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SCHOOL AND COLLEGE WORK

Gratifying Exhibit of Progress in the Common Schools.

ARGUMENT FOR MEN TEACHERS

How High School Fraternities Stimulate the Sporty Instinct—Mid-summer Activities of Various Schools.

Work is progressing steadily on the new Nebraska Military Academy building in Lincoln. By the opening day next September the building will be finished and fully equipped for the housing and schooling of the boys. Anxious inquiries are coming in from former cadets regarding the location of their rooms, while frequent trips are made to the building by cadets who live in Lincoln and vicinity.

A handsome illustrated catalogue will soon be ready for distribution. From the pictures alone one can gain an idea of the varied activities of the academy, of the senior and junior teams in football, baseball and basketball, of the debating squad, of the military band and the several other organizations which vary the routine of academic work and aid in both mental and physical development of cadets. Nothing is done at random in the Nebraska Military Academy. Membership on athletic teams is conditioned on excellence in scholarship, and all athletes are under the direct supervision of faculty members. During the last year the academy work of the academy has been honored by accreditation in the University of Nebraska and in the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools—the highest marks of approval a preparatory school can win.

The manual training department won high favor with both junior and senior cadets. Something made by themselves which can be displayed and seen and exhibited to friends appeals to the peculiar constructive instinct of a growing boy. This impulse is wisely directed towards the quality of accuracy, patience and attention to detail.

Cadets who work well during the week are rewarded by some healthful diversion on Friday evening, and to this end a series of musical, literary and social entertainments have been planned for the coming year.

NEW TEACHER AT TABOR.

Prof. Edwin Ott Elected to Chair of History and Economics.

TABOR, Ia., July 25.—(Special.)—Prof. Edwin Ott has just been elected to the chair of history and economics in Tabor college, to take the place of Prof. D. Fred Grass, who, with his family, is spending a year on the Pacific coast on account of Mrs. Grass' ill-health. Prof. Ott is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, with the degree of A. B., and took a post-graduate course at Harvard which conferred upon him the master's degree. Foreign travel and experience as a teacher have further qualified him for the work at Tabor. Last year he taught in St. Stevens' college at Armandale, N. Y., and is highly recommended as an instructor and disciplinarian. Mr. Ott is 23 years old and is engaged to be married in a few weeks to a young woman, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music. A new director of athletics has also been secured for Tabor in the person of Mr. W. B. Moranville of Shenandoah, who has had some years experience as physical director for Young Men's Christian association organizations in Wichita, Kan., and Riverside, Cal.

President P. W. Long is vigorously pushing the summer campaign for increasing the endowment of Tabor college to secure the pledges necessary to meet the conditions of Mr. Carnegie's conditional offer of \$2,000, and is being ably assisted in the

work by Rev. F. W. Martini of Chicago and Rev. V. B. Hill of Alcester, S. D., who is an alumnus of Tabor college. Rev. E. C. Wolcott of Sioux City, whose services here last May were effective in securing upwards of \$100 to the fund, is also to take a hand in the good work again, and there is good reason to expect that \$40,000 will be raised in this immediate community as many substantial pledges have already been secured.

MAINSPIRING OF DEMOCRACY.

Boys in Their Teens Should Be Taught by Men.

The August American Magazine contains an article entitled, "The Schools—The Mainspring of Democracy," by William Allen White, which deals with the question of our system of public school education and its importance to national progress. Mr. White thinks that one of the grave faults with our public schools is that they haven't better teachers. He says:

"The boy goes to the pool room and the saloon primarily because there he finds men. At school he is sufficed with femininity. Given men teachers for the boy after he gets into his teens, and the boy will not be so ready to leave school as he is. But teaching is a profession that men use as a stepping-stone to something better. It is not a man's profession, and wages of teachers are so low that men cannot afford to make teaching a career. And if the statistics of the census bureau are correct no advantage of our people is so disastrous to us as the economy we are practicing in our schools in the seventh and eighth grades. For there the boys fall out by the millions. And the fact that their sisters who can earn as much at that age as their brothers, remain on an average a few years longer, indicates that the boys leave school because they are boys, and because the schools are designed for the girls. In some ways, indefinite way we seem to be realizing this as a people; for in ten states—Massachusetts, Utah, Indiana, Virginia, New Jersey, Illinois, Connecticut, Maryland, Ohio, California and Michigan—we have passed laws of more or less value providing for pensioning school teachers. Given pension and a man can afford to make teaching a profession, and the man teacher will appear in the seventh and eighth grades, and the boy will be saved to good citizenship. If the laws permitting school districts to set aside pension funds spread over the states as the laws authorizing manual training schools have spread since 1900, by 1920 the million pupils who reach the high school every year will be greatly increased if there is any ground for prophecy in statistics."

EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

Steady Expansion of the Common School System.

One of the most gratifying features in American progress is the extension of the common school as shown in Volume II, just issued, of the report of Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Brown, United States commissioner of education. The comparative figures are:

Children of school age (5 to 15)	1870	1907
12,065,443	24,292,930	
6,871,522	16,390,515	
4,077,247	11,925,672	
Percentage of enrollment	59.3	79.4
Annual school term (days)	122.2	151.8
Days attended per person, average	44.7	74.6
Male teachers	27,829	104,414
Female teachers	122,986	376,952
Number of school-houses	116,312	259,358
Value of school property	\$130,583,008	\$588,455,200
Revenue (1909)	142,194,806	\$65,016,172
Expenditure	\$1,296,966	\$4,588,322
Salaries paid	\$7,322,596	\$20,047,814
Country's population	\$5,558,371	\$85,236,761
Percentage of population	1.94	3.90
Expenditure per pupil	1.04	\$2.25

HIGH SCHOOL FRATERNITIES.

Story of Their Development and the Discouraging Difficulties of High School Fraternities in Everybody's Magazine.

Discussing the difficulties of high school fraternities in Everybody's Magazine, William Hand draws this picture of their development:

A couple of western boys go east for vacation. They meet some other boys and learn that there is such a thing, really, for practical purposes, as the Greek alphabet. They also learn that their new friends, organized into a company, own three of the letters, which are certainly good to have. At a much resembling chess, gum trademark, the new friends offer to lend them the letters, teach them how to shake hands in a complicated way, write the translations of the letters down on a slip of paper so that they won't mislay them in their minds, and send them back west to found a chapter of Pi Phi Psi.

Returning home, the boys pick out a few agreeable associates of their own social species, hold an initiation, teach the new members the principles of Pi Phi Psi—then dropping oysters at the end of strings down their throats and then jerking the strings and pulling the oysters up again, devise a few new complications in the art of hand-shaking, have their coats cut five inches longer in the front than at the back, have buttons sewed on the flaps of their trousers, turn up ten inches of their trousers, take a pair of scissors and clip off the whole breadth of the rims of their soft felt hats all the way around, slit holes in the remaining fragments of the hats and twine their fraternity ribbons through the holes, invest some of father's money in an enamel, gold and diamond Pi Phi Psi label, hook the label to their waistcoats and paralyze the high school corridors between classes with a burlesque of a stage imitation of a college boy's imitation of a human walk.

Those Pi Phi Psi boys, for instance (to take the history of a certain fraternity in one of the Chicago high schools for an illustration), soon observe that almost everybody has lunch in the school lunch-room. And many of the persons there have brought their lunch with them from home in paper bags and old shoe boxes. Such persons are not interesting associates. The members of Pi Phi Psi, all of whom used to eat in the lunch room, now go down to the street at the noon hour to Gnanakopepopo's fruit store and purchase an exclusive

lunch of stale peanuts and aniline-dyed ice cream.

Pretty soon, however, the Central Cryptic Conclave of the national organization of Mu Mu Mu establishes a local chapter in the school, and the new Mu Mu Mu's come tagging along and endeavor to hobnob. A farther remove becomes necessary. This time it is half a mile down the street to Kelly's stew store, well known as "The Bilk," where one can procure quite familiarly for a few minutes around the lunch counter. What now is the dietetic, hygienic, etc., dairy lunch served at cost in the school lunch room by the local woman's club? What, even, are Greek peanuts and ice cream? A tub of arsenicated suds for us, and a couple of condemned meat wieners—wurst! Life is on the wing!

It is curious how exclusiveness runs to sportiveness, when one is very young. But it always has done so, and it always will.

COLUMBIA'S SUMMER SCHOOL.

Record-Breaking Attendance from All Parts of the Country.

Nearly 2,000 students are taking part in the summer session of Columbia University, a record breaking attendance in the history of the country. Of these 1,300 are up on Morningside Heights and twenty-one are at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. The students have come from nearly every state and territory in the union, from Canada and Nova Scotia, and from many foreign countries. Almost all professions are represented, and a larger number than usual have matriculated in the university.

The increase over last year—about 400—is due to several causes. One is that under the new regulations it is possible for men and women to get the university degree in a shorter time. Four summer sessions, or two summer sessions and one regular term being all that is necessary to accomplish the result, and hundreds are taking advantage of the opportunity. Another is the arrangement of the courses. The director of the session has made a careful study of the applications in the last few years and, having worked along the line they have been studying. Then the teaching staff has been greatly improved and those at the head of the various departments are the best in the country, other universities having been drawn upon for their best teachers.

One of the features of the session in the past has been the large numbers of school superintendents, and each year has seen an increase in their numbers. This year many have brought their teachers with them to benefit by the instruction in modern methods. Even the superintendent of schools of Panama has brought teachers with him, and there is such a large delegation of superintendents and teachers from Indiana, that they have formed an association of students at the session from that state which is for mutual advantage, and they take their outings together. There is an especially large delegation from Nova Scotia and from Canada there are many. There is also a large increase in the number coming from the southern states, the representation from these points having been light in the past. Ohio and West Virginia have many representatives, while not a few are regular students of the university who are taking the opportunity to advance themselves.

Among the new courses offered this year are those in theology and public speaking and both have fully taken their establishment. In the latter course there are fifty who are in charge of Prof. Winter of Harvard. The graduate work being done exceeds anything in other years by a large percentage.

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WENTWORTH MILITARY ACADEMY

Made a Post of the National Guard of Missouri.

The superintendent of the academy has recently received a letter from Adjutant General Rumbold, stating that the Wentworth Military Academy had been made a post of the National Guard of Missouri under the new law passed at the last session of the legislature. Wentworth has for many years been a post of the National Guard of Missouri, in fact it was the first military academy in the state to be made a post of the National Guard and have its faculty and graduates to receive commissions in the state militia. The recent act of the legislature, however, made it necessary for all military academies to be re-appointed posts of the National Guard, and the requirements of the law were so strict that only a very few schools could fulfill their requirements; therefore every doubt about Wentworth fulfilling every requirement of the law, since it is the oldest and by far the largest military school in the state and generally recognized by the United States government as one of the first military schools in the United States.

Captain H. M. Peck, a member of the Wentworth faculty for two years, is spending his vacation at the academy. He is practicing law at Oklahoma City and is recognized as one of the most prominent lawyers of the city.

Messrs. Madison Welch and Irving Chapman, both of Kansas City, spent the night at the academy on their way to St. Louis from Kansas City. They went by way of the Missouri River in a canoe and made the trip in six days.

The new Wentworth catalogues are just out and are even handsomer than those gotten out last year. The requests for catalogues are coming in in large numbers and the academy expects an unusually large attendance next fall.

One of the many things that makes Wentworth so attractive to its cadets is the unique system of athletics which the school has had in force for several years—a system so arranged as to have every cadet take an active part in games of all kinds. This system develops all the cadets and enabled Wentworth to turn out a football team last year that scored 216 points and was never scored upon.

The academy has just enlarged its cavalry equipment by purchase of fourteen additional horses. These horses are well adapted to cavalry use. They are of uniform color and an exceptionally fine lot. The Wentworth troop will be unsurpassed by any troop in the middle west.

Captain G. B. Pritchard, Jr., professor of military science and tactics at Wentworth Military academy, is spending the week at Camp Hadley, Nevada, Mo., at the request of General Rumbold. It will be of interest

to the Wentworth alumni and cadets to know that Brigadier General Clark, who is figuratively conspicuous at the encampment, is an alumnus of Wentworth.

W. C. Jackson of Enid, Okla., made a visit to the academy this week and enrolled his son for another year.

Captain H. M. Peck of Oklahoma City, for two years a member of the Wentworth faculty, has been visiting the academy the last week and returned to his home Sunday.

Mrs. Hoge of St. Louis, mother of Colonel Hogs, becoming superintendent of Wentworth, is visiting the academy.

Requests for catalogues continue to come in daily in larger numbers than heretofore, and there is every reason to believe that the attendance will be even larger than that of last year.

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BOY LEAVES THE HOSPITAL

Julius Gagnal, Who Had Skull Fractured July 10, Has Entirely Recovered.

Julius Gagnal, the 8-year-old boy who was hurt on the night of July 10 by being struck on the head by a rock which one man threw at another, is so much improved that he was allowed to go from St. Joseph's hospital to his home Saturday afternoon, and his recovery seems assured.

Julius was standing inside his home when two men engaged in a fight in front of the house. One of them threw a rock, which missed its mark, crashed through a screen door and struck the boy.

He was operated on the same night by Police Surgeon Harris, who found a bad fracture of the skull and it was necessary to remove a quantity of bone in order to operate proved to be entirely successful, and the boy is apparently almost as well as ever.

The men who were responsible for the accident have not been identified.

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YOUNG MAN KILLS HIMSELF

George Riebold, Who Roomed at 709 North Sixteenth Street, Takes Big Dose of Strychnine.

George Riebold, who has been rooming at 709 North Sixteenth street, committed suicide about 12 o'clock last night by taking a large amount of strychnine.

Riebold, who was single, had been drinking for three or four days, and early last night made threats to end his life, but his friends thought nothing of it.

He was 32 years of age and had been working for the Stevenson Roofing company. He had lived in Omaha for many years. Neighbor W. H. Moody, 361 North Sixteenth street, who formerly roomed with Riebold, says Mrs. W. H. Mills, who conducts the place where he was rooming, were able to assign any reason for his desire to die other than the fact of his excessive drinking. The body was taken in charge by the coroner.

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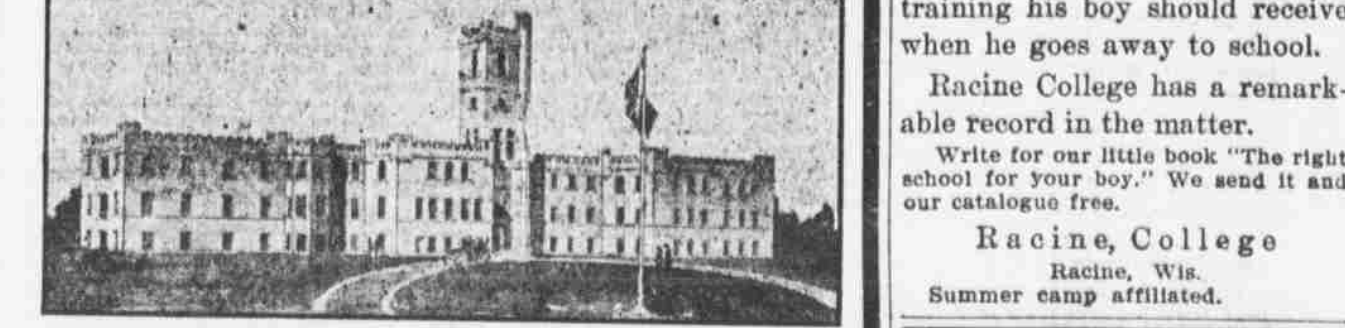
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