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PLENTY IS DOING

Congratulatory Message Received. Wilson Won't Play Ball.

John Bender is in receipt of a postal card from Dr. Gerig, formerly a professor in French here, congratulating him on the success of the football team. Dr. Gerig has been in France for some time now, but he still keeps in touch with the University, and it pleased Bender very much to receive the postal card.

Bender went on to say that he spent his holidays in Denver, Colo. He made the Georgetown Loup trip and spent a very pleasant two weeks in and about Denver. He met some members of the Denver College football team. The Denver men did not come out in their season as well as they had expected. The Boulder University won from them in their annual game, also the Haskell Indians defeated them on Thanksgiving day.

In speaking of the old football men we are very sorry to state that Wilson, Billy Wilson, will not be here for the baseball season. He will leave the University soon, but expects to return next fall.

The conference men of the "Big Nine" met not long ago and decided not to try and manage a schedule of games for the "Big Nine." This leaves a splendid opening for Nebraska to schedule some good games with the large colleges east of us.

Always heretofore we have had difficulty in securing games because all dates were taken up by the "Big Nine" schedule. Now that this is gone out it will make the question of games much easier for us.

In basket ball circles affairs are still progressing in a very gratifying way.

A series of games have been arranged for next Friday night, to be played in the gymnasium. The first team of the city Y. M. C. A. will be pitted against our first team, and a team organized from the business men's class from the Y. M. C. A. will play our faculty.

These will be open games and anyone is free to come, but about 500 invitations have been sent to University people and persons in the city who are interested in athletics but have never come in contact with basket ball. By giving these people invitations and requesting them as a favor, to be present, and then giving them a first class exhibition of the game, it is hoped that a little enthusiasm may be stirred up among them. People holding invitations will be able to get their seats reserved. Anyone else who cares to come is thoroughly welcome, but they can not secure reserved seats.
NEB-FIV-TUES

There was a rumor current yesterday that arrangements for a girls basket ball game with Minnesota had been perfected. As much as we should like to verify this rumor we are unable to do so, and affairs stand in the same uncertain way as they did before.

The Athletic Board met in regular session last night.

All absences to be made up in any department of physical education must be made up by Friday evening of this week if students are to receive credit for their work.

ART EXHIBIT CLOSSES.

Reception Held in Hall Last Saturday Evening.

The Art Exhibit was brought to a successful close Saturday night by a meeting of surpassing interest. A large crowd was in attendance and was addressed by President F. M. Hall, Professors Fling and Fossler, Miss Hayden, W. M. Maupin, and City School Superintendent Stephens. Mr. Hall's and Professor Fling's talks were devoted

largely to the discussion of the financial side of the exhibit. While not as encouraging financially as last year's display, the association cleared enough this year to purchase one picture.

Miss Hayden, Professor Fossler and Superintendent Stephens discoursed on the artistic success of the exhibit, and Mr. Maupin delighted the audience with readings from his own poems. With the announcement of the choice of pictures the meeting broke up.

"A Blue Haze," by Edward H. Barnard, of Belmont, Mass., was by far the most popular in general favor of the pictures which were understood to be for sale. Mr. Barnard's painting received 56 votes, while the next two favorites, "Morning, Cape Henlopen," by Wm. J. Richards of Boston, and "The Waning Day," by E. H. Potthast, of New York, were tied with 28 votes each. The prices of the first two paintings, were, however, beyond the means of the association at the present time, and a telegram was immediately sent to Mr. Potthast in reference to the purchase of "The Waning Day." This painting had been quoted at \$700, but the final price agreed upon was less than this. It is probable that the other two pictures will be disposed of to private individuals in Lincoln, as both were much admired.

The exhibit this year was undoubtedly the most successful, all things considered, of any in the history of the association, and met with hearty appreciation from all who had the pleasure of viewing it. As a result, the membership of the association has been considerably increased and the prospects for still greater results than have already rewarded its efforts are excellent.

Dramatic Club Plays.

Following is the dramatic personnel of the two plays to be given by the Dramatic club next Saturday evening:

"All in a Fog, or Who is Who."
(By Thomas J. Williams.)
Mr. Simonides Swanhopper (A model young Bachelor)..... J. W. Hoar
Lawrence Lavender (A Valet from Mayfair)..... Mr. John L. Clark
Mr. Bloomfield Brambleton (A Country Gentleman)..... Louis Lightner
Cleely (Brambleton's Daughter)..... Miss Vivian Lee
Matilda Jane (A Superior Housemaid)..... Miss Florence Sullivan
SUNBONNETTS.
Mrs. Butterfield..... Miss Scott
Charlina..... Miss Erford
Mrs. Du Bois..... Mrs. Lain
Mildren..... Miss Cooper
Miss Tryphena Sanford..... Miss Hawksby
Mrs. Pheelan..... Miss Davis
Mrs. Martin..... Miss Hazelwood
Mrs. Tibbetts..... Miss Johnson
Mrs. Pendleton..... Miss Sargent
Miss Malvina Spinney..... Miss McCune
Mrs. Crannon..... Miss Hannah
Head Cook..... Grace Roper

The plays will be given in the chapel and no admission will be charged. Everyone is invited.

English Club Meets.

The English club was pleasantly entertained by Miss Dorothy Green at her home, 2501 R street, last Saturday evening. A number of sketches by Miss Oliva Pound, and a story by J. W. Brown made up the program, after which refreshments were served. J. C. Linburg was elected president of the club, to succeed Miss Abba Bowen, resigned. The following additional officers were elected: Vice president, Miss Woodman; second vice president, Miss Koch; custodian of the jug, Mr. Pearson.

Chris' Bath Parlors, 11th and P Sts.

Restaurant Unique, 1228 O St.

Wright Drug Co., 117 No. 11th.

Box of cigars given away every day at Powell's, Oliver theatre building.

TWO MORE VIEWS

Final Communications Regarding The Hack Question.

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Editor Nebraskan: An old student may be pardoned should he take part in the proposed "hack discussion," which you invite in your last Thursday's issue.

Mark Twain was not joking when he said, "It costs a little more than you have to live in New York City."

Our beloved Calendar may inform one that the semestral expenses are \$125. No matter what the average is, nobody will admit he is an "average." And to attend the University costs just a little more than one's allowance, because one—everyone—in the Uni. is a "Climber." It is right that all should be so.

I know that I am safe when I say that there is no person attending the Uni. who can dazzle his fellow students by his display of money.

I recall two or three such meteors, but the swung from sight in several weeks. Absolutely no one is rich; few are well-to-do; all are "Climbers;" no one has arrived.

The evolution of our University social world is working that society slowly and carefully from its primitive and chaotic state. It is said that we, as a school, are greatly divided into cliques. True, but all our social divisions lack permanency of leadership. Some day there will be established relationships and until then the struggle will show itself in such ways and under such conditions as the present "hack" problem.

The college has been called the world in miniature. Yet it can never be justly considered in that way as long as the student receives money from home, and as long as he is young. After the Freshman year he becomes more or less blinded by the social whirl. It is more pretentious than anything he has known before. The desire to put the best foot forward is a leading one and it is right and eminently right. He may not "know exactly what to do," but generally it's a case of "the boy guessed right the very first time." Yet some places he runs amuck.

He has, say, ten dollars a month over necessary expenses. Let us call that a fair average. No one in Lincoln can make ten dollars do the work of twenty. It's more often a case of five. No man, under such circumstances, can afford a hack for strictly informal affairs. It's a mere mathematical proposition, a business proposition, even. Of course he can do it, but he can not hold the proper relation between his money and his enjoyment of it. I am strictly speaking of informal affairs.

Let him save two hack fares. He can then get two good seats at the Oliver. That is a just relation between the student's money and his enjoyment. Where is the girl that would not want to see things done the latter way? She simply can't have both. She may flunk. She can, but she can't. She does not go to the show for the simple reason that she went to the last informal in a hack.

While the social life of a community or an institution is in a comparatively lawless state, no one can do himself or his friends an injustice by failing to follow some momentary leader, as, for instance, the present hack fiend. Eastern schools have their social ways and conduct governed by strict laws. We are now making ours.

Before the hack for informal functions becomes a necessary adjunct to our University life, the student must have more money. The student can pay for it now, but he can not do so and hold the just relation between his money and the worth of it.

The girl who point blank demands a hack for an informal occasion must by all means wear evening dress. And

if she wants to wear evening gowns to informal affairs, why of course the man must get a hack. However, the girls understand how things are as well as the boys. It takes courage on both side to begin even a spasmodic reform. But it does not take near the courage now that it will should be allowed the custom to become fixed. Whatever the action taken the boys and girls will stand by each other. I have seen enough of life to know that that is true.

As I said at first we are living just beyond our means. I am not kicking. I would do the same thing again. But I would get the best enjoyment I could, and it wouldn't be spent in dollar lumps to ride four blocks.

FOXY GRANDPA.

It is conceded that a hack is a necessity when parties live a long distance from the place of the function, and the weather is very inclement; that it is indispensable both ways when there are no convenient street car facilities, and one way only when the function ends after the cars have stopped running. With these exceptions, the use of a hack is a "luxury," and what is said in this article applies only to the latter condition.

Three points of view embrace every phase of the problem. The effect on the boy, on the girl, and on University society. If it be demonstrated that the unrestricted use of hacks, is in all three cases harmful and objectionable, what right-minded, manly young man, or what right-minded, womanly young woman, will maintain or defend the custom?

What is the effect of the custom upon the boy? The one who can not afford the luxury has but one alternative, to "rob Peter to pay Paul," by living for some time on two meals, or scant lunches a day. This sacrifice of real necessities of life is wrong. It is especially injurious during college life for it is a drain upon the working powers of the student.

However the damage is but partially stated in terms of extravagance. Those who hire a hack for which they know they can not afford to pay are depressed with the consciousness of their extravagance. Those who have sufficient backbone to be honest with themselves and go without a hack, endure the stings and smarts of mortification and the innuendoes of comparison. In both cases the evening's pleasure is marred, and the hack custom becomes in effect a hold-up of social enjoyment. This is not a mere surmise, for a young man expressed himself to this very effect. He belonged to the large class who can not afford the hack. At one function he ordered the hack, at another he did not, and on both occasions he declared that his pleasure was materially diminished and impaired.

There is a third effect on some young men who try to keep up appearances; those who have too much appetite to balance accounts by sacrificing meals, and too little character to be strictly honest. Therefore laundry bills and room rents are unpaid, or to mention an extreme case, students' books disappear and are later found at a second hand book store.

Not all results are so immediate as those named, but the least noticeable are sometimes the most serious. During the period when the habits of life are being formed, the practice of spending for luxuries more than one can afford; of living beyond one's income; of sacrificing independence to ape the opulent few, is pernicious and dangerous.

Some weaken their working power by sacrificing physical necessities; some hire hacks at the cost of social pleasure; some take an immediate downward course even to the extent of petty larceny; all form habits of extravagance and dependence.

To the young man of ample means, if the expenditure be not extravagant, it at least sets a standard which conduces to extravagance. Furthermore if knowing the effect of example upon

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