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## IS NEW DEVELOPMENT

DEAN FORDYCE SPEAKS ON THE TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

SAYS IT IS WORTHY OF PLACE

Declares That a Combination of Academic Knowledge and Technical Skill Are Necessary for Successful Teacher.

At convocation yesterday, Dean Fordyce of the Teachers' College spoke of the work and aims of his department. His talk was a clear and interesting discussion of the development of teaching as a technical profession and of its place in university education. He spoke in part as follows:

"At no time in the annals of history has there been such a wide-spread interest in the scientific study of education as during the last half a century. This period has been marked by a constant wrangle between the conservative elements upon the one hand, and the devotee of reform upon the other. And educational progress has been measured by the degree in which the enlightened reformer has proved victor over the paralyzing influences of blind conservatism.

"In this movement three events deserve consideration: First, the inauguration of the normal school; second, the establishment of the university department of education; and third, the advent of the teachers' college.

### First Normal School.

"The first normal school was established in Massachusetts about a half a century ago, and was instituted for the express purpose of training elementary teachers. The real function of the normal school is the training of elementary teachers, but it has been thwarted from its original design by being compelled to take into the same classes candidates for elementary work, grammar school work and high school work, as well as supervisors and county superintendents. Our normal schools, limited as they are in number, ought not to be forced out of their legitimate line of work.

### Authorities Are Backward.

"University authorities have been slow to come into a realization of their responsibility in the matter of the preparation of teachers. Many college men have evidently held that the profession of teaching is the only one in which technical training is unnecessary. They seem to think that a college graduate can by some mysterious process, be suddenly transformed from a learner to an instructor, by emerging from the classic halls of the university and taking a place behind the teacher's desk. That university students may have the opportunity to give some special preparation for the important work of instructor, courses devoted exclusively to the science and art of education should find a place in the curriculum. The science of education can be profitably studied by all who aspire to general culture.

### Michigan Gets Honor.

"The honor of establishing the first permanent chair of education belongs to the University of Michigan. In 1879 President James B. Angel, of Michigan University, induced his board of regents to establish a chair for the purpose of fitting university students for the higher positions in the public school service, and to give a more perfect unity to the state educational system, by bringing the secondary schools into closer relation to the university. This gave birth to the most important movement in this country for the professional training of the secondary teacher.

"The excellent example of Michigan has stimulated other universities to provide similar facilities for the study of education. In response to the call for still more and better training, to-

gether with technical culture, the third and most efficient agency for the equipment of the teacher has appeared in the form of the teachers' college—the first and foremost of which was established about ten years ago in connection with Columbia University. This college has put education on a sound basis and has raised the department of education to the dignity of a college, ranking with those of law and medicine.

### Practice Schools Important.

"The close relationship of the teachers' college with the arts college is one enjoyed by no other professional school. Indeed, three-fourths of the culture of the teacher must be in the academic college, and the remaining fourth only is of a technical nature.

"The half dozen teachers' colleges established in this country have organized as an organic part of their system, practice schools where the student may not only study the most exemplary methods of teaching, but where he may actually plan and teach a series of lessons. The most defective point in departments of education, is the absence of this feature. The only rational plan is to maintain in connection with the university a model school that will yield itself as a field for experimentation. The training school is to the prospective teacher what the hospital post is to the intending physician.

### Technical Training Necessary.

"Academic knowledge alone, however profound, will not make a teacher, nor can technical skill, unless it rests upon the solid foundation of liberal culture. The teachers' college aims to furnish both. This institution foreshadows better things for education in America. At the close of the year 1907, there were in this country six teachers' colleges located at the following universities: Columbia, Chicago, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, and Syracuse. At the opening of the present year, the regents of the University of Nebraska added to this list a seventh school which, with the hearty co-operation of faculty and students, will develop into a teachers' college worthy of a place in the great institution of which it is to form a part."

## DR. POWERS TO TALK ON ART.

Three Addresses To Be Delivered by Boston Critic.

Dr. Powers of Boston, the art lecturer whose addresses in Lincoln were the subject of much favorable comment last winter, will again appear before university students and citizens of Lincoln in a series of four lectures on art.

Arrangements have been completed whereby Dr. Powers will speak at the Temple, November 9, 10 and 11 under the auspices of the Nebraska Art association. Last year Dr. Powers' addresses under the same direction were acknowledged to be truly excellent in their elegant expression of artistic principles. Dr. Powers journeys for a part of each year in Europe inspecting the treasures of the old world galleries. During the rest of his time he tours this country, delivering lectures at many of the principal universities and cities.

As was the custom last year, the receipts from the lectures, above actual expenses, will be devoted to the purchase of additional pictures for the collection of the Nebraska association in the university art gallery. The subjects will be "The Art of the Pharaohs," "Art in the Home," "Athens, the Shrine of Culture," and "Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic." The evening lectures will be illustrated by stereopticon views and the afternoon by household decorations loaned for the occasion. The lectures will be less technical than were those of last winter. Season tickets for the four lectures are on sale with reserved seat privilege at Harry Porter's.

## PRACTICE AT THE FARM

SQUAD ENJOYS A GOOD WORK-OUT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

'VARSITY STRONG ON DEFENSE

Regulars Lined Up Last Night Against Coach Elliott's Freshman Squad for a Ten Minutes of Stiff Scrimmage Work.

The football squad all went out to the state farm yesterday afternoon and they had the most satisfactory work-out which they have enjoyed for a long time. Over forty men reported for practice and the football field at the farm looked much as it used to in the early season before the weeding-out process began. It is very encouraging to the coach to see the men turn out regularly since the task of turning out a winning varsity team is practically impossible without plenty of strong opposition. Moreover, "King" Cole is looking farther ahead than the present. He has in mind Nebraska's welfare for next season and years following that, as well as her welfare at the present moment.

With a big squad of freshmen "King" Cole can devote personal attention to their work and so not only develop good material with which to oppose the varsity squad but also be moulding players who will make strong varsity men next year. The Cornhuskers will suffer severely this season by losing star players, so that next year's team will have to come largely from this year's scrubs and freshmen. As a consequence it is only reasonable for the coach to expect the scrubs and freshmen to be as regular at practice as are the varsity men themselves, since by so doing they are helping themselves and the chances for next year's team, in addition to making it possible for the coach to keep up a team this year which will be a landmark in Nebraska's football history.

### Freshmen in Scrimmage.

After running signals awhile Coach Cole lined the freshman squad up against the varsity for some scrimmage work. The freshmen were given the ball and on the first play fumbled, but recovered with no gain. On the next play Gibson, right half on the freshmen, went through the line for three yards and Ewing, left guard on the varsity, was hurt, but resumed play. A forward pass yielded no gain but the freshmen still were allowed to carry the ball.

The freshmen failed to gain on a line buck, a forward pass failed to make any distance and on the next play, an attempted end run, Gibson was tackled for a loss.

On the first down for the varsity they fumbled but recovered. Birkner circled left end for twenty yards and Sturtznegger added ten around right end. Temple hit the line for a 10-yard gain and Harvey made five through right tackle but the play was not allowed on account of an illegal formation and the varsity was penalized fifteen yards. On the next down a forward pass was attempted but it hit the ground and the varsity was penalized fifteen yards again. Birkner made ten yards on a fake punt and on the next play an on-side kick out of bounds gave the ball to the freshmen.

On the first down Musser made five yards through center and Farley, left half for the freshmen, followed with four through right guard. On the next play the freshmen fumbled but Tigh recovered. A forward pass was unsuccessful and the varsity took the ball. Temple made twelve yards through

left guard and Elliott, from right tackle, went over the remaining distance for a touchdown. Harvey kicked goal.

### The Varsity's Defense.

After this the coach drilled the varsity for some time in punt and short kick formations and also in special forms of defense for short kicks. "King" Cole has displayed great skill in devising defensive formations this year. The new defense which he prepared for the Minnesota game was very successful and its value is shown by the manner in which the gophers failed to work the forward pass. The defense which Coach Cole had developed was simply too strong for it and Nebraska's good showing is believed by many to be due to this one feature—the ingenious defense which "King" Cole had hammered into his pupils.

## SEM. BOT. AS ROOTING SQUAD.

Scientific Students Will Shout at the Teachers' Banquet.

The Nebraska botanical seminar will carry out a unique stunt at the banquet of Nebraska teachers the evening of November 4.

The banquet includes Nebraska teachers and college students to the number of a thousand. This number will be seated at the tables on the main floor. Others will be placed in the galleries where they can readily hear the speakers.

The members of the university seminar, will have a conspicuous place and the organization will act as an organized rooting squad. The club has several new yells which it desires to offer for public approval and it avows its object for the evening to be the creation of the maximum amount of noise possible.

At the banquet there will be present in addition to numerous prominent educators Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan and Governor and Mrs. Sheldon. Mr. Bryan will on that evening be either president-elect of the United States or merely a private citizen. In any case it will be his first public appearance after the election.

## ANCIENT LANGUAGES NOT DEAD.

Professor Barbour Points Out Their Value to Scientists.

At a recent session of his geology class, Professor E. H. Barbour undertook by a brief discourse to show the importance to the scientific student of the so-called dead languages, especially Greek. He declared that prejudice toward the study of dead languages should be a thing of the past, particularly in consideration of the fact that our own language is made up to so large an extent of these old tongues.

Beginning at the word "sycamore" in Webster's unabridged dictionary Professor Barbour counted three hundred out of 350 consecutive words that are straight out and out Greek. One single word in use at the present time, "sycamore," is not of Greek origin. One other English word is nearly obsolete. Nine words have been obsolete since the days of Chaucer; seventeen are of doubtful origin; and thirty are of Latin.

### University Y. W. C. A. Notes.

The play that was to have been given by the Y. W. C. A. members on Saturday of this week has been indefinitely postponed. Instead an old fashioned "gym" party will be given on November 6, in the armory.

Miss Barnard, of New York city, national literature secretary for the Y. W. C. A. lead the noon meeting last Thursday.

The Y. W. C. A. girls are planning an informal "at home" for the visiting teachers on Thursday of next week, in the association rooms.

The girls who attended the annual state Y. W. C. A. convention at Grand Island last week report a very enthusiastic and helpful convention, with over a hundred and twenty delegates in attendance.

## FRAT ATHLETIC BOARD

DISCUSS IMPORTANT PLANS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

INDOOR MEET ON JANUARY 30

Inter-Fraternity Athletic Board Met Yesterday and Proposed Some New Plans—Will Inaugurate Basketball.

The inter-fraternity athletic board met yesterday morning in Dr. Clapp's office and discussed important plans for the year.

Perhaps the most important plan which was brought before the meeting was that the fraternities should have an indoor meet some time during the latter part of January, and that the non-fraternity men should also have a similar meet at about the same time, and that the winners of the events in each of these two meets would qualify to enter in the Charter Day events on February 15. This idea meets with the hearty approval of Dr. Clapp and also of nearly every man, either fraternity or "barb," whose attention has been called to it. If adopted, which no doubt it will be, the system will unquestionably be of great value to the school since it will create a wide-spread interest in indoor track work and consequently a large amount of material for the varsity teams, both indoor and outdoor, may be developed.

### Importance of Indoor Work.

This, of course, is the primary reason why Dr. Clapp is so earnestly in favor of such an arrangement. At a school of the size, importance, and prominence of Nebraska, an abundance of good material for the track team is bound to exist. The difficulty lies in uncovering this material and Dr. Clapp believes that the proposed plan is the most effective means of accomplishing this.

The inter-fraternity board selected Saturday evening, January 30, as the date for their meet. It will probably be held in Memorial hall, although this was not definitely settled. A committee was appointed to see about the advisability of holding the meet at the city auditorium where a larger floor for the events as well as a larger seating capacity would be available.

### To Control All Inter-Frat Games.

It is the intention of the fraternities this year to allow all inter-fraternity athletics to be held under the control of this board. Last year the board was not organized early enough to control inter-fraternity baseball, but this year, in order to expediate matters both the inter-frat baseball and the indoor meet will be managed by this board.

Inter-fraternity basketball was also heartily advocated at the meeting and this new form of inter-frat athletics will very probably be arranged for. Dwight Bell, Davis and Halligan were appointed as a committee to investigate the feasibility of inaugurating this idea. A committee of three, Halligan, Campbell, and Davis, were appointed to take care of the inter-frat baseball question, while McDonald, Campbell, and Ewing were appointed as a committee to prepare a list of events for the indoor meet which list will be submitted to the board at its next meeting.

The board will meet again on Thursday, November 5th.

Miss Frances L. Long, a former university student, is now located at Albert Lea, Minnesota. Miss Harriet Long, also an alumna of Nebraska, is attending the library school at Albany, N. Y.

Professor Aylesworth of the political science department of the university, has been given the degree of master of arts by Wisconsin University. Professor Aylesworth spent last summer in study at the University of Wisconsin.