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In this issue appears a brief history of the fight for a new state constitution for Nebraska, and the reasons in brief for such a change. As high school teachers the summer school students should take care to inform themselves on this issue for it is of vital importance to the state. There is little question in the minds of thinking men that Nebraska needs a revision of her constitution and it is largely the indifference of the people which holds the reform back. It is the duty of the teacher to keep in the van of movements for social and political reform.

The success of the University picnic Wednesday reflects credit upon the summer students. It showed that there is a growing spirit of fellowship and school spirit in the student body. In proportion to the enrollment in Summer School the attendance at the picnic was larger than the representation which can usually be gotten out for any student enterprise during the regular session. The Summer School will in time become recognized as an integral part of the University instead of as a mere sideline or afterthought.

As is usual with such events the picnic was made possible by the loyal efforts of a few who, seeing the value of such an event in drawing the student body more closely together socially, sacrificed their own interests to make it a success. The student body as a whole seldom realizes what it means in time and effort to make some student activity succeed. They take the result for granted if the event is a success and are ready to criticize any failure. Those who made the picnic succeed last Wednesday, however, can have satisfaction of knowing that they have set a successful precedent for an event which should become one of Nebraska's best traditions.

Apologies are due to Deans Fordyce, Luckey and Burnett, whose pictures and names did not coincide in Wednesday's issue, due to a printer's mistake in the composing room.

**FORUM**

It is a commonplace remark among students that some of the janitors own the buildings, but no one has suspected that any janitor was so lacking in gentlemanly instincts that he would verbally abuse a defenseless woman student, and place her in the Ananias Club as a charter member. Yet such an incident happened in one of the buildings yesterday afternoon, and we believe the matter should be brought to the attention of the regents, if no one else in authority has nerve enough to reprimand him as he deserves.

In one of the advanced classes a young lady was quietly attending to her work at a table, when suddenly the janitor in question arrived upon the scene of action and accused her of interfering with his work. The

young lady denied all knowledge of the affair, and every other student in the room believed she told the truth. The janitor then began to abuse her with sarcastic and cutting remarks, his anger rising as the square of the distance his talk proceeded. One of the young men near her, spoke to the janitor, and succeeded in drawing down upon his own head the outpourings of a wrathful spirit. We believe students, especially women, are entitled to protection by the University authorities from their employees, and if any employee has not yet learned the first lesson of a gentleman, immediate steps should be taken to "educate" him.

**A SUMMER STUDENT.**

**MOVEMENT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION GROWING**

**Nebraska Popular Government League Sees Victory Ahead**

In an interview for the Nebraskan yesterday Mr. C. E. Sorenson, the new legal counselor for the Legislative Reference Bureau, and secretary of the Nebraska Popular Government League stated that there is every indication that the next legislature will pass a bill calling for a constitutional convention.

The fight for a new constitution for Nebraska is about fifteen years old. The question of calling a constitutional convention has repeatedly been before the legislature but one house or the other has always managed to turn it down. In 1913 Senator Kemp introduced a bill calling for a convention which carried in the senate but failed in the house.

In 1914 the Popular Government League of Nebraska was organized with the object of securing a constitutional convention. C. A. Sorenson, then a scholar in the Political Science Department of the University, was elected secretary and put in general charge of the work. Bulletins were published by the League and in the 1915 legislature the co-operation of both party leaders in the house was secured.

House Roll No. 1, calling a constitutional convention to revise the constitution was passed by the house by a vote of 90 to 9, but on account of certain interests in the senate failed by a few votes to get the required three-fifths majority there.

A few days after the defeat in the senate some one hundred members of the legislature and others interested held a meeting at the Lindell and decided to proceed through the Popular Government League to get the constitutional convention called through the Initiative.

To do this 40,000 signatures were necessary for the petition and the work of getting these was immediately begun. About ten days before July 1, 1916, the date necessary to file the petition in order to submit the proposition at the November election, about 30,000 names had been secured and with the organization in the field it would have been comparatively easy to secure the other 10,000. But in the meantime a poll of the candidates of both parties for the legislature had been taken and an overwhelming majority of these found to be in favor of the amendment as a result of the public opinion which had been crystallized by the work of the Popular Government League. Hence it was decided to secure the call for the convention through the legislature instead of through the Initiative since the latter method would have involved much more expense.

An effort will be made to secure the adoption by both party conventions of planks favoring the calling of a convention. The 1917 legislature will, in all probability, pass an act calling for the desired convention.

**NEBRASKA NEEDS NEW CONSTITUTION**

As it was said 2,000 years ago that all roads led to Rome, so we can say in Nebraska today that all roads in governmental matters lead to a Constitutional Convention.

It matters little whether you are interested in securing more efficient and up to date state, county and municipal government; in developing Nebraska's natural resources; in judicial reform; in getting a tax system that will distribute the taxes more equitably and lower them generally, or anything else, you get only a short distance before you run up against some obsolete or out-grown provision in our present constitution of 1875.

With all the states around getting into line by revising their constitutions to meet changed economic, social and political conditions, Nebraska with her "one-horse shay" lags in the rear.

The only way, the least expensive way, the proper way, is for the people of Nebraska to call a Constitutional

Convention to make our fundamental law meet present day needs.

C. A. SORENSON.

**KEARNEY NORMALITES CHALLENGE THE WORLD**

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the campus during this summer session, faculty included, to a game of baseball, to be played at the Uni. athletic field at any time which may be set by the victims who accept the above. So help us Billy Sunday. First come first served, leave your acceptances at Student Activities Office.

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