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Society Column

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Freddie Cowles, province president of the Phi Delta Theta, is spending several weeks at the Phi Delta house in Lincoln.

Nebraska University graduates are playing a prominent part in social affairs at the University Club at Omaha. A number of dinner dances have been given recently by former students of the University.

Mrs. Chester Nieman of Omaha, formerly Miss Frances Sanford of Lincoln, has returned to her home after a visit of several days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanford. Mr. and Mrs. Nieman are former students of the University.

A number of social affairs are being given in Lincoln for Mrs. Roy Sawyer of Cleveland, Ohio, who is visiting in Lincoln. Mrs. Sawyer graduated from the University in 1899. Mrs. Howard Kennedy entertained at 1

o'clock luncheon Friday in honor of Mrs. Sawyer.

Frederick I. Day, Alpha Theta Chi, and Miss Katherine Hole, Kappa Kappa Gamma, were married last week at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Hole of Fairbury, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Day are visiting in Chicago and Jackson, Michigan, and on their return will make their home at Superior, where Mr. Day is engaged in the lumber business.

Chester P. Dudley, assistant coach of the Nebraska football team in 1912, was married to Miss Helen Hunter at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter of Council Bluffs, Iowa, last week. Mrs. Arthur Edgren and Mrs. Harold Wood of Lincoln assisted at the reception following the wedding service. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley are traveling in the East and will be at home after February 1 at 323 Clark avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

IMPORTANT MEETING (Continued from page 1)

Athletic directors of the various schools also met and arranged a part of their schedules for the coming year. Nebraska will meet Ames in four basketball games this season, two to be played in Lincoln and two at Ames. The Cornhuskers will also meet the Kansas Aggies twice at Manhattan, Kansas twice at Lawrence, and Drake for four games, two here and two there.

The Kansas-Nebraska track meet, and also the football game, will be staged at Lawrence next year. The date for the track meet is May 15th, while the annual gridiron struggle will be played on November 13th. The Missouri Valley Conference track meet will be held at Columbia, Mo., on May 29th. Nebraska decided to wait until she had a new athletic field before bidding for the big event.

Another important action of the conference committee was the repeal of the rule forbidding any athlete to participate in more than two major sports during one school year. This action will render it possible for a man to win as many letters as he can, "physically" speaking.

It is quite probable that the Cornhuskers will meet Drake and Missouri on the gridiron next fall, in which case she will have five conference games on her schedule.

GIRLS' CLUB COUNCIL BOOSTS FOR MIXER

Everyone Urged to Remember the Date, December 11—Convention to Be Held Here.

The Girls' Club Council met Saturday to urge every girl to boost for the "mixer" of December 11. It was announced that the convention of women's leagues, or of girls' clubs, would be held here next year.

Our Girls' Club is going to fill a memory book, so we may give a definite idea of what the club has been doing in the past. All girls are asked, therefore, to bring clippings or snapshots of past and present events for the book.

Professors at Meetings.

Professors Condra and Chatburn were at Hastings, Thursday evening, and took part in the ceremonies of the Mystic Shrine. There were about one hundred and forty from Lincoln at the ceremonies. This was a large part of the crowd, as there were about six hundred there. Both of the professors are officers in the organization.

PROFESSOR WEBSTER'S "ANCIENT HISTORY"

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"Ancient History," by Prof. Hutton Webster of the Sociology department of the University of Nebraska, is what might be called a new treatment of an old subject. Coming from the pen of a scholar who has concerned himself chiefly with the everyday life of peoples and not so much with their military and political achievements, his book deals largely with the social and industrial development of the early nations. In the works of successful army generals or brilliant statesmen we might look for a chain of victories won and states overturned. Every man, in writing a book, whether it be a novel or a textbook, has a message to deliver, and in "Ancient History" Professor Webster has given us his message of how ancient history was really made by the common people of those times.

In examining the book, one is first impressed by the admirably complete outline of contents, which is logically arranged so as to enable the reader quickly to grasp and firmly to retain the main facts. Reading the text itself is also greatly facilitated by the author's simple, lucid and interesting style. The words are monosyllables; they are colored so as to attract and retain the attention of the mind, and the sentences are short, crisp and suggestive. The book is also profusely supplemented with maps and illustrations, and it everywhere reflects the author's passion to be understood. Finally, to bring us in close personal touch with the ancients, their currency systems, their laws, their educational and religious institutions. Both in form and substance, Professor Webster's book is a marked departure from past standards.

The work does not purport to be a presentation of the results of exhaustive research. No attempt is made to present the claims of disputants about contested facts of ancient history. On the contrary, it is only a 650-page textbook for high school students to study and high school teachers to teach by. For this reason the book is not a proper subject for the same close and scholarly criticism that is applied to works of research, and the fairest and most illuminating comment comes from persons who have had practical experience with this and other books in teaching history to rapidly developing but immature minds.

The style of Professor Webster's work is complimented in the following

testimonial from the pen of Prof. W. S. Davis of the University of Minnesota: "The literary quality is of a higher order than in most text-books, and withal there is a good apprehension of the requirements of actual school conditions."

The adaptation of the book to the interests of modern readers was noticed by Prof. J. Nelson Norwood of Alfred University (Alfred, N. Y.), who wrote: "If current thought is busy with constitution making as it was 100 years ago, we give constitutional history. Now the current thought is interested in the doings, aims and betterment of the common man, so historically we begin to reflect the interest in him and treat history economically and sociologically."

The special pedagogical value of this new book is briefly alluded to by Prof. W. C. Wilcox of Iowa State University in these words: "The author has a wonderfully correct instinct in his judgment of what a high school student wants and needs."

"The Nation" has noticed the emphasis placed by Professor Webster on the everyday life of our ancestors. In a short, sweeping review the editor of "The Nation" says: "Webster's Ancient History will be acceptable to teachers who think the military and political aspects have had too large and the social and cultural aspects too small a place in our historical textbooks."

The above are only a few of the many testimonials written by experienced history teachers in favor of this work with a view to introducing the volume to the student public.

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