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The Daily takes this opportunity to call to the attention of the students the exceptional opportunities offered for gaining useful information by attending convocation in the morning.

Chancellor Andrews has made it a point this year to give the very best to the students, and those who appreciate his efforts are those who are realizing the greatest benefits. The series of talks and concerts from morning to morning are not merely for amusement and for passing away a half hour, but for the strengthening of the student mentally and spiritually. Often times one may reap benefits from attending one of the short lectures which may open up his field of view, give him wider vision and broaden and cultivate the mind.

This suggestion of attendance at convocation is not meant to urge and insist that students attend the exercises, but merely calling to their attention the opportunities which are offered them, which are too valuable for them to overlook.

Charles S. Allen, an alumnus of the university, spoke at convocation yesterday morning on the "Influence of Public Opinion in Social Politics." Mr. Allen spoke of the change in modern universities in the matter of considering present politics. The tendency now is for students to take part in affairs of the world. Public sentiment, he said, is a popular subject, formed by a few. The administration of social affairs calls for special qualifications, the most important of which are business ability, training and experience. The same experience is required in modern politics as in the handling of private matters, only on a larger scale. The great trouble at present is that the dogma of quality stands in the way of efficiency in local government. In democracy every man has a right to office, but in modern politics all appointments made are expected to be given to members of the local democracy.

In viewing the question of appointments in office from the standpoint of whether the office may be considered a sugar-plum or not, the question arises whether it is democratic or not. It is plainly seen that the principle does not represent the idea of democracy.

The difficulty of precedent lies in the fact that it is founded on the wrong principle in the matter of appointments. An office is created for the benefit of the people who are affected by the appointment and the people are benefited only when a man of skill is made a magistrate. The same is

true in the matter of foreign teachers. Schools exist for the benefit of school children and it is absurd to say that their interests shall be affected for the sake of getting members of home democracy. If the same principle were applied to higher educational administration people would consider it foolish. All these precedents exist not by virtue of positive law, but they are due to public sentiment. Talk, said the speaker, will govern more and more matters in the future and this could easily be changed in cities if a few of the educated and intellectual people would take the matter in hand.

A. E. Sheldon of the State Historical society has had a photograph made of an old map of the original townsite of Niobrara, which he obtained as a loan when he was in Niobrara some time ago. The map is about fifty-six years old.

The botany girls are somewhat excited over a couple of notices of prizes which are open to girls only. One of these is a prize of \$1,000 for the best thesis on a biological, chemical or physical subject and the other is a scholarship in the biological station at Naples. Some of the girls are talking of trying to capture one of the prizes.

E. E. Blackman, archaeologist for the historical society, is in Plattsmouth making arrangements for the placing of the Hempel collection of curiosities in the historical library. The local G. A. R. has signified its willingness to allow its interest in the collection to be removed. Last year Mr. Blackman explored the flint quarries at Nehawka and while in that part of the state expects to spend some time in searching for the home of the ancient people who did this work. He will soon start on a trip along the Platte from Plattsmouth to Ashland, hoping to find the clipping field where the flint was made into instruments.

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