

In 'America's White Spot' ...

Does Nebraska's Public Wash Smack of Tattle-Tale Gray?

Native Nebraskans have heard, read and seen their state "plugged" as "America's White Spot" so convincingly that any criticism of its self-praise meets the immediate scorn of the Cornhuskers...

in a farm state!—have dropped their courses in agriculture; 26 their courses in domestic science; 14 their manual training; 20 their music...



C. W. BRYAN ... Not Even He Will Be Able to Wiggle Them Out

Education

Education comes in for some thorough examination by Mr. Crowder. Reference is made to the University of Nebraska with an observation that is known to nearly all Nebraskans...

"Total expenditures for state government (1925 to 1937) increased 105.5 percent (largely on account of relief and social security). Expenditures for the public schools declined 34.2 percent...

"Harsh events and hazardous contingencies, then, have tended to keep the purse strings tight; and this fact must be remembered during everything that remains to be said. The state in particular has been very Scotch. For 70 years she has been cautious, right up to and over the borders of false economy...

"Now one said result of this state parsimony has been to leave responsibilities with the counties, towns and school districts. This policy, coupled with the usual wasteful sins of local autonomy, has borne painfully on hundreds of local subdivisions...

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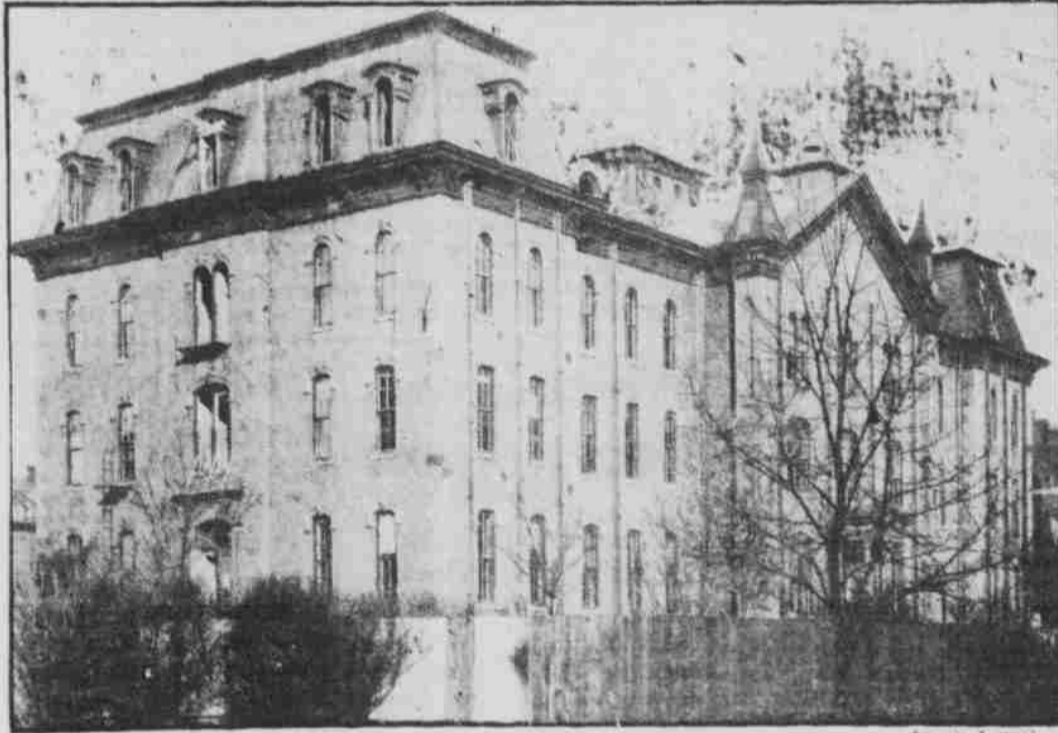
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UNIVERSITY HALL BEFORE DECAPITATION. ... Many Classes Housed in Condemned Structure.

face of the issues. Deficit spending was putting certain counties so deep in the red that their warrants were selling at discounts approaching zero.

Institutions: "To inquire into Nebraska's institutions would require a book length compilation of data. Such a compilation, detailed and dismal, has in fact been made—the two bulky volumes of the Nebraska survey of social resources (1936)...

by only a few votes at the last legislature. But the state's children, indigents, oldsters and wards are without voice; its educators and social workers are without effective leadership...

RELIGION WEEK (Continued from Page 1.) ority houses, boarding clubs, dormitories, and student messes.

Public meeting scheduled for 8 p. m. every evening during the week will feature special addresses by T. Z. Koo, Secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation, Shanghai, China; Albert H. Palmer, Chicago, Ill.; Sam Higgenbottom, organizer and president of Allahabad Christian college and head of the agricultural institute of that college, Allahabad, India; Herrick B. Young, secretary

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Matinee Stags Cause Trouble The question of the very troublesome stag line at the Student Union Wednesday matinee dances will be attacked this week by members of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, A.P.O.'s under the leadership of Ellsworth Steele...

itself, if the aim is to bring industry and money from the outside? And then you are told that it is for the purpose of persuading the people that theirs is an ideal tax system (ideal, that is, for industry, intangible wealth and big incomes).

Explanations

"Some white spot leaders brand"



FRANK ARNOLD ... Exposes Tax Waste.

such reports 'perfectly ridiculous.' Others give you a shrewd look and say, 'Well, yes, we're selling Nebraska on itself—and why not? We've a good thing here and can hang onto it so long as we keep the tax equity boys piped down.'

"Another White Spot leader said to me, 'We're going to commit the State of Nebraska clean up to its ears. Before ever we started this thing out in the open, we lined up the farmers, the press, labor, the chambers of commerce, everyone. They're in so deep, there will never be anybody—not even Charley Bryan—who'll be able to wiggle them out. And that's as it should be. We have the best tax and government setup in the country, and an inviting labor picture, it's something worth going to bat for and advertising to the world.'

"What appears then is that Nebraska is advertising not only her products and industrial attractions, but her virtues. Now self-righteousness is a dangerous pose. It invites attack and it is suspect as hypocrisy. It can, under criticism, so easily shade off into truculent self-defense. Contrariwise, it can engender self-doubt. Both of these reactions are already evident in Nebraska. There are the people who flare up emotionally at any fault finding. There are others who assert they never heard so much criticism as has resulted since the White Spot campaign. There is a bare chance that the kick-back will emphasize Nebraska's shortcomings even more than its excellencies.

"The feeling of many Cornhuskers might be paraphrased as follows: 'We should have been left in our obscurity. We were making some commendable advances and experiments. For example, trying a unicameral legislature. Giving Mr. Arnold a field for his expenses of tax waste in the counties. Using special mill levies instead of bond issues for big construction projects. Enacting a county budget law (thanks to Mr. Arnold's Federation) that might well be a national model. Daring to push ahead with our 'Little TVA' hydroelectric districts, which may result in Nebraska becoming the first state publicly to own its entire electric power system.

burdened, can we boast an equitable tax structure? With a 5-cent gasoline tax, just what do we mean when we say we have no sales tax? With poll taxes, bank stock and insurance premium taxes, with dozens of petty fees and licenses, what do we mean when we say we have no nuisance levies? With over 8,000 government units for only one and a third million people, just where is that Nebraska efficiency we hear about? With our educational, public health, relief and institutional standards beginning to keep company with cotton-belt performances, does our parsimony look so attractive?

"We say that unwise spending is not the antidote for excessive economy, but maybe we should add that wise spending is an antidote. We say that public services should be limited to the ability of the people to pay, but maybe we should add that we have overestimated our ability.

"While folks in other states are staring at us and asking how in the world we do things, it might be to our benefit quietly to dispatch some Cornhuskers to Denver to learn how to establish and operate a first class psychopathic hospital; to Virginia to learn how to operate an economical and humane system of poor farms; to Ohio to study the benefits of city-manager administration; to California to examine the meaning of state aid for education; to New York to learn something about penal institutions and parole; to St. Louis to see the operation of a superior county hospital; to Des Moines to compare its schools and Omaha's ... It could be a long and salutary itinerary. We in Nebraska have some fine things to demonstrate, no doubt. But we have a whale of a lot to learn and we ought quietly to learn it before nominating ourselves for summa cum laude honors."

Barb Council Starts Clean-Up

Moves to Abolish Sweat Shirts at Hour Dances

Barb council moved in its Monday session to remedy the situation which found boys in sweat shirts, minus ties and even with shirt tails dangling at the opening Barb dance last Friday evening following the football rally. Hereafter a neat appearance will be a requisite for entering the ballroom. The council considered division of the profits from the Friday dance among the Barb A. W. S. board and the Barb Interclub council, and empowered a committee with restrictions to buy furniture for the Barb office, which is room 307 of the Student Union. Bob Simmons, council president, appointed Beatrice Ekblad and Harriet Lewis as a committee to nominate a senior girl to fill one vacancy in the council, and Duane Essam and Eric Constable to nominate a sophomore boy for the second vacancy.

LONELY HEARTS

(Continued from Page 1.) cording to the type of date that the client wants. James states that it is a good plan to call for a date, a day ahead of time. However, they guarantee satisfaction even if a client calls an hour before a contemplated date. During formal season, the bureau will take care of such details as the corsage tickets and other such points of a date. Of course, the cost of these services will be included in the fee. This bureau does not confine its activities to college students. They also have a number of business men and women and high school students as clients. Their office hours are from 6 a. m. 'til midnight. You can contact them by calling B1255 during any time of the day.

Pershing Rifles To Meet Today

New members of the training unit of the Nebraska chapter of Pershing Rifles will hold their first meeting of the year this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Robert Nelson, captain of the organization for this year, announced that it is important that all of last year's members attend the meeting this afternoon.

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