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sundry offices. Whether to mark an x after the name of Oscar Zilch or Heseckiah Hayloft for state land commissioner may sorely vex the conscience of the voter who feels he should vote for the "best man."
Walter Lippman claims that democracy in its present form demands that the average voter be a sort of superman. He is expected to know not only the offices which are elective, but to decide as to the respective merits of a host of politicians who are seeking public jobs. That such a knowledge is impossible is obvious and seems to point to the fact that democracy has been run into the ground.

Contemporary Comment

Look Beneath.
A lot of foggy-minded people throughout the length and breadth of the land today are busy throwing up their hands in holy horror at the terrible radicalism of the college generation. In heart-rending tones they cry, "Look how many of them would vote for Thomas, or worse, for Foster. It's a good thing they can't vote! But what will the country come to when they are governing it a few years from now?" And off they go of an indignant but joyful tirade, rolling their eyes and "isn't it awfully" at their descendants who haven't sense enough yet to follow in their seniors' wandering footsteps.

FRESHMAN STUDENT GROUP HAS MEETING
Committee Will Promote Activities and Get New Members.
The freshman student council, a new organization for the purpose of furthering the interests of freshmen, held its regular meeting Thursday evening at the Delta Sigma Lambda house.
Two committees were appointed. The one on freshman activities at the Nebraska-Pittsburgh game being composed of Irving Blum, Sigma Alpha Mu, chairman; Ben and Bob Davis; and the one appointed to submit names for the council being made up of Norman Fink, Alpha Sigma Phi, chairman; Lynn Mortin, Beta Theta Pi, and Al Bunnell, Alpha Theta Chi.

Religion and The Undergraduate.

TODAY has been designated All University Church Sunday. The churches of Lincoln invite the students to become acquainted with the religious facilities of the city and offer a special temporary student affiliation so that religious life shall not be broken off when the student leaves home to attend school.
Today the university and the churches of Lincoln do their bit to combat a charge frequently—and perhaps with some measure of justification—hurled at college students in general: That an increasing number of students are finding no place in their hurried daily schedule for religion; that universities, as they now operate, are eliminating religion from the lives of the educated class in America.

Neglect of Education.

THE National Education Association, commonly known as the "N. E. A.," has made a study of the effects of the depression upon the schools of the nation. The association conducted investigations in four-fifths of the cities having a population of 100,000 or more. They found that in these cities the amount expended for education during the present school year is 8 1/2 percent less than it was last year. The expenses of these cities were cut 4 percent last year, so the schools will receive 12 percent less this year than they were getting a year ago.

The Student Pulse

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed in this department, under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

Tagging.

A recent conversation that took place between two barb students disclosed some not too favorable opinions of the barb parties that are held in the coliseum. The gist of the students' argument, or rather we should say agreement, for the two students had harmonizing ideas on the subject, was that these parties are not serving their purpose as well as they might. It is not the general opinion that these parties are successful.

Legs and Morals.

A member of the school board at Blackwell has indignantly protested presentation of athletic stunts by girls gymnasium classes between halves of a football game. "The school board doesn't sanction such leg show as was put on at the ball game Friday," he righteously complained to the town paper.

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PROFESSOR BELL'S analysis of the situation is fundamentally sound. But not content with finding the cause, Professor Bell provides also a remedy. And therein he demonstrates an inadequate knowledge of undergraduate psychology. For he would remedy indifference to religion by adding compulsory courses in religion to the university curriculum. He would, in other words, cram religion down the throat of college students, trusting them to see the truth and believe if they but know what religion really is.

Now college students just don't act that way. Requirements, although some few may be necessary, constitute a challenge. No more prolific source of student "gripes" could be invented than a required course in Religion 1.
More emphasis on courses in religious fundamentals—such courses are now provided in the University of Nebraska—would doubtless prove beneficial. But a required dose of religion, academically administered, never!

What the university and the churches of Lincoln are doing today will go much further towards imparting to students the desired interest in religion than Professor Bell's required courses. Religion, to be sincere, must be voluntary.
The Daily Nebraskan joins the university in urging that every student attend church this morning—and maintain that connection with some form of organized observance throughout his student life.

Down With Blanket Ballots.

ADMONITIONS to vote intelligently may seem a bit foolish to new voters when they are handed ballots Tuesday resembling to some extent the city directory of a small town. While the major interest of the campaign has been in the presidential and the gubernatorial election, voters will find that their franchise also extends to a large number of state officers including such as state land commissioner, district judges and so on and on.
If the student has taken seriously the idea of voting intelligently he will be hard put to it to decide who is best qualified to fill these numerous and

Unskilled A. B.'s?

CHARGES against higher educational institutions and their graduates have become so common as to be worthy of little more than passive amusement, but among the latest of these charges is one which stands out by virtue of the heights of rhetorical figure to which the speaker ascends.
Having qualified to make his statement by putting four sons through college, Joseph Scott, republican party leader, declared that "the average graduate comes out of college prepared to do approximately the work of an unskilled laborer, except that his muscles are usually too soft to do any strenuous work."
Mr. Scott also commented that taxpayers were not getting their money's worth out of expenditures for colleges and universities. "Taxpayers shovel out money by the barrel full in this country for education," he declared, "and we ought to be able to develop some intelligence and public spiritedness among the undergraduates of our college.

tour of the country, stopping in the majority of the principal cities. Among the towns where the show was greeted by capacity houses are Cleveland, Indianapolis, Detroit, St. Louis and Toronto.
Robert Tucker, dramatic critic for the Indianapolis Star had the following comment to make concerning the revival: "When the opera resists the ravages and kaleidoscopic changes of twenty-five years and yet retains the sparkle and the delightfully reckless abandon of youth, it must at least be considered good—and at the top of the list where the Franz Lehár gem, 'The Merry Widow' belongs."
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MUSICAL COMEDY COMING

Revived "Merry Widow" Will Be Presented on November 14.
"The Merry Widow" world-famed musical comedy with Donald Brian playing the leading role, will be presented to Lincoln theatre-goers Monday evening, November 14 at the Liberty theatre.
The revival of "The Merry Widow" was made this season in New York City where it enjoyed a long run. The New York engagement has been extended to a

TALK ON CURRENT EVENTS FEATURES MEETING OF GROUP

An innovation in the upperclass commission will be a talk on current events, everyone attending to furnish one for a brief discussion of topics of the day. Since the next meeting is Thursday, Nov. 10, the outcome of the election will also be discussed. If there is any time left, it will be devoted to campus activities.