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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1909.

The Cornhusker banquet next Wednesday is one of the university functions which all students, and freshmen especially, should try to attend. Upperclassmen who have been to one such banquet are not likely to miss another, but new students and men who have not attended may fail to appreciate its significance. These men can do no better than attend the 1909 dinner and see for themselves what it means. There is no one event in school capable of arousing better Nebraska spirit than is the Cornhusker banquet. It affords an opportunity for all loyal students to get to-

braska. It is no disgrace to us that this is so. It is rather the natural order of things that the older sections of the country should excel us in these things. That they are not even further in advance than they are is undoubtedly because of the vast burden of ignorant immigration which they are constantly assuming.

Compared with other states of her class, it is altogether probable that Nebraska ranks with the foremost in the matter of general education as well as respects illiteracy itself. But we must remember that we are not at the top of the ladder and that we have much to strive for. We may be glad indeed of our record as to illiteracy, and we should consider that all the greater reason for harder and more persistent efforts in the direction of higher and advanced learning.

THE UNIVERSITY'S FUNCTION.

In delivering the Phi Beta Kappa oration at Harvard university at the close of the last school year, President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton university called attention to what he believes is a fault of the American university system. President Wilson advocated a reorganization of the American college so that the chief aim should not be so much instruction in specific things as the imparting of the "spirit of learning." He opposed the shortening of the college term, saying that a full four years' course was needed to complete the process of development for which the college training was intended.

If applied to mere academic colleges or to universities supported by private endowments, there is undoubted truth in the assertions of President Wilson. But it would seem that his theory would not so readily apply to the universities supported by the various states of the union.

President Wilson conceives it to be the function of the college to instill in the minds of its students the "spirit of learning," by which is to be understood a thirst for investigation and for knowledge, coupled with an ability to appreciate the results attained by the

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- ¶ "The Rise of the Idea of a Free Religious Fellowship."
- ¶ "The Value of a Unitarian Church."

Services 10:45

All Students Heartily Welcome.

undoubtedly want the "spirit of learning" and they should have it. But there are others who are not in a position to take the time or money necessary for this, however important it may be. The state institution should therefore provide for them a place where they can gain practical facts, which they will need in their business relations with each other.

Considering the duty of the state university as an institution of the whole people, it is not apparent in what way President Wilson's theory can well apply. Indeed it is hard to believe that he meant it to so apply. What is likely the case is that he intended to speak merely of the academic departments of the universities, for to apply his theory to the other

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gether and show each other what they think of their own Nebraska.

NEBRASKA NOT THE BEST.

For a number of years Nebraskans have been wont to pride themselves on the fact that this state has the least percent of illiteracy of all the states of the union. Our chests, and perhaps our heads, have swelled considerably in consideration of this record and we have overlooked at least one essential point.

It is undoubtedly true, as shown by the census reports, that Nebraska has fewer men and women unable to write and read than any other state, comparative population considered. But this by no means indicates that Nebraskans are the best educated people in the country. An illiterate is defined as one who cannot read and write. It is possible for a man to be able to do both of these things and still be far from that condition which is regarded as the height of education and culture.

The percentage of Nebraskans who can neither read or write is, then, smaller than that of any other state. But there can be no doubt that there are a number of states whose inhabitants are better educated and more highly cultured than are we of Ne-

masters of knowledge. This was without question the function of the old-fashioned college of a half-century ago, and it should still be considered the function of the academic college of the modern university. All academic college training tends or should tend rather to an appreciation of the "spirit" of things than to the acquirement of a mass of detailed facts. When this is once attained by the student the mastery of the facts may be undertaken, but the prime function of the college work ends when this point is reached.

The modern university, and particularly the state university, now however contains many colleges. The academic college is but one of the group. Among the other branches of the university are colleges of medicine, of law, of engineering, of agriculture, or of mining. Surely in these colleges it is evident that the principle of President Wilson does not in practice hold. In all the acquirement of "practical" knowledge is the thing aimed at, and it seems perfectly right that it should be the thing sought. The state university is supported by the people of the state and it should aim to be of the utmost possible value to these same people. Some of them

departments would simply mean a separation of the university into two parts, the one—the academic college—to hold the name "university," and the other—the practical knowledge college—to be known by some other title.

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University Bulletin

- December.
- 4, Saturday, 8 p. m.—English Club. 1632 L street.
  - 4, Saturday, Fraternity Hall—Forest Club hop.
  - 7, Tuesday, 11 a. m., Dr. Clapp's Office—Interfrat athletic board.
  - 8, Wednesday, Lincoln hotel—Cornhusker banquet
  - 8, Wednesday, 6:50 p. m.—Y. M. C. A. R. K. Andrews. "Our Neighbor's Progress."
  - 10, Friday, 8 p. m., Memorial Hall—Nebraska-Minnesota debate. The Income Tax Question.
  - 11, Saturday, Lincoln Hotel—Sophomore hop.
  - 11, Saturday—Y. M.-Y. W. joint social.
  - 17, Friday, 6 p. m.—Christmas vacation begins.
- January.
- 4, Tuesday, 8 a. m.—Christmas vacation ends.
  - 7, Friday, Lincoln Hotel—Senior prom.

BANQUET

\$1.00

Cornhuskers

DECEMBER 8, 1909

LINCOLN

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