



## Chose of Other Days



### Letter from Spencer V. Cortelyou

Luisiana, Laguna, Sept. 27, '03.  
Dear \_\_\_\_\_:  
I received your letter on last Sunday night and this is my first opportunity to answer.

In this old hole of a place there is not much doing of interest to you. I suppose now all the fellows have again started in on a hard year's work.

And football! I want to play again—just for one game—the Iowa game. I would give a good deal to be able to lick old Iowa before my football career closes, but I guess it is closed now. Who will they get for right tackle in Johnny Westover's place? Old Captain John! the best captain and best tackle Nebraska ever had and easily the best tackle in the west for the last two years. I've played beside him for three straight years, and I guess I ought to know something about his merit. He never shirked or faltered and when there was anything doing John was there with the goods every time. Give my best regards to all the boys and tell them I'm with every one of them.

We have been having lots of Lardons and imaginary bad men around here lately. A week ago I had my party out all day near San Pablo and as I came in I met a guard of ten men who were on the way to get us, as Lardons had been seen around there all day. I have a ".38" and when I empty it why I can run like the dickens, but I think there's not much cause to be nervous about it. It rains every day and we usually get soaked. Yesterday we had quite a time. We walked ten miles up in the gorge of the Botocan river. At 1 p. m. the men with the launch had not appeared and it being Saturday we started back. Instead of going back up the gorge to the trail we thought it would be closer to go up the nearly vertical wall of the gorge—700 feet high, too—then cut across country for Luisiana. Just then it started to pour and in an instant we were soaked to the skin. By pulling ourselves up by vines, roots, rocks and trees we reached the top safely, although a loose rock nearly fixed one man. There was no path and we had a very bad time of it. After an hour and a half's walking we saw a house. The Filipinos asked for the "cameno" (path), and we got started. We reached here about 4:30 p. m., having walked very hard since 1 p. m., and having had nothing to eat since 6 a. m. Well, I guess those canned beans we had tasted just like Nut Sundaes at Riggs' on Saturday night after a hard game.

Write often. With best regards for the fellows individually and collectively, I am

Yours,

SPENCER V. CORTELYOU,  
63 Calle Hospital. Manila, P. I.

The present and former students of the state University met in the Beatrice club rooms last evening and effected a permanent organization to be known as the University club by the election of the following officers:

President—Evan Sage.  
Vice President—Miss Maria Upson.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss L. Van Camp.

Immediately after the election of officers the following program was rendered.

Piano Solo—Miss Flora Beaver.  
Vocal Solo—Miss Maynard.  
Piano Solo—M. S. Wolbach.  
Vocal Duet—Messrs. Mumford and Garrett.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Killen in a very acceptable manner.

The next meeting of the club will be held the first Thursday in December at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Hall.

Those present last night were Misses Pyrtle, Flora Beaver, Mollie and Emma Neidhart, Louise Van Camp, Maria Upson, Elizabeth Maynard, Deahn, Hagey, Prof. and Mrs. Hall, and Messrs. S. D. Killen, Arthur Johnson, Evan Sage, Harry Garrett, E. L. Mumford.—Beatrice Democrat.

Mamie Miller is teaching science at Norfolk, Neb.

Jesse E. McCollum, '02, is teaching science at Friend, Neb.

Anna E. Maguire is teaching at Tobias, Neb.

Edna E. Griffith, '03, is teaching in the Nelson high school.

W. V. Lovett, '03, is principal of the high school at Arcadia, Neb.

L. L. Harter, '03, has secured a governmental position in the department of agriculture at Washington.

Mr. E. F. Bliss, '03, who was working last year for the Block Signal company, of Swissville, Pa., is considering a change to the General Electric or some other company.

Mr. L. J. Pospisil, mechanical engineering, '03, now of the ordinance department at Washington, D. C., writes that he is prospering and is pleased to hear from the University through the Daily Nebraskan.

Mr. I. A. Kellog, '02, who took charge of some gold mines in California after graduation, has just returned for a short vacation. He is now connected with mines in Mexico operated by a large syndicate in San Francisco.

Dr. Kind, previously of the German department, is working for his doctor's degree at Columbia University. The subject of his thesis is: "The influence of Young upon the Literature of the Eighteenth Century."

A. J. Pepperberg, '02, first lieutenant of company C of that year, is now a member of Company I, 23d N. Y. In a shooting contest for qualification recently, he was one of those who received the first year medal. Mr. Pepperberg is in the employ of the Edison Electrical company in New York City.

Mr. Rupert E. Preston, '92, now a mining engineer, has just returned from his geological journey around the world. Since leaving the University Mr. Preston has had a wide experience in mining, having had charge of mines in Russia, Siberia, China and Japan, as well as in America.

Mr. R. H. Oliver, '03, has been working since last July for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway company. He is general man in the office of the superintendent of construction, doing all calculating and theoretical work. He is working with graduates from Michigan, Illinois and Iowa Universities.

Mr. Frank G. Bruner, a student in the University last year, and who is now an assistant to Professor Cattell of Columbia, has been made co-editor with Professor Warren of Princeton, for the "Psychological Index," which is to be published as a supplement to Baldwin's Dictionary of Philosophy and Psychology.

Mr. I. E. Brooks, '03, working for the Chicago Edison company, has lately completed the drawings for all high tension copper work in the switchhouse on Flisk street. This switchhouse is being installed together with a new power plant. The power plant is to contain fourteen steam turbines, directly connected to dynamos. Each unit is to be of 5,000 k w., or a total output of the station of 70,000 k w. The largest power house in America will then be at this point.

Some time ago, when shutting down one of these turbines a field-lead broke and the machine ran for two hours and fifty minutes by its own inertia before it stopped. This shows the perfection in balancing and friction of the machine.

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### Engineering Notes.

The class in mechanical engineering 15 made a test Thursday of some coal that has been submitted for the use of the fire engine at Engine House No. 3.

L. N. Huntington, '04, entertained a number of his civil engineering friends Wednesday evening by way of celebrating his twentieth birthday. Refreshments were served and the boys report a splendid time.

E. L. Thomas, '04, civil engineering, spent the summer as an assistant in drainage work in Burt county, Neb. The work was in the Missouri bottoms and Mr. Thomas tell some interesting experiences about his work during high water.

A. W. Clements, a student in the mechanical engineering department where he is working in the drafting rooms of the Diamond Drill and Machine company. At present they are working on some machinery that is to go to Germany.

Mr. Darrell, an engineer with the B. & M., visited the civil engineering department Wednesday. Mr. Darrell was in charge of the Pryor Gap tunnel and has just finished the Plattsmouth bridge. The class in "Bridges" listened to some interesting information concerning their specialty.

The Allis-Chalmers company, one of the largest firms devoted to manufacture of pumping and mining machinery has sent to the mechanical engineering department a collection of lantern slides illustrating their productions and additions to the various plants. These slides will be shown before the Engineering society in the near future.

A much needed improvement in the Mechanic Arts building is a change in location of either the library or civil engineering laboratory, preferably the latter. The motor running the Riehle testing machine is attached to the beams under the library floor, and causes a constant shaking of the whole floor. This is not only annoying but is also trying on the eyes of the students. When the new buildings are erected we hope this matter will be remedied in the new arrangement of quarters.

### Negligent About Books.

Considerable trouble has been experienced of late in the law library in the way of losing track of books.

Owing to the fact that the library is not yet heated and is often too uncomfortable for studying, students were in certain cases permitted to carry books from the library. This became chronic, and as a result a number of books have been taken away and not returned. These are books in constant need and great injustice has been felt by the students who are thus denied the use of the books. In view of this fact the Senior class at a special meeting empowered the president to appoint a committee to confer with the faculty to devise some means of having these books returned, and if necessary to visit the rooms of students who are suspected.

This is an unfortunate condition of affairs and was severely censured by the class. They feel the books will be returned in time, but will not tolerate such selfishness, which is in fact closely connected with thievery. Individual detective work is being carried on and it is the general sentiment that things will become uncomfortably warm for the culprits. Deplorable as it may be, students have in the history of the University been dismissed for reaching too far with long fingers and customs have not changed very much in this respect. It is hoped nothing disgraceful will be made necessary, but if it does become necessary but little sympathy will be extended by the authorities and certainly not by the students, since all will feel their rights trespassed upon.

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