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**Editorial Remarks**

The clipping from the Chicago-Tribune, printed in another column, has one bright side. It makes us feel here at Nebraska that we aren't so bad as we might be. And yet we aren't so good as we might be along graft lines, by a long way. By a wise choice of responsible men for the various positions of trust during the past few years graft in University has been growing less and less prevalent, until now, with one exception, there is practically none to speak of. But the social graft is just as strong as ever, and perhaps stronger. University social affairs still continue to be eagerly sought for, not for the honor which the management of such ought to carry with it and which honor ought to be well worth striving for, but only for the financial returns which these affairs usually bring. Now and then there is a bright and shining exception to the usual, and a dance will be given by men who put all they have into the affair and allow their patrons to get some adequate returns. But these exceptions occur only often enough to bring out in greater contrast the deplorable rule. While the men who benefit themselves at the expense of their fellow students are in a great measure to blame, yet the system which tolerates these grafters from year to year is at bottom at fault. Not one single class of University organizations has a moral right to give any one, two or three men the opportunity to graft themselves upon their schoolmates, and any organization so acting publishes itself as standing for graft and smirches the fairness of its name by permitting it to be used as an excuse for individual profit. To be chosen from a number of like aspirants as chairman or master of ceremonies of any University function should be reward enough for any truly loyal Nebraskan.

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**Graft Again.**

The Chicago Tribune has the following to say apropos to the graft evil at the University of Michigan:

"The students of the university are the objects of a widespread graft, according to a statement made today by a member of the "anti-graft" faculty committee. Students themselves, says Prof. G. W. Patterson, are mulcting their fellows out of large sums. Prof. Patterson said:

"One member of a certain committee wrote to the manufacturer of a commodity which his committee was to furnish the class. The letter is in possession of the faculty. He asks that the manufacturer give his lowest bid on the class souvenir. Then he asked the company to make another bid, considerably higher than the first, and to present it in formal business style, to be shown to the class.

"This boy's letter was a frank confession of double dealing. He says he wishes to buy the goods according to one contract, which is to be a secret between himself and the manufacturer, and to sell them according to the fictitious contract. He explains that the faculty is investigating student graft, and, that he needs the fake contract for protection.

"The manufacturer wrote that he did not do business on that basis. We have discovered since that this boy made a contract with another firm.

"Thus far this boy does not know the faculty is on his trail, for if he succeeded in securing two contracts every one has kept faith. The faculty would have no trouble in convincing nine men out of ten that dishonest methods were used to make money out of the class, but we must remain silent on this particular case, because we haven't the extra contract."

"Prof. Patterson adds that this is not the only instance of fraudulent con-

tracts at Michigan. He does not blame the boys. He says that the Michigan committee, headed by Prof. A. S. Whitney, has discovered firms which make a business, in order to secure trade, of tempting college boys with dishonest propositions.

"Michigan's 'anti-graft' committee began its work a year ago. This week it reorganized the Michiganensium, a student year book, from which profits of \$1,000 to \$4,000 annually were made by a coterie of less than half a dozen seniors. It has purchased the Michigan Daily, a student paper, has incorporated the Inlander, the college magazine in order better to supervise its finances, and has discovered that a gold mine of graft has existed in the Students' Lecture association.

"Up to this year, Prof. Patterson says, it was usually run by irresponsible students, who kept their accounts on manila paper, which was tossed into the waste basket.

"In past years the lecture association has ended the year as much as \$600 in debt, and the money has not always been paid. This year, under faculty supervision, the boys have paid \$1,000 more than usual for their talent, and at the end of the year had \$2,500 profits. The faculty's investigations into former transactions has resulted in expulsions."

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