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Nothing Wrong Here.

Mrs. Claus wants to introduce a new clause in the compiled statutes of Nebraska. She wants a law against smoking in buildings and on grounds of all public educational institutions.

W. C. T. U., Parent-Teachers association, and Federated Women's clubs join in supporting the measure. It no doubt would be another law on the books, and a great help if the proponents of the measure are looking for a larger quantity of statutes.

Then, too, it would add another measure for enforcement agencies to waste time and money on, while accomplishing not much of anything.

One thousand, two hundred boys learn to smoke each day, we hear from proponents of the bill. Whence this fact?

There is a great "conspiracy to make womanhood masculine by the cigaret."

In the state university, there is enormous pressure exerted on the non-smoker. Scolding and ridicule make it impossible for a boy to attend the university without smoking cigarets.

And as for the girls, it is impossible for a girl to go out with a group of students without accepting cigarets.

The only crime that we can see in the proposing of this measure is that no one appeared to speak against it. Why women's clubs will rise up in arms to reform the coming generation by law—and unenforceable law—is more than we can see, when obviously all in the world they have to do is drop such projects and spend their time in bringing up their children properly at home.

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Why is it that people will believe anything they hear that is the least bit discreditable?

If they can find nothing else to do but discredit students and student morals, we can suggest a new field for action. Reform a few women's clubs.

Incidentally, just why on earth should anyone want to conspire to "make women masculine"? Can the worthy clubs and organizations sponsoring this bill possibly be serious about such statements? If they are in earnest, we issue a call for seven thousand alienists. Something is wrong somewhere.

About This Elmer, Now—

Mrs. Chas. Green writes us a worried letter regarding the future welfare of her son, Elmer, who is twenty years old and about to embark upon his college career. She asks our advice regarding conditions at this university, and others.

Well, Mrs. Green, first of all we recommend that you wait one more year. By that time Elmer will be twenty-one, and you can blame all consequences, if any, upon him instead of yourself.

Yes, conditions certainly do change. It cannot be denied, however, that Elmer would learn many things if he came to college. He would learn a little history, a little science, and a lot of things that are not even printed in books. And we're quite sure Elmer will be just as well off, in later life, for that learning.

Of course you have read about the wild parties and the drinking that goes on in every university. Bless your heart, everyone has. It is rather too bad, though, that they have not the opportunity to read about anything else.

College students may be going to the devil, but for all that we are convinced that they are traveling the downward path just a bit slower than their critics.

H. L. Mencken, who makes his living writing about Kansas and Nebraska in a caustic fashion, quite as though he had a perpetual toothache, gets off a paragraph now and then that is really something. This time he says, regarding the younger generation and critics of morals in general:

"Practically all of the censors, when they allege solemnly, to the astonishment of the rest of us, that a single reading of a naughty book can establish lifelong evil habits, are simply publishing ineffectual autobiographies.

"When I was a youngster, there was necking, even in my early days, and all of it the traffic would bear."

We think so too. He goes on to say:

"A little necking, I am convinced, does no normal and healthy girl any harm. On the contrary, it tends to improve her, if only by ridding her of groundless fears. The notion that the business goes any further, more often today than it did formerly, is simply a delusion spread by two classes of nuisances: parents who forget what they did themselves when they were young, and professional moralists who live by unearthing and denouncing sins which do not exist. In the department of

drink they are equally unreliable . . ." All of which has a reasonable sounding noise to it.

In any advent, our dear Mrs. Green, we recommend that you do nothing but allow Elmer to go to the devil as he sees fit, secure in the knowledge that some day, stroking his long gray beard, he will be deploring vehemently the evils of the younger generation . . . And thank you ever and ever so much for your letter.

All Objections Gratefully Received.

Conscientious Objector says union building idea is the bunk. He may be right, but the delusion that students like them is fairly widespread. Our neighbors all have such buildings. It took much hard work, and much hard-earned money, in some cases nearly a million dollars. The Nebraska alumni secretary asked each of the neighboring schools one question: "If you had the whole thing to do over again, would you start a union building campaign, and fight as hard as you did, for such a structure?"

The answer was a unanimous yes. Unless, Mr. Objector, Nebraskaans are an unusual type of college critter, the answer for Rianey's question will do as well for your objections.

Incidentally, if you think it will be hard to dislodge students from union building davenport, what makes you think, in the same breath, (can people think in breath?) that no one will use the building? We maintain to the bitter end that sitting on a davenport is just one heck of a good way to use a union building!

"This space reserved for cigaret advertising." Might as well get a pay check from some particular firm as to give free space to the tobacco industry in general.

MORNING MAIL

Elmer Is a Good Boy.

TO THE EDITOR:

Down here in the western end of Kansas, I picked up a copy of your Daily Nebraskan from the floor of our telephone booth. I have a son, Elmer, twenty years old, and I have not yet fully decided where I will send my boy for his education. Wondering just what kind of social environment Elmer would be thrown into down at the University of Nebraska, I decided to write and find out, if I could. I have written you rather than the chancellor or the dean because I realize that they have been out of school for several years, and times certainly do change.

Now Elmer has always been a very obedient youth, and a very good student. He won first place in science, history and Latin in the high school contests for the whole county. Of course, I read a great deal about the wild parties and drinking that goes on in college nowadays, and see by the papers where five of these fraternities were closed up because someone thought they had actually brought liquor into the basements.

Of course, I wouldn't want Elmer to get into any basements like that, but at the same time he is real well known around here, and goes to socials and parties; so I really wouldn't want him to break off all his social relations, especially with girls from home.

Your views of this situation would be promptly appreciated. I am sure you must know something of what social conditions actually are up at the university, and can advise. Elmer is a good boy, and I wouldn't want him to get into any bad schools. I know he will study hard, but I don't want him to get in with any bad associations.

Yours very truly, MRS. CHAS. GREEN

Backfire!

TO THE EDITOR:

Opposition to the student union building has been slow. Yesterday's Nebraskan carried a slight letter complaining that students will object to putting out their sacred shekels for this student haven. That, in my opinion, isn't any particular objection to the idea itself.

Here's an objection. I've visited college campuses which boasted of nice student union buildings. But did the eakers and the loafers flock to that structure in hordes? No. They still gargle their cokes in campus coffee shops. They still stand around in front of buildings. They still sit in parked cars and go home to their Greek lodges. Granted that we need a new cafeteria and a new home for student activities, will a student union building be beneficial to enough students to justify it?

Are you quite certain that this new building, if we ever get it, will provide a nucleus—an incubator—for student pride? I'm afraid it will be difficult to get the boys and girls off the davenports there as it is in their fraternities and sororities. We seem to proceed on the idea that once a student hangout is provided, everyone will breathe deeply and plunge into all that is vital and valuable in college social life. We're taking a lot for granted.

Anyone who gives ten bucks to the student union building in the next ten years will be giving to a dream. It will be a dream that will benefit them—if any—very little. When a Greek grad comes back, he will go to his fraternity or sorority house. There he may find at least a few boys who knew someone in his class, but at the student union barn he would discover a lot of strange faces, cigaret smoke and cakes.

So it is a social center? We need a place to go between classes, eh! I'll wager that if a student cabin of the described nature were built, a few boys and girls who didn't know what it was all about would hang around there so much that the rest of the college citizenry would get sick of drifting in there.

As for loafing—isn't there enough loafing now, without spending time and money in its promotion? There may be a few eds and coeds going to the library for want of something better to do now, but a student union building would make it unnecessary. And the herds that eat breakfast between 8 and 10 o'clock classes will have no use for a student union. It will still be the swanky thing to sit in a coffee shop—where cakes are cakes and nickles are insignificant.

There, fry that on your literary griddle. CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

No Man's Land



AWGWAN has come out again—still out in the open. Only one crack about liquor. The censoring board must have been asleep. We readily suggested, when we saw the magazine, that next time it be given a cover that looked like the exterior of a college magazine instead of Hygiene on Physical Culture, but the D. U.'s on the publication squelched us, so we won't mention it.

WE liked the cigaret advertisement. By what process of reasoning is it considered sensible to give free ads to all tobacco in general when just one brand of the vile weed would have gladly paid for the space? Still, the chancellor says tobacco ads are in bad taste, and chancellors are supposed to know.

We can think of a lot of other ads that are just so much rot—had taste if you want to call it that. Yet nobody ever frowned on a best-friend-won't-tell-you-ad. The Awgwan never ran one either. Now the question is, would the chancellor allow listerine advertising if the Awgwan could get it? Is he personally unprejudiced against listerine, as he is not against tobacco? Aw heck! Go right ahead, Kelly, and run your free-to-people-general ads instead of the banned cigaret ads, and see if we care.

And speaking of the Awgwan, we wish to thank Mr. E. Spivy Robb, the anonymous contributor, for the publicity he gave to our humble name.

NO Man's Land resents the insinuation that its Sunday spiel causes it to drop into the category of advice for the lovelorn. We said before that we deplored the social conditions that are all too likely to surround the prominent girl on the campus. We reached this conclusion after a group of conversations in which we participated with a number of the "big girls"—socially speaking. None of them looked lovelorn. Pursuing our Sunday argument, the chances are that none of them had a chance to look that way. But we are not going to rehash all that now. We have been asked our opinion of campus men in corresponding positions. Some day we may cut loose on that.

WE hope that the Watcher won't be disappointed in his most recent aspirations. There is a place now vacant in Mortar Board, that society which seems to claim all of his interest. Maybe he will be invited to fill it—meaning the vacancy. Maybe this will explain his modesty of yesterday. He didn't even come near the Mortar Boards who were conducting the A. W. S. polls.

W. C. T. U. LEADERS OF WOMEN'S CLUB CHARGE CONSPIRACY

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women smoke today as did men 20 years ago. Nearly all delinquent boys, she told the committee, were cigaret smokers. Mrs. Leroy Pixley, district 1, president of the Nebraska Congress of Parents and Teachers, declared that the most that could be done would not be enough to fight the "great conspiracy to make womanhood masculine by the cigaret." She deplored the effect cigaret smoking might have on the future motherhood of the nation.

Mrs. F. C. Claus, president of the Lancaster county federated women's clubs, told of finding increased smoking in the county's schools. She also attacked throwing away of cigaret stubs as a menace to small boys. She told of one country teacher finding twenty-four stubs in one boy's pocket. In the city schools, she charged that cigarets were commonly found as low as the fourth grade.

Conditions at the state university were also attacked by Mrs. Claus. She charged that the pressure of the non-smoker by scolding and ridicule made it impossible for a girl to go out with a group of students if she did not accept cigarets. No one appeared to speak against the bill.

TWENTYMAN TO TALK BEFORE CONVOCATION

Former English Educator Is Scheduled Here for March 26.

Prof. Arthur E. Twentyman, former secretary of the British board of education of London, and now Carnegie visiting professor at the University of Missouri, will speak at a university convocation Thursday, March 26, at 11 o'clock, in the Temple theater.

Professor Twentyman was educated at St. Paul's school, London, and Shrewsbury school, and Brasenose college, Oxford. He also studied at Berlin and Leipzig universities and at the Sorbonne. For nearly thirty years, he was a member of the staff of the office of special enquiries and reports of the board of education of London. He was librarian and director. He is now tutor to advanced students in education at King's college, University of London, and chairman of the council of world association for adult education.

Professor Twentyman is here as special joint speaker for Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. His subject for his convocation lecture will be "Changing Social Conditions in England."

THE UNITARIAN CHURCH Twelfth and H Streets "The Church Without a Creed" Subject, March 15—Eugene O'Neill's "Strange Interlude"

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