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ELECTING THE STUDENT COUNCIL

One of the difficulties before the Student Council charter commission, in framing its constitution to present to the students for a vote, has been to determine the best method of electing the different members of the council. It is not far wrong to say that there is a general distrust on the part of the students as to the wisdom of a simple election as for the class presidents, this method not having brought out the best candidates in the different classes in a majority of cases.

Should the council consist of a selected group of students who attain their position by a virtue of offices they hold, such as president of the Girl's club, or the Y. M. C. A.? If organization heads are to be the members of the council, what organizations are the ones whose presidents should be selected?

Should the council be chosen simply on a basis of classes, so many seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen, elected by a simple ballot? Much can be said on this point. Or should the council combine a judicious mixture of the two? What kind of membership produces the most efficiently working council?

These are some of the questions that will be brought up at the meeting of the Student Council charter commission in the Y. W. C. A. rooms tonight. They are things that should invite the careful thought and discussion of every student. Any who has definite ideas on the subject and reasons therefore could prove himself a useful University student by presenting them to the council committee tonight.

OMAHA DAY

Omaha Day, when all of the University students are invited to go to Omaha as guests of the Omaha Commercial club has been set for May 4. The announcement should meet with an immediate response from the students.

If more students do not make the trip this year than went last year, the day as a University holiday should be definitely abandoned. Omaha is extending her hospitality. The city is not only the largest in Nebraska, it is one of the most interesting in the west, and offers an unusual opportunity for a day's study of a kind that is not to be had at the University, but is none the less valuable.

Certainly not less than a thousand, and if possible many more than that number should visit Omaha May 4 this year.

UNIVERSITY NOTICES

Tegner Society

Tegner society will hold its next meeting in Palladian hall Saturday evening. Games and program.

Faculty Men's Dinner Club

Prof. H. F. Roberts of Kansas Agricultural college is unable to be present at the meeting of the Dinner club Friday evening. Dean Ellery Davis will discuss the "Flexner Report on Secondary Education," at 6:30 p. m. Members should without fail signify at once their intention to be present. F. W. Sanford, chairman.

Junior Play Committee

There will be a meeting of the junior play committee this morning at 10:50 in The Daily Nebraskan office.

"Ag" Club

The "Ag" club will meet this evening at 7:30 in Plant Industry hall, State Farm campus. Illustrated lecture by Professor Young on "Soil Erosion." Talk by Representative Norton.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS

To Judge Debate.—Charles E. Schofield, '17, and Clarence Clark, '12, law, '14, went to Cambridge yesterday noon to judge the Cambridge-McCook debate, one of the contests of the series in the Southwestern district of the Nebraska high school debating league. Judges will be sent to Nelson to judge the Nelson-Shickley second series debate.

Renew Work on Chemistry Hall.—The work on the new Chemistry building has been renewed in full force, and the finishing stage has now been reached. White-coat will soon be on, and the finer work then can be taken up. The department

Four Years Ago Today

Nebraska's basketball team finished a remarkable season with envious individual records. Three members of Walter Eckersall's all-Missouri Valley team were taken from the Nebraska five.

One Year Ago Today

The engineering college was completing plans for an engineers' week, to include among other events, a special issue of the Daily Nebraskan, a special Convocation and the Engineers' night.

Students of the law college made a protest against the ventilation of the law building.

HOPE HELD OUT FOR PERMANENT PEACE

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doubtedly one of the great events of modern history," said Professor Fling. "It is worth our while as Americans and as citizens of the world to understand what the effects are and what is the relationship of it all."

Then he sketched the course of the revolt as given by the newspapers. The censorship was not raised until a week ago Thursday, when the revolutionary party gained control in Petrograd and was able to inform the outside world of the tremendous events of the week.

Began With Bread Riots

The thing began with the people gathering in the street in bread riots. The troops were called out, but the troops assumed a new attitude. The Cossacks good-naturedly shoved the people aside, showing no inclination to run them down and to sabre them as in former years. Sunday afternoon the revolution entered a new phase.

The revolutionary element, that had been planning for years began to see its opportunity. Then came the question of the troops, and whether when ordered to fire upon the people they would fire. On that Sunday afternoon when the officers ordered the troops to fire upon the people they refused, abandoned the government and went over to the side of the revolutionists. Then the police were called out and there was fighting, the police finally being driven to the housetops.

The next day was a critical one. The troops with the revolutionists and those still on the side of the government faced each other across the square. Emmissaries went back and forth. A few volleys were fired. Finally the government troops deserted in a body and went over to their fellow citizens. Then they got possession of the Duma and of the arsenals. The revolution was really won.

Meanwhile the other side of the affair was developing. The czar, on the front, was telegraphed by the president of the Duma. No answers came to the telegrams. The Duma took control of the government and appointed a new ministry, most of whom were members of the Duma, and the government had passed into the hands of the representatives of the people.

America Had Little Sympathy
 "We had so little sympathy with Russia because of ignorance," said Prof. Fling. "Democracy has come to us by inheritance, and we hardly appreciate what it means to have to struggle for it as they did."

The thing came to a head ten years ago as a result of the war with Japan, which was not a war of the people, but was a war of the men in power to further their foreign policy. The czar made an end to it by refusing the Duma representative powers, and then he was supported by the army.

Again a war offered to the people their opportunity, this being the struggle in Europe now.

"Although this war did represent on one side an attempt to carry out the government's policy it was also a war of the Russian people," the speaker stated. "Several years before this when the independence of the Balkan people was threatened, it was known that the Russian people would not stand for it, and when this war came it was a popular war."

But the Russian people found that the men in power were willing to play into Germany's hands, to negotiate a peace to stop the war and prevent the formation of Russian democracy. Last November the Grand Duke Nicholas plainly told the czar what the situation was, but he couldn't understand any more

than Louis XVI could understand at the time of the French revolution.

Curious Help of Heaven

"There are times when heaven seems to help a struggling people in curious ways," Prof. Fling said in speaking of the weakness of the czar.

"It was one of the greatest blessings that Nicholas was a weak man, that he did not have backbone enough to fight, that the man at the head was not strong enough to maintain the old state of things."

"Last November he was warned and took no notice of the warning. The revolution could not be kept off if the Russian people intended to win the war. Just as in 1792 in France, the government was doing all it could to make the war a failure and to force peace. The last culminating thing was the lack of food that brought the people to the streets."

Promise of Permanency

Prof. Fling believes that the new government gives every promise of being permanent, the only fear being that the different groups, those who favor a constitutional monarchy, those who favor a republic and the extreme type that favors a social republic, may not be able to get together in forming the new government as they have in overthrowing the old.

But in the granting of the franchise and full rights of citizenship to the Jew, in the throwing open the prisons and freeing those who had been imprisoned for years for political offenses in opposing the government, in the moderation displayed by those in authority in not taking bloody revenge upon the rulers who despoiled the people, in granting independence again to Finland, and in the personnel of the ministry now in power, there is every promise of success, Prof. Fling asserted.

The lecture was the first public one given by Prof. Fling at the University on the war, since the Convocation address he delivered shortly after the struggle began.

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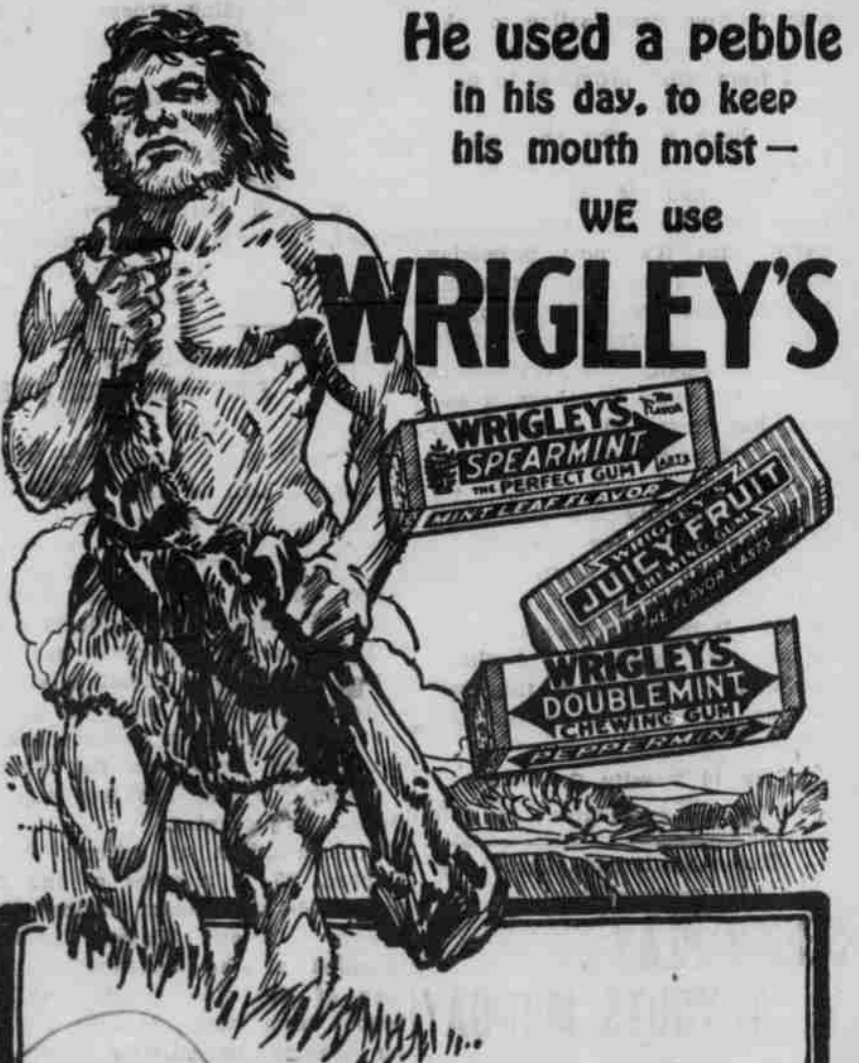
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