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## JOHNSON AND COUPLAND CONVOCAION SPEAKERS

### NOTED CHARITY WORKER TELLS OF STUDENTS' DUTY.

### OWE THE STATE FOR EDUCATION

#### Primary Purpose of State Education is Selfish One in That State Ex- pects Large Returns for the Investment.

Alexander Johnson of Chicago, a noted charity worker, addressed yesterday's convocation. Mr. Johnson spoke briefly, following an address by Regent Coupland on "Higher Education and Country Life." The Chicago man is in the city attending the meeting of the state board of charity and corrections.

Chancellor Avery presided at the meeting and made a few brief remarks to the effect that students should get their start here in order to be life-long students. Regent Coupland discussed the great need of scientific agriculture. He said:

"This is a part of the salary that I draw. In my official connection with this university my love for its activities has increased. To have an opportunity to help its progress is a privilege. There is a great awakening not only in this country but in the world at large. We are rapidly developing our resources and are constantly increasing our use of them.

"There is a community of interests which binds the whole world. The pulse of the world beats fast or slow, as the land gives or withholds its products. The different agencies are very diverse, yet all are seeking a common end. The railroads and all transportation interests recognize their absolute dependence upon agricultural resources. Population is increasing rapidly and so economic changes are in development.

"Production is not increasing as fast as the population. All interests are closely interwoven with agricultural life. Agricultural products are wanted first in the needs of the people and after them the other natural products.

#### Other Influences.

"But there are other more far-reaching influences of agricultural industry than the material results. The elements of physical and social influences are very great powers. In England military men are depreciating the fact that the desired military qualifications, such as height and vitality are decreasing. Country life is congenial to promote the best their is in life. The cry, 'back to the land,' is a sign of a good tendency. We should cultivate a good active body and a strong intellect. The rural districts are being depended upon to do this and to satisfy the demands of the city. In nature's work-shop is one of the best places for anyone to serve an apprenticeship. Here must continue to be produced the supply of strong men and women which can be drawn upon by the city.

"While we are working up to the maximum ability we must seek to attain the maximum in production. The foundation of our national life is in the soil, and our soil products have not kept pace with the increase of population. We have found that our production per acre is less than that of other countries, whose soil has been used for centuries and whose climatic conditions are not as good. The American tiller has neglected the demand of nature that he return to the soil an equivalent of what he takes from it. In this sense he is almost a robber of the fertility which should be conserved. As a result of this there has arisen a national anxiety for the results which might arise.

#### Owe National Laws

"There must be a relationship be-

tween our work and natural laws. Human actions must be in harmony with natural laws. Agricultural education is then of primal importance. Many thousands in our state are being prepared in a general way but very few receive any special preparation, in spite of the great need. We must learn to return to the soil, and we must learn to enrich the lives of our young people. We must have skillful and efficient workmen.

"The agricultural college is showing practical results of skill and efficiency. Many of the keenest minds are seeking results in nature's laboratories. Careful research and enquiry is being carried on. Our methods of the past have not been in strict accord with the right scientific principles. This must be changed and again we should be careful to plan such crops as the wants of the people seem to most need.

"The work of the university is to put to work the various agencies at our disposal. The cultural side of education opens up the natural side. The greatest work of the state is to put these agencies into operation."

#### Johnson's Address.

Immediately at the close of Mr. Coupland's address Mr. Johnson was introduced. He said:

"I never miss an opportunity to speak to college boys and girls. I want to raise the question about your education. What are you going to do with it? Some seem to think it is a free gift. The real purpose of the state is not to do some great thing for some one, but to do it for its own benefit. Taxation it is generally understood has its greatest benefit upon those whom the taxation falls.

"The university exists to develop and furnish leaders for the next generation. There are many followers, but while some become natural leaders the greater part must be developed. This is the real genuine purpose of the university. Colleges can not be self-supporting by their own fees, and for every dollar we spend thus, the university returns us vastly more. Is it fair to receive such great benefits and not feel that some return is expected? We are finding the old sense of duty. The old French saying, 'Noblesse oblige,' rests on you. Because you have the superior advantages, there is a particular obligation resting upon you.

#### Duty to State.

"The ambition for money should be the last of all. You owe a greater duty to the state than to accumulate capital. Consider the state a great enterprise of which we are an active member. In taxation you are contributing to the support of the state and in voting you are electing your servants to care for it, and I think I want to share with the women some of this burden of being national housekeeper.

"The business of the state over its wards is becoming a great question and you will have to be the leaders in these changes. Such things as these ought not to be allowed to be the football of politics. Bring your state right in line with the best. Your duty is not a reward. The men entrusted with your cares should be the most skillful to be secured. First we should know, then do, and third, determine that these changes shall be through your leadership."

## INSURGENTS FOR ORGANIZATION.

### Ludden President and Fordyce Secretary of New Enterprise.

A meeting of university insurgents was held in the Temple last evening at which fifteen men were present. The meeting was called without regard to party and republicans and democrats were both represented.

L. P. Ludden was elected president of a permanent insurgent organization and Glen Fordyce was named as secretary. Resolutions were proposed, but were referred to a committee for further action.

## OPINION VARIES AS TO ELECTION OF '10 COACH

### STUDENT AND FACULTY OPINION NOT UNFAVORABLE.

### SOME BUSINESS MEN DON'T LIKE IT

#### One Prominent Sporting Man Speaks Against the Man Selected to Lead the Football Squad of Next Year.

The announcement of the election of W. C. Cole to the position of football coach to succeed himself in yesterday's Daily Nebraskan met with favorable as well as unfavorable support on the campus yesterday. The student body on the whole were favorable to the action taken by the members of the athletic board. There were some who still favored the election of "Bummy" Booth, but as soon as they learned that was impossible to get him to fill the position of coach they resigned to their disappointment and accepted the election of the Michigan man.

The opposition to Cole, however, was strongly marked among the business men of Lincoln and also among the sporting element of the city. A Nebraskan reporter visited several of these men and candidly asked them their opinion as to the result of the meeting of the athletic board Monday evening. A large majority of the business men stated that they thought that there was no doubt that a better coach could have been procured at the same salary.

#### Criticize Faculty members.

The strongest charges which these men made were those against the faculty members of the athletic board. They stated that the report had reached them from authentic sources that Booth was objected to on the grounds of immorality, and they thought that this was a mere matter of foolishness.

One of the followers of sports and a prominent member in local sporting circles said, "I cannot understand why the athletic board elected Cole coach of next year's football team. He has, it seems to me, been fully incompetent to develop the material he has at hand into a winning team for the past two years. The report has come to me that a certain prominent coach was objected to by the members of the athletic board on the grounds of immorality. Now this reason, it seems to me is very groundless and the matter of a coach being able to develop a winning team should be taken into consideration first."

When he was told that Booth could not be secured, this man said, "Well, it seems to me that a better man could have been selected than Cole and this should have been done. Why there are a dozen men who are assistants at several of the large eastern colleges who would jump at the chance to coach Nebraska during the coming season, and one of these men should have been tendered the position."

#### Faculty Opinion.

The opinion of the university faculty is very favorable to the action of the board. The members of the faculty fully believe that the consensus of opinion among the university students is such that it will overcome the opposition which the election of Cole has met among the business and sporting men of the city. That for the past two seasons Cole has met with hard luck and also has to contend with a lack of material and for this reason has failed to produce a winning team. It was also felt by the members of the university faculty that if sufficient material was produced at the beginning of the coming season that a winning team would be produced by Coach Cole which would not only defeat Kansas, but would also cause

Minnesota to put up one of the battles of the season to defeat the Cornhusker eleven.

## "FAUST" AT MEMORIAL HALL.

### University Chorus to Give Selections at Convocation Tomorrow.

Selections from "Faust" will be given by the chorus at convocation tomorrow. Following is the program. Waltz Song ..... Ladies' Chorus Flower Song ..... Mrs. Helms "Even Bravest Heart May Fall" ..... Mr. Miller Jewel Song ..... Mrs. Helms Soldiers' Chorus ..... Male Chorus

## JUNIOR CLASS MEETS.

### Report of Committees and Ordinary Routine of Business Transacted.

At a meeting of the members of the Junior class which was held yesterday in the Temple the election of the members of the inter-class debating board was held. Lynn Lloyd and Philip Frederick were elected. A report of the informal committee was read and a small balance was reported on hand. The cap and color committee also reported but no definite selection of class colors and caps was made. A final report of the committee was arranged for in two weeks. Chairman Hathway of the prom committee also reported on the arrangements which had been made for the dance and that tickets would be on sale for this dance until Thursday for juniors only.

## REPUBLICAN CLUB TO MEET.

### Meeting of University Men Called for Tonight to Check Insurgency.

The University Republican club has called a meeting for this evening at 7:30 in the Temple music room. The meeting is called by the organization which has maintained itself as a university club for several years. It is understood to be a demonstration of "regulars," intended to check the dissatisfaction in the ranks growing out of the insurgent movement.

The split in republican ranks occasioned by the recent developments in Washington and more lately in Lincoln is arousing much interest among university political followers. The regulars have of course the better organization, but the insurgents are being manipulated from the down town offices of the dissenters.

## DEBATERS ORGANIZE TONIGHT.

### New Club Will Be Formed at Session in Squad Room at 7:15.

The preliminary meeting for the organization of the new student debating club will be held in the debating squad room in University hall at 7:15 this evening. At this time general plans of the new club will be laid and committees will be appointed to further the details of the organization.

In addition to the men previously mentioned as concerned in the enterprise, Clifford Phillips and Dean McBrien are prominent in the organization. G. N. Foster, Jack Rice and others are also back of the move. It is expected that every one of the 1909 team members will be members of the club. Professor Fogg, head of debating, is interested in the club only to the extent of furthering the development in the university of a second organization of this nature. He will not be a member of the club.

The club expects to have some rattling good debates. With a limited membership it is expected that every member will be given an opportunity to debate at least once in six weeks. The meetings will be open to visitors and some outsiders will speak before the club. The club will not in any way attempt to develop as a fraternity, that held being left to Phi Alpha Tau.

Baked beans, baked on the premises and served hot with delicious brown bread, 10c. at The Boston Lunch.

## FIRST HOME GAMES TO COME AT END OF WEEK

### AMES TO PLAY IN ARMORY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

### OPENS THE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

#### Kansas Games Did Not Count in De- termining Ranking of Missouri Valley Conference Teams— Informal Saturday.

The basket ball season at home begins with two games with Ames in the University Armory Friday and Saturday. The formal championship series for the Cornhuskers will also open on that date.

The games played on the recent trip into Kansas, contrary to a general impression, do not count in deciding the Missouri Valley championship, nor will the games played by Kansas here be a deciding factor.

The teams of the valley conference are separated into two divisions, Ames, Drake and Nebraska being in the northern section, and Kansas Missouri and Washington comprising the southern section. The three teams in each section will battle for the championship of their division. The finals between the champions of each division will then be played off to determine the title-holder of the valley. Last year Nebraska won the championship of the northern section but lost out on the finals with Kansas at Kansas City.

#### First Game Friday.

The real battle for the title will begin on Friday so far as Nebraska is concerned when the Cornhuskers meet the Iowa Aggies of Ames next Friday and Saturday. The Cornhuskers have strong hopes of winning these contests and thereby gaining a decisive lead in the championship race in the northern section.

Since their return from Kansas the team has been going at a strenuous pace trying to overcome some of the defects brought to light in those games. One or two changes in the line-up are being considered that may strengthen some of the weak points.

The action of the athletic board in disqualifying Mitchell for further participation in university athletics leaves a hole to be filled by some of Hewitt's promising candidates. Aug Schmidt will probably be given the place with Hutchinson and Jones strong seconds. This will leave but one of the men for substitute guard, but Hewitt has some likely material in some of the two-year men, Wake showing up especially strong.

#### Hard Practice This Week.

The squad has been putting in three days of strenuous practice every week and every effort is being made to develop team work. In yesterday's practice the showing of most of the men was not the best, but many of them were working under some handicap.

In one of yesterday's hard scrimmages, Webb Jones received quite a severe blow in the eye, the result of a collision with one of the other players. The extent of the injury is not known, but it is not thought that it will put him out of the game for any length of time.

## NO PROTESTS FROM KANSAS.

### Nebraska Board Acted Voluntarily in Disbarment of Mitchell.

Contrary to current understanding Manhattan and the University of Kansas made no protests against the participation of D. C. Mitchell in the recent series of games. The Nebraska athletic board itself discovered Mitchell's ineligibility and its action was entirely voluntary. No explanations had been requested by the Kansas authorities.