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## CHARTER DAY

University's Thirty-sixth Birthday Celebrated.

Events of Unusual Interest Are Well Attended.

Last night in Memorial hall the mid-winter commencement and exercises in commemoration of the late Chancellor Edmund B. Fairfield, LL. D., were held. The program was as follows:

Music, "March Bonadventure (Losey)"—The University band.  
Invocation—Rev. Harmon Bross, Chaplain of the day.  
Music, "He Watches Over Israel" (Mendelssohn)—University chorus.  
Biographical Address—Rev. Harmon Bross.

Charter Day Address, "Ideals in the New Higher Education"—Professor Henry H. Wilson.

Music—Adagio from Concerto in D Minor (Max Bruch)—Miss Silence Dales.

Conferring of Degrees.  
Music, "America"—By the audience.  
Benediction—The Chaplain.

The principal address of the evening was delivered by Prof. H. H. Wilson, upon "Ideals in the New Higher Education." After reviewing the history of the organization of the University since Feb. 15, 1867, the date on which the Charter was given, Prof. Wilson said in part:

"We have within the last half century changed, the aims and purposes of higher education. Fifty years ago higher education was denominational and the control of the universities was in the hands of the clergy. Higher education is today essentially secular. It has never been more religious than today if religion be devoted to higher ideals and if it be to inculcate altruism and inspire self-sacrificing service for the good of mankind.

The second ideal of our new education is its practicalization. Fifty years ago higher education was out of harmony with the life of practical people. The college bred man was isolated. Thousands of young men refused to enter college because their practical minds could find nothing there to interest them. The aim today is to make instruction offered as varied as the activities of our people. The student is now allowed to choose that for which he has taste and capacity.

"The last fifty years has also witnessed changes in the subject matter taught. Previous to this time English literature was taught by requiring the student to memorize dates of birth and death of authors. Too busy were they with these useless gymnastics of the memory that they had no time to taste the literature itself.

"Chemistry was taught without the laboratory. Today the student is brought into direct contact with the subject matter of their study. The methods of the school are the methods of the practical world.

"The older educational regime is largely responsible for the false notions of labor. The educated men were not expected to work. We now educate them in order that they may work more efficiently. The new education moreover dignifies work itself.

"The University of the future must stand for democracy in higher education. They will no longer reserve special honors for a particular course

of study simply because it is ancient. "The third idea which we should constantly aim at is nationalization of our education. Higher education should foster realization of our national greatness and opportunities. The systematic study of our language and of our institutions will do much to nationalize our education. If our higher education is to train the American citizen, among its chief subjects of instruction must be the English language and American institutions. Higher education inspires patriotism as shown by the large number of soldiers in the recent war that came from our universities. Grave responsibilities altered the entrance of our country as a world power. Our national character must be the product of the highest national education.

"The state universities largely stood sponsors at the birth of the new higher education. They are the brightest hope of a thoroughly secularized, practicalized and nationalized higher education."

### Athletic Events.

The Charter Day exercises held in the armory yesterday afternoon were very exciting and interesting to the large crowd assembled. Every event was hotly contested and in many cases records were in danger but none were broken.

At 2 p. m. the University Cadet Band furnished music after which the Pershing Rifles gave an exhibition drill. After a series of movements and drill in manual of arms, the men formed in a line for a "spell down."

The first event of the athletic contests was the first heat in the semi-finals of the twenty-five yard dash. This was won by Burruss with Bender a close second. The second heat was won by Knight with Reddick in second place. This put Burruss, Bender, Knight and Reddick in the finals which was won by Reddick with Knight second. The best time in this event was 32.5 seconds made in the finals.

The next event was the fence vault and the four men in this, Bowman, Copeland, Hagensick and Lucas, were very evenly matched. It finally narrowed down to Bowman and Hagensick. Both cleared six feet, six inches but failed at six, seven. On the toss up the event went to Hagensick. Lucas won third place. There were four men in the shot put, Weller, Morse, Hagensick and Hauser. Weller won, with Morse and Hagensick second and third respectively. Weller's best put was 43 feet 3 1/2 inches.

Burruss, Hagensick, Knight and Meyer entered in the running high jump. Meyer won, Hagensick second and Burruss third. Meyer's jump was 5 feet 9 inches, one inch from the University record.

The pole vault, with Hagensick, Morse and McDonald entered, was won by Morse, who cleared the bar at 10 feet 2 inches.

The next event, the rope climb, with Purcell, Pospisil and Williams entered, was won handily by Purcell, with Williams and Pospisil in the order named.

The high kick was won by Bowman, who kicked the disc to the height of 8 feet 7 inches. Wallace was second.

The last event and the one which aroused the most excitement was the inter-fraternity relay race. The four entries were Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Theta Chi. The first heat between the present holders of the pennant, Phi Kappa Psi, and Alpha Theta Chi resulted in a tie. The Sig Alpha through misfortune at the start lost ground which they could not recover, Delta Upsilon winning. Alpha Theta Chi won the extra heat to decide the tie and then easily defeated Delta Upsilon, and winning the relay championship.

The events were run off as rapidly as possible without a hitch. The officials were:

Judges—Graves, Allen and Hewitt.  
Time-keeper and scorer—Anderson.  
Announcer—Dr. Clapp.

## DR. HILL LECTURES

Old University Man Speaks to Large Audience.

Sigma Xi Gives Dinner in Honor of the Lecturer.

Dr. A. Ross Hill, Dean of the Teachers' College in the University of Missouri, formerly head of the Department of Philosophy in the University, delivered the annual address before the society of Sigma Xi in Memorial hall Tuesday evening. His subject was the "Psychology of the Scientist," and the speaker treated the scientist, his methods and results from the psychological point of view. The desire for knowledge he said, originates in practical needs, and the scientist, working along methodical lines, simply follows this instinctive desire. While theory must necessarily play an important part in scientific research, it is by no means the principal factor. The application of known principles constitutes a large part. The scientist develops the faculty of close observation and logical deduction. He works under an impulse to know and to learn. The great good in scientific education, said Dr. Hill, is the gathering together of actual facts, arranging them logically, and then drawing certain deductions.

After the lecture a dinner attended only by members of Sigma Xi was held at the Lincoln hotel in honor of Dr. Hill. Some twenty-seven members of the society were present at the affair.

### For New Building.

A bill was introduced into the House of Representatives Tuesday by Representative H. T. Clark of Douglas county providing for the appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for the erection of a new historical society building. Mr. Clark's father is president of the historical society and was one of Nebraska's pioneer settlers. The bill is H. R. number 274. The preamble of the bill gives a short history of what is now Hay Market Square, which was dedicated to the Historical Society by the legislature of 1869 and was subsequently conveyed in 1875 to the city of Lincoln for use as a market square. The preamble further states that the city of Lincoln has bargained for the present postoffice building for a city hall and that it is believed that public sentiment is in favor of the restoration of Market Square for the original purpose. An appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars to build a wing of a fire proof building is asked from the legislature, on the condition that the city of Lincoln will donate a site suitable for the erection of such a building. The friends of the bill have Hay Market Square in mind as the probable site for the erection of the building but some other place may be used as a store room for the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies.

Should the bill pass it will be quite a benefit to the University, as well as supplying more ample quarters for the Historical Society. It would give the room now occupied by the Society to the library which is badly in need of

room. It would also greatly improve the appearance of the square which is at present an "eyesore" to the University and the surrounding neighborhood.

### Panoramic Colorado.

An audience much smaller than the occasion deserved was present at the illustrated lecture on "Colorado, Past and Present," by Mr. Gilbert McClurg of Denver, Monday evening at Memorial hall. It was originally expected, as Dr. Ward announced in introducing the speaker, that Mrs. McClurg would deliver the first third of the evening's entertainment, "Prehistoric Colorado," and Mr. McClurg the remainder, on the industrial and political development of the centennial commonwealth. A bad cold, however, prevented the presence of Mrs. McClurg, and both parts were presented by Mr. McClurg. The prehistoric cliff-dwellers and pueblos, and the transitional Pueblo Indians and their occupations served as an introduction to a large and varied array of splendid slides portraying historical scenic and other interesting items of Colorado's past and present. The illustrations were thoroughly appreciated by the audience, and the only expression of regret heard was that so many of the students and townspeople had unwittingly missed so pleasant an evening. Mr. and Mrs. McClurg travel under the direction of the state of Colorado, but were brought before a University audience largely because of the scientific value of Mrs. McClurg's slides dealing with prehistoric Colorado.

### Y. W. C. A. Entertains.

Tuesday evening the Y. M. C. A. boys were pleasantly entertained by the girls of the Y. W. C. A. in Art hall. Hearts and verses were used in the amusements and the party was a genuine Valentine party. Prof. Hodgeman being well qualified by his "megaphone" voice acted as Master of Ceremonies. Mrs. Dr. Hindmen delivered a short address in which she praised the excellent work that is being accomplished through the co-operation of the two Christian organizations. Dean Ringer, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., responded in behalf of the Y. M. C. A., thanking the hostesses for their hospitality. All who were present testified to a most enjoyable evening.

### Addition to Program.

Another addition has been made to the Glee club concert program for tonight. Mr. A. C. Bates has been secured to give a number of his excellent selections. Last year on the out-of-town trip Mr. Bates' numbers were invariably encored. Tickets for the concert this evening have been selling well and a good house is assured. The club held its final rehearsal at the Oliver Tuesday evening.

We had a fire Sunday night. The water came down and slightly damaged some of our finest suits. The insurance agents have adjusted our loss. We want to move every garment and start a sale at just one-half price this morning.

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