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ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY PICNIC

The University picnic, to be held next Wednesday afternoon, is an event of real importance to Summer School students. It is more than an afternoon of recreation. It is an opportunity. The shortness of the summer term has made it difficult for the students attending to become closely enough acquainted to gain the advantage of the social culture which is so highly emphasized—overemphasized by many—during the regular session.

This lack of social comradeship during Summer School is partly responsible for the absence in any pronounced degree of that combination of loyalty to the institution and fellowship among its students which we call college spirit. Time and again we hear from the alumni of our school that among the most pleasant memories as well as the most enduring benefits of their university education they count the friendships formed during their university course. There is no vital reason why those who take a part of the college work during the summer should miss this part of their education and it is to supply this need that the all university picnic is planned. Help to make the Summer Session a real part of the university year, socially as well as otherwise, by attending.

The summer session is drawing an unusual range of students this year. In the books placed on the campus for the student directory was found the entry "Ima Nutt." A convention of the campus squirrels has been called to investigate the matter. Oh joke, where is thy point!

WHY NOT COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING?

Uncle Sam celebrated Independence Day yesterday with militia encamped in nearly every state capital of the country. It is a time when it is the duty of every citizen and especially of the teachers who guide the thought of the coming generation, to take stock of such opinions as they have concerning the military organization of the country.

Do you believe that your country would ever be justified in going to war? If you do, and there is little question but that a great majority of people still do, how do you propose that your country shall meet a situation, such as the Mexican one, in the future?

The system of depending upon volunteers in a crisis, besides being woefully inefficient, is manifestly unfair. Under the volunteer system the most daring and the most patriotic men are given the burden of sacrifice for their country, while the others stay at home, not only making no sacrifice themselves, but even reaping the benefit of the sacrifice of those who go. It would be far more just if every man were subject to call if he were needed and if he had had sufficient training to make him effective if he were called.



(By courtesy of the Cornhusker.)

Winter scenes of the University Campus

This, to be sure, means universal compulsory military training, and this we are told is un-American. But why? It is not undemocratic if the people impose it upon themselves any more than a self-imposed tax is undemocratic. Switzerland, one of the most democratic nations in the world, has a model system of compulsory training. Un-American and undemocratic are vague terms which it would be well to define carefully before using as scare-crows against military reform.

If we are to enter war again we should see that the burdens of war are distributed as evenly as possible and this can best be done if every man is trained and every man subject to call.

FORUM

WHAT AMERICA OWES TO THE GERMANS

We note the reappearance of the "Hyphen" in Academic and Aesthetic circles in Lincoln. It refuses to be engulfed in the whirlpool of "Americanism," which embraces almost the entire nation. It leaked out in an address entitled "What Does America Owe to the German-Americans?" delivered by Professor Grumann before the German Club a week or so ago, practically simultaneously with the refusal of Mayor Mitchell to accept a German-American regiment out of fear of the Hessians. We are told that it was German-American strategy and tactics that freed Uncle Sam in 1776.

This reminds us of the experience of a little solitary Frenchman who was expelled from a Hyphenate Versammlung in New York City because he distributed pamphlets from the balcony containing impertinent questions too bulky even for Teutonic stomachs. Among these questions was one of this nature: Why did 23,000 Germans for hire try to "Skidoo" the Americans back under the tyranny of the German George the Third? What did La Belle France do for the Americans in 1776? Have you forgotten the Hessians? Have Americans forgotten that the victory of Yorktown was impossible without the French navy sent to aid LaFayette and Washington?

Another benefit derived from these benevolently efficient Germans burned into the American conscience never to be forgotten is "Andersonville Prison" of Civil War days, whose head commandant was the illustrious Wirz, who was executed for cruelty and mismanagement.

In regard to America's literary in-

debtedness to Germany, in the dying phrase of Goethe, we desire "More light." We were always under the impression, until reading the Professor's utterances per contra that the principal foreign influences affecting the thought and style of Lowell were Spain and England. Speaking of Whittier, America's greatest Quaker poet perhaps, we were much impressed with the discovery that Quakerism and the love of peace originated in Germany. We always used to believe that William Penn and a few other Quakers came from England, but perhaps we are in error because Penn and Whittier are Germans just as Dante and Shakespeare are according to the invincible logic of Houston Stewart Chamberlain.

Cooper, Poe, Irving, and Hawthorne, and by all means let us not forget Mark Twain, are strangely neglected by the Professor, not to mention many other American literary men. But we plead guilty to another error. We are indebted to Germany for providing an unlimited stimulus to Mark Twain's humor when he issued his immortal discussion of the German language.

Edwin Emerson informs us that Geermany was the only European power of consequence that refused to proclaim itself neutral in the Spanish-American war as England and other powers did, possibly because if it had, the Kaiser could not have attempted to keep Dewey away out of Manila Bay, which he finally entered through the friendly hints of the commander of an English squadron.

We are proud of Princeton University, which the Professor terms an "English cloister school." It is one of the few, if not the only one, of the large American universities that refuses to tolerate the undemocratic Greek Letter Fraternity.

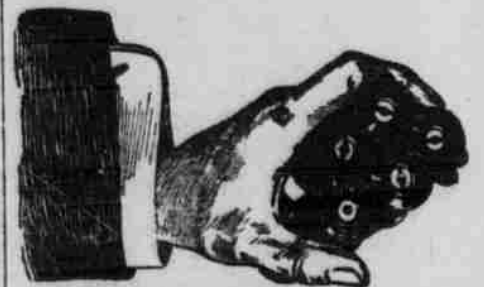
Approaching the present, "The German-American's greatest contribution" is men of the type revealed in the Professor, who tried to blow up the United States capitol and later shot Mr. Morgan and the self-confessed perjurers who swore to the armament of the Lusitania and set fire to the Ottawa Parliament buildings, the destroyers of armament factories and tools of Dumba and Von PaPen, etc.

FELIX NEWTON.

Miss Hedvik Provaznik, a June graduate, is ill in a hospital in Omaha. The Bohemian students of the Komensky Klub remembered Miss Provaznik who has always been an active member, with floral tributes.

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