

Local and Personal

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR:

Friday, Feb. 6.—Junior Prom, Lincoln hotel.
 Friday, Feb. 13.—University Club Dance, Fraternity hall.
 Feb. 14-16.—Midwinter Commencement.
 Sat., Feb. 14.—Sigma Xi banquet.
 Mon., Feb. 16.—Regular Charter Day exercises, Memorial hall, 8 p. m. Address by Gov. Cummins, of Iowa: "Some Questions That Have Yet to Be Answered."
 Wednesday, Feb. 21.—Glee Club concert, Memorial hall.
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Dr. C. J. Christiansen, '00, who is practicing at Hampton, Nebr., visited University and other friends in the city the last week of last semester.

Professor Ross announces that his class in Cities will meet this semester in the European history seminar room, just off the main reading room of the library.

Myron D. Elson has been offered a position with an electrical goods concern in Chicago and will leave shortly after the mid-winter commencement to enter upon his duties.

Last Sunday's Omaha World-Herald contains a pleasant and appreciative "write-up" of Ernest Bessey, '96, who has been abroad on a collecting trip for the United States Department of Agriculture.

Professor Bessey reports that the examinations in his department have been very generally satisfactory. The standings attained have indicated a semester of successful work by nearly every member of each class.

Frank D. Burr, last year a student in the engineering department of the University, now holds a lucrative position at Red Lodge, Mont. He has charge of the electrical plant of that place, which runs the mines and lights the city.

Even the Daily reporter occasionally finds a funny spot in the day's experience. Yesterday afternoon, after half an hour's attempt to get an important telephone connection, he was rewarded by the housewifely query: "Hello! Can you hear the eggs frying?" The reporter didn't belong, and got out.

John L. Sheldon has completed his thesis for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and it is now in Professor Bessey's hands for final correction and criticism. It deals with certain species of fungi which are parasitic on plants and produce diseases in them. Mr. Sheldon will come up in June for his degree.

Indoor baseball practice began yesterday afternoon. Ten battery candidates reported and took a work-out in the locker room pitching and catching. Practice has begun early and it is the purpose to get the men in as good form as possible before the season begins. Among those who were out yesterday are: Morse, Thompson, Wilson, Bender, Gore, Whitcomb, and Captain Townsend.

Dr. Prevey requests The Nebraskan to call the especial attention of University students to the meeting of the State Charities and Corrections Conference, which began its sessions at St. Paul's church this morning. Interesting papers on different phases of charitable work will be presented during the day sessions, and special public addresses by outside men will occupy the two evening meetings. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Professor Dann reports enthusiastically of his class in Italian art. Twenty-three students have registered for the work, which is a noteworthy and gratifying increase over the showing of last semester. The study is a comparatively new one in the University, having been taken up for the first time last year. But it has now passed beyond the experimental stage and is firmly established as one of the most substantial and humanizing studies. Under the capable instruction afforded every phase of the subject is brought out and discussed, and its fullest possibilities developed. The work this semester is of special interest and will not fail to commend itself to those who can appreciate the beauties of art.

ACADEMY NOTES.

Items on the Opening Days of the Second Semester.

Registration at the Academy is proceeding very slowly and the principal is seriously considering the advisability of levying a fine upon all late-comers.

The shorthand class under Miss Hoffman seems assured. An excellent opportunity is afforded law students, but one of which they have not as yet availed themselves.

The students in Miss Nellie Dean's English class are enjoying a new test on extracts from standard authors, studied by the laboratory method. The matter is illustrated by artistic cuts and photogravures.

The debating club will meet Friday evening of this week. The young men are improving in their work and appreciate the valuable guidance of Mr. Craft. Mr. Craft, however, will be unable to be present Friday night.

A number of new courses have been established for the convenience of "conditioned" University students and regular Academy students who are just entering. There is a beginning class in botany under the excellent management of Miss Edith Lathrop. There are also beginning classes in chemistry, algebra and plane geometry.

NEBRASKA WINS FIRST GAME

Denver Defeated 43 to 29, but Gets Another Chance.

The Nebraska basket-ball team won the first game of their western trip by defeating Denver University Tuesday night at Denver by the decisive score of 43 to 29.

As the detailed report of the game failed to reach us in time for today's issue, we regret that we can only furnish a mere announcement of the outcome. The men put up a good game and Captain Hewitt filled his position at center in an excellent manner.

Denver seemed dissatisfied with her showing and challenged Nebraska for another game Monday night and offered a guarantee of one hundred dollars. The challenge was accepted and the game will be played on the return trip. The following games will be played before the team comes home: Colorado College at Colorado Springs, University of Colorado at Boulder, High School at Greeley, and the Young Men's Christian Association at Cheyenne, Wyo., and Denver University at Denver.

The men who were in the game Tuesday night for Nebraska are: Captain Hewitt, center; Ferguson and Elliot, forwards; Benedict and Hoar, guards.

Teachers' Salaries.

(The Ohio Teacher.)

When we take into account the increased cost of living due to the prosperous condition of this country for several years past, we must conclude that teachers are receiving relatively less today than they were ten years ago. When compared with salaries and incomes in other professions, the salaries of teachers are everywhere entirely too low. There is now a scarcity of teachers in several counties of Ohio. If the stringency in the supply should continue, one of two things will necessarily follow: The shortage in the supply will result either in the introduction of teachers more poorly prepared than those now engaged, or it will result in increase of salaries sufficient to attract to the profession men and women of skill and ability. It frequently happens in the commercial world that when there is a scarcity in a commodity the people are forced to accept a very inferior article. How can we account for the decrease in the number of teachers who are really prepared for the great work? The fact is that a young man who may be making \$1.50 a day in the schoolroom finds he can make \$2.50 a day in the oil-fields, or shops, or coal-banks. A young man told the writer a few months ago that he had quit teaching school to go to work in a coal-mine to earn money to take him through college! The average day-laborer in the shops and mills and fields makes more money than even a first-rate teacher. Farm hands receive from

\$100 to \$150 a year more than the average paid teachers in the elementary schools, even in Ohio. In the industrial and commercial world there are always attractive premiums for skill and educated brains. The patrons of the school, the public at large, need to be reminded of these things. As Dr. Elliott has put it, we need to double the revenue provided for our public schools. We believe the time is speedily coming when teachers will receive salaries more nearly commensurate with the great importance of their labors. But we must have better qualified teachers—teachers who can easily demonstrate to the public that they are earning more than they are receiving.

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