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The last football rally of the year will be held Monday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock. It was planned originally for the regular Tuesday convocation hour of next week but has given way for the annual Thanksgiving program. If Nebraskans ever did turn out for a mass meeting, then this closing one should find them there with hearty lungs and an eager will. The rally will be both a tribute to the team for its victory over Kansas, which brought Nebraska another Missouri valley championship, and a council of war for the final battle of the season with Syracuse Thanksgiving day. It will be a chance for students to show proper appreciation of one of the greatest teams Nebraska ever had and it will also be the only chance before the day of the game to unite Cornhusker spirit for a victory over Syracuse. Let's make it the biggest rally for the biggest battle of the year.

Speaking of admonishments, think of the turkey.

Either this luscious bird or one of his near relatives has been haunting the minds of students ever since November came. Our thoughts are fleeting homeward in anticipation of the approaching recess. Mother's cooking, the chance to stretch out, physically and mentally, for a day or two of rest, is luring us well nigh to distraction. We know that there awaits us a visit with the home folks and a series of bountiful meals, with one special feast the details of which are tinglingly vivid. Of course there will not be the extravagant overabundance of the usual Thanksgiving dinner; turkey may be abandoned for some less pretentious fowl; but it will be nevertheless a feast fit for kings.

How many of us will sit down snugly at our Thanksgiving table, unfold our napkins with a joyful sigh and fill our stomachs, without first making provision for the Thanksgiving day of the soldiers of the allies? Those who do will be either surprisingly heedless or sufficiently selfish. Our first thought should be of our fighting forces on that day; we have our domestic poor to think of, but we have in addition the army which must win the war and prevent further misery and suffering. Our responsibility is an added one, and one still more imperative than customary charity. Before we eat our Thanksgiving dinners, which stand as a token of appreciation for the bountiful kindness that the world has bestowed upon us—we must know in our hearts that our soldiers have received from us some sacrifice of material wealth for their comfort and contentment.

The Nebraskan can recall no previous time when students were so guilty of neglect of duty that they really needed the hammer instead of the hand to swing them into line behind a worthy cause. But the hour is now ripe for some one to give us a good scolding. We have been shamefully negligent so far in our response to the call for contributions to the Y. M. C. A. war work fund. While other universities have been responding as the nation expects them to, we have fiddled away the days of the campaign and have raised so far but half of a just apportionment of the state's subscription. Ohio State university raised her quota shortly after the campaign started and kept right on passing fifteen hundred dollars beyond the mark set, which was \$20,000. Illinois university has subscribed her share of \$21,000 and is continuing the campaign with success. At every other middle-western university the response

has been hearty and spontaneous, while Nebraska students have done a half-way job of it and have seemed disposed to let it go at that. Who wants the University to stand alone as the one which paid the least attention to the call for financial support to keep up the spirit of the nation's army? Who of us that have assumed the serious duty of continuing our education in this time of stress care to have it said that although Nebraska furnished more men than any other western college for the army, those who remained behind did less to care for them than the students of other institutions? Nebraska still has the opportunity to make good — students will be asked for this necessary sacrifice at the University mass meeting Friday morning. We have procrastinated too long now, but we can at least make good in the end. Let's do it.

"BALL 'EM OUT" TACTICS

It is regrettable that college students should be afflicted with a form of pedagogy in some of their classes that was long ago discarded in grade schools and high schools throughout the country. We believe that the department of education will bear us out when we say that it is questionable didactics for an instructor to single out an individual student, and in the presence of the entire class, dwell on his slovenliness, his dearth of brains, and his poor chance of passing the course.

The university has a little group of instructors who have won notoriety if not respect for their adroitness in these "ball 'em out" methods. There are two or three instructors in the college of liberal arts who have established a reign of fear over their several classes. Students aver they are often afraid to recite when they know their lessons out of a dread of getting barked at in sonorous tones for a mispronunciation, or the like.

Here we have the methods of the old New England school master who thundered at his girl pupils because the laws of convention would have frowned on him had he flogged them as the pupils unfortunate enough to be boys would have been flogged. If it is an uncontrollable temper that possesses our "ball 'em out" instructors, they should seek a type of work in which their abnormality would injure fewer persons. A position in some stockyards is one possibility.

An institution in which it is assumed that students are mature enough to make judgments and recognize at least the general aims of education is no place for the use of classroom tactics that have been abandoned in the instruction of children of the "marble playing" age, because they too closely approximated the Stone Age conception of social ethics and fine arts.—Daily Iowan.

THE FORUM

War Taxation
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Editor Nebraskan.

This is not a kick at the war. The war has got to be fought out to the bitter end and the kaiser and his murdering crew well and properly hanged by the neck until they are all as dead as some of the innocent Belgian girls whom they, by proxy, have raped and murdered. If we don't see to this, a just God will send the same to us some day by the unconquered Hohenzollern Huns. Our flag in this war does not stand for pure altruism but for enlightened selfishness and an investment for safety in the future against this jungle of man-eating tigers which has broken loose over Europe and will break loose over America later, unless they are caged or killed or a little of both.

But we ought not to tax the profits out of production, or we ought not to issue these billions of interest-paying war bonds with their billions of annual interest to be raised by crushing taxation and their multi-billions of principal to be retired a little later. Repudiation is the only thing in sight for such didoes as these.

But we do not need to tax the people directly or to issue war bonds to carry on the war. We have pledged our whole wealth to the job; let Uncle Sam, who is merely our agent to whom we have given a sight draft on all our wealth, go out and take the very things he needs for the war, muskets, shells, and what not, and compel the rest of us, in accordance with the power we have placed in his hands as our war manager, to contribute to the loss by giving sight drafts, in convenient denominations from \$1 up and covering in the aggregate the current market value, including the war profit, of the stuff he takes here and there, to those from whom he takes goods, thus enabling such people to come back to the market and be reimbursed out of any goods there offered for sale, up to the limit of these drafts, at current prices. The drafts on the whole market thus issued to people who had given up their goods should carry a heavy penalty for dishonor, should run to bearer forever after and be used to the end of time or the republic as a medium of exchange. They would not be fiat currency, because they are simply the substitutes of the general

draft which we the people issued against ourselves, acknowledging our debt for the war; and they would not be open to the accusation of being irredeemable currency, because they would be instantly redeemable in any product in the market, including gold, at current market prices. These drafts would pass on the loss from the individual whose goods were taken to the whole aggregate wealth of the country. They would stop nowhere to any one's loss and the burden of the war would wholly disappear except in the increased price of supplies diminished by the war draft and this increased price would soon be leveled by the increased production attracted by the unmolested war profit. The increased price could also be easily offset entirely simply by increasing the earning power of the people through embargoes and high tariffs, which would transfer from foreign producers to domestic, the three billion dollar order for products now going abroad every year under our low tariffs. England has done this with great success. Ask your readers what they think of it.

Yours truly,

R. A. BENEDICT.

COMING AT CONVOCATION

November 22, Professor W. F. Dann, discussion of "The Jewels of the Madonna," "Faust," "La Traviata." November 26, Thanksgiving program. The governor's proclamation will be read. Mrs. Raymond will have charge of the music.

VESPERS

Ruth Snyder

Miss Fannie Drake, secretary of University Y. W. C. A., spoke at Vespers yesterday in the Y. W. C. A. rooms in the Temple. Her subject was "Working Faith." Dorothy Adamson presided and Harriet Ramey sang.

"I suppose that every thinking person is a skeptic at some time," said Miss Drake. "If we are to be real college women we will have to use our minds. We must not be satisfied with insufficient thinking."

"There are three classes of people who ask questions, superficial evolutionists, naturalists and those who believe in the theory of agnosticism."

The superficial evolutionists believe in evolution as a working theory both in science and philosophy. It gives us new ideas but it fails to work in philosophy. Evolution does not answer all the questions and cannot account for everything.

"By agnosticism, our knowledge is limited by things we get through science, those which can be proven. We all believe in spiritual values of life and know more about our friends than could be proven by sciences."

"Naturalists divide God and nature." They are really dualists and believe that life can proceed along on two planes.

All these leave out the essential things. We can't prove the biggest things in life. We must first think and the rest will follow.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

The following new books have been received at the library:

- The Panama Canal and Commerce—Johnson.
- Condition of Labor in American Industries—Lauck-Sydenstricker.
- The Caliph's Last Heritage—Sir Mark Sykes.
- Human Nature—Higgins.
- Principles of American State Administration—John Mathews.
- The Slavs of the War Zone—Bailey.
- As it Is in England—Osborne.
- The English Drama in the Age of Shakespeare—Craigenach.
- Channels of English Literature—Dunn.
- The family—Godsell.
- Arboreal Man—F. Wood Jones.
- Humor of Homer—Butler.
- An Frontier of France—Severance.
- History of Social Legislation in Iowa—Briggs.
- Henry James—Ford-Madox Huffer.
- Modern Humanists—Robertson.
- China and the Manchus—Giles.
- Gymnastic Problems—Bolin.
- Growth of Music—Colles.
- The School—Findley.
- High School and Class Management—Pollister.
- The Offender—Lewis.
- Emanuel of Children of the Soil—Pontop-Pidan.
- Handbook of the Library of Congress—Small.
- Addresses and Papers on Insurance—Potts.
- Corona Mexicana—Motezumas.
- Panger Man Plot Unmasked—Cheradame.
- Tokens of the English Century—Longman.
- Applied Sociology—Fairchild.
- Village Government in British India—Matthai.
- Profits and Wages—Kleene.
- Distributive Justice—Ryan.
- Cotton as a World Power—Sherer.
- The Mystic Vision—Fisher.

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