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## A QUEER CASE.

### Stolen Pocket-book Recovered Under Odd Circumstances

In Tuesday's bulletin appeared the following item:

NOTICE. Unless the young lady who Saturday afternoon took a pocket-book from a light coat hanging in the ladies' cloak room of the library building returns the same to owner or leaves in students' mail box by Wednesday noon, her name will be exposed to the University authorities.

On Wednesday morning, the young lady whose lost pocket-book was thus called for received through the students' mail exchange a letter enclosing a five-dollar bill, accompanied by an explanation which laid the blame for the loss upon an anonymous friend whom the writer was endeavoring to shield and make atonement for. Yesterday the pocket-book itself, mutilated and ruinously soiled, was returned to its owner through the students' exchange, accompanied this time by the following note:

My Dear Miss B.:

You see what this is—an awful confession; but it must be made. My conscience tells me that. You know what I have done, and what a terrible thing it is. I am only going to tell my story. I am not a Lincoln girl, but was in Lincoln visiting a friend. I will not say whom. I was at the University on Saturday P. M. and don't know what possessed me to do what I have done. I assure you I was not myself. I was in the cloak-room alone, I tho't, and tried to get it, but soon saw a girl, plainly dressed, but quite sweet-looking, lingering, evidently to watch me. Soon she disappeared and I got the pocket-book. I thought to free myself from suspicion by destroying the pocket-book. But my conscience hurt me and I sent you the five dollars. But that didn't help matters any, and at last I have gotten the pocket-book itself and am going to send it with this confession.

When I took the pocket-book I hurried away and went back after awhile. I saw the girl who I thought had watched me, and she still looked rather suspiciously at me. She had on a red coat and brown hat, and I can never forget her look as I passed her.

I can't ask you to forgive me, but I hope God will. I will be out of Lincoln when you get this. You will hear from me again with something to partly compensate for the loss. I can never forget this lesson. I think it was meant to make me lead a different life and I am sure it will. O, pray for me, if you are a praying girl.

The Nebraskan has no desire to unduly publish the shortcomings of anyone; it has too many of its own. But the present instance seems to demand some consideration of the question whether the explanation is genuine and the repentance sincere, or whether the party is a chronic taker of other people's property and adopts this method of avoiding the probability of detection.

As a matter of fact, the young lady was seen in the act of appropriating the pocket-book in question, and a careful description of her obtained, but as she was a stranger to the spectator, her name was not then, and has not yet been, ascertained. It was believed that, if a student, she could be identified if occasion demanded. If her explanation is genuine, there is no great

farther probability of discovering the culprit. But if she is again seen on the grounds by the party who witnessed her peculation, strict measures will doubtless be taken to prevent her again falling victim to such a temptation.

There has been this semester an unusually large amount of petty thieving. All of it cannot by any means be explained on the theory of "visiting friends." Some of it must have sources nearer home. But it is hoped that the incident here narrated may to some extent discourage tendencies which are bad for the students as a whole and a hundred-fold worse for the persons directly afflicted by them.

The baseball committee has awarded the contract for furnishing supplies for the season to Edwin F. Myers. Mr. Myers is a junior and a business man of considerable experience, having been engaged in the bicycle and sporting goods trade three years before his entrance to the University. The contract was given the lowest bidder.

## Sombrero Notice.

The Sombrero board still lacks the personal sketches of thirty members of the junior class. Those thirty persons should see to it at once that some friend writes up their sketch and hands it to a member of the board. The sketches should contain not less than sixty and not more than seventy-five words. The delinquents are Paul Anderson, Roy Caldwell, Margaret Dawe, Joseph Dickinson, Elizabeth Heacock, Emma Hurley, John Kees, Nate Kemmish, Bertha Kern, Laura McLaughlin, Vera Myers, A. S. Neilson, Victor Peterson, Katherine Schwerthy, Helen Streeter, E. L. Thomas, C. N. Simon, Alice Unthank, Margaret Martin, M. M. Baxter, C. N. Walton, F. Lane, Patty Matthews.

Manager Spafford wishes to add the name of R. J. Buck to the list of senior basket-ball men.

Lincoln Local Express transfers any old thing. Phone 787.

## The Friday Night Games.

Something like \$200 will be spent by Nebraska for the games with Kansas State University and the Haskell Indians Friday night. It is not expected, however, that so big a sum will be taken in, or that expenses will be covered. The games are rather an investment of funds already on hand. Were it not that an unusual degree of interest attends the matches and that they should be unusually well worth seeing, the management could afford to give them behind closed doors.

Eight people will be brought from the Haskell Indian Institute, and eight from Kansas State University. In addition, Miss Flora Ticknor, of the Omaha Y. W. C. A. team, and Miss Gertrude Macomber, of the Omaha High School team, will be brought along to serve as officials. The third officer will be Mr. U. S. G. Plank, of Lawrence, the only one to come with either Kansas team who could serve. For once the University will waive its preference for only women officials. Mr. Plank, who has the name of being a fine officer, will referee both games.

The two teams from Lawrence are expected Friday at 5:35. They will be taken to the Conservatory of Music dining hall for supper, and from there to the armory and rest room. They will be entertained over night for the most part at private houses. Saturday noon a luncheon will be given in honor of the two Kansas and the two Nebraska teams at the home of Mrs. C. E. Bessey. It will be in charge of Mrs. Bessey and Mrs. E. H. Barbour.

Team practice Tuesday night showed great improvement over the form of the night before on the part of the second team. Their work was swift and accurate, and they ran up a good score. The players on this team are: Ethel Ames, Emma Shinbur, forwards; Ina Gittings, Inis Everett, centers; Margaret McCutcheon, Ruth Bryan, Ruth Woodsmall, guards. Miss Shinbur was elected captain Tuesday night.

O. G. Norvall is out of school on account of sickness.

Miss Lulu Losch has resumed her work after a siege of the grip.

John Myers goes to his home in Howe today for a few days' visit.

Rev. and Mrs. Maughlin, of Dunbar, are visiting with their daughter in the University.

Victor Jeep, of Tekamah, and Will Schmelzel, of Falls City, are pledged to Sigma Alpha.

Miss Ada Cook was called to her home in Lexington Wednesday by the illness of her father.

Dr. Ross goes to Grinnell, Iowa, next Friday to judge in her debate between Iowa College and Grinnell.

\$3.00 commutation ticket for \$2.70 at the Merchants' Cafe, 117 No. 15th St. Students are cordially invited.

## Are Uni Students Worked Too Hard?

### A Question Put and Answered.

Much has been said regarding work in the University and the effect that student work has upon the life of the individual after he has completed his college course. Whether the student actually works too hard while in the University or not is a question that usually calls out very different answers from different persons, who no doubt are influenced in their opinions by their immediate surroundings or their past experience. This diversity of opinion is found, too, among the parents themselves. One youth is sent to the University with a kind farewell ringing in his ears and a final warning "not to work too hard," while another is told to make the best use of his time, to cut out all society functions, games and rollicking good times, and apply himself strictly to his studies. Realizing this wide difference of opinion, the Nebraskan has interviewed a number of men, mostly of the faculty, who have had experience, who have traveled much and gained a thorough knowledge of student life in all parts of the country. They seem to agree that students, as a rule, do not work too hard, but differ somewhat on other points.

#### Do They Work Too Hard?

When asked if he thought that the students work too hard, one answered: "No, I do not think they do. When I see the amount of strenuous work done by the average business man, the long hours of close application he puts in from day to day, the rigorous efforts that he must put forth to maintain his place in the business world, I conclude that the college student does not work too hard. The training that he does receive, however, develops a capacity for the greater duties of later life."

It was the opinion of another that "Nebraska students do not work too hard, although they are good at grinding. They maintain a high standard

of student life and are as efficient as any students found in any institution."

Another expressed himself thuswise: "The average student does not work too hard, although there is a class of students, mostly girls, who hang over their books too much. Such students do not gain the pleasures from school life that it really contains. A large class of students, however, do not work hard enough. They waste their time and fail to get from their school life that broader view of things which is the final aim of a college course. Another class, and this is perhaps the largest, work plenty hard enough, but they do not consider what they study, never systematize and organize their work, never think it out for themselves and make it their own. This thoughtful study is the hardest kind of work and probably is quite beyond the powers of some immature students."

#### Do Eastern Students Work Harder?

By a series of questions it was learned that opinions as to a comparison of the diligence of Nebraska students to that of eastern colleges also differed very much.

One thought that "Our students do not work harder than do those of eastern institutions, since our standard is no higher," while another was firm in the belief that "Nebraska students do more good, hard work than is done in any eastern college." "Our students," he continued, "go back to Cornell and Harvard and become leaders. They surpass the eastern student in efficiency and ability. The student in eastern colleges lives in a different atmosphere, an environment that does not give life and vigor to the work. There the student saunters out at nine o'clock, attends a lecture if he feels like it, and listens to it, if he cares to do so. He has money and knows how to work

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