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This city is, without doubt, the center of culture in this state. There is unlimited opportunity for the student who has the inclination to benefit himself by observing or even attending the various public affairs that are here during the school year.

At the present time the legislature is in session and it is a very important session for the men are trying to relieve the abnormal conditions that exist in this state and supplant them by smaller taxes, better prices, and a more prosperous state of business affairs. Voters have elected what they thought the most capable men in the state and it is without doubt as fair a representation of the best men in Nebraska as one could expect to find at any one meeting.

There are big issues that must be brought up and settled before this session is over and it will be very interesting to note the manner in which the men will dispose of greater questions. The affairs of the University are vitally concerned and its future activities may rest upon the actions of the legislature. The question of University appropriations will be raised in a short time and then we may know the attitude that is taken by the state toward this institution. The former governor recommended reduced appropriations, but the bill has not come up yet. When it does, the men in session will come out with their criticism either adverse or favorable and the state's opinion of its University will be shown at that time.

**VARIED READING.**

Instructors frequently attempt to interest the under-graduates in cultural reading not directly pertinent to the subject of instruction. They do this not in order to benefit themselves or their courses, but merely to suggest to the students reading which they will find profitable.

Different means are adopted to arouse interest in a varied amount of reading. One instructor frequently quotes interesting passages from a volume on a given topic, and then casually gives the name and author with the suggestion that the book will be found interesting. Another instructor is fond of suggesting books which one should be sure to buy when he begins to collect library of his own. He does not limit himself to books in his own particular field. Many are remote from the subject but he manages skillfully to bring them into his lecture. Another professor asks the students to read articles in magazines which deal with the whole field of instruction. Oral reports are sometimes called for on articles read but no limitation is put on the choice of an article and frequently these articles have no connection with the specific course. The instructor feels however that something will be accomplished if the students can be interested in reading magazines which deal with the subject as a whole.

Since the students are not required to do the reading suggested, many overlook these suggestions. But those who do note the books spoken of and try at leisure to become acquainted with them are developing and broadening their interests. They seek worthwhile books in the library voluntarily and not because the books are assigned reading. They derive perhaps greater benefit from this reading because it does not have to be done. The college student and almost all humanity somehow seems to feel an antagonism to the work that must be done.

Even though the under-graduate has very little time to devote to the perusal of voluntary reading he will find that a wealth of new ideas can be gained in this little time if those books and magazines which the professors so often mention are looked into.

**Contemporary Opinion**

**Over-Righteousness.**

Be not over-righteous is an ancient

and a wise injunction. Like those puffed up with pride the over-righteous are marked to suffer a disillusionment. Righteousness is to be striven for unceasingly but over-righteousness is hardly less obnoxious than downright unrighteousness.

In the creed of the over-righteous there is little allowance made for the weaknesses of the flesh and its proneness to lead into error. There are seldom any "extenuating circumstances" for the violators of the too righteous man's code of morals. He is characterized by an inflexible adherence to his code and an uncompromising attitude toward the violators of it. Forgiveness is one weakness seldom indulged in by the over-righteous, yet in reality a charitable spirit. It is surely one of the requisites of true righteousness.

There is a play by the well-known French playwright Herveu, dealing with this old theme. "Know Thyself" is the title. The conclusion of the play is, of course, that no one knows himself. To sit in judgment of one's fellow is always a dangerous and serious undertaking. For given the same circumstances would we have done otherwise than he did? In delivering our judgments would we deliver them in the same way if we knew they were to be visited on us? Smug complacency over our own lack of fault may be cruelly shattered. The righteous are always to be respected and admired but the over-righteous are an abomination.—Columbia Evening Missourian.

**U-NOTICE**

(Notices of general interest will be printed in this column for two consecutive days. Copy should be in the Nebraskan office by five o'clock.)

Home Economics Club. Home Ec club meeting Thursday at 7:00, Social Science 113.

Christian Science Society. Regular meeting Thursday, 7:30 Faculty hall.

Y. W. C. A. Staff dinner scheduled for tonight will be postponed for two weeks on account of examination.

Wayne Club. Cotner-Wayne Teachers College basketball game will be played in the Cotner gymnasium Thursday, Jan. 11, at 8 p. m. Twenty-five seats will be reserved for members of the Wayne club.

Co. I. Rifle match with York National Guard January 15-20. Practice on N. A. A. targets for rifle team.

Theta Sigma Phi. Meeting Thursday evening, 7, Ellen Smith hall.

Physical Education Normals. All physical education normal students should consult Dr. Clapp as advisor. Make appointments at G-206.

Debate (English 104). Students wishing to register for debate (English 104, membership limited to twelve) should confer with the instructor.

M. M. FOGG.

Lutheran Club. Business meeting of the Lutheran club Thursday, January 11, S. S. 107, 7:00. Election of officers.

Inter-Frat Basketball. Entries for the inter-frat basketball tournament must be handed in to Robert Russell or to the Athletic office in the Armory by Friday, Jan. 12. An entry fee of \$1.00 will be charged.

Iron Sphinx. Please check in tickets for Sophomore Spree at Student Activities Office at once.

**Calendar.**

Thursday, January 11. Theta Sigma Phi meeting, 7, Ellen Smith hall.

Friday, January 12. Closed-night before examination. Saturday, January 13. All-University Carnival, Armory and Social Science.

Fortieth annual banquet of Sigma Chi, Lincoln hotel, 6:30.

**Reviewer Praises Book of Teacher In Kansas School**

"American Indian Verse," by Nellie Barnes, instructor in English and graduate of the University of Kansas, has been recognized as an important piece of work by Mary Austin, prominent American author, whose review appears in the Literary Review of the New York Evening Post for December 9, 1922.

"Somewhat tardily," says Miss Austin, "American Universities are realizing that the literature of our own aboriginals is deserving of a fraction, at least, of the study that has been lavished on the literary origins of Europe.

"In her brochure, which may be obtained from the University at Lawrence, Kansas," says Miss Austin,

"Miss Barnes has gathered together well chosen representative material from all the tribes, illustrating the style, preferred material, and variety of verse form. It is now in a shape convenient for study.

"Miss Barnes' work may be taken as a convenient compendium of all that has been recorded by non-literary research in the field of aboriginal verse."—Unl. Daily Kansan.

**Five Rule Changes Made in Basketball**

Five changes have been made in the rules and through these changes the game is altered in no small way. The court has been marked off in zones, extending from seventeen feet from each end of the court to the end of the play space and a personal foul committed within one of these zones where the man fouled has the ball in his possession at his own end of the court, gives the fouled man's team two free throws at the hoop.

A personal foul committed in any other part of the court nets the side fouled but one free throw, as in former years. A technical foul committed does not give the opposing team a free throw at the basket but gives it the possession of the ball at the nearest place out of bounds along the side of the court but never at the end of the playing space.

As is specified in football rules, this year on the court no substitute may speak to any person other than the scorers or referee until after play has resumed following his substitution.

No player will be permitted to call time out while the ball is in the possession of the opposing team either on the court or while the sphere is out of bounds.

The new regulations, while they may seem cumbersome at first, have all of the earmarks of being good ones and will tend to speed up the game to a greater extent, it is believed.

The reserve officers' training corps has made many new and interesting plans for the winter and spring quarters for all the students registering for this work. Polo, cross country riding and jumping, practice in firing the three-inch guns, the machine guns, and a competitive pistol shoot will be included.

Work is under way to organize some polo teams. At least two teams will be organized and games will be played with Fort Douglas and any others with whom games can be arranged. Before the holidays the horses for this game under the instruction of Major Gay, who is one of the foremost polo players in the United States. The success of the players depends very much on his horse so it is essential that he obey his rider and also be accustomed to the swinging of the polo stick and the striking of the ball.—The Utah.

**Speech on Press Is Broadcast at K. U.**

That the charges brought against the American press—susceptibility to bribery, false ownership, and so forth—by the critics of the press, are futile and baseless, was the theme of a speech on the subject, "Who Owns the Press?" delivered by W. A. Dill, assistant professor of journalism at the University of Kansas, from the Kansas City Star's station, WDAF.

The variation in the charges is sufficient evidence that they are unfounded, said the K. U. professor. One critic will claim that the railroads "own" the press. Another will assert blandly that it is Wall Street which dictates the policies of most of the newspapers throughout the country.

**Size Is Proof Itself.**

"The very magnitude of the publishing business," said the speaker, "is almost an answer in itself. There are in the United States about 23,000 publications, of all classes. Of these, about 3,000 are daily papers, ranging in size from such metropolitan newspapers as the New York Times, the Chicago Tribune, and the Kansas City Star, with circulations in the hundreds of thousands, down to some little four-page sheets of a few hundred circulation.

"To try to buy up a predominating influence in the American newspapers would require a sum of money too vast to be worth the cost."

The criticism that the newspapers are bribed, continued the K. U. professor (who, incidentally, is a practical newspaper man), is futile by its nature. Newspapersmen are as honest as are the members of any other profession. In fact, they are a little more honest—they have to be, for their every statement is spread out in cold print where all the world, including the competitor, may read it.

**Federal Awa Stringent.**

An orator may qualify his statements if he finds his audience unsympathetic, but the editor's opinion and news items stand as they are written. Far from being considered the possible recipient of bribes, the local editor is usually looked upon as one of the most influential citizens.

"Another way of checking out on the ownership of a paper," went on the speaker, "has been provided by Congress, which requires by law that all papers using second-class rates publish twice a year a statement of ownership. And a long paragraph makes the newspaperman swear there are no evasions or mental reservations in the statement.

"Another class of critics intimates that the newspapers say only what the advertisers want them to say. There is a measure of truth in the criticism, in that the influence of the advertiser may be used to cause some

news item to be given too little attention. But, for the most part, the business office never intrudes into the policies of the news room."

**Truth Must Be Printed.**

A newspaper cannot distort the truth, Professor Dill asserted, for if it does some champion of the people will get a hatful of type and a press of some sort, and print the facts.

A few factors which open the way for criticism are: human frailty—the individual sometimes does not see the facts of the case as another sees them; the rush and hurry of modern daily newspapers, and the distances from which the stories are brought; and the magnitude of the news supply. These cause errors to creep in unavoidably.

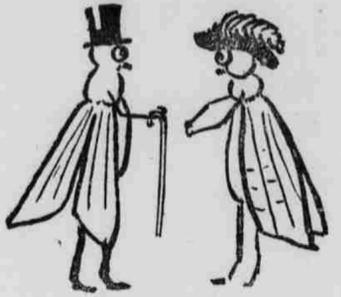
The American editor, said the K. U. speaker in conclusion, whether he is editing the class publication, the metropolitan daily, or the country weekly, is striving to advance the cause of his clients. He is honest in his efforts, for he knows the American people are not simple—they will soon discern dishonesty and he must be honest with his clients if he is to retain their support.—Daily Kansan.

A set of \$15,000 chimes will "sing to the world" the completion of Minnesota's stadium and auditorium if plans being considered by the band director are carried out. The band plans to give a number of concert-dances to raise money for the bells.

Princeton introduced hockey as a college sport, December 1, at Baker Memorial rink. A feature of the opening of the new rink was an exhibition of speed skating by "Joe" Moore and "Bobby" Harris.

The University of Michigan is to have new deans for the School of Music and the School of Pharmacy, if President M. L. Burton's trip to the east to look for men is successful, according to the Michigan Daily.

The sophomores of Utah Agricultural College drew a win from the frosh in the annual rope pull, conducted through the spray from a fire hydrant.



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**What chance have you got against him?**

IT was a cynic who said: "Some men go to college. Other men study."  
A slander! But yet there probably are college men whose bills for midnight oil are not large. And there are men who left school in the lower grades who, along with a hard day's work, put in long hours of study—spurred on by a dream and a longing. Look out for them. The achievements of non-college men in business suggest an important fact. Success seems to depend, not so much on the place where a man studies, as on the earnestness of the student. But, granting equal earnestness and ability, it is still true that the college man has the advantage. Regular hours for study and lecture, the use of library and laboratory, the guidance of professors, contact with men of the same age and aspirations—all these will count in his favor, if he makes the most of them. A big "if." The new year is a good time to start making it a reality.

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