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The Y. M. C. A. election last night was an example of what can be done when the men go to a meeting where any election is to be held without previously having pledged to vote for any man or men. The men selected last night were the choice simply because they are the best men for the different places without regard to any affiliations they might have. The election of Mr. Jorgensen meets with the approbation of every student in the University. "Jorgy," although he has been in school but a little over a semester, is one of the most popular men in school, and is very deserving of the honor that the men have seen fit to thrust upon him.

Not desiring to prolong the "cuspidor" question, which seems to have stirred up more or less comment among the students of the University, we think it only just to all concerned to say a word or two in reply to the article published in yesterday's Nebraskan by Mr. O'Gara, who has taken it upon himself to defend the law students.

We are glad to confess that in our report of the purchase of the cuspidors we were in error when we stated that the same articles of furniture had been placed on the third floor of University Hall. Upon further investigation we find that they were to be placed in the law library and lecture room, instead of in the halls. This fact will tend to clear the academic students who frequent the third floor of any connection with the unfortunate custom. Had they been placed in the halls, as reported in our paper, Mr. O'Gara would have been perfectly correct in his statement that the academic students must contribute their share, but since this is not the case and the spittoons have been purchased exclusively for the law department, it is natural to infer that that place was where they were needed.

The statement made by our correspondent that he has not been able to find a single cuspidor does not alter the case in the least. Our report stated that "two dozen spittoons had been purchased for the law school," and to this statement we will not allow any exceptions. Whether the authorities have had time to place them where

needed or not has no bearing on the question at hand. That they have been purchased, and for the law school is beyond discussion, as it is a fact.

When Mr. O'Gara states that a member of The Nebraskan staff called the law students "rough necks," he is again in error. That statement was made by a party who just happened to be in The Nebraskan office at the time, and who is not a member of our staff.

In trying to divert attention from the real question at hand, our worthy correspondent ~~points~~ to the south walk of the campus and asks us to see who are the real tobacco users of the University. We have no desire to defend the practice which some of the students indulge in during chapel hour, of hanging around the fence gates, smoking, chewing and expectorating, but we fail to see that this fact excuses the practice in any other place. Even granting that these practices are a disgrace to the University, does this fact make it any more decent for the same custom to prevail in a lecture room or library?

Two wrongs do not make one right, and if the two offenses were plotted on co-ordinate paper and compared with each other, we believe that the men who take the trouble to step outside the University grounds and do their expectorating where the elements of the weather will have a chance to wash away sins are a bit higher up the scale as men than those who deem it too much trouble to wait until after class is over, but content themselves with ruminating a sweet morsel during an interesting lecture and breaking the monotony occasionally by firing at a radiator or knot hole, or if none is handy, at any old thing that happens to be far enough away for good range practice.


We do not wish to reflect on the students in the law school or on any member of that department.

We further believe that the greater number of men in the law school are perfect and well-behaved gentlemen and are in no way connected with this filthy abuse of decency, but the fact remains that cuspidors were purchased for the law library and lecture rooms, and we believe the authorities knew why they were purchasing them and where they belonged. In the case at hand, people are bound to judge by appearances, and if the trouble has been caused by only one or two men, so-called, it is unfortunate that the remaining "sheep" must be blamed for the actions of the "goats." Appearances were such as to necessitate the purchase of the articles in question and we have no desire to go into the problem and find out who are the guilty offenders. We would suggest that the "sheep" in the law school go after the problem and instead of trying to defend the necessity of having spittoons in their department and of finding other offenders in the University, they put their shoulder to the wheel and do a little "internal" roasting and root out the offending "goats."

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