

# The Daily Nebraskan

Vol. VIII. No. 120.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1909.

Price 5 Cent.

## JUNIORS DEMOCRATIC

MORE SO THAN NEBRASKA'S DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATURE.

### ADOPT THE REFERENDUM PLANK

NEW CLASS CONSTITUTION HAS STRIKING FEATURES.

Ivy Day Orator To Be Elected by Class—Executive Council Created—Syford Made Managing Editor Cornhusker.

The junior class is the most democratic organization in the university. Speaking from a purely partisan standpoint, the third year men show more love for Mr. Bryan than do even the democratic legislators now holding forth in the state capitol. The legislators recently rejected Mr. Bryan's initiative and referendum project. They threw it on the scrap heap with an unseemly jar. The juniors of the university have promptly picked it up and the referendum is embodied in the new class constitution as adopted yesterday morning.

Nor is it an April Fool joke. Nothing of the kind. The referendum is right there ready for business and the junior class officers are warned by its presence in the sacred document to go carefully if they don't want to get into trouble. The article concerning the referendum theory is very specific. It clearly states that whenever twenty-five per cent of the members of the class shall sign the necessary petition the president is bound to call a meeting for the consideration of any action which may have been taken by its officers or for the projection of any new plans desired by the 25 per cent.

#### Offers a Check.

The class officers can go head ax before and can represent the class by divers and sundry acts and deeds. But if 25 per cent of the third year men think that anything the class dignitaries have done should be submitted to the class for consideration, the referendum proposition in the constitution compels the president to do it, whether or not he wishes to.

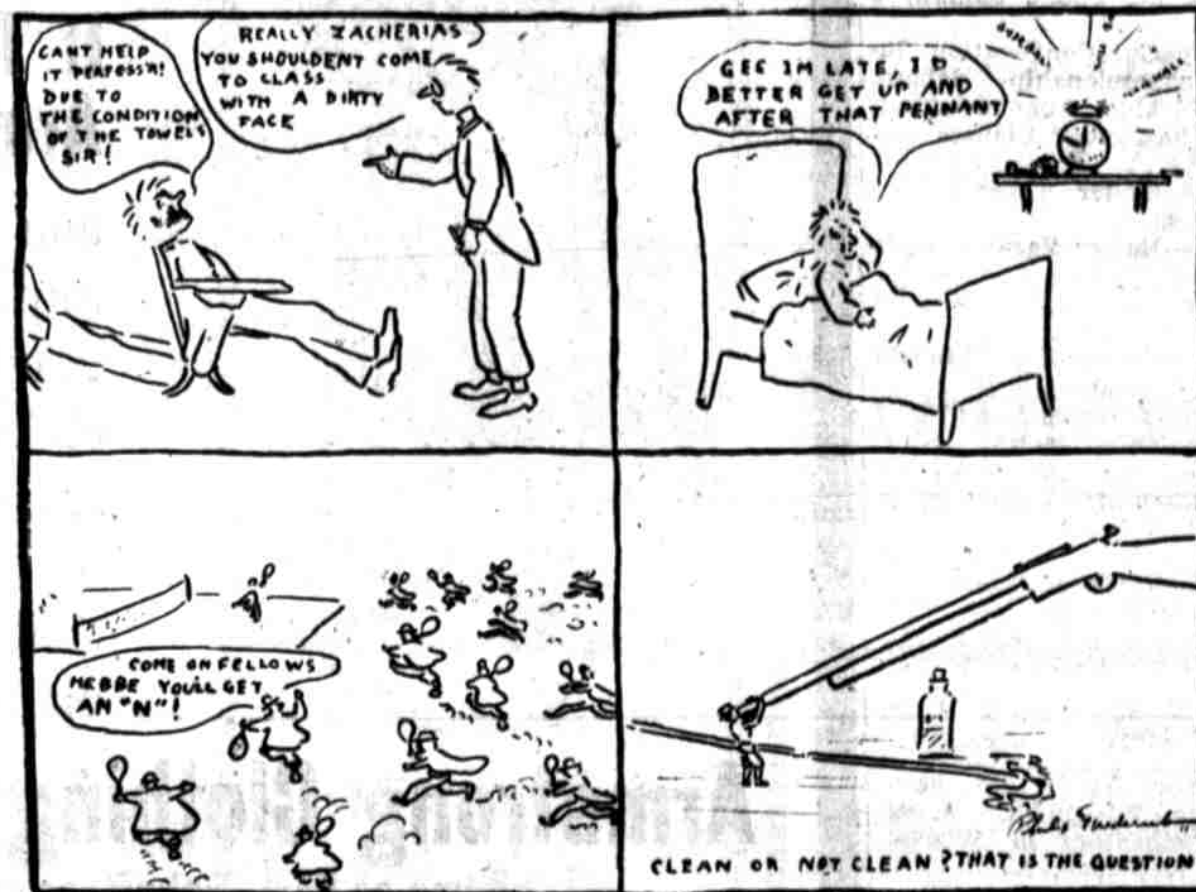
Nor is this all. The juniors are democratic to the very core and they intend to follow true democratic principles. They realize the danger of one-man power and they mean that the PEOPLE—the P-E-O-P-L-E—shall rule. Accordingly they have taken from the president the time-honored power of appointing an ivy day orator and have made that office an elective one to be filled by vote of the class. A third provision expressly prohibits grafting of hop chairmen and committeemen. It declares that the committeemen and the master of ceremonies of dances shall have but one complimentary ticket each and that those in charge of other affairs, only two tickets apiece. "Graft, crushed to earth, will rise again," but not in the junior class—not with the new constitution.

A fourth unique provision of the new document is the creation of an "executive council," possessing merely advisory powers to the president. This council is to be made up by juniors, each of whom shall represent twenty members of the class. The class roll will be taken and the entire number divided into groups of twenty each in alphabetical order. Each group will then elect a delegate to the council. The council will advise the president in times of stress, but other than that, its powers are not defined.

#### Syford Elected.

By a vote of 27 to 8 the juniors

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK—AS SEEN BY THE CARTOONIST



elected Leslie Syford managing editor of next year's Cornhusker. Syford is a six-year junior law student. He was formerly captain of Company C and is now a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Frank Wheelock and James Scotney were the two other candidates. Wheelock withdrew before the vote was taken, and Scotney received eight on the first ballot.

Announcement of a junior hop on April 16 was made by President Yates. Homes Aylesworth is chairman of the committee and A. C. Schmidt is master of ceremonies. A class picnic will be held some time during the second week of May, for which a committee will be later announced.

#### GUTHRIE IS ARMY LIEUTENANT

Company B Captain Receives Coast Artillery Berth.

R. E. Guthrie, 1908, ex-captain of Co. B of the university cadet battalion, has been appointed a second lieutenant in the coast artillery of the national army. The position is considered to be an excellent one for men intending to enter the army. There are many first lieutenancies in the artillery service now unfilled and the chance for promotion is therefore good.

Robert Guthrie graduated from the electrical engineering course last June. He has been engaged in contract work about Lincoln since leaving school. While in the university he was captain of Company B, captain of the Pershings and a member of the Engineers' club.

#### NEW MEMBERS ARE SELECTED

Silver Serpent Announces Names of Sophomore Girls.

Yesterday afternoon the organization of junior girls known as Silver Serpent announced the names of the sophomore girls chosen for membership. The list is as follows:

Gertrude Hunt, Florence Whittur, Sylvia Killian, Margaret Guthrie, Jesse Beghtol, Maymie Thompson, Zu Chaplaine, Alice McCullough, Florence Davis, Annie Fry, Annie Lammers, Catherine Reeder.

## STOCKER TAKES FIRST

WINNERS OF FRESHMAN LAW PRIZES ARE ANNOUNCED.

### DR. POUND MAKES ANNUAL GIFT

Books Offered Three Students Obtaining the Best Average in Required Work for the First Semester.

T. R. P. Stocker has been awarded the first prize in the college of law for excellence in the first semester, first year studies. Mr. Stocker wins the first of three prizes offered by Dr. Roscoe Pound, formerly dean of the law school, J. T. Votava taking second and H. C. Robertson third. The announcement of the winners was made yesterday by Dean Costigan after an average of the grades of every member of the freshman class had been carefully canvassed.

The winners of the first and third places, Mr. Stocker and Mr. Robertson, are both seniors in the academic college. Mr. Votava, who took the second prize, is a junior academic. The average upon which the awarding of prizes were made were based only upon the required work in the first semester's work of the freshman law class, all grades in elected subjects being included. The averages of the three honor men in the contest were as follows: T. R. P. Stocker, 92.91+; J. T. Votava, 92.08, and H. C. Robertson, 89.25 per cent.

Given by Dr. Pound.

The prizes offered, consist of books, to be selected by the donor, Dr. Roscoe Pound, who was at one time dean of the Nebraska college of law, and who offers this series of three prizes annually for the three members of the first-year class who obtain the highest rank in the required subjects. Last year a first, second and two third prizes were awarded to J. L.

Rice, J. M. Swenson, J. O. Wentworth and A. Peterson respectively. The prizes were Andrews' "American Law," "Select Essays in Anglo-American Legal History," "The Victorian Chancellors," and Thayer's "Legal Essays."

Besides these prizes for the work of the first semester freshman class, Dr. Pound also offers a prize for the member of the first-year class whose scholarship in the second semester displays the most marked improvement over that in the first semester, and who attains a grade of "E" in all of his second semester studies. This prize also consists of a book or books to be selected by Dr. Pound and was won last year by two students, Clifford Shoemaker and Dan McCutcheon, the prizes consisting of Tuckers' "Constitutional History of the United States."

#### "N" MEN ORGANIZE SOCIETY

Chaloupka, President; Knods, Vice, and Mason, Secretary.

At an enthusiastic meeting held yesterday afternoon the Nebraska "N" Men's Association was formally organized with 27 of a possible 38 men present. The association adopted a constitution as drafted by the committee appointed at a preliminary meeting a few days ago and selected officers.

William Chaloupka became president of the association by virtue of having won more "N's" than any other man in school. Chaloupka has five letters to his credit. Of these three have been won in football and two in track work.

Six men tied in the second rank with four "N's" each. A ballot was taken to select two of these for the positions of vice-president and secretary-treasurer. J. C. Knods was elected to the former office, and Glen Mason to the latter.

The "N" association plans to at once take steps to better athletic conditions in the university. The meeting last evening was enthusiastic in the extreme and everything points to a fine career for the new organization.

## TEAM TO KANSAS CITY

SIX TRACK MEN INCLUDING CAPTAIN McDONALD GO.

### TO CONTEST IN MEET TONIGHT

DOES NOT HAVE EXPECTATIONS OF WINNING FIRST PLACE.

Annual Handicap Games Under the Auspices of the Kansas City Athletic Club Will Take Place in Convention Hall.

Captain McDonald and five track men departed for Kansas City last evening to take part in the annual handicap indoor meet which will be held in Convention hall tonight under the auspices of the Kansas City Athletic club. Kansas, Missouri and Washington universities will be represented in the games. The Chicago athletic club also has sent a team to the meeting.

The men who went as Nebraska representatives besides Captain McDonald were Amberson, Campbell, Reed, George and Graham. Reed, Campbell, George and Amberson will compose the cornhusker team in the relay race. Captain McDonald will take part in the hurdle races. Graham will probably be entered in both the high jump and the pole vault. The fact that he is a freshman will probably allow him to get a big handicap in both of these events. Campbell may enter one of the short runs.

The Nebraska team does not expect to win the meet but hopes to take first place in one or two of the events. Captain McDonald, who is rated as one of the best hurdlers in the Missouri valley, ought to win both of the stick runs, unless too great a handicap is placed on him.

#### Cherry Circle Team Goes.

The Chicago athletic club team, which has gone to the meet, is in charge of Martin Delaney, who, until last year, was physical director of the Kansas City athletic club. Delaney has been training his men for this handicap meet and expects to carry off several places with his cherry circle athletes.

The following item which is taken from the Chicago Record-Herald tells of men who made the trip with Delaney:

"Physical Director Martin Delaney of the C. A. A. will take a squad of six track men to Kansas City tomorrow to compete in the handicap meet to be given by the Kansas City athletic club Friday night. Captain Taylor of the cherry circle squad will run in a fifty-yard special event against Frank Cornett of St. Louis, J. C. Watts of Kansas City and S. Douglass of the University of Missouri. Irons was selected at first, but is suffering with an injured ankle. The other members of the team will be Ryan, quarter-miler; Johnson, half-mile; Crocombe, two-miler; Shobinger, pole vaulter, and Diegenhardt, high jumper."

#### Track Men Meet.

A meeting of forty of the Nebraska track candidates was held in the armory at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning to discuss plans for beginning the spring training. The gathering was addressed by Dr. Clapp, Captain McDonald and Manager Eager. The candidates were told what would be expected of them and just how the work would be conducted.

If the weather permits the first practice will probably be held this afternoon. The regular work will not

(Continued on Page 3)