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The DAILY NEBRASKAN purposes to
be the free voice of student sentiment;
to be fair; to be impartial; to seek advice
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, May 7, 1914

INNOCENT ELECTIONS

The Innocents have been chosen for another year. Again we are forcibly struck with the sincere idea that the present method of choosing these men is fundamentally wrong—out of place in a democratic body. These men—if the organization is to be worthy of consideration, if the organization is to be more than a mutual admiration club, if the organization is to carry weight with the students—must necessarily be the popular leaders. The usefulness of this organization depends directly upon the popular leadership of its members. It is directly from the students that the Innocents, through leadership, can ever be worthy of second consideration.

It may be argued that thirteen men of the graduating class are better qualified to choose the thirteen best men from the junior class than is the student body. These men, we are told, know who is who and choose accordingly. But after all, is it not merely an estimate on the part of these thirteen well-meaning men? Are they not but estimating who are the more popular men—who are the leaders? Are they not, among themselves, trying to fathom public opinion, trying to choose the men who are the most popular, who are the leaders? What we can not understand is: WHY ESTIMATE? Leaders are those who have power with the people. They are the ones, and the only ones, whom the students will respect and follow. They alone are fitted to be members of an organization which will have real power among the students. What we want are the natural leaders. We ask you, WHO IS BETTER ABLE TO CHOOSE THEIR LEADERS THAN THOSE WHO ARE TO FOLLOW? We firmly believe with Thomas Jefferson that all the people are wiser than any individual or group.

The Innocents, we are reliably told, choose, on the other hand, the men that they believe will further their own specific ends, not those that will have power, or those who have earned for themselves popular recognition in the University. Neither is any sort of representation aimed at, nor is recognition for past achievements taken as proper criterion for choice. Now we ask, just what are these ends? They are doubtless what these thirteen men believe the best for the University. Again refer to Mr. Jefferson. To sum the whole thing up in a word, the Innocents do not wish to choose leaders, they do not wish to give

credit for work done, they do not attempt representative choice—they do select men who will further the interests of the Innocent society.

As the Innocents view their own society, their method of selection is all right. They wish no power, they desire to give no recognition. But the students have come to look upon the Innocents as their leaders. They have come to believe that the Innocent is the man who has been rewarded for what he has done in the University. This is what the students think of the society. This is what, as we see it, the society should endeavor to be—either real leaders or an honorary society to give recognition to the deserving—or both. If such be attempted—and it seems that it will not be—democracy must rule, popular elections must follow. But if the society is to go on as it is, then let every member of the University of Nebraska understand exactly the nature of the organization. It is not necessarily representative; it is not honorary in the sense that it recognizes either popularity or activity; it does further the ends of the Innocent society.

University Notices

Pan-Hel Dance.

The Pan-Hellenic dance will be held May 15th at the Auditorium.

Cornhuskers.

The Cornhusker has two \$25.00 due bills for sale on two of Lincoln's leading tailors for \$20.00 each. Here's a chance to make \$5.00 on a good suit of clothes. Apply at Cornhusker office of business manager.

Phi Beta Kappa.

The Phi Beta Kappa initiation and banquet will be held at the Lincoln Hotel, Friday, May 8th, at 6 p. m.

Engineering Notice.

All men handling tickets for the Engineers' banquet will please cash in all tickets Thursday morning, 11 o'clock, M. A. building 102. After that time all tickets must be secured from Professor Bridgman,

Carl Fisher,

W. A. Nelson,

Dick Lyman,

W. H. Bixby,

T. E. Wood.

Tickets Nos. 118, 243, 244 and 245 have been lost. If you have one of these numbers see Bixby, or you will get turned down at the banquet.

W. H. BIXBY, Chairman.

Kosmet.

Reserved seats for the Kosmet show, "El Presidente," will go on sale Friday noon, May 8th. Oliver box office.

Cosmopolitan Club.

The Cosmopolitan Club will meet Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Faculty Hall of the Temple. It is to be "German Night." The sons of the Vaterland will have charge of the program, the music and the dancing.

Graduation Gifts.

Hand-made articles in exclusive designs—jewelry, pottery, leather. Room 401, Brownell Block.

Scandinavians Meet.

The Scandinavian Club will meet Saturday evening, May 9. The meeting will be held in room 104 in the Law Building and will begin at 8 o'clock. Mr. Geo. E. Howard will speak on the solution of social and economic problems in Denmark. Everybody cordially invited.

The embryonic schoolmasters of the Teachers' College are figuring upon a bill kill for Friday afternoon. Their victims are to be the Chemical Club huskies. This big fight is to be staged on Nebraska field. All co-eds are requested to turn out, inasmuch as this is to be a special ladies' day.

The Forum

May 5, 1914.

Editor Daily Nebraskan:

On March 31st of this year the University public was informed through the columns of the "Rag" that orders for the 1914 Cornhusker would be taken April 1st and 2nd, the sale to begin at 7:30 a. m. the 1st. Students were also given the names of those authorized to take orders. On page four of this same issue of March 31st appeared a notice that created no little interest among the members of the student body. Manager Swift of the Cornhusker was to give away one de luxe book to one out of every hundred persons who placed their orders before 8 a. m., Wednesday, April 1st. The book was to have the lucky person's name on it in gold. The winners were to be determined by a system of numbering and drawing. Further, out of every hundred copies sold after 8 o'clock one person was to be given a de luxe book in place of a standard which they might order. The names of the winners in the drawing were to be announced in the "Rag" and on the Cornhusker bulletin board in front of the office. It may also be noted that those commissioned to take orders used the drawing thus provided for as an inducement in urging students to subscribe.

In the Nebraskan of April 3rd, Manager Swift was quoted as saying that the sale of Cornhuskers was "the best ever." Evidently he was even then being asked to name the winners, for the same article goes on to say: "The prizes to be given on the orders taken before 8 o'clock on the first day will be announced the last of this week or early next. Swift has been so busy with his campaign that he has not had time to arrange for the drawing of these prizes." (Note that he here forgets to speak of winners other than those ordering before 8 a. m. Had he at this early date decided that it would not be practical to substitute one de luxe for a standard out of every one hundred copies ordered after 8 o'clock? This latter was also included in the announcement of March 31.)

The last of that week and the first of the next came and went, as well as the last and first of several succeeding weeks, and yet we have not heard from Manager Swift. His silence has been broken but once. On April 9th the Nebraskan contained this statement: "In response to the question as to why he has not announced the winners . . . Manager Swift smiles and says, "I've just simply got too many things on my mind now, but before long I'll be ready to make the announcement." Today, nearly a month later, the students are beginning to join Mr. Swift in his smiles. They are thinking of the great number of things that must have been on his mind when he last spoke of the prize contest. There must have been a great many things to hold his attention since his "before long" has not yet come to pass.

Would it not be fairer to the students who ordered Cornhuskers for Mr. Swift to immediately hold the long-delayed drawing and announce the winners? He at least should give a reasonable explanation of his delay and set a date for the drawing. The keeping of his promise in regard to this matter will make it easier for future managers to hold the confidence of the students. McB.

Band Hop.

Report of the Band Hop given in the Temple Music Hall, May 2, 1914: Total receipts, 41 tickets at \$1.00, \$41. Expenditures: Orchestra, \$18; refreshments, \$12; programs, \$7; rental of hall, \$7; doorkeeper, \$1.50; total, \$45.50. Wm. Locke, Chairman of Committee, Audited May 6, 1914.

T. A. WILLIAMS,

Agent Student Activities.

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During the campaign for new subscribers during the past registration week, promissory notes for \$1.00 were taken by the management as equivalent to the cash subscription.

While these notes are payable on the demand of the publishers, it is not the intent of the publishers to demand the payment at a certain date but it understood that payment must be made before the signer of the note leaves school.

Those who are indebted to the Daily Nebraskan for the present semester may visit the office in the basement of University Hall at any time and upon the payment of \$1.00 receive a receipt in full.

Prompt payment will assist the management very materially in making a full financial report before the end of the school year.

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