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THE SUCCESS OF THE VOLUNTARY SINGLE TAX

The Daily Nebraskan recently sent out questionnaires to between eighty and ninety schools of the country, seeking their experience with the Single Tax and the Student Union. The manner in which the questions were answered has been of great assistance to us in our efforts to secure the adoption of these measures here.

One of the remarkable things about the reports on the Single Tax is that only four out of the thirty some replies received to date show a voluntary Single Tax system. These are the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of California, Iowa State college (Ames), and Washington university of St. Louis. All others have the compulsory system, and all announce that it has been successful.

Of the four named, Ames states that the system has been a success in arousing student interest, without giving any explanation. California makes a qualified answer. There the system has aroused student interest "in so far as it secures full participation in campus life or none at all." By inference, we conclude that there are some that the system does not reach.

The fate of the idea in the other schools has not been so fortunate. At the institute the plan has been a flat failure, due entirely to the fact that it is made voluntary. Washington university had a tax of \$5 from 1912 to 1914. The plan was then abandoned. In referring to the fact that payment was not compulsory, the editor of Student Life says, "This was one of the faults of the plan."

We believe that these instances go to prove our previous contention that the Single Tax will lose many of its good points if it is made voluntary. The reduction of the price of the various activities to make a club rate cannot be successful, for not enough will volunteer to make the club price attractive.

But more than this, the Tax will not secure interest in activities among those who would otherwise be backward, taking advantage of the educational opportunities in this line. The feature of the system that has won it many friends on the faculty is the fact that it will create this interest among those who believe that the classroom is their only field of activity while obtaining an education. Even California, which reports in glowing

terms of the success of the plan, admits that there are some students that it does not reach.

To get the maximum benefit out of the Single Tax, it must be compulsory—excepting, of course, those who are unable to pay.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS

Linus Chase, '16, is out of school on account of a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Lost—A tan kid glove; initials H. L. R. on inside. Return to student activities office. 225-124

The Palladian society will hold an open meeting tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in Palladian hall.

The German Dramatic club goes to Dunbar this evening. Miss Heppner will accompany them as coach and chaperon.

Friday night, Union members meet in Union hall at 7 o'clock sharp. Members will go in a body to the Farmers' Fair.

A. E. Sheldon, director of the legislative reference bureau, addressed a meeting of the D. A. R.'s Tuesday evening on the subject of immigration.

Mrs. T. F. A. Williams, of the Political Science department, recently has been elected president of the Southeastern Nebraska Teachers' association.

The Deutsches Gesellige Verein met at the home of Nannie Samuelson, 2215 E street, last evening. The initiation of the new members took place, after which a musical program was given.

E. M. Nelson, A.M., '15, is taking a post-graduate course in the university. He is connected with the government nursery at Halsey, where he supervised the shipment of trees to Kinkaid homesteaders.

The Graduate Teachers' club will meet at the home of Dr. Luckey, Fifteenth and R streets, this evening at 7 o'clock. Fred Hunter, superintendent of schools, will speak. Miss Rose Yont will give a book review of her doctor's thesis "Status and Value of Music in Education."

Don Gallagher announces that he will take a baseball team composed of twelve university students on a tour of Nebraska immediately after school is out and wishes to inform all students who wish to try out for the team to call him at B-1110 or see him personally. The club will play Sunday games away from Lincoln until the present term ends.

Thorne Browne, '07, former assistant director in the legislative reference bureau, is now secretary of the state railway commission. This is a very important position, as shown by the fact that he will receive the same salary as the governor. Mr. Browne was formerly connected with the Nebraska State Journal for several years.

D. E. Kennedy, western sales manager for the American Radiator company, Chicago, and E. C. Waddington, manager of the Kansas City branch of the American Blower company, visited the Mechanical Engineering building Monday and Tuesday of this week to meet some of the senior engineers. R. F. Gillespie, who graduated in February, is now stationed by the American Radiator company at Atlanta, Ga., and G. C. Polk, who has been with the American Blower company since 1913, is at Detroit. Both men are reported as doing well.

NON COMPOSITIS

"THE RAPE OF THE LOCK"
BY BRYSON ET AL.

When a seemingly bright, beautiful young man of twenty years, more or less, locks his keys in his desk and, aided by one lone fellow worker, has to spend two perfectly good hours of this gorgeous springtime unscrewing the desk top off to get them, the world becomes dark and gloomy, and he knows that "a fellow is always having hard luck, anyway."

"Al" Bryson was the leading man in this one-act tragedy, and Virgil Haggart was "the ever present aid in time of trouble."

It is rumored that "Al" has strung the keys on a pink baby ribbon and has draped them over the top of his desk as a reminder of the glories of the past.

"RESIGNED" DOES

Now I sit me down to work
And write a lot of dope—
That I may keep your spirits up
And fill your heart with hope.

I've just devoured a chocolate "goop"
With English walnuts lined,
I'd rather have a bowl of soup—
Say—what rhymes with lined?

For heaven's sake, stop singing!

Found: A fountain pen on the editor's desk. Thank you.

In a rhetoric class:
Bright Freshman: "I think there must be euphony there, it doesn't sound right."

There are a couple of mice in The Daily Nebraskan office that have more fun scaring the girl reporters and eating the paste off the exchange wrappers. We don't care about the girls, but it does ruin the appearance of the wrappers.

PORTER AND THE BULL

One of the features of the afternoon parade of the prize stock at the state farm will be Grove Porter, leading a bull.

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