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There is a tendency at this time of year for students especially, who grow tired of confinement, to stir about in the fresh air and sunshine. That is all right and perfectly natural, but the tendency to walk over the soft turf of the campus should be restrained in every student who is loyal to the institution. The appearance of the campus should be a matter of pride with us all, and each one can contribute materially to its good looks or to its untidy appearance. This is both a duty and an individual duty.



The symposiums that appear in the Nebraskan from time to time are intended to bring out a representative sentiment, usually from both the students and faculty. But while such is the aim, it must be remembered that opinions which really represent the feeling of the entire institution can only be obtained by interviewing a very large number, and since it is quite impossible to carry the questioning far enough, it may happen that the articles do not accomplish their purpose. When such is the case, however, resentment should indicate the mistake. If there is nothing but approval, it is fair to conclude that the symposium has struck the key note. So, if you have a strong conviction that the majority

of University people would not concur in opinions set forth in any symposium, and, indeed, if you yourself differ radically, make it known either through the Daily, which is at all times a medium between the individual and the public as well as a newspaper, or to the editors, whose pleasure it is to consider matters relating to the paper.

Convocation for Next Week.

Tuesday—Mr. A. L. Bixby: Original Poems.
Wednesday—Supt. W. K. Fowler.
"Cincinnati Meeting Section N. E. A."
Thursday—Miss Howell: Reading.
Friday—Musical program.
Chaplain for the week, Rev. L. P. Ludden.

Departmental

The Platte Flood.

The state geological survey has been deeply interested in the floods that have this year been causing so much damage in Nebraska. Dr. Condra, who made a trip to Ashland and from there to South Bend Wednesday, secured some excellent photographs that show plainly the effects of the ice gorges and the great volume of water that has swept down the Platte, helped to swell the Missouri and contributed toward the overflow of the Mississippi. At least two classes of students are interested in the floods this spring—namely, the geologist and the engineer.

The latter is interested because of the destruction of bridges along the rivers and smaller streams. His problem will be to strengthen bridges that span such streams so that they will not catch and hold the masses of ice and will yet be strong enough to support the weight of traffic. The engineer will probably try to solve this problem by making bridges with fewer spans, permitting the ice to pass through more easily, for it seems that no bridge can be constructed strong enough to withstand the attack of such masses of ice as have lodged at the bridges along the Platte this year.

The geologist is interested because of the rare opportunity given him to study the change of currents and the removal of islands, together with the causes that led to the extraordinary overflows. It is known that the Platte has many old beds, some of which are not easy to account for. The present flood may aid to a considerable extent in understanding former actions of the river. The gorges at intervals along the river have caused overflows which have cut entirely new channels, torn away very substantial islands and swept off rich, productive soil that covered the river bottoms.

The cause of these ice jams, and of the consequent floods, lies in the large quantity of snow on the mountain slopes, which was melted off by a sudden rise of temperature. The river broke up from above instead of beginning at the mouth, thus causing jam after jam of solid ice.

Dr. Condra photographed, with special care, the gorge at South Bend, which carried away a part of the Rock Island bridge. His photographs, some of which will appear in the State Journal tomorrow, show a veritable glacier covering at least 160 acres.

New Botanical Professor.

At the meeting of the regents in February an additional instructor in botany was elected, in order to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Dr.

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Metcalf last June. The new man is Dr. Frederick DeForest Heald, now professor of biology in Fairfield College, Iowa. Dr. Heald graduated from the University of Wisconsin, from which he received the degree of master of science after two years of graduate work in botany. He then went to Germany, and after studying with Professors Pfeffer and Fischer in the University of Leipzig, he gained the degree of doctor of philosophy from that old university. Under Pfeffer he studied plant physiology, and since Pfeffer is the foremost plant physiologist in the world, his opportunities were of the best to perfect himself in this department of botany. Likewise Fischer is one of the greatest of living bacteriologists, and Dr. Heald was fortunate in being able to study with him. After returning from Europe, Dr. Heald was elected to the chair of biology in the college at Fairfield, Iowa, and here he has remained in successful work for six years. Before going abroad he held a fellowship in botany in the University of Wisconsin for two years, and was instructor in botany and zoology in the summer school of that university in the summer of 1895.

Dr. Heald is to assume his duties immediately after the June commencement, as he is to be one of the instructors in the summer session in the University of Nebraska. It is expected that he will be "in residence" during the remainder of the summer in order to become acquainted with the department, as well as to attend to the business of the department. As Professor Bessey intends to be absent after the first of July, it is essential that some competent botanist should be constantly on the ground. Dr. Clements is to be again in the Rocky mountains, from about the first of June, so that the department will need the attention of Dr. Heald all summer.

Dr. Heald's title is adjunct professor of plant physiology and general bacteriology, and accordingly he will have charge of some or all of the work in these subjects, and also of the pharmaceutical botany. This will insure a closer supervision of the laboratory work in these subjects.

Professor Dann's class in Greek I finishes the Iliad this week and will at once proceed to the study of the Odyssey. An innovation in the method of studying Greek was introduced this year in this class, and is working out to a successful end, having satisfied the expectations of the instructor and developed satisfactory results in the class. Three days of the week have been given up to the translation and study of the Greek text, and the other two devoted to a careful study of the English version, all points bearing on the religion of the time being touched upon, and the different books being investigated and reviewed in sequential order. The same schedule next year, it is hoped, will be so arranged as to enable those who so desire to register for the work in the English version, without being required to take up the study of the Greek text.

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