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## PLANS NOW READY *Regarding the "Hack Question."*

**Designs for New Physics Building Have Been Completed.**

Plans for the new physics building have been received at the office of Superintendent of Construction Chow-ins. The plans are the work of Messrs. Fisher and Lawrie of Omaha, and provide for a building that will not be eclipsed by any on the campus for beauty of architecture and convenience of arrangement. The entire structure will be faced with hydraulic-pressed brick of a handsome granite color. In general style the building will be Friezian, three stories high, with no basement except one small constant temperature room, where the apparatus for regulating the temperature of the building will be placed.

The building will face to the east, with the south side on a line with the south side of Memorial hall. This side will be 124 feet in length.

The plans are for an "L" shaped structure. The short side of this "L" will be to the east, and will be 92 feet in length. At the western end the building will be 60 feet long.

The finest feature of the whole construction will be the entrance on the east side. This will be the only entrance to the building, and will be a fine example of modern architectural design. It will be faced with terra cotta to match the brick used in the general construction.

The first floor will be given up to chemical laboratories, kitchens, physics laboratories and physics workshops.

On the second and third floors will be a large auditorium in the southeast corner of the building. It will be 38 by 50 feet, and designed for general use. The second floor will also contain more apparatus rooms and libraries, another lecture room 19 by 30 feet will be situated on this floor, also three large laboratories. The third floor will contain meteorological and astronomical rooms, special laboratories and work rooms. Toilet rooms will be located in the attic on the fourth floor.

The completed structure will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$75,000. The interior will be beautifully finished in red-oak, and no expense will be spared to make the laboratories thoroughly up-to-date and convenient. The contract for the work has not been let yet, but will be during February and the building will be pushed as soon as spring sets in. It is expected that the structure will be completed and ready for use in about a year from the present time, or in time for the opening of next year's second semester.

The plans have apparently been made with the intention of permitting the athletic field to remain on the campus. The south goal of the football grounds will be about fifteen feet north of the north wall of the building. This will, of course, be after the grounds have been pushed to the north.

The plans for the administrative building have not yet been received. The architects, however, are actively at work on them at the present time, and it is probable that the two buildings will be completed before the middle of next year. By these two additions to the campus, the beauty of the University grounds will be inestimably enhanced, and the departments that are suffering now for lack of space will have better opportunities to expand than has been their good fortune since the founding of the University.

Chapin Bros., Florists, 127 So. 13th.

Lincoln Transfer Co. Baggage. Phone, 176.

Chris' Bath Parlors, 11th and P Sts.

Restaurant Unique, 1228 O St.

Union Shining Parlor, 1018 O St. Chairs and ladies and gentlemen.

**University Students Express Views by Means of Communication.**

As one who has for several years watched the "hack stunt" grow to alarming proportions, and has seen the desperate effort of University men to keep pace with it, we feel called upon to suggest that the students look the matter squarely in the face and view the situation exactly as it is, and consider just what it means. That the average students now dare not attend a University function, unless it be a band informal, without his hack shows how much a hold the practice already has, as but a very small portion of the men are able to "hack it" to every affair it means sooner or later if not now that the social life of the school must be consigned to the few who have the coin.

To the great majority, "the masses" no matter how talented, no matter how cultured, how deserving, the social life of the University is shut in their faces, because they were unfortunate enough to be born of a father who never won the "golden fleece."

A man may be handsome, play on the football eleven, make mince meat of Kansas, head the P. K. K. list and take all the honors in the curriculum, but if he makes his own living by the sweat of his brow, he is debarred from attending the principal functions of his own class because a few of the "moneyed" have set a pace which he and the majority of his fellows cannot buy.

Money enough to buy a "dress suit" or a "hack" is the password, without any other qualification, either of personality, scholarship or character that admits to society, and all this occurs in an institution where emphasis is laid on culture, where the student above all should be the ideal and where we are led to believe that men are farthest removed from the "sordid commercialism" of the world. In the social world of the University this question is the paramount one, that stares us in the face.

Upon what does it place a premium? Is it the man or is it his pocketbook?

And here we wish to locate the responsibility for this state of affairs. Various explanations have been given, all of them with more or less truth. We are inclined to think that not a small part of the responsibility rests upon the young women who ride in the hacks.

The average University society girl would now resent the attention of a young man, however acceptable in other ways, who could not afford to pay her hack bill, even though her father and mother never ride in a hack.

If the young men of University knew that the girls did not expect, much less require hacks and were willing to walk two blocks, on a beautiful night to a Junior Prom, the much mooted hack question would be settled. It is because the majority of the boys believe that they are expected to take hacks that they continue to do so. By their silence on the question the girls have encouraged this belief. How often has the hint been thrown out by a girl to her escort that a hack is unnecessary and undesired. We believe that it is in the power of the girls to solve this much vexed problem. Let us hear from them.

R. M. D.

Away back in the tertiary period there was a man who made a remark something like this:

"Costly thy habits as thy purse can buy"

If that same man, and he had a mighty insight into human life, had lived today and attended this University he would probably have made that same sage remark regarding cabs.

There is an idea prevalent among many students that a cab is necessary at all times, and on all occasions, when they have to venture forth after night fall to a gathering, no matter how informal that affair may be.

There should be temperance in all things and moderation in the use of cabs. They are a luxury and luxuries should be used sparingly else they pall upon the palate.

This thing seems like a most trivial matter, but beneath its outward appearance there lies a deeper significance. The strong men of the world are those that are least dependent upon the luxuries of life.

A man in his early life determines whether or not he is going to be bound to the luxuries or not. A man when he once becomes used to them can not be happy without them, and an unhappy, discontented man has no rightful claim to life.

Moralizing, however, falls short of the touching point.

"True living, "more life and fuller," does not mean expanding and branching out beyond one's means, but it does mean applying those means in the best possible way.

There are times when, unless a man can afford a cab, he would better stay at home, and there are times when if a man thinks he has to have a cab he would be better at home.

At informal functions—University functions, unless the night be bad, or the distance too great to walk, men should not use cabs. Too often it seems as if cabs were used as intended marks of distinction, and in the true University life there should be no such distinction or attempts at "castes."

In the life of a great University snobbery is a crime.

X.

We recommend the following product of a powerful genius and an inexhaustible wit to the kindly forbearance of our readers. All the complicated points in the question discussed are touched upon, and elucidated and the evils remedied by the wise provisions of the resolutions mentioned as having been drafted. We wish to thank our correspondent for the views he brings out and for his kindness in giving the public the value of his opinion, which he does in a manner that is even suggestive of intelligence, but this can readily be excused:

### SUGGESTIONS FOR THE UNSOLVED HACK PROBLEM.

As a result of the article in Thursday's issue of The Nebraskan, expressing the opinion of some of the students on the propriety of hiring hacks for social functions, a representative body of the students gravely considered the matter and decided that it is the most momentous problem that has been before the student body of the University of Nebraska for their deliberation dur-

ing its existence of a third of a century.

Whereas, having at heart the welfare of each individual and the university at large. They deemed it wise and expedient to offer the following resolutions.

Therefore, be it resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to all young people who are so attached to conventionality and so unaccustomed to exercising individuality as to require hacks for social functions at the expense of board and laundry bills.

Be it further resolved, That hacks shall not be used, only under the following conditions:

First—All bills for perfumery, gum, bon-bone and other necessities of life must first be settled and a surplus of not less than thirty-five cents cash on hand

Second—The distance must not be less than two blocks, except when the sidewalks are wet, covered with snow or dust.

Third—The function must carry with it at least the dignity of a society reception, class function, band informal, musical recital, class hop, fraternity hop and other hops too numerous to mention.

Fourth—In case of kidnapping expeditions all the foregoing regulations shall be inoperative.

Be it further resolved, That we demand a reduction of ten per cent on the regular price of hacks to be used in compliance with the foregoing conditions, and in case this demand is not immediately complied with a co-operative hack company will be formed which will supply all students with hacks at very reasonable prices. Stockholders in this company will be eligible under the following conditions:

First—They will be held accountable for a fungible grade in at least eight hours work.

Second—They must display natural ability in the art of conducting all manner of social functions.

Third—They must have a continuous flow of wit and an inexhaustible supply of stale jokes.

Be it lastly resolved, That we solicit the earnest co-operation of all people in carrying out the great principles embodied in these resolutions, and we do hereby pledge our honor and integrity in promulgating this magnificent cause.—B. A.

The above embodiment of wickedness and nefarious designs is too paralyzing to the senses for one to grasp fully. Yet throughout it all there runs a vein of humor and some good points are brought out. A strict set of requirements are demanded and a high standard set. The third clause under the rules of eligibility strikes our fancy quite forcibly. It says: "They must have a continuous flow of wit and an inexhaustible supply of stale jokes." Under these conditions our correspondent is highly eligible.

This presentation of ideas on the question is a peculiar one, and there is nothing objectionable about it. It is evident that no "mud-slinging" is intended and we deal with it in the same spirit. We have only the best wishes for this representative organization of students and hope that they may succeed in carrying out their plans.

To the self-respecting and self-reliant girls of the University:

The recent article in The Nebraskan on the "Hack Question" reads something like a challenge. If it be true that the described questions really exist,—that the use of carriages for all functions has become a rule,—that the custom is in many cases a hardship,—that there are good financial, as well as other reasons, for abolishing the custom, then it is time for some one to call a halt.

Girls, especially University girls, are not selfish nor hard hearted, and not one of them would enjoy a ride if she thought for a moment that some one would have "to skip a meal" to pay for it. Of course we all enjoy luxuries

## OFFICERS HOP

Fraternity Hall, Friday, January 29th

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