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THE FORUM

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"We are told that every youth should go to school to fit himself to cast an intelligent vote, and that school attendance should be made compulsory. Nations that believe in compulsory military training simply extend this principle to military education. They say if book learning is necessary to make a boy a good citizen, then education in the means of defending the nation, and thus defending himself and his dear ones, is equally necessary to make a good citizen. The compulsory character of school education does not detract from its quality of essentialness, nor should the compulsory character of military training be considered as affecting it as a measure of great national utility."

SAM M. PARKER,
1st Lieut. of Infantry,
Commandant.

Limitations of the Military Expert

The following is clipped from an address by Charles E. Jefferson:

Although somewhat snobbish, he has his virtues. He is not a barbarian or a charlatan. He is a patriot and a gentleman. He has not consciously entered into a conspiracy against humanity. His misfortune is that his ideal is pagan. His education has given him a bias which makes him a dangerous counsellor. He is a specialist, and, like many another specialist, he is expensive and has a knack of suggesting elaborate and costly methods of treatment. He is prone to diagnose along the line of his speciality. He can see what he is looking for whether it is there or not. Prolonged application to a narrow set of phenomena has destroyed his perspective. He is apt to see everything through the bore of a gun. Brooding over battles has turned the whole earth into a battlefield. Looking for enemies he has found them on every side. Dreaming of possibilities, he has reached the astounding conclusion that every conceivable contingency must be provided for. So long as he deals with matters within the scope of his knowledge, he is a man to be relied on. The moment he attempts to deal with questions of national policy he is to be feared. Of all the servants of the government he is the last to be entrusted with the responsibilities of statesmanship. He is peculiarly unfit to say how a nation's money shall be spent. National finances are in a muddle wherever he has his way. Because he is an expert in the firing of shells, it does not follow that he knows how many shells the people are

able to buy. A knowledge of the force of explosive fits no man to deal with the tangled threads of international business. Sailing a battleship is one thing, and sailing the Ship of State is another. He evidently knows nothing of the value of money, or of the danger of turning the screws of taxation until the people rise in revolt. He has never once in any land during the last thirty years suggested retrenchment. His one cry is ever, "More! More! More!"

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February 25, 1915.

Probably the most bitterly hated man in the world today is the Kaiser of Germany, whose preparedness for war and over-confidence in that preparedness has plunged the world into the most terrible struggle in its history. Before this war broke out England and Germany had been for years engaged in a struggle to outdo each other in the building of armaments. Assuming that the writer of the article in the Forum in Wednesday's Nebraskan is right, and that war would not have been brought on if England had not followed Viscount Haldane's policy of ceasing for a time in this struggle to outstrip each other, this struggle would have gone on until one of the countries was exhausted and then, perhaps, this war would have come anyway. At most, Haldane's policy can only be said to have hastened the conflict.

The Kaiser's preparedness and confidence in that preparedness, and not Haldane's unpreparedness, is the thing that the world should look at and learn its lesson from. Long after Haldane has been forgotten, long after the world ceases to care which side is victorious, in the years to come when England and Germany are firmly united in a new civilization based on Christianity and Reason, the Kaiser and his war policy will be remembered with bitterness and horror.

We have "Kaiser Williams" here. They are blind to the real facts. They hold up Haldane to us as a terrible example. They would have us follow the example of Germany and carry out a program of preparation for war that can only lead to, or be curbed by, exhaustion in the end. And all against an imaginary foe! In Germany, England had a real foe, warily watching and waiting to spring the moment England was caught napping. We have no such foe, and it is only the flighty imagination of such "American Kaisers" as the wone who wrote that article for the Forum that can predict such a foe. We grant that there is a great lesson to be learned from the present war, but it is to be learned from Haldane's unpreparedness or the Kaiser's over-preparedness?

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FORMER CAPTAINS RUN AT TRACK MEET

Nebraska Track Captains of Past Three Years Run For Kansas City Club

"Louie" Anderson, '12, captain of cross-country, and track, David Reavis, '14, track captain, and "Stony" Lindstrum, '13, track captain of the University of Nebraska represented the Kansas City Athletic Club in a tournament at Kansas City, Saturday, February 28.

The meet offered an opportunity for old Nebraska men to appear, Lewis Anderson took second place in the thousand yard race. Lindstrum was one of the four who tied for second place in the pole vault.

Abel Miviat placed first in the 1,000 yards in which Anderson ran a close second. Mr. Kiviat held the world's record in the 15,000 meter race in 1912, until Jackson, the English long distance man, brought it down to 3:56 at the 1912 Stockholm olympics.

March Extension Bulletins Are Out

Two new Extension bulletins have been issued this month, Directory of Nebraska Dairy Breeders and Dealers, by J. H. Frandsen, and bulletin on Spraying Fruit in Nebraska, by J. Ralph Cooper.

To Aid Farmers and Blacksmiths

A new policy has been inaugurated in the forge room of the agricultural engineering department at the University Farm whereby farmers and blacksmiths of Nebraska will be aided with any information about new equipment and new devices that they may desire. The shop will be fitted with modern hammers, shears, punches, welders, and other new lines of tools. An oxy-acetylene welder has just been installed. With this, steel plates can be cut, delicate pieces of wrought welding can be done, and cast-iron breaks can be repaired and made as good as new. The instructor in the shops is a blacksmith of years of experience and is able to teach methods as well as apply them.

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CALENDAR

March

- Friday, March 5—
Phi Delta Theta—Lincoln.
Alpha Sigma Phi Banquet.
Palladian Banquet.
- Saturday, March 6—
Junior Prom.
Union Banquet.
Phi Delta Theta Banquet.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon Banquet.
- Friday, March 12—
Senior Party.
Delta Zeta Banquet.
Phi Kappa Psi—Lincoln.
- Saturday, March 13—
Delta Zeta—Lincoln.
Delta Gamma Banquet.
Phi Kappa Psi Banquet.
Matinee Mixer for H. S. Visitors.
- Friday, March 19—
Junior Play.
Alpha Xi Delta—Lincoln.
- Saturday, March 20—
University Night.
Delta Gamma—Roseville.
Kappa Kappa Gamma—Lincoln.
Kappa Kappa Theta Banquet.
Alpha Xi Delta Banquet.
- Friday, March 26—
Iron Sphynx—Lincoln.

Killed January Grasshopper Crop
While breeding some new varieties of strawberries at the Nebraska Experiment Station this winter, the experimenters have had the novel annoyance of fighting a January crop of grasshoppers. The strawberry plants had been removed to the greenhouse from the beds outside, after the parents had deposited their eggs in the ground in the fall. As the result of the artificial heat, the eggs developed

into young grasshoppers that promised considerable nuisance. Before the youngsters got their wings they were killed by a spray of tobacco extract. Ants are now a pest, the best remedy being sticky paper.

Knew What He Wanted to Give

Billie, who had been having trouble with his older cousin Ralph, came into the house, so the Ladies' Home Journal tells us. His mother, knowing nothing of the trouble said:

"Billie, what would you like to give your cousin Ralph for Christmas?"
"I know what I'd like to give him," said Billie savagely, "but I ain't big enough."

He Was She

In a college for women, where the faculty consisted chiefly of the gentler sex, a meeting of the academic council was in progress. Here and there a lone man sat surrounded by learned

ladies. An amendment had just been proposed.

"Where is the person who offers this amendment?" inquired the president. "Who is she?"

Whereupon Mr. Skeets, the popular young professor of a favorite subject, rose and replied, deprecatingly, "I am she."—New York Evening Post.

Why People "Shrive! Up"

Dr. J. H. Coursault and his four-year-old daughter, Ruth, were walking through the cemetery on their way from Sunday school when the following conversation took place:

"Father, when people die, they shrivel up, don't they?"

"Yes. Do you know why they shrivel up?"

"Surely. When people die, their souls go out of their bodies. Then there is nothing to hold their sides out, so they just shrivel up."—Missourian Magazine.

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