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## TO BENEFIT UNIVERSITIES

### These Institutions to be Brought Into Closer Relationship.

### SOME GOOD IDEAS EXCHANGED

Presidents and Chancellors of the North Central States Meet at Madison, and Talk Shop—Discussed Some Important Things.

Chancellor MacLean attended a conference of state university presidents (or chancellors) held at Madison, Wis., last week on January 6 and 7. The states represented were: Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio, and Nebraska. The idea of the conference originated in a resolution of the faculty of the university of Nebraska passed May 18, 1896. Independently of this however, President Draper of the university of Illinois, conceived the same idea of calling a conference of all state universities included in the north central district of the United States, as mapped out by the bureau of education at Washington.

The object of the meeting was to consider the various questions which institutions so similar have in common, with the idea of strengthening one another. Twenty-three subjects were proposed for discussion. They were on problems which confront the state university, including some on administration. Lack of time prevented the discussion of more than five or six of the more important. Prominence was given to the question of the desirability of securing equivalents or uniformity of requirements for admission to schools and for graduation. The conference favored approximating equivalents but not uniformity. Chancellor MacLean laid a comparative table of the requirements and curricula of the different schools before the conference, and formed the basis of discussion. It was made clear that students who go from one university to another at the end of the freshman year, in full standing may be admitted "ad eodem." There was a disposition to favor emigration of students.

The football regulation passed by the league at Chicago December 19, was discussed and referred to a committee consisting of President Adams of Wisconsin, President Draper of Illinois and Chancellor Snow of Kansas. Not much time was given to this matter but there was a general feeling that there should be some regulations made in regard to the game.

President Adams entertained the delegates at his house. They inspected the various buildings of the university of Wisconsin, and the work being done there. A special visit was paid to the dairy school. On Thursday the student body listened to addresses from all the presidents. Much wit and wisdom was displayed in the addresses. Chancellor Canfield was the one of course in perfect health and as vigorous and witty as ever. In the addresses he preceded Chancellor MacLean who took advantage to spring a very rich joke on him. He held out the hope that he would be here next commencement to deliver the Phi Beta Kappa oration and expresses great interest in us all.

Many compliments were showered on the university of Wisconsin. She has a magnificent equipment and is doing grand work. Chancellor MacLean felt proud to discover that the university of Nebraska with more meager equipment and smaller appropriations is holding its own and can still say that we are among the "big four." We do need for the future more money and close thought to hold the laurels.

### HOLCOMB WILL FAVOR US.

The Governor Believes in Granting Everything Asked by the Regents.

No regular bill for the university appropriation has yet been introduced into the legislature, but the executive and his assistants are ready to furnish all information in regard to the needs and conditions of our college. Once in a while a senator or member of the lower house, strays about the university grounds, making a casual inspection. Seven legislators called upon the chancellor Saturday, and seemed well satisfied with what they saw of university work. In his message to the legislature, Governor Holcomb mentioned the needs of the university and expressed the wish that the regents should be given all they asked for. He said on this subject:

The state university is in a very flourishing condition. The excellent work in

the educational field occupied by this institution under the direction and efficient management of the chancellor, is very gratifying to all citizens of the state. The high rank which it occupies among similar institutions of the land testifies to the excellent work which has been performed. The university educational work has been extended so as to provide a practical training for a short period of time in the varied branches of agriculture for those who are unable to avail themselves of the opportunity offered to take the prescribed course in the college of agriculture and yet wish to prepare themselves for active and intelligent work in agricultural pursuits. In a state such as ours, where the agricultural interests are paramount to all others, it seems to me that an effort to promote this feature of university education must find much cordial support by the people generally. In considering the needs of the institution, especial attention is requested to this branch of the work which is now in the process of development.

The law provides for two funds to be used in support of this institution, first, the endowment fund, to be invested and the interest of which only can be used in its support, and, second, the regents' fund, which shall consist of the proceeds of the investment of the endowment fund, the annual rental of the university and agricultural college lands, the matriculation and other fees paid by students and a tax of three-eighths of one mill on the dollar valuation on all taxable property. From this it would appear that it was the intention to have the university supported from these funds rather than from an appropriation from the general fund, unless for repairs and permanent improvements. The condition of the state's finances would seem to emphasize the necessity for adherence to this method of deriving revenues for the current expenditures of the institution as nearly as possible, without incurring its usefulness. The estimate of expenditures calls for an appropriation from the general fund of \$24,500, and, also, \$50,000 for permanent improvements.

While I am strongly impressed with the necessity of economizing wherever possible in making appropriations for the expenses of state government, I bespeak for this highly useful institution a liberal support sufficient to maintain its various departments unimpaired. The report of the regents for the biennial period just closed will be submitted to you and is worthy of your careful consideration. It is an improvement on all past reports in its thoroughness and the attention given to details respecting the past management and the future requirements of our university.

### AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL.

The opening of the agricultural college has been fully up to expectations, with a registration of thirty. Routine work has commenced, and the students are getting down to digging. Those who have registered for the one term course are: Catherine Burgess, Clarence Christensen, Julia Christensen, T. C. Dawson, John Dewitz, C. M. Dickerson, S. W. Emerson, Eric Forslund, W. A. Getty, Chris Goldbeck, E. E. Griggs, William Korsemyer, H. J. Kloepfel, O. W. Lonn, G. O. Looss, G. P. Loos, Peter Nelson, Julia Pemberton, G. W. Pepon, C. A. Schwager, B. H. von Seggern, James Stephen, Jr., I. M. Stoltz, H. A. Straub, Frank Uehling, Gustave Weiler. Those who have registered for the three term course are: Karl H. Giles, Frank A. Gustafson and Charite W. Melick.

### PROF. HODGMAN ENTERTAINS.

Last Saturday evening an at home was given by Professor Hodgman and wife to the college settlement workers. The guests were received by Professor and Mrs. Hodgman. After they were assembled, Professor Adams gave a talk on college settlements in England. Miss Tremain gave an interesting account of what she saw of this work while abroad; and Miss Whiting reviewed the work done by the colleges in this country. Suggestions were then made by many of those present as to what they thought the chief needs of the settlement here. Many helpful ideas were brought out. Dainty refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour was passed. All left filled with more enthusiasm for the work which they have begun.

### FOR THE CELEBRATION.

The monthly meeting of the Society of electrical engineers took place on last Saturday evening. A talk from an alumnus was expected, but unfortunately he did not arrive in time. Matters relating to the exhibit to take place on Monday evening, the day before the Charter day celebration, were discussed. The society had its picture taken for the Sombbrero

## IT'S BRIGHT FOR BASEBALL

### Old Players Will Get Out on the Field This Year.

### WILL HAVE A STRONG TEAM

The Outlook for Baseball is Flattering in the Extreme—Coach Robinson Has Accepted the Offer of the Athletic Board.

Without a doubt, the prospects for a winning baseball team this year are brighter than ever before. For the first time in years, the team is to have a coach. Mr. Robinson, who so successfully coached the football team this fall, was offered the position and has accepted it. This fact alone will assure those who are familiar with Mr. Robinson's baseball record, that the university will have a team that can play good ball.

Among the candidates for positions on the team this spring will be many of those who played last year. Eugene Pace has been elected manager. He has arranged a schedule which has been submitted to the athletic board, but nothing definite has been done in the matter. Funds must be raised and guarantees given before the games can be arranged. Mr. Pace held the position of short stop last year, and will probably be found again in the same place.

Gordon, who played in the box part of last season, will stay with the team this year.

Kindler, last year's first baseman will continue his good work this season.

Among the other players on the last year's team whose work in that line is so well known, are Packard, Benedict, who played second base, Reeder who played in the field with Ryons.

Porter who practiced with the team last year, and who this year will be assistant manager, will play this season.

Kenagy, who was catcher on the Crete team is a candidate for the same position here.

Creigh will be a candidate for short. Last season he played short stop on the Omaha university club team.

Indoor training will commence about the first of February, and will continue until the weather is suitable for outdoor practice. Some talk has been heard in favor of obtaining the old Red Ribbon hall on T street for training quarters, but nothing definite has been done in the matter.

The support that the team has received in past years has not been just what it should be, but with such prospects that the team has this season, there is no reason why they should not have the hearty support and co-operation of the students and faculty.

### PROM COMMITTEE SELECTED.

The junior class met Wednesday and selected the committee to superintend the arrangements for the junior promenade, Friday, February 12, was the date set for holding the event, but the place has not been decided upon yet, owing to the fact that both the state capitol and Lincoln hotels parlors, are too crowded on account of the legislators.

After some preliminary discussion as to the right of the president of the class to appoint the committee, it was decided to elect them by vote of the members of the class. The election resulted as follows:

E. A. Wiggernhorn, chairman; Edith Schwarz, Cora Cropsey, Ellen Gere, Jessie Lansing, Edna Carscadden, C. W. Weeks, Chas. True, Monte Bolnap, E. R. Morrison, E. R. Davenport.

A committee consisting of George Burget, A. A. Gilman and S. W. Pinkerton, was appointed to draw up resolutions of regret over the death of Will Bridge. The committee drew up the following resolutions.

Whereas—It has pleased the Almighty God in his divine providence to remove from us our esteemed classmate and friend Will G. Bridge; and

Whereas—We the members of the class of '98 realize the loss of a fellow student of admirable traits of character, be it therefore

Resolved—That the class of '98 extend its heartfelt sympathies to the parents and friends of our classmate, and be it

Resolved—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents of the deceased, that copies be sent to the college papers for publication and a copy be spread upon our class record.

Committee.

Professor Card gave an illustrated lecture the state horticultural society Tuesday night in the chemical lecture room. His subject was "Landscape Gardening."

### EXAMINATION SCHEDULE.

The examination schedule has been prepared by the registrar. It is by far the clearest and least liable to conflicts, of any schedule that has been prepared. It is subject to change, if conflicts are reported.

#### Monday.

On Monday January 25, from 8 to 10, all classes and divisions reciting at 8 o'clock except two hour classes reciting on Tuesday and Thursday.

From 10:20 to 12:20, all classes and divisions reciting at 9 o'clock, except two or three hour classes reciting on Tuesday or Thursday, or Tuesday and Thursday and Saturday. For English 5, see Friday's schedule.

From 2 to 4, all two hour or three hour classes reciting at 9 o'clock on Tuesday and Thursday, or Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

From 4:10 to 6, all two hour classes reciting at 8 o'clock on Tuesday and Thursday.

#### Tuesday.

On Tuesday, January 26, from 8 to 10, all classes and divisions reciting at 10:20, except two hour classes, and three hour classes reciting Tuesday and Thursday or Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Except also English 5.

From 10:20 to 12:20, all classes and divisions reciting at 11:20, except two hour classes, and three hour classes reciting Tuesday and Thursday, or Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, also English 5.

From 2 to 4, all two hour classes and three hour classes reciting at 10:20 on Tuesday and Thursday, or Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

From 4:10 to 6, all two hour classes and three hour classes reciting at 11:20 on Tuesday and Thursday or Tuesday Thursday and Saturday.

#### Wednesday.

On Wednesday January 27, from 8 to 10, all classes and divisions reciting at 2 o'clock, except two hour classes, and three hour classes reciting Tuesday and Thursday, and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

From 10:20 to 12:20, all classes and divisions reciting at 4 o'clock, except two hour classes, and three hour classes reciting Tuesday and Thursday, and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

From 2 to 4, all classes and divisions reciting at 12 o'clock, except two hour classes, and three hour classes reciting Tuesday and Thursday, and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

From 4:10 to 6, all two hour classes and three hour classes reciting at 12 o'clock, Tuesday and Thursday, and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

#### Thursday.

On Thursday January 28, from 8 to 10, all classes and divisions reciting at 3 o'clock, except two hour classes or three hour classes reciting on Tuesday and Thursday, and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

From 10:20 to 12:20, all two hour classes and three hour classes, reciting at 3 o'clock on Tuesday and Thursday and on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

From 2 to 4, all two hour classes and three hour classes, reciting at 2 o'clock on Tuesday and Thursday, and on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

From 4:10 to 6, all two hour classes and three hour classes, reciting at 4 o'clock on Tuesday and Thursday, and on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

#### Friday.

On Friday January 29, all classes and divisions reciting at 5 o'clock, except two hour classes and three hour classes reciting on Tuesday and Thursday and on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

From 10:20 to 12:20, all two hour classes and three hour classes reciting at 5 o'clock on Tuesday and Thursday, and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

From 2 to 4, both divisions of English 5, one reciting Tuesday and Thursday, at 9 o'clock, the other Saturday morning from 10 to 12 (in room no. 27.)

From 4:10 to 6, any class which cannot be examined as scheduled above.

### LAW LOCALS.

The juniors met Monday to pass resolutions of sympathy for Mr. Kemp one of their number whose mother died Thursday.

Messrs. Toby, Brown, Wilson, Ladd, and Abbott rode the goat of the Phi Delta Phi fraternity, in the new quarters in the Halter block last Wednesday evening.

The seniors elected Hildreth, Killian, Coleman, Warner, Green, Carr and Manville as the board of editors and Flaherty business manager of the law annual, at a meeting held Monday evening.

## ECONOMISTS NOT THEORISTS

### They Deal With the Practical Questions of the Day.

### THE MEETING AT BALTIMORE

Professor Taylor Who Attended the Meeting of the American Political Economy Association Tells the Pol. Econ. Club about it.

There is an idea held by many people that the professors of economics in the American colleges are a lot of theorists who are, perhaps useful in giving students training in mental gymnastics, but are otherwise useless. Anyone possessed of this idea should have heard Professor Taylor repeat to the members of the Political economy club, the proceedings of the meeting of the American Economical association, Tuesday evening.

The meeting was held in Baltimore, December, 28, and the two days following. The association is composed chiefly of professors of economics in the leading colleges of America. The plan of the recent meeting was to exclude all theory, and have these specialists devote their time to the practical questions of the day.

The president, Henry Adams, of the university of Michigan, in the opening address, discussed at length the relation of laborers to the corporations. He showed that while there was a centralization of ownership of property, there has been a diffusion of the income from the property, and what laborers contend for is not the income from the property, but for a share in the title. He brought out that they had a share in the property by having a claim to their situations; they should not be discharged except for cause. In this respect the law is not at present up with the economic conditions. The unwillingness of laborers to assume responsibility was given as a reason for their continued exclusion from property rights.

The agricultural question was also discussed. The tendency for a concentration of ownership in farms was brought out. It was held that this was not altogether an unmixed evil. The farmer has to contend with the specialist in every other line, and under the present system it is impossible for the farmer to be a specialist, since he must be capitalist, undertaker, laborer, and everything. Under a system of larger farms, specialization would be possible. The necessity of diversification in crops was emphasized.

The money question, credit instruments, and criminal statistics were treated in papers and discussed.

The present direction of investment was a very practical subject treated. A deposit in a savings bank was distinguished from an investment. The depositor does not assume the risk, and so cannot expect the large return. The government owes a duty to investors. It should inspect banks, loans and building associations, etc. Penalties should be enforced making corporations and individuals, responsible for representations made, when soliciting investors; accounts should be made public. Other duties of the government were pointed out.

Economists will have wider influence and usefulness if they follow this line of dealing with practical questions.

### ANOTHER ONE GONE.

Knowledge of the death of Miss Grace Leming, which occurred January 8, at Alto Loma, Texas, reached Lincoln Saturday morning. Although Miss Leming's immediate friends were in a measure prepared for the sorrowful tidings, to her general acquaintances there could not have been a greater shock.

About the first of November she went with her brother to Texas, and everyone hoped that the change would prove beneficial and that the threatening disease of consumption would be avoided. For a time she seemed to improve, but a severe cold hastened the end which came two weeks after her mother reached her.

Miss Leming was a member of the freshman class of the university. She was initiated into Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity in June of 1896, just before commencement. Her death is the third break in the chapter circle since its organization in the university.

No higher tribute can be paid her than the many assertions of her loving, simple, unselfish character. Its true nobility lay in the very fact of its unconsciousness.

Wednesday was the ninth anniversary of the establishing of the college of law.