be guarded by laws which will be conducive to the desired end.

Lincoln's politicians, at present, are considering the saloon proposition, and every business man who has the success of an enterprise at heart is considering it. Every religious denomination has the "saloon question" before its people. These three general classes of citizens are coming to one of two views: either that "the saloon is a necessary evil," or that it should be done away with. The reasons for supporting either of these two views need not be enumerated. But there is the political influence; there is the liquor dealers' and consumers' point of view, and there is the home protectors' point of view, or better known, the moral influence standpoint, no two of which work together harmoniously or tend to bring about the same result. If the consumer and non-consumer were to settle the matter, as two opposing sides, the question would at once present a different aspect.

The only rational stand, however, for or against the saloon can be that for principle. The man contending for party views in a question of morality should be discouraged. The man who contends upon the public forum that saloons should be maintained solely for financial support should be hissed by a higher public sentiment. The influence upon the moral standards of a community is the vital point which concerns every citizen who desires a pure social atmosphere. Whatever debases the intellect or stands as a barrier to moral influences cannot be for the social welfare of any people. The man who argues for clean municipal government and a city of good repute barter legitimate means by favoring what does not contribute to that end.

In the present liquor question before the voters of Lincoln it appears that the moral influence phase is not figuring as greatly as might be expected. It is reported that the representative business men are taking the stand of the high license remedy, for the two-fold means of suppressing an evil on one hand and of increasing tax receipts on the other. This method we recognize is the policy which allows the open saloon today.

The saloon question is one that should vitally concern every student and patron of the university. The prosperity of the school depends largely upon the moral atmosphere surrouding it. The patrons throughout the state look first to this. The student coming into our midst expects more or less an ideal state of condition body of the university against the open saloon may reasonably be expected. The student, professor or supporter of the university who looks indifferently upon the liquor question which threatens the welfare of the institution disregards his best interests.

What kind of moral education may the student expect of the citizens of Lincoln. Is the student's point of view to be considered?

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