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THE JOURNAL'S ERROR

The ambition of a Journal reporter to get a good "scoop" is responsible for the alleged interview with Chancellor Avery found under the school items in Friday's edition of that paper. That interview is said to have disclosed the fact that the Chancellor is against our campaign. This is evidently a mistake. The Chancellor was joking with a reporter and the latter took the conversation seriously.

We do not know the Chancellor's attitude on this proposition; but do not get the idea that he has expressed himself as being against it.

JOHN JONES AND US

And now comes that well known alias John Jones and objects to our maltreatment of the steam engine. His objection is courageous and clear.

But John has mistaken our object. We are not an enemy of steam or electric transportation. We have never lost our youthful admiration for the iron horse. Even yet we stand with open mouth and wonder what makes the street car go. We concede that our civilization would yet be comparatively simple if steam and electricity had not been harnessed.

But nevertheless there should be a limit to John's affection for the engine. An engine would be out of place in a symphony orchestra. Its lines would not be admired at an automobile show. A poet could not do his best work in a boiler factory. And on the same principle we contend that a student at the University of Nebraska cannot get much benefit out of a lecture on Shakespeare or an exposition of the law of insurance when the air is split with the exhaust of Rumley's engines or the screeches of the brakes of the street cars.

No, John, we are not trying to abolish the steam engine; we are merely trying to keep it out of our parlors.

A more serious objection is advanced, however, when John refers to the noise within the College of Law. It is conceded that the law students are at times discourteous to the other classes in the Law building. But when the fact of such discourtesy is brought to their attention by specific instance, they have never failed to properly respond.

But consider the circumstances under which the law students work. Lincoln's noise prevents the instructors from being heard without difficulty further away than the first few rows. The strain to get each idea, and separate it from the other sounds that reach the ear is indeed great, and is largely responsible for the demon-

stration of energy that occasionally—not often—occurs after class.

FORUM

SINGLE TAX

To the Editor of the Daily Nebraskan: We do not need a single tax to support some forms of university activities. But there are some that need support and the university needs a means, by which its student body can be brought into closer touch. There are a number of organizations, the purpose and duty of organization, the more spirit and bring the students into this closer relationship. Such organizations as debating and publications need more support. These activities are now struggling for an existence and in this struggle they must necessarily spend some of their efforts in a way that does not bring the returns desired. More of the desired returns could be obtained if those organizations were put upon a solid foundation.

Could not such institutions as debating and daily publications, without which our spirit would rapidly decline, be put upon a solid foundation by giving them ample financial backing? They most certainly could. By giving the daily paper definite financial support it could be raised to the efficiency and standard demanded by our university. A complete circulation could also be accomplished. By the complete circulation of a paper such as the students want all of the students would become better acquainted with the inside university life. Thus increasing their interest in and desire for better university spirit, the best and most practical way of making our paper what it ought to be and putting it into the hands of each and every student and in this way promoting a better university spirit, will be to give it more financial backing. This financial backing can be procured best by a single tax.

ARTHUR BALIS.

Editor Daily Nebraskan,
 Lincoln, Nebr.

Dear Sir:

I see by Mr. John Jones' letter to the forum that "traction engines are part of the necessary life of today." To be sure! But what has that got to do with the campaign for the abolition of unnecessary noise about the campus? Garbage cans are part of the necessary life of today. Then by all means let us have a string of them around the campus. That is what Mr. "Jones'" argument amounts to.

But the noise was part of the bargain with the city, says Mr. "Jones," so why object now? I would like to call Mr. "Jones'" attention to the fact that the people who have to suffer from the noise didn't make the bargain for it. But entirely aside from that, if one sees a manifest wrong, which can be corrected, is he obliged to look the other way and keep still about it, simply because no one else ever objected? or because it's part of the existing order of things? If our forefathers had worked on the theory that wrongs right themselves while we lie "supinely on our backs," there wouldn't be a United States today. Thinking Americans aren't accustomed to accept evils merely because they are here.

And the noise around the campus is a positive, aggravating nuisance. Very often in the spring and fall the vibrating racket of the exhausts from the traction engines across the way make study or recitations either in the Library or Law building very difficult. When a lumber wagon starts rumbling up the rough brick-paved street on the west side of the campus you can hear nothing of the recitation or lecture from the time the vehicle is within a block of the building until it has passed a block beyond. The windows on the west side of the Law building, almost invariably at some time during each recitation, must be closed to

keep out the distracting din from Tenth street. The rooms become close and stuffy, or else it becomes impossible to hear. Is it any wonder that the laws are occasionally forced to give vent to outbursts of hilarity?

Speaking of these outbursts reminds me of the fact that they were the occasion of some caustic sarcasm in Mr. "Jones'" letter; I observe also that he resorted to the use of epithets derogating the character of the editor. Such tactics are always resorted to by men who are afraid to meet an issue on its merits. I may say further that this is an issue which those who suffer from the noise would be very glad to have decided on its merits.

Respectfully,
 BILL LAW.

UNIVERSITY NOTICES

The Business Women's club will give a 6 o'clock dinner at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday, February 17. All women are invited. Dr. Brown will give a short talk to the girls. Tickets may be procured from Misses Harriette Anderson, Viola Weatherhill, Vera Fleck and Mrs. Minnie England.

Although I have filed and my name appears on the ballot, I do not wish to be considered a candidate for the sophomore presidency. Carlisle L. Jones.

Nicely furnished southeast room for two girls at 1430 P street. Mrs. S. Poska.

Math. Club Elects

The February meeting of the Mathematical club was held Thursday evening. Officers for the second semester were elected: President, Herbert Grumman; vice president, Ezra Anderson; secretary and treasurer, Alva Read.

The following were elected to membership: A. L. Adams, Georgian Adams, Irving Frost, Fred Garrison, H. L. Hubbel, J. S. Kelly, Roy P. Lintz, James S. Martin, C. C. Schrier, Alma Seim, Carl Shildneck, Ruth Sinclair, Cyril Wertz and Jay B. Worley.

Prohibition Oratorical Contest

The oratorical contest of the Inter-collegiate Prohibition association, under the auspices of the Frances E. Willard W. C. T. U., will be held about March 5. All wishing to enter this contest will kindly observe the following regulations:

- Contestants:
 - Must be undergraduate male students in the university.
 - Must fulfill all requirements necessary for competition in any other university event.
 - Must announce intention to enter contest not later than Friday, January 18.
- Manuscripts:
 - Must deal with some phase of the liquor problem.
 - Must not contain more than fifteen hundred (1,500) words.
 - Must be handed in to committee not later than March 5.
- Prizes to be awarded by Frances E. Willard, W. C. T. U.—First, \$25; second, \$15; third, \$10.
- Winner to enter state contest.
- Students who wish to enroll in this contest may leave names at Registrar's office, or call Earl Forbes.

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