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Editorial.

With this issue the NEBRASKAN enters upon the second year of its existence. If the past year be regarded in the light of a probationary period, we think the paper has justified itself, in other words it has proved that it has an excuse for living. As to how near it has come to the fulfillment of the end for which it was created, we leave to that best of all critics in the University, the student-body, to decide.

We think, as we always have thought, that that the paper that best answers the needs of a college is the one that most nearly approximates the convictions and voices the sentiment of the students of that institution. The student-body is necessarily composed of more or less heterogeneous elements, composing as it does individuals of widely differing talents and tastes. A college paper then is confronted by many of the problems that have harassed the publishers of news disseminators since the dawn of journalism. Now to keep abreast of the times and give a faithful exposition of public opinion, and yet adapt itself to suit the requirements of a multitude of readers, our modern metropolitan daily,

and the Sunday edition in particular, is little short of an abridged encyclopedia, and is nothing if not catholic in tone.

However, we did not start out with the intention of enlarging on the principles of journalism in general, merely such of them as may be applicable to college publications. If our University is a little world by itself, its doings and its opinions are of as great interest to all connected with it, as are those of the greater world to the public at large. How can these be better recorded and expressed than through the medium of a college journal, which is, or should be, a sort of weather-vane thermometer, and barometer combined, taking note of every shadow of change and encouraging such as tend to the general welfare and advancement. This may be an ideal, but it is not an unattainable one. Such a paper will not be a field for party or faction strife. Its motto will be "The University," and its interest the interests thereof.

It was not our intention to make any extensive declaration of principles for THE NEBRASKAN. Emerson says in more chaste phrase that consistency is largely a fake. Because a man thinks one thing today is no reason why he should think so tomorrow. This applies to papers as well as men. The great University which this paper tries to represent is constantly changing and THE NEBRASKAN must change with it. If we were to make a definite statement of policy and depart from it a month or so hence it would furnish an excellent handle on which our friends (we hope we have no enemies) might hang criticism. We don't like to be criticised, particularly if the criticism is just. On one point, though, we may safely