

MAYOR SMITH TURNS OVER KEYS OF CITY

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always thrown open, and nothing will be too good for the students who are "lords and kings of the day." Omaha's attitude toward the university has ever been the most altruistic. A fair example of this can be noted in the manner in which her newspapers have always been anxious to do their part in boosting the school. Omaha encourages her citizens to send their sons and daughters to the State University, and hundreds of the most representative and prominent students have heeded this call. The newspapers of Nebraska's largest city do not seek for scandal that will make a sensational story, and give the people of the state a wrong impression as to what the students are accomplishing. They publish that which is proper from a news standpoint, and not that which tends to be sensational without having any real news value. Furthermore they are anxious to publish all the news of the university, and not merely an occasional formal notice of an important happening.

A Commercial Center

This year Omaha will be different than she was even three years ago. She has changed mightily; she has "grown up." With the incorporation of South Omaha, and other smaller suburbs, her population is now close to 250,000. Her line of skyscrapers is ever changing, and her municipal improvements and park systems are widening. The observance of these changes by one who has not visited the Gate City in three years will be something in itself to open his eyes.

It is almost imperative that students stay with their groups this year, in order that the least amount of confusion may occur, and the inspection of the various Omaha points of interest may be systematized. After the speeches, dinner and informal reception and dance in the evening the students and faculty will return tired, but with the appreciation and educational enjoyment which the thousands of dollars spent by the Omaha citizens for the visitors' entertainment will create.

MISS CARSON TO DISCUSS RED CROSS SOCIAL WORK

Miss Norma Carson, field representative in Nebraska of the Civilian Relief department of the Red Cross, will visit the University Monday and Tuesday of next week. She comes at this time particularly to discuss the openings for social work through the Red Cross and wishes to meet seniors who are interested in this line of work.

Miss Carson is a Nebraska graduate who has had several years of study and research in the New York School of Civics and Philanthropy. She will address the sociology class in Law 107 at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon; and other students interested are invited to attend this lecture.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Alpha Theta Chi held its spring party at the Lincoln Hotel. Seventy couples attended. Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Palmer chaperoned the party. The out-of-town guests were Mark Hargraves, Kenneth Dinsmore, Wymore; Loren Caley, Sterling.

Seventy-five couples were entertained by the members of the Farm House at their spring party at the Lincoln Hotel. The decorations were in maroon and gold. The chaperones were Prof. and Mrs. W. W. Burr, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pugsley, and Prof. H. J. Young. Guests from out of town who attended the party were: F. C. Coulson, Norfolk; B. H. Reiher, Red Cloud; A. V. Tjoulson, Gothenburg, and B. E. Skinner, Champaign, Ill.

The Sophomore hop was held at the Commercial Club. Ninety couples attended. Dr. and Mrs. George Condra were the chaperones.

The women of the faculty entertained the faculty at dinner at Women's Hall. Places were laid for two hundred. The tables were decorated with apple and cherry blossoms. Miss Winifred Hyde was chairman of the committee.

ALUMI NOTES

Miss Ina Gittings, '06, formerly physical director at the University of Nebraska, is now with the American Committee for Relief at Constantinople. The party made the trip across the Atlantic in the Leviathan and landed in Brest, France, from which they were taken to Marseilles in a hospital train. They sailed across the Mediterranean in a British transport to Tunis, Africa and then harbored at Salonika. Miss Gittings wrote the following letter to her mother, Mrs. A. H. Gittings, of Superior.

March 5, 1919.

For two days we have been anchored in the harbor at Salonika, Greece, at the base of Mt. Olympus where the ancient gods were born and dealt happiness or woe to the people or tribes or nations of those days. The natural beauty of this blue corner of the Aegean is overwhelming, but after we went ashore and saw at close range the city of Minarets (prayer towers—Moslem) and the ancient walled city in ruins above the more modern city, the beauty had a pathetic tinge. Squalor, misery, and ignorance in the home of the gods—in the cradle of civilization. Is time then of so little value to the human race that nothing had been reaped or kept that will add value to the real knowledge of how to live? Minarets on countless mosques from which prayers are said or sung to east and west, and north and south and yet where is the comfort for these miserable sufferers.

The harbor is entirely land locked and circled with mountains, some snow capped, and the blue sky and the blue water make it a beautiful setting for ships of all nations. One large one is beached, having been torpedoed by German submarines. Aeroplanes soared over the city all day yesterday. Military and refugee camps of and for all nations are at the edge of the city; British, French, Italian, Greeks and Russian have large military camps and most of the refugees are Greeks, Armenian or Balkan tribes. This has been the base of all operations for the Balkan wars for years and years and now the great war has made it more the vortex than ever. Since the Balkans have been the bone of contention for all the European powers and Turkey, for so long and finally precipitated things, one can pick up political and geographical facts to a good advantage and see the war with new and wide open far-seeing eyes even better than to view the trenches of France. The effect is terrific.

The British seem to have the biggest and best camps and the most influence. My respect for them as men and soldiers steadily rises.

If it were not for some of the autos and aeroplanes and bright well kept uniforms brought in by the soldiers, one would think they had dragged off into a plague-stricken city of some time before Christ. There are certain sections of the city that show a little order but for the most part it is a hodge-podge of wrecked buildings and beggars groveling in the remains. The city has been burned and bombed and shelled intermittently but not extensively.

Out in the hills (we had a trip in a Red Cross car to some camps) Greek shepherds in costumes of Biblical times drive their flocks hither and thither and make great unmelodious, unpoetical noises when the sheep perchance wander into unfenced fields of grain about the size of a house foundation.

On the rocky, winding roads are long cavalcades of donkeys loaded with everything from straw, milk cans, garbage, stove wood, roots to household furniture and bric-abrac. One can scarcely guess whether it is moving day or whether this is the commercial avenue of the land. Nothing seems to travel on wheels and one pities these little beasts and frayed out horses of about the same size. A few antique carriages ply in the street of down town district but one wonders if there are not more passengers on or in the plush seats than meet the eye. The horses that draw these vehicles are harnessed with odds and ends of straps, but around their necks are great necklaces of bright blue beads and in their collars, sleigh bells. The beads are even seen on dogs and children and are guaranteed to keep off the Evil Eye.

A Cordial Welcome

Awaits the men and women of the future---students at our State University---who will have much to do with moulding and making the policies under which our great State is to develop. Make yourselves thoroughly at home. If you don't see what you want, ask for it.

Thomas Kilpatrick Co.

March 7.

We have passed into the strait of the Dardanelles and are about half through it. On one side we view Gallipoli and review the stories of the recent British disasters there and wonder what might have happened had they (the British) in their first attack gone on and sacrificed a ship or two more, for it is now known that only a few rounds (6-10) of ammunition were left in the Turkish forts. Six more hours of daring and Russia's fall might have been prevented.

On the other side we see the flat plain from which the city of Troy arose, and where now evidences of mine buried cities, one above the other, have been unearthed.

Too much to see and hear. Good-bye for now.

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STUDENT MEMBERSHIP FOR ATHLETIC BOARD MONDAY

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Cable Jackson, John Pickett and Harold Gerhart are the present student members who will be superseded at the coming election. The faculty members are: Prof. R. D. Scott, president; Dr. R. G. Clapp, secretary; G. E. Barber, Prof. H. W. Caldwell, Prof. R. H. Wolcott and Dr. E. J. Stewart. The alumnus member is Mr. V. P. Sheldon, while T. A. Williams acts as treasurer for the organization.

The fifth number of the Awgwan, the "Commencement" number, will be published during commencement week this spring instead of next fall as stated in the Daily Nebraskan yesterday. The sixth number, however, will not be published until next fall but will reach all present subscribers.

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