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Did you read the Nebraskan's "Confession's of a Fake Eater?" If not, buy a copy at once and do so. It is very short and concise, but straight to the point.

WE ARE glad the Nebraskan has condescended to admit the truth, even though it does so in a very meek way. We are not so sure but that it still holds to the opinion of having picked up a "great 'scoop,' considering the individuals concerned." We know it is very unpleasant to be taken in as a dupe; we would prefer to be taken in some other way. We know it is humiliating on April Fool's Day to attempt to pick up a dollar which is nailed to the sidewalk. We believe it must be more humiliating to pick up a fake letter purposely left as a bait for the first chance sucker. We can not conceive the pangs of sorrow and humiliation that must come from having been convinced so thoroughly of the genuineness of such an anonymous fake as to publish it as a "great 'scoop,'" and then discover later that we had instead been 'scooped' ourselves. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved. We sorrow at their misfortune, but we can not help it. We know how hard it is to gild a grief with tears, and yet we wish to give to every man his dues. We give the Nebraskan dues for a little grief.

AS EDITORS of the HESPERIAN we feel duly and sadly responsible for the error into which the Nebraskan has fallen a victim. We will take all the blame onto ourselves. We will be more cautious hereafter in admitting misleading locals into the columns of our paper. We are very sorry that a chance news item about a certain "stag party" should have been taken as the nucleus of such a sensational fairy tale as filled the space of our friendly contemporary a week ago. We are pleased that the editors find solace and comfort in their bereavement in shifting the responsibility of their mistake.

BUT come, let us reason together, and be wise. Let us drink and be merry. Let us drink at the fountain of experience and be merry over a huge joke. Let us say in the language of an alumnus of our University, "Another sucker caught, but we won't bite any more." Let us resolve never to put confidence in an anonymous letter, even though it be found in such a respectable place as the City Library. Let us determine, if ever placed in such circumstances again, to interview the purported author before publishing. Let us say we have had enough of yellow journalism, and are content with the pure and unadulterated facts, even though they are not quite so glowing.

Among the new books recently added to the general library are Kipling's new volume "A Day's Work," Ian McLaren's new book "Afterwards," and a selection of "Frontier Stories" by C. Warmon, reporter for the Denver Republican. This book contains a very realistic description of the killing of Bob Ford.

A very interesting and able review of some late books was published in a recent number of the Helena Daily Independent. The author was Miss Edna Bullock of the city library at Helena, Montana; the cause of the sketch was the purchase of many of the books of the library authorities in that city. Miss Bullock is known to the students of this University as the lady, otherwise cataloguer, who protected the interests of this University's library during the time when the preceding librarian and professor of Bibliography held office.

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