

# Nebraska's Neihardt Publishes New Verse

John G. Neihardt, Nebraska's Poet Laureate today announces the publication of another volume of verse, entitled "A Cycle of the West."

The book comprises five long poems on which the bard has been at work for twenty-nine years. He has already received nation-wide recognition for this work, such distinctions as the Poetry Society prize, a gold scroll medal from the friends of American Writers foundation in Chicago and the title of Poet Laureate from the legislature of Nebraska in 1921. The last gives him the honor of being America's only poet laureate.

Neihardt was born in Shaprsburg, Illinois, but was raised in Wayne, Nebraska. He went to Wayne college, from which he graduated at the age of 16. After

a varied career, he moved to Bancroft, Nebraska, where he became an assistant to the Indian agent there. It was at this time he began to write the tales of Indian life for which he first became known.

"The Song of Hugh Glass," the first of the series of stories about the westward advance to the Pacific appeared in 1915. In 1919 came "The Song of Three Friends," followed by "The Song of the Indian Wars" in 1925.

In 1917 Neihardt was awarded the title of Litt.D. by the University of Nebraska. And in 1928 he received an LL.D. from Creighton university. At present he is teaching at the University of Missouri and is connected with the Office of Indian Affairs in Chicago.

Much of the action of "A Cycle

## Old Prayer Book Editions Shown

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the Book of Common Prayer. An exhibit of illuminated prayer books and Gregorian manuscripts has been set up on the second floor of Morrill hall commemorating the event.

Included in the exhibit are copies of the various editions printed for English royalty, a facsimile page of a print from the Gutenberg Press, and examples of lettering done by monks and scholars during the later Middle Ages.

One of the highlights of the exhibit is an early printing by Thomas Baskett, London King's printer.

"The West" takes place in Nebraska and concerns early explorations along the Niobrara and Platte rivers and the Indian wars on the plains. The volume presents for the first time Neihardt's saga of the opening of the West, from 1822 to 1890



"DOODLES WEAVER, the plumber's pal," outfumbles Spike Jones in part of the routine for the "Musical Depreciation Revue" which will be presented in Lincoln May 4. The event is sponsored by Mortar Board.

## Spike Jones' Band to Take Spotlight at MB Program

May 4 is the day when the Mortar Boards present Spike Jones and his City Slickers, who will behave in a crazy fashion at the evening program at 8 p. m. in the Coliseum.

Jones and Doodles Weaver, the string-bean blonde from Palo Alto, Calif., will vie for laughs when they present their program before Nebraska students. Opening show with some 40 people on stage, each trying to be nuttier than the other, Jones adds new instruments on which the Slickers create bedlamatic music.

water buckets are among the quieter instruments with such Slickers' creations as the "noboe" taking the spotlight. The "noboe" is considered just the thing for the woodwind section when arrangements show nothing for the woodwinds to do and the "Big Nail," the Slickers' name for Spike, doesn't want his musicians sitting there appearing to be idle.

Also included in the scores of uncanny looking musical contraptions is the judekale, a ukelele that plays Hawaiian music when Spike drops a nickel into it. Then if the musicians are not too experienced at the pianoforte, Spike has created the pianothirty for their use.

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Spine-tickling antics by Spike and his City Slickers will convulse the Nebraska audience as it has in theaters all over the country. Admission will be \$1.20, \$2.40, \$1.80, \$3.00 and \$3.60. They are on sale at Schmoller & Mueller's or may be purchased by writing to P. O. Box 1942.

### Final Unionizer Scheduled Friday

Hey Kids! The final Unionizer of the year will be held this Friday, April 22. Dancing in the Union ballroom lasts from nine until twelve. Candlelight will furnish the atmosphere and Russ Krueger's Combo the music. Cokes will be sold.

Members of the Dance Committee who planned this Unionizer are Jack Korowacki, Norma Gamberl, Pat Newman, Jerry Shulkin, and Ralph Taylor.

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