

From Different Points of View

All Kinds of Opinions on the Uppermost Topic of the Day

The Charge of the Shirt-Tail Parade

Alas! for the night of the Carnival raid!
 Alas! for the fate of the Shirt Tail Brigade!
 Alack! for the warriors who faltered and fled!
 All hail to the heroes who battled and bled!

How proudly we gazed on that sheeted array
 As it swept toward the barricade, keen for the fray;
 With a Greek-letter battery leading the van
 Amid soul-stirring yells from each stern student clan.

Ah! little we dreamed of the snare that was set,
 Of the cops and the pimps who surrounded the net,
 Till the hired banditti who make murder a trade
 Swooped down like a storm on the Shirt Tail Brigade.

Oh! long be remembered the conflict so dread;
 The heads that were broken, the blood that was shed;
 Long, long shall the campus the story relate
 Of the terrible slaughter at Carnival Gate.

There Sir Knight DeLacey was wounded and ta'en;
 There valiant Sir Huntington stretched on the plain;
 There Corporal Johnson with hands gory red
 Stood fighting, surrounded by ranks of the dead.

There are tears falling fast at Sorority Hall,
 For faces found missing at morning roll-call;
 But never from History's pages shall fade
 The grim, gory fame of the Shirt Tail Brigade. —N.

"The Other Side."

Mr. Editor:

Will you kindly publish the following? Your paper has had your say; now let the student body have its say also.

We were somewhat surprised at the sentiment expressed in the editorial, in Friday's issue of The Nebraskan. That the celebration of Wednesday evening should be likened to rowdiness is indeed strange. The editor certainly knows little of the proceedings and we should beg to inform him more fully.

The "shirt tail" parade is an ancient custom in the University, and has become traditional. Seldom ever has

unpleasantness been the result. Fights, rows, etc., have always been caused by interference of some one looking for trouble. A better natured, fairer minded, bigger hearted crowd of men cannot be found than the "shirt tailers." They are always open to an appeal to reason, and if left alone will do no one harm, either physical, or by destruction of property; but it sometimes happens that our "most heroic" police have a thirst for blood. On such occasions it generally runs. We remember hearing of such an occurrence some three or four years ago. After the battle was over at least one policeman took a "lay off" and for a time at least had no stomach for battle.

Last Wednesday evening the paraders marched about the streets for a time, giving University yells. We believe there is no law prohibiting such conduct. Then they marched down to the carnival grounds, asked permission to enter, promising to bear themselves in a gentlemanly manner, give the varsity yells, and retire. A string of oaths was their answer. What followed is characteristic of the Lincoln police force. It is said that one hundred extra police were sworn in for the occasion. They were chosen from the very worst element of the city. Knaves, thugs, jail-birds, escaped convicts, and cutthroats could be no worse. Their conduct, in its brutality, could not be outdone by a French mob of anarchists. The students were not merely knocked down, but beaten shamefully. The conduct of the so-called defenders of "law and order" was so shameful that the entire citizen body were in sympathy with the students. A great many gentlemen of all ages and conditions actually offered their services in attacking the police, if the students would organize and arm themselves with clubs. In several cases gentlemen from the crowd of bystanders interfered. There is at least one case on record in which three or four "champions of law and order" set upon one student and beat him shamefully. A gray-haired gentleman interfered, saving the fellow's life.

Was it merely to maintain law and order that these blows were dealt? If so, why should such extreme brutality be exercised? We believe that only reasonable and sufficient force is generally used in dealing with even the worst of criminals. In this particular case defenseless men were shamefully beaten upon the head in their retreat. Once knocked off their feet, they were pounded to a state of unconsciousness. That lives were not lost is mere good fortune. Was it necessary to pursue the retreating band and add to the number of those already injured? Was it not mere malice or brutal lust for blood that led them on?

You accuse the student body of coarseness and brutality. On what grounds do you base such charges? You certainly have confused your terms.

When the majority of the citizens and the entire student body censures the conduct of the police so strongly, there is certainly good grounds for the attitude taken.

We have noticed this peculiar characteristic of the Lincoln police force: their absolute inefficiency. Three train robberies have occurred almost within the limits of the city in the last three years. There is little doubt that the expeditions started from this city; yet not a trace of the robbers has ever been found. Last summer a murder occurred on South Seventeenth street. Not a clew of the criminals ever came to light. Something is wrong. Let the chief-of-police "take a brace," and turn the energies of the force toward something worth while. Let them crush crime. Let them maintain law and order when it is in danger, rather than stir up trouble among the students of the University. J. A. W.

Will Be Good.

A wave of Moral Reform has swept the University. Five hundred and forty-nine male students of the University of Nebraska met on the athletic field yesterday afternoon and, with but one dissenting voice, voted to



be good. It was voted that the carnival was not a proper show for a University student to patronize. Smoking, poker, gambling in every form are not to be tolerated. It was also decided to attend church services twice every Sunday, join a Sunday school class, and attend the Y. M. C. A. It was further voted to devote at least two hours to the preparation of each lesson and not to "cut" any lecture; also to attend all convocation exercises, and not to read the morning papers while the chaplain reads the scriptures and invokes the Divine blessing.

Hereafter, when Chancellor Andrews lays his weary head upon his nightly pillow, it will be with the thought that his "boys" have their lessons all well learned, have said their "Now I lay me," and are peacefully sleeping the sleep of the good and true, each in his own little bed.

It is difficult to account for this sudden change of heart. It may be due to the fact that sneak day has passed, class scraps are over, the millennium is dawning, or that summer vacation is only two weeks away, and the boys are going home to their mammas; or it may be due to the beneficent effect of the carnival.

ONE WHO WAS NOT THERE.

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