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## UNFOUNDED RUMORS AFLOAT

### False Reports of Executive Censorship Over College Press

### PLAIN FACTS OF THE MATTER

#### No Truth in Report That Executive Office Exercised Censorship Over one of University Papers

During the past two weeks there has been considerable criticism bestowed upon the university authorities by certain individuals over the alleged suppression of a certain part of the issue of the Hesperian dated January 21. It seems that the copies intended for the accredited high schools were not mailed to their respective destinations on that date, no reasons being given by either the Hesperian management or the constituted authorities. Naturally this caused considerable comment when it became known, and the report has been circulated that a censorship of the press had been started in the university and that hereafter all articles intended for publication in the college papers must have executive approval. As there are always people both in the university and outside who are more than ready to make use of anything whatever which tends to cast a reflection upon us it might be well to give the true status of affairs.

When Chancellor MacLean first came here he suggested to the management of the Nebraskan that a certain number of copies of that paper be sent out to the accredited high schools of the state. Acting upon this suggestion the matter was laid before the regents and it was ordered that the Nebraskan be sent out to the various high schools as a means of advertising the university. Last year the business manager of the Hesperian asked that the same favor be granted to his paper. He stated that he knew that heretofore the standard of the Hesperian had been such that it was not suitable for such circulation, but that the policy and tone would be changed if it was given this patronage. On this consideration and in a spirit of fairness it was thought best to alternate and so allow the Hesperian to be sent out as requested and paid for by the regents.

In return for this the management of the Hesperian promised to conduct a strictly representative college paper, to indulge in no personalities whatever, and not to publish anything, which, although perfectly understood by university people, might be misconstrued by outsiders.

It was strictly a business proposition, the Hesperian being given a certain sum for advertising the university in these high schools. Like any other contract it could be cancelled in case of failure of either party to comply with conditions.

On January 21 the following item appeared in the columns of the Hesperian: "I suppose you couldn't get a group of intelligent Nebraska parents together discussing what to do without John or Charles without hearing one say, 'Well, I'll never send a son of mine to the state university.' Lincoln matters are worse than this because they do not lay the blame upon the town. Various things they have heard of students doings make them dread sending their boy or girl into this whirlpool."

There also appeared in Bixby's Retreat an article which most seriously reflected on the moral character of certain students of the university, who were called by name.

It was on account of these two articles, and these two alone that the Hesperian got into difficulty. However there was no executive order issued and no suppression of the freedom of the press nor of the right of free speech.

The business manager of the paper was called into the office and asked whether he thought that the regents would be willing to pay for such advertising as the Hesperian was giving. Whether the university ought to pay for articles which so seriously reflected upon its moral tone and upon the character of some of its students.

He conceded at once the injustice done by the circulation of that particular issue among the high schools and voluntarily offered to withdraw those papers intended for the high schools from circulation. Right here let it be understood that this only affected those places which were paid for by the regents.

The first article was so utterly untrue and so falsely stated existing conditions that the authorities would have been justified in suppressing the entire issue of the sheet, while the second article was of so libelous a character as to call forth extreme condemnation.

However, the executive department took no action whatever, except with regard to those places where the Hesperian was supposed to be advertising the university at its expense.

Would any business man wish to pay for an advertisement which could do nothing but endanger his business? Would he wish that such an article be circulated at his expense to the public from whom he received his patronage? This is exactly the position of the university in certain localities. They have a right to expect the same treatment as that accorded any other advertiser. In case the Hesperian refuses to accord such treatment as will prove beneficial, then surely it ought not to expect to be circulated at the expense of the state.

All the talk about the censorship of the press is the veriest nonsense. The executive department does not now exercise any such function, nor has it in the past, nor will it in the future.

The simple fact remains that the Hesperian, employed to advertise the university among the accredited high schools, failed to perform its part of the contract satisfactorily on the date of January 21, and was called to account by its employer. There was nothing strange or unusual about the matter, merely failure to perform its share of the contract on the one hand and dissatisfaction on the other.

Anyone who has endeavored to create sympathy for the Hesperian or to criticize the authorities, either did not understand the situation or desired to do an injustice to the authorities who acted in the matter.

### Arranging Football Games.

Manager Bischoff of next year's football team has already commenced an extensive correspondence with various universities and colleges with regard to dates for next season. It is his intention to have at least four "big" games on the home campus in order that the university may not have cause for complaint as to the character of the sport furnished it. Arrangements are about completed for games with Grinnell and Ames, but as yet dates have not been agreed upon. The team with have the two trips to Kansas and Missouri and possibly another one east if it can be arranged.

Nothing has as yet been done with regard to a coach for the eleven but that will be attended to some time later in the spring.

### Robinson Heard From.

Letters from E. N. Robinson, our late football coach, convey the information that he is at present in attendance at the Harvard law school.

As yet his plans for next year are very undecided. He has been offered the position of head coach at Brown university, where he graduated, but the financial inducements are such that he does not feel that he can afford to accept. He has had some correspondence with the Minnesota state university and may be found there.

What is more pleasing to Nebraska readers was the information that he might be induced to come back to the University of Nebraska if anything like fair terms were offered him.

### Students Attend the Lecture

A large number of students took advantage of the special rates and attended the lecture by Lieut. R. E. Peary last Wednesday. They betook themselves to their usual seats in the theatre up in the gallery and completely filled it. Lieut. Peary's lecture was profusely illustrated with stereopticon views and his thrilling narrative was much enjoyed.

## BRIGHT BASEBALL OUTLOOK

### Prospects for a Winning Team Were Never Better

### EASTERN TRIP IS ASSURED

#### Elaborate Schedule of Games Already Made—Many Candidates for Places and Indoor Practice Daily

The outlook for a successful baseball season this coming spring is very bright. It can be said without exaggerating matters in the least that prospects point to the most successful season ever experienced in University baseball circles. Never before in the history of the sport in our college has there been so much preliminary work done by both candidates and management. This is the first season that indoor practice has been carried on to any considerable extent. Although the season is as yet three months away there are at present, practicing for the various positions some 25 men and about 50 have signified their intention of trying for the team. As the season approaches there is no doubt that the number of candidates will be much increased.

Twelve men are at present being coached for the pitchers position so there can be little doubt that the box will not be the weak spot.

Fred Barnes who has been engaged to coach the aspiring pitchers is rapidly getting the men in condition for the outdoor practice later in the spring. He will remain with the boys until called away to his duties in the National league.

After he leaves the management will secure the services of some good man to act as field coach through the remainder of the season. For the position the names of Cochran, Creigh and Benedict, all old University players have been mentioned, but nothing definite has been decided upon.

Capt. Gordon who has been so largely instrumental in getting out candidates, assisted by other old players, has been coaching the new men in their respective positions and will continue to do so until a regular coach is installed.

Manager Dennison has probably conducted the most extensive correspondence of any manager of any team either football or baseball ever in the University and now reports partially completed plans. He has experienced much difficulty in arranging an eastern trip on account of the formation of a league of the big colleges around Chicago. After they have finally arranged their schedule there will be little doubt that eastern dates can be arranged, although Northwestern refuses us on account of loss experienced on last year's game. At any rate dates and guarantees sufficient to insure a trip through Iowa and a part of Illinois have been secured so the eastern trip is an assured fact.

A southern trip has been definitely arranged for. On this tour Washburn, Emporia, Kansas University, Tarkio and other colleges will be played. This trip will come on some time between the first and the 15th of May while the eastern trip will take place shortly after the 15th of May.

In addition to these two trips a series of three games will be played with the state university of Iowa. One at Iowa City, one at Council Bluffs and one at Lincoln.

Arrangements are also partially completed for a tri-state meet of the Universities of Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska to occur on or near Decoration day in Kansas City. This series will be played for a cup to be held by the winner.

In order to get the team in shape for the "big" contests numerous games will be played on the campus with teams from the city and surrounding towns. These will commence during April and continue until the boys leave for the south about the 1st of May.

Various schemes for raising money for the preliminary expenses have been thought of. The proceeds from the indoor baseball games will aid in the purchase of new suits and Mrs. Manning has also consented to arrange an entertainment for the benefit of

the team. From these two sources it is thought that sufficient revenue can be obtained to defray any expenses which may be incurred before the revenue from the games begins to come into the treasury.

### College Settlement Entertainment.

The entertainment for the benefit of the college settlement given under the auspices of Mrs. Manning was a decided success. The company was well filled and the audience, composed of students and their Lincoln friends, was appreciative.

The first number after the curtain sliders had performed, was "Aux Dumes" a Shakesperian burlesque. Four well known characters in Shakespere plays appeared and calmly discussed Mr. Will Shakespere. Margaret Custer appeared as Juliet, Mary Wallace as Portia, Miss Lina Cutts as Ophelia and Katherine Warfel as Lady Macbeth. Miss Warfel used the Scotch dialect. All appeared well and showed the result of careful preparation.

Miss Rena Alderman recited "Guinevere," with piano accompaniment. Miss Alderman's rendition was excellent. Miss Custer then gave "Pauline Parloua" by T. F. Aldrich. Miss Custer's delivery was exceedingly well adapted to the theme and entered thoroughly into the spirit of the piece. The "Revolving Wedge" a football farce was the last number on the program.

The following was the cast of characters:

Mr. Martin of Cambridge who objects to football, J. P. Rowe.

Bob Martin, his son, Harvard's famous halfback, George Shedd.

Nell Martin and Mrs. Martin, who are fond of the game, Jessica Morgan and Katherine Warfel.

Dr. George Brown, from Philadelphia, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, John Boose.

Mike Dolan, a policeman, George Bartlett.

Nora, the maid, Lisle Wilkinson. Scene—Parlor of the Martin home at Cambridge, Mass.

This last number made the decided "hit" of the evening. The realness with which Mr. Martin maligned the game, his son's ineffective pleading, and the delight of Miss Nell on receiving the tickets insured the success of the play. Miss Wilkinson as Nora was fine and her brilliancy alone compared with the natural slowness of Mike the policeman. That is, a policeman is naturally slow. Mr. Boose as the Doctor worked up to the climax quite skillfully. Mrs. and Mrs. Martin agreed admirably—surprisingly well, in fact, considering Mr. Martin's natural inaccessibility. Karl Randall proved himself equal to the occasion when he wished to be excused.

The farce was excellent and greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Manning and all the characters deserve congratulation upon their success.

### Piano Recital

Mrs. Will Owen Jones gave a piano recital at the University last Tuesday evening. The program was artistically presented and called forth many favorable comments.

Following is the program: Toccata and Fugue, Bach-Tausig. Menuett, Beethoven. Nocturne, op. 15, No. 1, Berceuse, Barcarolle, Chopin.

In Aready, Nivin. A Shepherd's Tale. Shepherds All and Maidens Fair. Lullabye.

Tournament. Arietta di Balletto, Gluck-Joseffy. Melodie, Paderewski. Fire Charm from Die Walkuere, Wagner-Brassin. Tarantese, Moszkowski.

### Cadet Inspection

The first inspection of the year took place last Monday. The inspection was rigid and a large number were reported. The delinquents however, will have another chance to make themselves right with the commandant by submitting to another inspection next week.

### Art Lecture

Mr. Ralph Clarkson lectured yesterday evening in the art gallery on "Pictures and How to Enjoy Them." Mr. Clarkson is here on business connected with a portrait of W. J. Bryan for the Democratic club of Chicago.

## FIRST GLEE CLUB CONCERT

### University Glee and Banjo Club Next Friday Night

### MANY ORIGINAL FEATURES

#### Plenty of Catchy Songs and Lively Banjo Airs—Promises to be a Big Musical Event

The first concert of the University Glee and Banjo club will be given on next Friday night at the Oliver theatre. For weeks past Director Kimball has been working hard to prepare the boys for this concert and the result of his efforts promises to be one of the finest entertainments ever given by the club. A new and interesting addition to the Glee club is the Banjo club which will live up the program with its catchy melodies. The club will be assisted by Miss Marion Treat and Mrs. Campbell of this city, and this fact in itself insures a concert of a high order.

Everything is being done to make the entertainment a University affair and from present indications the students are preparing to turn out in goodly numbers. The literary societies have all adjourned for that night and the frat men promise a good representation. Every student is supposed to have enough University spirit to attend the concert and bring a young lady with him.

The Glee club has a good store of jolly comic songs and everything on the program is new. One of the special attractions announced is George Porter's hot coon song. To make the negro effect more realistic he will be accompanied by the Banjo club. Earnest Wehn will render a cornet solo accompanied by the Glee club. "Cleopatra's Wedding Day" from the chorus of the Wizard of the Nile is only one of the many good songs which the Glee club will sing. The Banjo club will stir things up a little bit by such classic compositions as the "Darktown Gal" and "The Yellow Kid Patrol."

Tickets to this concert will soon be on sale and range in price from 75c to 25c. Box seats are only \$1.

The Club has been much strengthened by the return of Bud Gillespie who takes his old place among the baritones. Ireland and Kenagy who joined some time ago have given new life to the organization. Porter the all-around man has changed from baritone to second tenor, the latter line being greatly benefitted by the change. The second basses have the distinction of being the heaviest in the Club's history. The old high tenors "Jiggs" Davis and Evans will be found in their places on the night of the concert. Thus it will be seen that no pains have been spared to gather in all the best material to make the home concert one of the biggest musical events of the year. Although Prof. Kimball is working hard and devoting a great deal of time to the musical interests of the Trans-Mississippi exposition, he has not slighted in any way the preparation for this concert and his efforts deserve the support of all the students.

The Glee club now consists of the following members: Tenors: Bostrum, Edgerton, Swartz and Ireland; Second tenors, Wehn, Lansing, Porter and Kenagy; First basses, Henderson, Sumner, Reedy and Gillespie; Second basses, Pinkerton, Boose, Wilbur and Reed.

The members of the Banjo club are as follows: Chapman, Franklin, Mueller, Sumner, Whaley, McKillip, Clark, Hedge and Young.

### Iowa Is Willing.

On the evening of January 27, the debating league of the university of Iowa met for the discussion of the challenge from the University of Nebraska. It was decided to delay the matter for a couple of weeks when a definite answer could be sent. The league expressed itself as very favorable to such a debate and the probabilities are that it will be arranged.

Iowa already has debates scheduled with Minnesota and Wisconsin but is looking for another one, so Nebraska will doubtless be accommodated.