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as well as offer it; to truthfully picture  
college life; to go further than the mere  
printing of news by standing for the  
highest ideals of the University; in short,  
to serve the University of Nebraska.

Thursday, April 30, 1914.

**THE STUDENT COUNCIL CONVEN-  
TION.**

It seems quite evident that the  
representatives of the various classes  
chosen to frame a constitution for a  
student council have taken the law  
into their own hands and have de-  
cided that there is no demand for a  
student council in Nebraska. This is  
the wrong spirit on their part. It  
should be of no matter to these people  
whether or not their plan would be  
adopted. They have been delegated  
to do a definite work. They should  
do that work regardless of all circum-  
stances.

But perhaps the way in which  
things are working themselves out is,  
after all, not far from a good solution  
of the problem. If no one cares  
enough about the council to raise his  
voice in protest against such indef-  
ensible delay and inefficiency of  
those in charge of the movement, then  
certainly we are not ready for self-  
government. If no one cares enough  
about it to demand the action which  
is so necessary to the movement, then  
if adopted we could hope for little real  
self-government.

We are in favor of self-government  
of every intelligent body. We be-  
lieve that self-government would be  
a good thing for Nebraska. But it is  
so palpably evident that the greater  
part of the school either thinks the  
other way, or else does not think at  
all, that we have grave fears whether  
or not self-government could be suc-  
cessfully attempted here.

We believe the only way to start a  
council at Nebraska would be to band  
together several supporters of the  
plan, have them draft a proposed con-  
stitution, have them give it the neces-  
sary publicity, and then submit it to  
the students. It will be accepted as a  
matter of course. Then may it be-  
come a real Nebraska institution  
through use and through custom. Its  
possibilities can only be realized  
through experience. We have found  
out that the one way to "put one over"  
—be it a candidate or a student coun-  
cil—is to band together a group of  
men whose interest is sufficient to  
guarantee their earnest work. Such a  
body is the only one that will succeed.  
The sense of duty is sadly lacking  
in the average University student.  
They have not the slightest idea of  
the meaning of the term. See how  
they accept their duty on the conven-  
tion. If, instead of elected representa-  
tives of classes, we had a body of  
men vitally interested in seeing a  
council "put across" at Nebraska, we  
would have action and have it at once.  
You can not escape it. The fact is  
that personal interest will accomplish  
what it sets out to do; class repre-

sentatives seldom if ever do. What  
the school wanted was a draft of a  
constitution to vote upon. Men who  
wanted to see a council had enough  
to work hard for it would submit the  
best possible constitution because  
they were so anxious to have it adopt-  
ed. What do we care who frames it?  
What we have wanted is action. Un-  
der the present system we have not  
had it. We are forced to await the  
advent of the other.

**ENGINEER INSPECTION**  
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Lincoln Traction Company's Plant—  
3:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.

The trip through the Havelock  
shops is limited to twenty men, but  
the other trips will be open to all  
men going on the inspection. A break  
will be made in the group when the  
inspection of the Lincoln Traction  
Company's plant is made for there  
are many divisions in enterprise.

Chairman Hollister said that any  
young man interested in the trip can  
make arrangements to accompany the  
engineers by seeing him.

**FIRST ANNUAL ALL-  
UNIVERSITY PICNIC**  
(Continued from page 1)

one not satisfied therewith will be re-  
funded his or her money.

At about two o'clock in the after-  
noon will commence the athletic  
events, and several good stunts have  
already been arranged, assuring lots  
of fun. After that will come the Spike-  
Iron Sphinx baseball game. Last year  
rumor had it that the purse was a  
keg, but Dame Rumor has it this year  
that there are no drinking players on  
either team; anyway, they have all  
taken the pledge.

After the game the Masques will be  
placed on the lucky juniors with ap-  
propriate ceremonies. In regard to  
this event considerable more interest  
than usual is being taken, as it is  
rumored that a new and fairer system  
of election of members has been  
adopted.

The tapping of the Innocent who  
will guide the destinies of the Univer-  
sity for the following year will then  
follow. Here, too, a change is already  
noticeable over recent years, as not  
the slightest inkling as to who the  
fortunate men will be has been al-  
lowed to leak out, and some of those  
who know say that there will be no  
leaks this year. The juniors will all  
have to take their chances and those  
who do not feel the tap on the  
shoulder will have to show to the  
crowd how well they can take their  
medicine.

In the evening after the lunch has  
been disposed of will come the band  
concert. Nothing need be said in re-  
gard to this, as we all know what the  
band can do, and Director Cornell has  
promised that the best program of the  
year will be given on this occasion.

**JOURNALISTIC CONVENTION**

Merrill Reed Departs to Attend the  
Annual Convention of Sigma  
Delta Chi.

Merrill Reed left last night for Ann  
Harbor, Michigan, where he will at-  
tend the second annual convention of  
Sigma Delta Chi, the journalistic fra-  
ternity. The convention will be held  
Friday and Saturday.

Although the Nebraska chapter has  
been but recently organized, she will  
be well represented.

**TO ATTEND DEANS' MEETING**

Dean Davis Will Meet With North  
Central College Deans at  
Missouri.

Dean Davis will attend a meeting  
of deans from the North Central col-  
leges at the University of Missouri  
on Thursday and Friday of this week.  
He will also speak before the Missouri  
University Scientific Society and the  
Missouri teachers of mathematics and  
science.

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