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SECRETARY SHAW

DELIVERS ADDRESS ON VALUE OF SELF-RELIANCE.

Success Depends on Doing Everything Better Than It is Being Done—Prof. Webster Speaks.

Leslie M. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury, and Prof. W. C. Webster occupied the convocation period yesterday morning. A large crowd listened to them. The chapel was crowded even to the galleries, many being present from the city.

Prof. Webster, who comes from the University of New York, spoke first and took as his topic, "Commercial Education." He mentioned the change that was gradually coming about, laying more and more importance as it came on commercial education. Two hundred colleges and universities and more than 8,000 high schools and academies today offer instruction along commercial lines. They offer courses in commercial geography, history of commerce and industries, business forms and methods, banking and insurance. This formerly was not the case and the speaker justified the change by referring to the scientific basis of education, saying that the end and aim of all education was to prepare for life. Education must keep pace with life. Changes in the one must be made to correspond with the changes in the other. This is an age of industry and commercialism. The last twenty years have brought great changes in business methods. The old education is inadequate to prepare one for life. A new must be introduced.

The speaker next raised the question, "Is a business education possible?" Some business men, and a good many of them educated, say it is not. But investigation shows that these men are men who condemn university education of all kinds. The great majority say that business education is not only possible but highly desirable. First, because it was necessary for the individual to have a business education, before he selected his life's work. It enabled him to select more wisely and more intelligently.

Second, because a business education enabled an apprentice to learn faster than he otherwise could have learned. While it can not teach him the details of business, cannot make of him a business genius, cannot endow him with executive ability, it can give him an idea of business principles and methods, and these when once acquired by education will narrow the field of experience and make promotion more rapid.

A business education is necessary in the third place because by it a greater efficiency, a higher standard of work may be reached. Life today is a complex matter and it is the educated farmers, merchants, mechanics and manufacturers who become captains of industry.

Another reason for the support of a business education is, that it dignified business itself. The speaker referred to the fact that a great many are taught or rather prevailed upon to enter the professions simply because it is thought that business is not dig-

Faculty Foolishness

THIRD ANNUAL APPEARANCE

Nebraska Field, Thursday, October 26th

2:30 p. m.

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nified enough. This condition is all the more deplorable because so many are utterly unfit for a professional life while they might be successful in business if given a business training.

The last argument the speaker used in defense of his statement was that our position among the powers of the world depended on our business methods. In the history of the world those nations have been most successful in obtaining and retaining a supremacy which have taught the best business methods. Venice, during the middle ages, was most successful because of the careful preparation of her merchants. Germany is in the front ranks of the world's markets because of her training system for merchants.

Prof. Webster had finished his remarks before the second speaker, Sec. Shaw, had arrived. Upon repeated calls from the audience Chancellor Andrews arose and spoke of the attraction our system of government had to the foreigner. Meanwhile, Secretary Shaw came and was introduced by the Chancellor.

Secretary Shaw, in his opening remarks told a number of stories which served to illustrate the fear and awe with which he used to look upon government officials.

His main contention throughout his entire speech was a plea for higher standards. Many a young man, he said, often came to him with the question, "What had I better do?" To which he usually replied, "I don't care what you do. It matters little what you do, provided you do it better than it has ever been done before."

Many a man thinks he has been born in an unfortunate period. Government claims are all taken. Every town has more attorneys than can make a living. More applicants than are positions for teachers. Doctors to burn and the stores of merchants are being closed by the sheriffs. Every position is filled and the only chance of success for the man of today is carry forward a higher standard. Many of those claims are not being worked well

and ought to be jumped. The attorney must make room for the lawyer, the doctor for the physician. There are too many pedagogues; too few teachers. A good many practicing attorneys are not able to try their cases any better today than they did twenty years ago. A good many more can't try them so well today as they did twenty years ago.

What the American youth most need is self-reliance; not self-conceit, but self-reliance.

The chapel period was prolonged into the next recitation period.

Juniors Attention.

About three weeks time has elapsed since I posted the first bulletin and inserted the first notice in the Nebraskan calling for Junior football men to report for practice at 11 a. m. daily. The average attendance at practice has been about two, while one day it reached the high mark of four.

Just what the cause of this lack of interest is, I am unable to say. Bulletins have been posted repeatedly but with apparently no effect. The same lack of spirit in class football seems to dominate all of the classes. No man in the class has his position "clinched" and I shall use my utmost influence to see that no man in the class makes the team unless he reports for practice.

The fact that the other classes are not practicing is no reason that we should not. It is only to our advantage instead of being an excuse for our remaining inactive. The ball is on the field each morning and every Junior who can should be there. Let everyone who expects to try for the team be out Monday, Oct. 30.

Men, I ask you, again, to get out.
HERBERT G. MYERS,
Manager.

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FIRST DANCE OF THE SEASON

FRATERNITY HALL,

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WALT'S FULL ORCHESTRA

TICKETS \$1.50

FACULTY CIRCUS

OCCURS THIS AFTERNOON ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

Third Annual Faculty Foolishness—Students to Have Chance to Get Back at Professors Today.

This afternoon the third exhibition by the professors of the University will hold the attention of the entire college, and from noon until sundown nothing else will have any attraction for the students of Nebraska. This annual event has attained a great reputation here, and the performance this afternoon is bound to come up to the expectations of the most optimistic. For the past month the members of the faculty have been disappearing each afternoon in order to practice their stunts where the students can not embarrass them, and this afternoon they will show the world what they can do in the athletic games mapped out for them. Nominally, this performance is for the benefit of the College Settlement, a most laudable object, but the real purpose which is behind the majority of the performers is a desire to show the youthful Freshmen and the sage Senior that their professors are not only superior in mental development, but in athletic prowess also.

A most remarkable program has been arranged, and if the committee in charge is able to pull off all the events, it will be a great surprise. Instead of the usual Rugby football game, a contest has been arranged between the Faculty and the Seniors in a game of Association football. As there has always been a suspicion that one of the teams in former years was always bribed to lose, this innovation will be received with favor by all, for every old student knows how every Senior hates every professor, and would rather make a compromise with the Evil One than with a member of the Faculty. The only thing which causes some to frown upon the Senior-Faculty struggle, is the fear that the viciousness of the contestants will lead to fatal results. A number of doctors will be in attendance, however. (Continued on page 3.)

Girls' Glee Club.

The try-outs for positions on the Girls' Glee Club will begin this evening, and will continue until the members are finally chosen. All girls who have registered for the course will assemble in U 106 at 7:30 this evening, and will be heard by Mrs. Raymond and Mr. Kirkpatrick, who are to do the choosing. Although the Girls' Glee Club is a new idea at Nebraska, the co-eds seem to be heartily in favor of it, and a large number have signified their intention to try-out for places. While the club will not take as long a trip as the men's club, still they are to take part in the Home Concert, and if that is financially successful, will be given a trip through the state. Even if this falls through, the time put in on the club will not be wasted, for the members will not only get valuable training, but will receive one hour credit each semester, also.