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YEARS OF WORK RESULTS IN REFERENDUM VOTE ON UNIVERSITY REMOVAL

Progress Assured From Now on Regardless of Location, by Levy Granted Monday Night

The closing act of the dying legislature Monday night was to appropriate a three-quarters mill levy for the upbuilding of the University, referring the question of location to the people to be voted on at a popular election. The decision was arrived at only after the senate granted the house that in case the vote kept the University in town there would be no three block limit for saloons for which they had heretofore stood out.

The question of University removal which as the result of a compromise between the two houses of the legislature is practically settled as far as these bodies are concerned, is not such an old story as many people imagine. It is not an issue that has been discussed and rehashed for the past twenty years but is really a late problem.

The question of removal first came up a few years ago when Dr. Bessey, the "grand old man" of the University of Nebraska, who has been connected with the institution almost since the year of its founding in 1869, decided that the University was outgrowing its meagre quarters which constitute the present campus. The University had grown from one attended by two or three hundred students to one which numbered nearly four thousand. It would be easily determined that the crowded conditions made further growth of the University impossible.

The matter was discussed somewhat by Dr. Bessey and others who became interested in the matter, and these enthusiasts for a greater Nebraska attempted to bring the subject before the legislature. There was some legislative discussion of the matter but there was not a great deal of interest taken in the matter by the legislators at that time. The issue did not really come under legislative discussion until two years ago.

In 1911 there was a special committee appointed to look into the removal proposition. This committee investigated the cost of removal to the State Farm, the cost of extension of the University campus, and the general desirability of the two locations. The committee reported in favor of removal to the Farm, but a minority report of three members of the committee caused a change of sentiment and not enough sentiment could be obtained to cause the passing of the measure. At the end of the session nothing had been done in the matter, and the issue has been a dead one until this year.

Under the regime of the present legislature two bills came up on the subject of University removal. One bill provided for a one mill tax levy to remove the University to the Farm, the other the original McKissick bill, provided for a one-half mill levy for extension of the campus. The first bill was killed early, but the house voted in favor of the McKissick bill, and this bill altered and amended by the senate was converted into a removal bill which the senate adopted.

The house refused to consider this removal bill and would not concur in the amendment. A conference committee was therefore appointed from members of the two houses but they were unable to reach a compromise. A deadlock ensued for several days. Then an appropriation bill came up which also caused a deadlock as both houses feared that the decision of this measure would decide the other issue in favor of the other house.

At length the McKissick bill was revived and altered so that there was provision for a three-quarter mill levy for University development, the location to be determined by the voters of the state by the initiative and referendum. If the campus is extended a one-half mill levy will be made for the down town campus, and a one-quarter mill levy will be taken for the State Farm.

As the appropriation bill has been passed the money will be obtained at once for the University but the question of removal will not be determined until the voters have expressed their opinion in the matter.

WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT IT.

Those who were decided in their opinions on the removal question before the adjournment of the legislature, are now remarkably unanimous in their approval of the compromise. The merits of the compromise have received little discussion at the hands of University officials and faculty men who were active before the legislature ceased its work on the great university problem. They all seem to be of the opinion that the merits of the extension and removal policies are fully revealed in the compromise itself.

Chancellor Avery expressed his satisfaction at being able to assure the most active partisans on both sides of the removal issue that neither he nor the board of regents would do or say anything officially to prejudice the minds of the people when it comes to the referendum vote on the location

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Rousing Rally Shows Student Sentiment on Legislature's Action

Familiar Nebraska music from the instruments of the brass band an hour before noon yesterday announced to the school that a special convocation was to be held. The music assembled a large crowd in the chapel to hear a list of authoritative speakers on subjects that were to express the gratitude and relief of all connected with the school in the final action of the legislature after the break of the deadlock and the submission of the question of removal to the populace of the state.

Chancellor Avery, Regents Copeland, Allen, Whitmore, and Lyford, and Representative Mockett, and Senator Reynolds came directly from an informal meeting in the chancellor's office to speak to the large audience in the chapel. The theme of the chancellor's was the harmonious issue which finally resulted and he stated that the three-fourths mill levy would duplicate the present university plant. He expressed satisfaction over the increase in the maintenance fund which is to be used to retain efficient professors at Nebraska. He complimented the legislature on their broadmindedness in submitted the final question to the people who were the proper judges of the question.

Senator Reynolds expressed the interest that the legislature has always taken in the University and its purpose that Nebraska's school be on a par with her institutions. Representative Mockett stated his belief that the final solution was a satisfactory one and that the fund appropriated would prove sufficient. Senator Ollis coming in after the meeting started dissented from the sentiments already expressed and made known his belief that the action of the legislature had not been sufficient. Professor Caldwell gave the meeting an opportunity to express its enthusiastic approval by proposing a resolution thanking the legislature and the governor in advance for his signature.

TOOK A VACATION.

Five sophomore and freshmen forestry students have been spending the last two weeks on the Nebraska National Forest at Halsely, where they have been employed in tree planting and nursery work. A party of twelve went out at the beginning of spring vacation but were not able to do much work on account of the bad weather. A number of underclassmen take the trip every spring to learn at first hand something of nursery and planting work as carried on by the government.

A musical programme will be given at convocation Thursday in the temple by Mrs. August Molzer, Miss Lillian Eiche and Miss Edith Burlingim.

Freshmen baseball team will play the Varsity at 3:45 today.

DAVE H. BOWMAN.

WILL CONTRACT DEBTS

JUNIOR DEFICIT COMMITTEE VOLUNTARILY TAKES RESPONSIBILITY OF DEFICIT DANCE

DOLLAR DANCE AT BEACH MAY 16

Have Made Arrangements With Catholic Student's Club Committee To Take Over Date Previously Arranged For.

The Junior Class has already found a means of complying with the new and stringent order of the committee on class organizations that hereafter no class shall give an entertainment costing money until it is out of debt. Nine prominent and influential men of the class, Z. C. Dickinson, C. H. Epperson, George A. Racey, A. E. Allyn, W. E. Kavan, R. B. Dawson, R. T. Lyman, J. L. Driscoll, J. V. Johnson, J. J. Noone, and H. Agor, met yesterday in U. 106, and after making themselves jointly and severally liable for debts incurred in relieving the Junior class of its present deficit scheduled a Junior relief dance to be held at Capitol Beach, Friday night, May 16th.

This dance will feature as the first University dance of the year to be held at Capitol Beach. Emphasis may be given to the day on which the Juniors expect to get out of the hole by holding at the Beach an all-day Junior picnic, providing the Chancellor is willing to entertain arrangements for a junior holiday on that date. The junior and senior classes are rivals this year in seeking to put pocketbooks in order by offering to the University the opportunity for real enjoyment in the open air. The committee expresses itself as confident that the Beach Hall will be filled to the limit.

The committee has spared no effort to get a dance that will conform to the new rule. Their operations will begin by putting on sale this week tickets at \$1.00 each. The hall has been repaired and the floor will be smooth so that those who attend will not only have something good to look at but a floor that slips easy. The committee requests all to watch for further announcements.

The deficit board is sworn to a most frugal and economical management of the dance. The usual accompaniments of the successful University dance are promised, but all undue extravagance and unnecessary display will be studiously avoided. Absolutely no complimentary tickets will be issued, not even to the members of the committee, who promise each other to give their time to the undertaking free of charge. All the proceeds of the dance after paying the meagre expenses that are expected to be incurred will go to pay the obligations of the defunct junior play and cotillion committee.

Ivy Day Committees.

All committees must be at U-106 Thursday at 11:30 A. M.

HARRY COTTON,
Chairman Senior Ivy Day Committee.