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Convocation Announcements

Following is convocation program
for the week:

Wednesday—Professor Barbour.
Thursday—Shedd benefit meeting.
Friday—Musical.

The state legislature convened for the first time yesterday, and will have things to do during the coming session which will be of immense interest to the student body. The normal school and university questions will come up prominently before the Nebraska legislators this fall, inasmuch as there is a demand for improvements and expenditures along both lines, and with the problem of finances taking precedent.

The university will have to come in for an appropriation this year larger than for several years to provide for all the demands which are made on an institution of this size. The failure two years ago in obtaining necessary moneys set the university just two years behind where it ought to be in those departments upon which the expenditures would have been the greatest.

It would be a patriotic thing to do for every student to make the needs of the university known to any legislator he may know sufficiently well to approach on the subject.

Many of the state's representatives come from parts of the state where the university is little known and where the value of building up and strengthening such an institution is little realized. To these we can best address ourselves.

Bruner at Convocation

Convocation period was occupied yesterday by Professor Bruner, who gave a short but interesting talk on "Instinct and Reason."

He said that every animal and insect was endowed by nature with a certain instinct peculiar to itself and adapted for its needs. Man, does not possess this instinct, but is endowed instead with reason, and he has been given an amount sufficient for his needs. He, unlike the animals, finds out nothing by instinct, but must make all his discoveries by reason.

Mr. Bruner thinks that instinct is something that does not admit of much education, while reason must certainly do. He said he regretted the fact that man was not gifted with instinct, also, in which case he would not need to continue to work out difficult problems.

Professor Bruner advised anyone wanting a side topic to work up and think upon during their leisure moments should take this one, as there is great need of research along this line.

A meeting of the Nebraska section of the American chemical society was held at the state farm Friday, December 19. Mr. Nelson, state analyst, read an interesting paper on the adulteration of extracts. Dr. Avery, chemist of the state experiment station gave a comprehensive review of original work on the poisonous qualities of Kaffir corn. He succeeded in determining the poisonous products, thus settling once for all a matter that has caused much controversy, as it was a popular belief that Kaffir corn possessed no poisonous qualities. Many cattle were lost last summer through its agency, and the results of Mr. Avery's findings will prove valuable to the farmers of Nebraska.

Dr. Clements and wife, who have been east for over a month, have returned.

Land for new buildings costs \$200,000 an acre at Columbia, \$50,000 at Chicago and \$18,000 at Harvard.

Verna E. Barr, a student of the university, had a poem in the "Independent," Christmas number.

Professors Gruman and Fossler were in Chicago during vacation to attend a national meeting of German instructors.

The law faculty are going to Omaha Thursday to attend the State Bar association.

Nellie Cushman, '02 has charge of the girls' basket ball team of the Wymore high school. Miss Cushman teaches science at that place.

Professor Richards addressed the teachers during their convention in this city upon the merits and advantages of an engineering education.

The Seniors who intend to take their degree in February have received notices to report with their credit books to their dean in order that arrangements may be made for graduation.

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