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NEW MAIN BUILDING

MAY START CONSTRUCTION OF A BIG EDIFICE SOON.

IN PLACE OF UNIVERSITY HALL

Removal of Old Building Depends on Action of Nebraska Legislature in Granting Appropriations at This Session.

Whether a start shall be made within the next two years towards the construction of a new main university building to take the place of the present antiquated structure known as University hall will rest with the thirty-first Nebraska legislature, which has just begun its sessions.

In recommending the expenditure of \$350,000 for the extension and improvement of the university in addition to the amount needed for ordinary maintenance, the regents mention the beginning of a new central hall as one of the things under consideration. The matter is treated very sparingly in the report of the regents to the governor and legislature. In a single paragraph following the announcement of the need of the sum mentioned, the regents enumerate six improvements which they have under consideration. "Beginning the construction of a large central building on the city campus" is one of the six additions desired.

Mill Tax Insufficient.

With the growth of the university the fund derived by the one mill levy under the state tax law is becoming less and less efficient in providing for the needs of the state institution. According to careful estimates the entire fund of the next two years will be needed for the ordinary expenses of maintenance, nothing being left for new buildings, extensions, and the like. In the report the regents state the situation as follows:

"Two years ago it was pointed out that the whole of the one mill tax fund must soon be applied only to salaries, current expenses, and special facilities for instruction, apparatus, books, machinery, and the like. Each year of progress but emphasizes the fact. Two hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars annually must now be applied to salaries. That means \$510,000 for the biennium. One hundred and eighty-four thousand dollars is necessary for running expenses. Thirty-five thousand dollars will be needed to equip in part the engineering departments to be housed in the building now in process of construction. Those sums aggregating \$729,000. Of the estimated resources for the next biennium, nothing remains available for other purposes.

For New Extensions.

"There is at this time urgent need for at least \$350,000 for buildings and other permanent improvements. Among the many necessities considered by the board from time to time during the past biennium are the following:

1. Additional land adjoining both the city campus and the university farm for building sites, drill grounds, and right of way for a railroad switch at the farm.
 2. Beginning the construction of a large central building on the city campus.
 3. A plant industry building on the university campus.
 4. An additional wing or part of the museum building.
 5. An addition to the chemical laboratory building.
 6. Construction of a railroad switch with track scales and cattle chutes on the university farm; an improvement of the water supply thereon.
- Practically all of these things are greatly needed by the various depart-

ments of the university. The construction of a new main building would in particular meet with the desires of university alumni and students. The present building, erected in 1869-1871, is not only inadequate for its purposes but it is a poorly-lighted, poorly-ventilated structure, and one which might be turned into a veritable fire-trap in case a conflagration once attained a respectable start or a panic resulted among the students. The narrow halls on the lower floor can easily be imagined the scene of a struggling, madly-fighting jam of panic-stricken humanity in case the four hundred students in the building at some hours of the day should ever before fearful of the loss of life by fire.

From the standpoint of safety alone, then, the construction of a new building would be a most excellent move, according to the expressed opinion of graduates and students. Others have mentioned the additional fact of the prestige which Nebraska might gain by having a building of artistic value take the place of the present eye-sore. In any case, settlement of the matter is up to the present legislature.

ART EXHIBIT IS BEING HELD.

Many Very Valuable Pictures Now in the Gallery.

During the Christmas holidays the annual art exhibit held by the Nebraska art association was opened in the art gallery of Library hall. This year about 115 pictures are being shown and many are valued in the hundreds of dollars. The pictures this year are larger in size than has been the case in past years although there are about the same number hung on the walls.

During the next week the afternoons will be largely devoted to giving the school children of Lincoln an opportunity to see the pictures. They have been attending in large numbers and sometimes almost take possession of the university. Lincoln people are also patronizing the exhibit well, and since the vacation closed a number of university students have availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing the pictures.

For most of the evenings during the rest of the exhibit different speakers will discuss the subject of art. The program that has been arranged is as follows:

- January 7—Dr. Fling: Subject unannounced.
January 9—Prof. Barber: "The Artistic Attitude."
January 11—Miss S. S. Hayden: Subject unannounced.
January 13—Prof. Grumman: "Literature and Art."
January 15—Dr. Alexander: "Art for the Sake of Beauty."

ENGINEERS WRITE OF WORK.

Common Laborers as Railway Expert in Florida.

Professor Stout of the engineering department has recently received a letter from J. M. Rohrbaugh, '98, who is now with the Florida East Coast railway. He has been with this road for several years and in his letter tells of an engineering feat which that road is undertaking. By a series of steel bridges the mainland of Florida is being connected with Key West, a coral island situated considerable distance from the mainland.

Mr. Rohrbaugh has full charge of this work, and it is remarkable from the fact that no expert work has been used in its construction. The laborers have been used who are the regular employes of the company, and the result has been that the work has not cost nearly as much as it otherwise would.

W. G. Jenkins, '07, who is now engaged in public works in Cuba, has also recently written Professor Stout. He declares that there is but little work being done and that the government is spending only what it absolutely has to.

TEAM LEAVES TODAY

BASKET-BALL FIVE DEPARTS ON SOUTHERN TRIP.

THE SCHEDULE IS REVISED

The Prospects of the Team Are Very Uncertain Owing to Their Underdeveloped Condition in Matter of Team Work.

The varsity basket-ball team left this morning at 7 o'clock on the first trip of the 1909 schedule. The trip is only a short one and the team will return to Lincoln Sunday afternoon. But three games will be played on the trip, and they are as follows: Tonight, the Kansas state agricultural college at Manhattan, Kansas; Friday and Saturday Kansas university at Lawrence.

These games will make the first real tryout which the varsity team has had this season and their outcome will, accordingly, be watched with considerable interest. Before the Christmas holidays the Cornhusker five played practice games with the Cotner university team and the five from the local Y. M. C. A. Cotner was defeated but the Y. M. C. A. team outclassed the varsity in their poor early season form and beat them after a hard fought contest.

Although the varsity team did not show up particularly well as a team in either of these contests, owing to the inexperience and lack of practice of many of the squad, yet it was evident from the fast individual work of several of the players that there was material among the candidates from which an exceedingly fast team might be developed.

Prospects on Trip.

Just what may be expected of the team during the trip on which they leave today is something of a problem. The Kansas state agricultural college has a strong aggregation and they will very probably put up a good exhibition against the Cornhuskers. In a game between them and Cotner just previous to the Cotner-Nebraska game the Kansans were victorious by the one-sided score of 54 to 29. This would indicate that at that time they had a stronger team than did Nebraska, and it is possible that they have progressed just as rapidly as the Cornhuskers have since then. In this case it would not be a very great surprise if Dr. Clapp's pupils were defeated by the Manhattan team in tonight's game.

Very little is known in the Nebraska camp of the strength of the Kansas university team, so that nothing definite can be predicted regarding the outcome of the games to be played at Lawrence tomorrow and Saturday. Last season the Cornhuskers defeated Kansas at Lawrence in the early season games, but lost to the Jayhawkers later in the season, when they played return games in Lincoln. However, there seems to be a prevalent opinion among the local basket-ball enthusiasts that this program will just be reversed this season.

Cornhuskers Not Developed.

The Cornhusker team is laboring under a great handicap in going into these games without any developed team work. The drill in systematic team work did not really begin until this week and as a consequence there has been hardly any headway made with it. The Christmas recess broke up the regular basket-ball practice and the team is in little, if any, better condition than it was just prior to the holidays.

As a result of the fact that the team work is so far from being perfected the fortunes of the Cornhuskers in

these games will depend very largely upon the speed and individual work of the players.

A stiff practice was given the team last evening after supper in the gymnasium and the five showed up better at times than they have at any time this season. The team from the state farm lined up against the varsity for a few minutes but they were unable to make much of a showing against the speedy Cornhuskers.

Only seven players left this morning for the southern trip and they were accompanied by Dr. Clapp, who is coaching the team. Dr. Clapp will also attend the annual meeting of the representatives of the various schools composing the Missouri valley conference, which meeting takes place in Kansas City on Saturday. The following players will make the trip: Captain Walsh, Wood, and Schmidt, forwards; Perry, Bell and Jones, guards, and Petrashek, center.

Owing to several undesirable dates in the Nebraska basket-ball schedule as formerly arranged, it has been entirely revised and the games as contracted for at present are as follows:

- Jan. 7, Kansas State Agricultural College, at Manhattan.
Jan. 8-9, Kansas University, at Lawrence.
Jan. 15-16, Ames, at Lincoln.
Jan. 22-23, Drake, at Lincoln.
Jan. 29-30, Kansas, at Lincoln.
Feb. 1, Missouri, at Lincoln.
Feb. 5-6, Minnesota, at Minneapolis.
Feb. 8-9, Ames, at Ames.
Feb. 10-11, Drake, at Drake.
Feb. 19-20, Minnesota, at Lincoln.

SARAH BERLINER FELLOWSHIP.

Offered Every Two Years to Women, and Valued at \$1,200.

The committee in charge of the Sarah Berliner Research Fellowship for women will offer, every two years, a fellowship of the value of \$1,200, available for study and research in physics, chemistry or biology, in either America or Europe. This fellowship is open to women holding the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, or to those similarly equipped for the work of further research; it will be awarded only to those who give promise of distinction in the subject to which they are devoting themselves.

Applications for this fellowship must be in the hands of the chairman of the committee by March 1 of the year of each award (March 1, 1909, for the first award). They should state as clearly as possible the candidate's claim to the appointment, and they should contain, in particular:

1. Testimonials as to the value of work already done.
2. Copies of published contributions, or other accounts of investigations already carried out.
3. Evidence of thoroughly good health.
4. Detailed plans for the proposed use of the Fellowship.

Mrs. Christine Ladd Franklin, Chairman, John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

President M. Carey Thomas, Bryn Mawr College.

Miss Laura D. Gill, President of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, Washington, D. C.

President Ira Remsen, John Hopkins University.

Professor Wm. H. Howell, Dean of the Johns Hopkins University.

Harry Charleton, '10, and Percy Charleton, '11, are now located in Raton, New Mexico. Charleton went to New Mexico some time ago on account of his health and his brother accompanied him. They have purchased and are now running a daily paper in that city, employing four linotypists, besides an advertising manager and a large reporting force.

The best oyster stew in the city is that served at The Boston Lunch. Try it.

WHAT FIGURES SHOW

REPORT OF REGENTS TO GOVERNOR PRESENTS STATISTICS.

MANY STUDENTS FROM LINCOLN

Over Two-fifths of Total Enrollment Comes From Lancaster County. Where Other Counties and States Stand.

Fully twenty per cent of the students at the university last year were residents of Lancaster county according to the report of the regents just submitted to Governor Sheldon. The same authority shows that only one hundred and twenty students were not residents of Nebraska and ten of these were residents of foreign countries.

Altogether there were 3,237 individuals in attendance at Nebraska's state school for the year of 1907-1908. Twelve hundred and thirty-eight of these gave their home address as Lancaster county, a very large per cent being residents of the city of Lincoln. Douglas county ranks second, with 168, it receiving this place because of the presence within it of the city of Omaha, which is responsible for nearly all of the Douglas representatives. Saunders county took third, with 59 registrations, and Gage county, of which Beatrice is the county seat, was fourth, with one less in number. Other counties in order of their rank and representation in the university are as follows: Hamilton, 53; Cass, 48; Saline, 46; York, 45; Burt, 44; Dodge, 43; Clay, 43; Custer, 41; Richardson, 41, and Thayer, 40.

Roll by States.

Ninety-three per cent of the students reside in Nebraska according to the record. The exact number is 3,017. In this respect Nebraska is in the same situation as other state schools, the preponderance of local registration in all of them being overwhelming. Iowa sent 72 students to her neighbor's institution, a fact worthy of note when the presence of several splendid colleges is remembered in addition to the finely-equipped state university. This state ranked first among the commonwealths other than Nebraska which sent students to Lincoln.

Only twenty-eight states and territories, exclusive of the Philippine islands, had representatives at Nebraska. These were mainly western states, although there were notable exceptions in the case of Massachusetts, the District of Columbia, New York, and Pennsylvania. The roll by states follows: Nebraska, 3,017; Iowa, 72; Kansas, 28; South Dakota, 23; Missouri, 18; Wyoming, 10; Illinois, 10; Colorado, 9; Montana, 5; Washington, 5; North Dakota, 4; New York, 3; Utah, 3; Arkansas, 2; California, 2; Indiana, 2; Michigan, 2; Oregon, 2; Pennsylvania, 2; Wisconsin, 2; District of Columbia, 1; Idaho, 1; Kentucky, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Minnesota, 1; Ohio, 1; Oklahoma, 1; Tennessee, 1.

Foreign Countries.

Denmark, Japan, Mexico, Russia and the Philippine Islands are the six foreign countries which contributed to Nebraska's student body. Each of these nations sent one representative with the exception of the Philippines, which has six men at the school. This year India is also on the list.

There were 1,885 men registered last year and 1,352 women. The men were practically unanimous in the engineering college and they dominated the law and medical colleges. In the college of literature, science and art, the weaker sex had the greater numbers.

One thousand and fifty registrations were made in the literary college, 1,197 in the industrial, 1,183 in the law, 127 in medicine, 101 in the school of fine arts, 493 in the school of music, and 259 in the summer session.