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Matters for Consideration During the Midsummer Calm.

TRAVELING COOKING SCHOOLS

Carnegie Foundation and the Exclusion of Denominational Schools —Announcements and Personals.

If the suggestion of Chancellor Avery is followed by the committee in charge, the state university will be able to move onto its new athletic field this fall without waiting for a tedious court trial on the report made by the appraisers as to the value of the property.

On this property are several houses which will total in value several hundred dollars. The owners of the ground have informed the chancellor that they are willing to accept the valuation placed on the property by the appraisers providing the university will permit them to keep the houses. The chancellor believes it will be in the interest of economy for the committee to accept this proposal because the court trial may keep the school out of possession of the field for many months and the loss would be more than the value of the buildings. The matter, however, is up to the committee.

While the appointment of H. E. Newbranch as regent, to fill out the unexpired term of Fred Abbott until election may mean a reorganization of all the committees, it is the opinion of university officials that Mr. Newbranch will simply fill the places on committees heretofore held by Mr. Abbott, at least until after the election, when three regents are to be chosen. The board is expected to meet shortly to receive the report of the special committee appointed to locate the two experimental substations near Valentine and Scott's Bluff.

CARNEGIE FOUNDATION.

Schools Barred from Participating in the Fund.

In refusing to extend to denominational colleges the benefits of his fund for pensioning professors, says the New York Times, Mr. Carnegie could refer to an exhaustive study of these very institutions drawn up by the Carnegie Foundation. From it it appears that, whereas, there are now sixty-two universities and colleges in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland, which are held to be within the foundation's scheme, there are no less than 509 which are excluded on account of their more or less close connection with religious bodies.

The size of these differs as widely as the extent to which they are denominated by the influences of a denomination. Among them may be found such well-known institutions as Bryn Mawr College, Syracuse University, the University of the South, Brown University, Chicago University, and Queen's College, in Canada. These 509 institutions are connected with no less than fifty-two different ecclesiastical organizations and the amount of control exercised over them varies from the complete subjection of the Jesuit institutions to the rules of that order to the almost formal tie implied in the selection of a proportion of the board of trustees to the governing body of a denomination.

It is from institutions which believe that, practically speaking, their denominational stamp has ceased to have any effect on their teaching or their students that the request for a modification of the terms of Mr. Carnegie's foundation has chiefly come. A letter is quoted in the second annual report of the foundation from the prefect of studies of St. John's College, Brooklyn, an institution of the Congregation of the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul, in which it is stated that the faculty neither expect nor are likely to accept any assistance from the foundation, but many communications have been received from presidents of other denominational colleges arguing that as they are liberal in their reception of students of diverse faiths, why should not the foundation be liberal, too?

It is declared that practically it is the president of the college or the members of the board of trustees who select the new members, and that their election by the denomination is purely perfunctory. It is pointed out that there are no religious tests imposed on the students, and no attendance at particular forms of religious worship is required of them, and it is argued that the members of the faculty are left entirely unhampered in the lecture room to teach what they think right.

An inquiry was conducted by the Carnegie foundation into the advantages which denominational control is supposed by the presidents to confer on the institutions they govern. An almost unanimous opinion has been expressed that such connection played little if any part in the religious or intellectual life of the student body. The religious and intellectual life of an institution, it is said, depends almost wholly on the leadership of the men who make up the officers and faculty.

On the other hand, it is the conviction of many thoughtful men that some sort of denominational connection makes for a stronger religious life. The views of a southern professor are quoted on this point. He says:

"While it is true, as you say, that practically everything depends upon the men who are in immediate control of the school, it is also true that no other institutions are so likely to be conducted by distinctively religious men as those which belong to churches. It is just here in the last analysis that I should be obliged to 'stick' in my desire for some sort of denominational control."

The report of the foundation holds that as far as the organization of a college goes the denominational connection is a hindrance and not a benefit. If the appointment of trustees by synods or other ecclesiastical bodies is more than a formality, the result is likely to be doubtful, according to the foundation, but in most cases it merely vests the arbitrary selection made by a bishop, the president of the college or some other dignitary.

Summing up the number of colleges connected with the religious bodies, the report states that the Roman Catholic comes first with 188 universities and colleges out of the entire 509. But these are distributed over Canada and Newfoundland as well as the United States, so that the fifty colleges of the Methodist Episcopal church, most of which are in the northern part of the United States, means a system of institutions in closer proximity to each other.

Other denominations which have many institutions of higher learning in proportion to their size and wealth, are the Congregationalists, the several Societies of Friends, the Reformed Church in America and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. On the other hand, the Protestant Episcopal church, in spite of its wealth, has directed much of its educational energy toward secondary schools, and has comparatively few colleges connected with it officially.

Kearney Normal Notes.

KEARNEY, Neb., July 11.—(Special.)—Prof. Clark of the Oklahoma State Normal, visited his brother, Dr. W. A. Clark, and gave a very interesting talk at chapel Tuesday morning.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Grace Grieves to William Truax. The wedding took place in Omaha last Tuesday.

Prof. Mercer was called to Clear Lake, Ia., Tuesday to attend the funeral of his brother. He had just returned lately from the funeral of another brother in Kansas.

A sunset reception was held Saturday evening at the chapel. It was planned for the campus, but rain interfered. In spite of the bad weather a large number of the students availed themselves of an opportunity to have a good time. The exterior of the building was decorated with flags and bunting for the occasion. After several musical numbers had been rendered and speeches made ice cream and cake was served.

Monday the women of the faculty, as is their custom, tied two beautiful comforters for two members of the teaching force who are soon to take upon themselves the blessings and burdens of wedded bliss.

LAST OF ITS KIND.

Future Tariff Laws Will Be the Work of a Commission.

New York Tribune.

Although so far as the free and dutiable lists are concerned the senate's tariff bill has proved a serious disappointment to the public, fulfilling republican promises neither to the ear nor to the hope, there is yet a good deal of encouragement to be found in the fact that the makers of that misfit draft have indirectly confessed the inexpertness and insufficiency of their workmanship. They have given practical evidence of an intention to abandon outworn methods in tariff legislation and to substitute accurate knowledge for haphazard guesswork in solving the chief problems of protection. They are paving the way for a determination by painstaking investigation of the differential in cost of production here and abroad—the factor in the tariff equation which has so far eluded the schedule makers in both branches of congress. In creating machinery to supply information now sadly lacking congress holds out to the public the assurance that the tariff law, now almost rewritten, will be the last of its kind.

In will be a great step in advance to bring into existence a permanent tariff commission charged with studying conditions in production at home and abroad, comparing costs and demonstrating the real handicap under which the domestic producer labors because of a higher wage standard and a higher range of prices for raw materials. It is a burlesque on serious legislation for congress to try to apply a definite principal of protection, such as was laid down in the last republican national platform, when the data needed for guidance are so vague and inexact as to be practically worthless. If the tariff makers do not know what it costs to produce a similar article in a foreign country which competes in our market it is hopeless to think of putting our tariff system on a scientific, fair and helpful basis. A tariff commission is not needed simply to help the president to decide whether the maximum or the minimum rates should be enforced against a foreign country suspected of imposing discriminations against American commerce. It is needed to furnish a rational groundwork for the schedules themselves, limiting their scope to the exact needs of the home producer and thus enabling him to develop his industry in the general interest, but not at an excessive profit to himself or at an excessive cost to the home purchaser of his products.

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM.

Development of the Department at Missouri University.

The school of journalism in the University of Missouri has finished its first year in active operation, and the dean of the school reports that the beginning thus made has been highly encouraging. In a recent address before the Missouri Press association, Dean Walter Williams summarized the facts concerning the enrolment as follows: "The first year's enrolment of students has far surpassed the expectations of even the most sanguine friends of the school. There was general demand for the training that such a school could give. It was expected that in its first year twenty or thirty students would be enrolled, as had been true in the first years of the teaching of law and medicine. Instead, there have been enrolled this year at the University School of Journalism ninety-seven students. Of this number seventy four are primarily in journalism, candidates for the degree of bachelor of science in journalism in a four-year course. The others—twenty-three in number—are students from other departments of the university taking one or more courses in journalism. Fourteen of the total number are women."

TRAVELING COOKING SCHOOLS.

How the Rural Districts Are Reached in Germany.

The teaching of cooking in Germany is carried on with German thoroughness, reports the Journal of Home Economics. Not content with establishing rural schools where farmers' daughters might learn the domestic arts, Germany has now instituted traveling schools. It was found that the rural schools did not meet the needs of the whole rural population. The bulk of this population is made up of small farmers, and in such homes the help of the daughters is needed so constantly that they cannot be sent away from home to school. Neither can the money be provided for their expenses, and many farmers are afraid, too, that after their daughters had been away to school they would not be willing to return to the simple conditions of the farm.

Since the people will not go to the schools, therefore, the schools are being sent to the people. Baden took the lead in the establishment of traveling schools of cooking and sewing, and the idea is spreading. Hesse, Nassau, Franconia, the Palatinate, all have their traveling cooking schools or have begun to establish them. The Bavarian Farmers' association has established two such schools and selected two nuns as teachers. The association pays the teachers and most of the other expenses, so that the cost to the pupils is very small. In some cases the township or village pays all or part of the expense of the pupils who could not otherwise afford to attend the school.

It has been found that the traveling school has many advantages in addition to its accessibility. The teaching can be adapted to local conditions, and the pupils can at once put into practice what they have learned. Furthermore, the teacher can visit the homes of the pupils and see that they really understand what has been taught.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Announcements of Faculty Changes and Lecture Appointments.

President Butler of Columbia university has announced as the Carpentier Foundation lecturer next year Arthur L. Smith of Balliol college, Oxford, England. He will be in readiness at the university from about March 10 for one month, giving three lectures weekly. His general subject will be the history and literature of English political theories in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The personalities he will discuss will be Hobbs, Milton, Harrington, Baxter, Filmer, Sydney, Locke, Defoe, Bolingbroke, Hume, Burke and Hamilton.

Prof. Dutton of Teachers' college, Columbia university, has accepted the invitation of Prof. Dr. Brogger of the University of Christiania, Norway, to lecture at that university as a representative of the American-Skandinavian society.

After concluding his work in the summer session at Columbia university, Dr. George H. Ling of the department of mathematics will leave the university to accept the professorship of mathematics at the University of Saskatchewan. Prof. C. H. Page has resigned as professor of romance languages and literature to become head of the department of English at Northwestern university.

The Gamma chapter of the honorary fraternity of Phi Lambda Upsilon has been established at Columbia. Membership is to be limited to chemists and chemical engineers in the faculty, graduates and advanced students in chemistry and chemical engineering.

Jefferson B. Fletcher, professor of comparative literature, has been appointed a member of the university committee on student organizations in place of H. B. Mitchell, whose term has expired. Prof. Fletcher is a graduate of Harvard, class of '87, and was an athlete in college.

The fellowship committee of the American School of Classical Studies in Rome announces the following appointments for the coming year: Fellowship of the school, Guy C. Colburn of Iowa college. Two research fellowships of the Carnegie institution, Dr. Elias A. Loew of Rome, Italy, and Prof. Henry A. Armstrong of Yankton, S. D., college.

Educational Notes.

Lord Strathcona has given McGill university, Montral, another half million—$450,000 to complete the new medical building and $50,000 to fatten the salaries of the professors.

Miss Pauline Roach, 18 years old, of Carthage, Mo., who graduated from high school a few days ago, has a record of having never been absent or tardy during a school attendance of twelve years.

Twenty vacation schools were opened July 6 in various parts of Chicago, with an attendance of 7,000, which will be swelled to 9,000 in a few days. Apparently there are some children in Chicago eager to get an education.

The first memorial to be prepared for a place in the new memorial building at the University of Michigan will be a bronze bas-relief of President Angell, to be presented to the university by Regent Arthur Hill of Saginaw. The sculptor, Carl Bitter, who was selected to do the work, spent nearly a week in Ann Arbor, making studies from which the lifesize work will be completed.

"We need to get back to the truth recognized by the fathers and mothers of the present generation," says the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "that school means discipline, as well as book instruction; that rebellion against the authority of a teacher is as serious in its small way as is rebellion in later years against the authority of the state. The earlier the lesson of obedience can be learned the better for the boy and girl, since it must be learned sooner or later. Like those diseases which are inconsequential in a child, but serious, sometimes fatal, in an adult, the lesson of obedience gains severity in proportion as it delays its coming."

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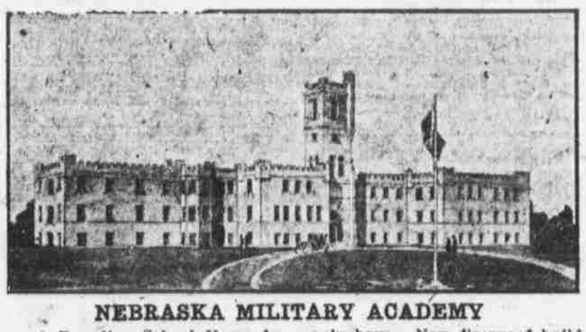

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