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THE ARMORY FOR UNIVERSITY DANCES.

Would the cost of refloorring the Armory and making it a fit place for a University dance exceed the sums annually poured out by students to down town dance hall proprietors? This question has no doubt suggested itself to many who can see the exceptional adaptability of the armory's vast amount of floor space to the uses of dances.

The University, we feel, could have no objection on principle to providing a suitable place for University entertainments. For more than thirty years the institution has suffered students to dance. It has never in any way given voice to any protest against it. In the meanwhile the dance has grown in popularity and importance until it is today by far the best patronized and most enjoyed of all University amusements. It would seem perfectly consistent with established habits of University recreation, that the University provide for the dance it tolerates.

To refloor the armory would cost much less than we now pay in rent for down town halls. The biggest single piece of work is to clean up the armory. It would take at least six months of hard work to remove the accumulations of sweat and filth that for more than twenty years have made the gymnasium a veritable pest house. The next big job is the regirder and refloor the armory. It might even be necessary to take out the permanent partition between the chapel and the gymnasium and substitute in its place the rolling partition. Minor improvements such as dressing rooms, cloak rooms, sitting rooms and the like might also prove an indispensable convenience. It is estimated that the cost of all this work of making the armory a modestly suitable place for a University will be four thousand dollars; or only five hundred dollars more than the amount of rent annually extorted from University students for the same purpose by the Lincoln hotel.

When the University can equip the armory for dances at a cost no greater than the amount students now pay a single proprietor for hall rent, just as a business proposition in the direction of greater economy and frgualty in college amusements, we certainly urge that the regents refloor the armory.

GROWING CROPS IN WESTERN NEBRASKA.

The Nebraska Experiment Station has recently issued Bulletin 135, being a report of the North Platte Substation on "Growing Crops in Western Nebraska." This bulletin gives the results in crop production at the North Platte Substation from its establishment in 1904 to the present year, together with charts and maps showing the climatic conditions in western Nebraska. This bulletin will be sent free to residents of Nebraska on application to Dean E. A. Burnett, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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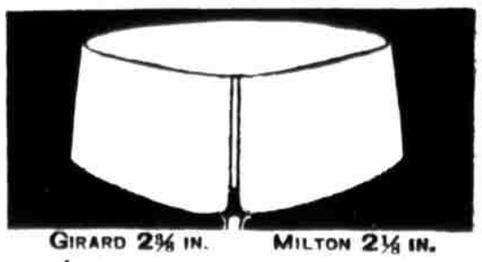

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