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Editorial Remarks

The World-Herald attempts to explain the propositions that we submitted, and to the end tacks on the list of questions which has come to serve as the inseparable appendage of so many of its editorials. As to the explanations we really expected the World-Herald to do better. Following is the statement of that publication, embodying our propositions and the explanations it has to offer:

"The Daily Nebraskan, the interesting little publication that is recognized as the official organ of the state university, says:

"Let the World-Herald explain why it countenances the action of wealthy men who spend fortunes in gambling and betting on horse races and condemns the action of others who contribute to the cause of education. Let it explain why it does not oppose the acceptance of donations from Carnegie for the building of libraries when it does oppose the acceptance of contributions from another magnate for educational purposes. And let it make clear that the whole aim and object of its campaign has not unfolded itself into a bitter personal attack on Chancellor Andrews, and that it has not been more concerned in injuring him than in preventing the acceptance of the Rockefeller donation.

The World-Herald does not recall an instance of "men who spend fortunes in gambling and betting on horse races" offering to contribute to our public school system.

The World-Herald does oppose the acceptance of donations from Carnegie for the building of libraries. Every Carnegie library is a monument to a man who has obtained his enormous wealth through unjust laws.

An offer by either Rockefeller or Carnegie to contribute to our public school system, however, is somewhat different from the offer of either of these parties to erect a public library. The objections to these offers are somewhat similar, and yet there is the difference that we can better afford to have Carnegie or Rockefeller erect public libraries than we can to have either one of these men obtain a hold upon our public school system. It is unnecessary for the World-Herald to explain this point, for if the talented young gentleman who edits the state university organ has not had the wool pulled over his optics as completely as it has been pulled over the optics of his chancellor by the Rockefeller offer, he will understand the difference at a glance.

It is not true that the aim and object of the World-Herald's opposition to the Rockefeller offer is due to any desire to injure Chancellor Andrews. The World-Herald entertains no personal hostility for Chancellor Andrews.

In the first place the World-Herald states that it does not recall an instance of "men who spend fortunes in gambling and betting on horse races" offering to contribute to our public school system. Hence, we are given to understand that since these men have not offered to contribute to the public school system the World-Herald does not discountenance their actions. This is what we always maintained, and in-

stead of an explanation the World-Herald makes an admission.

It says that it does oppose the acceptance of donations from Carnegie for the building of public libraries. Yet it sees these donations accepted every day without uttering a word of protest. It further states that every Carnegie library is a monument to a man who has obtained his enormous wealth through unjust laws. Then if the libraries that Carnegie gives represents such an aggravated form of evil, why does the World-Herald ignore them entirely and concentrate its whole attention upon the Rockefeller gift, which is practically an analogous case from the point of view which it assumes? Its policy here is plainly inconsistent.

It may be true that an offer of either Rockefeller or Carnegie to contribute to our public school system is somewhat different from the offer of either of these parties to erect a public library, but this is a point that we never brought up. It is stated that we can better afford to have Carnegie or Rockefeller erect public libraries than we can have either one of these men obtain a hold upon our public school system. The World-Herald makes an assumption here. Has it ever shown that Rockefeller would be enabled to obtain a hold upon our public school system through the Temple building, and just what he would do with such a hold if he ever did obtain it? There is a touch of irrelevancy here, as the World-Herald bases its argument upon something that has never been shown to be true.

As for wool being pulled over our optics, we can only say that the World-Herald editor would not be willing to see a point of truth, even if his vision was unobstructed.

If the aim and object of the World-Herald's opposition to the Rockefeller offer is not due to a desire to injure Chancellor Andrews, then the reason for its bitter, personal attack upon him is too deep a mystery for us or anyone else to solve.

And it also says that it entertains no personal hostility for Chancellor Andrews. We had gained the impression that it did, since it outrageously misrepresented him when it was bound by all rules of honor to quote him correctly in the interview that he granted it, but if it insists we will give it the benefit of the doubt.

Once more, we are not the official organ of the State University, though we may be "recognized" as such. We represent the undergraduate body, although our field for gathering news includes the University as a whole and our alumni.

There is no responsibility resting upon us whereby we must explain the questions asked by the World-Herald. Being strictly a student publication we are responsible for our own attitude alone. Let that paper seek explanation from those from whom explanation is due. We stand ready to explain any of our own actions, but beyond that our responsibility does not extend.

To our best knowledge and belief the insinuations made in the World-Herald demands for explanations are fallacious. And if the respected editor of the Omaha World-Herald has not had the wool pulled over his optics as completely as he has sought to pull it over the optics of the people of the state, he will understand the truth of this point at a glance.

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