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STRICTER REQUIREMENTS.

It is interesting to note that while many of the best universities in the country are raising their standard of entrance requirement that the instructors at Nebraska are not blind to the necessity of an academic training for a high quality of work in the special colleges, and are making greater demands for the preliminary training of the students. For several years the requirements for admission to many of Nebraska's sister state institutions have been more exacting than those at Nebraska and a higher value has been placed on the education of the graduates from those schools. It is an undeniable fact that two or three years' academic training better fits a student to increase the quality of his special work, whether that be law or medicine.

Dean George P. Costigan of the Nebraska law college has seen the necessity of raising the admission requirements to the law department of this university if its place among the law schools of the country is to be maintained. He clearly sees that the lawyer with a thorough academic training is worth much more to the community and to himself than the three-year law college graduate who has denied himself the preliminary

University Bulletin

January.

Friday, 8—Junior hop at Fraternity Hall.

Saturday, 9—Sophomore hop at Lincoln Hotel.

Friday, 15—Non-Com Hop at Fraternity Hall.

Meeting of the Graduate Club.

Saturday, 16—Ames basketball game. Informal dance 8 p. m.

Friday, 22—Senior prom at Lincoln Hotel Annex.

Drake basketball game 8 p. m.

Saturday, 23—Drake basketball game. Informal dance 8 p. m.

Friday, 29—Sophomore Informal at Fraternity Hall.

Kansas basketball game 8 p. m.

Saturday, 30—Kansas basketball game 8 p. m. Informal dance.

February.

Monday, 1—Missouri basketball game 8 p. m.

Friday, 5—Junior Prom at Lincoln Hotel.

Friday, 19—Minnesota basketball game 8 p. m.

Saturday, 20—Minnesota basketball game. Informal dance 8 p. m.

Nebraska law college requirements be increased to one year of college work. His report reads in part as follows:

"It is believed that the time has come for raising still further the entrance requirements of the college of law. Our feeling, constantly being strengthened, has been that the quality of our work can be increased only by requiring a better preliminary education on the part of our students, some of whom each year of their own accord leave us to take college work before completing their law course. The requirements for admission to the college of law now call for the four years' high school course, but in my judgment they should be increased to one year of college work to take effect two or three years in the future. That this recommendation is in line with the development of other law schools is apparent from the fact that Illinois, Minnesota, Texas and Washington state universities have taken action, to go into effect in 1909 or 1910, which will require the equivalent of one year in college for their law degree. The faculty of the University of Michigan has also unanimously recommended such action. It is now before the board of regents for consideration.

HELD LARGE MEETING

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

ADDRESS OF DR. C. E. BESSEY

Head of Nebraska Botanical Department Delivered One of the Principal Addresses Before the Plant Section.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science met December 8, 1908, to January 4, 1909, in Baltimore, Md., professors of the University of Nebraska were in attendance at the sessions of the association and one of the principal addresses made before the botanical section was that of Dr. Charles E. Bessey as retiring president of that division of the society.

Probably 2,000 of the 6,000 members of the association were present at the meeting in Baltimore. The leading members of all scientific professions attended and their presence aided in making the sessions notable. This year marked the sixtieth anniversary of the first meeting of the society which has ever since its organization been a potent factor in the scientific progress of the country.

In addressing the botanists, Dr. Bessey took a radical stand on certain points of question in regard to the proper classification of plants. His address was considered to be most striking from a scientific point of view and was of interest to all of the 150 botanists in attendance.

Dr. Bessey's Address.

Speaking on the topic, "The Phyletic Idea in Taxonomy," Dr. Bessey argued that since all botanists are evolutionists they should recognize this principle in their classification of plants. No botanist now considers a species to be a separate or special creation, but rather a more or less distinguishable variation from some other form. With a practical agreement among botanists it needs no extended argument to show that a natural classification must be an expression of a theory of evolution. Several theories as to the relationship and classification of plants were criticized for their failure to take practical cognizance of the doctrines of evolution. It was further urged that no theory of classification should stand in its entirety after the theory of evolution upon which it is based has experienced any

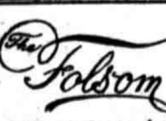


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At The Play Houses

The Majestic.
 Manager Gorman of the Majestic surely picked a bunch of stellar attractions when he selected this week's bill for the Majestic. He has secured, without doubt, the best line of acts that has been presented at the vaudeville house this season. All of the program made a hit with the first-nighters at the performance last evening and the actors were the recipients of more applause than any performers have received at the Majestic for many a week.

George Hillman and his eight Redpath Napanees, were listed as the headliners, but they were compelled to share first honors with Mr. and Mrs. McGreevey, musical entertainers. The Redpath actors presented an extremely funny act called "Fun in a School Room." It was funny, too. The act was made very pleasing by the presence of a pretty girl in the chorus, who made a hit with the audience.

An automobile stunt by Lavine and Leonard made the Lincoln owners of autos who were present last night hold their sides with laughter. It is a vehicle that is an extraordinary entertainer.

Other good numbers on the bill are Homer Lind and company, in "The Opera Singer," Fritz Houston, cartoonist; The Great Kinker, contortionist; and Julian and Ryer, "In Stunts and Bumps."

The Lyric.
 "Dolly Primrose" is the offering at the Lyric. It is as popular as the play of last week.

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university training. Dean Costigan sets forth his views on the subject of high entrance standards in his annual report to the chancellor and board of regents, which is printed in the nineteenth biennial report of the board of regents to the governor of the state. In his annual statement Dean Costigan recommends that the

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"The experience of these schools goes to show that an increase in entrance requirements has only a temporary effect on law school attendance."

Much credit is due Ellis Rail of the class of '08 for the splendid showing of the Nebraska stock judging team at the International Stock Exposition, Chicago. Mr. Rail, who was a member of the winning I. S. C. team of two years ago, coached the Nebraska men this year. Hitherto Nebraska has been practically unheard of in the realms of stock judging.—I. S. C. Student.

A law junior at Nebraska has won a grand piano in a dot-counting contest. Too many holidays it may be supposed. The Missouri mules have been compelled to turn to war or athletics to occupy their time.—Missouri Independent.

Some "frat" men at Nebraska have banded themselves together to knock the word "muh" out of the English language. "Muh" has never been in the English language "as she is spoke" in Missouri.—Missouri Independent.

A five dollar prize is announced for the best book plate offered for Shevlin hall at Minnesota.

modification. The two must be changed simultaneously, for they are parts of a common system.

Fifteen Principles.

The principal features of the theory of evolution so far as they bear upon taxonomy were enumerated in fifteen "dicta," some of which are as follows:

Lower plants came into existence first; higher plants sprang from the lower; higher plants are more complex than the lower; evolution is not always upward, but often involves degeneration and degeneration; retrogression once set in usually persists, and is not followed by a progression; all plant relationships are genetic; plants are related up and down the genetic lines, etc.

After briefly describing the great groups (phyla) into which plants may be classified, beginning with the simplest slime-algae and ending with the flowering plants, Dr. Bessey discussed the origin of the latter from the cycads, and held that buttercups, roses and similar plants must have been the earliest types, contrary to the prevailing view that the apetalous families are primitive. From the buttercup type there sprang three diverging lines, one running through lilies and irises and culminating in the orchids; another running through pinks, primroses and phloxes and culminating in

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