

Schools and Colleges

Kearney Teachers' College.

Miss O'Connell of the training high school gave a student-parent party. There was music by the girls and boys, and a Maypole and community singing. After which the students served ice cream and cake, which they had made.

Chadron Normal

Dr. R. K. Lay, head chemist for the Midwestern Refining company of the West, gave a very interesting talk to a number of students of the physics and chemistry department. He presented the theory most universally accepted, for the formation of oil, and gave some explanation of the process of oil refining.

Several of the model school children took part in the program given last week by the Bird club. This was a little play entitled "The Woodpecker's Convention" and written by the club members. Mrs. E. F. Trandley. It was put on first by the Audubon club of Los Angeles. The children were first to represent many varieties of the woodpecker family. They met in convention and gave reports of their relationship and usefulness to the world at large.

The preliminaries in the essay contest are now in progress. Each contestant is receiving strong support from his classmates. Much enthusiasm is being shown by students and faculty. Miss Lucille Scott and Miss Blanche Blair were in first and second places respectively in the preliminary contest in declamation, held at the normal chapel, Monday.

The annual May festival was given by the girls of the normal council. This is one of the big events of the year. The festival was given in the gymnasium and was a most successful one. It is larger than the old athletic field and will be more convenient in the future. The annual style show was held Monday. The stage was set for a drawing room and two at each corner, one at each side, served as announcers, to describe the gowns, material, and color. The first year sewing class made a fine display of the middles which they had made. They made the advanced sewing, each wearing the costume she had made. There were six young women in cloth suits, well as about 15 young men in suits in pretty groups of two's or three's in pretty suits of home dress, the cost of which varied from \$2 to \$5 each.

Nebraska University

Eight students have identified their intention of attending the U. O. T. C. camp, seventh corps area, which will be held at Fort Snelling, beginning June 16, and lasting six weeks. This will be the largest representation which has ever come from Nebraska, in the history of the U. O. T. C. About 400 students in firms from the various colleges and schools in the seventh corps area will attend this camp.

A state-wide institute of citizenship will be held by the university extension division in co-operation with the Nebraska League of Women Voters commencement week, following the state meeting of the league of women voters.

Plans have been completed for high school fete day, Saturday, May 14. The morning will be given over to the annual debate of the Nebraska High School Debating League. The afternoon will be given over to the annual inspection to university buildings in the city and farm campus. The visitors will be entertained at a luncheon at 12 o'clock in the afternoon. The annual championship contests in track and field events will be on off.

The university extension division has called the first annual conference on educational measurements to meet June 13-14, at the University of Nebraska. Among those invited to the program are: Dr. Henry A. Ruffer of Columbia University; Supt. M. C. Leffer, Lincoln city schools; Supt. W. W. Curran, Lincoln city schools; Director of research, Omaha city schools; Assistant Supt. W. W. Curran, director of research, Lincoln city schools; Dr. Winifred Hyde, department of psychology, University of Nebraska; and Dean Fordyce of the teachers' college.

The Kismet Club will present the musical comedy, "The Most Prime Ministers," on May 17. The play is written entirely by members of the club, and the lyrics are by a student of the university. The musical numbers of the production were written by Wilbur R. Stenhouse. The choruses, under the direction of the club and the coaches, are preparing several musical numbers and dances.

Nebraska Wesleyan

The baccalaureate session at Nebraska Wesleyan will be given by Chancellor I. R. Schaefer. The university sermon will be preached by the Rev. Frank E. Day, pastor of the First Methodist church at Hastings. The commencement speaker will be Bishop C. L. Mead, who will speak June 1. A bronze tablet in honor of Abbie Cornelia Burns, formerly professor of modern languages at Nebraska Wesleyan, who last summer will be unveiled May 21 in the Shible building.

Doane College

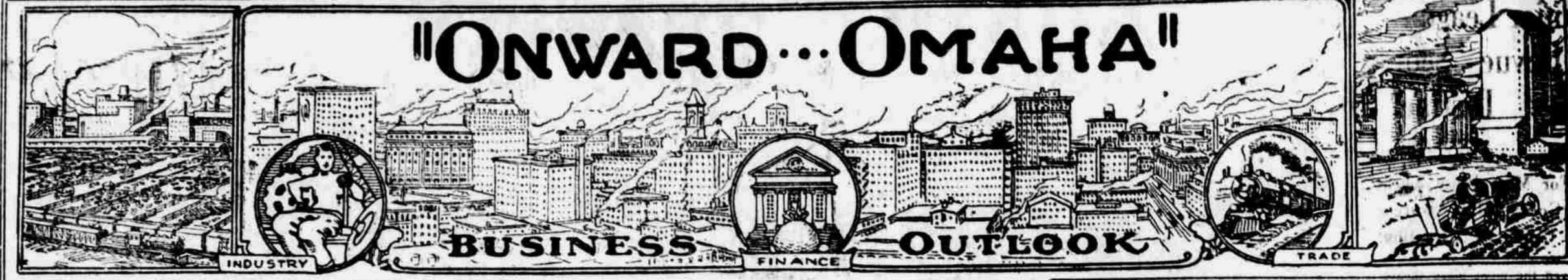
The Expression department will present two plays Friday, "Op-O-Me-Thumb" and "Suppressed Desire." The concert given by the Doane College Ladies Glee club Monday was largely attended. The concert was given by the club and the Duetters entertainers were beautifully sung. The soloists at the home concert were Miss Olga Spitz, Ruth Young, Elva Bloodgood and Miss Flora. Miss Flora sang and Miss Spitz sang. Other soloists who have appeared or will sing in the June play are Misses Pauline Crumb, Helen Sherman, Vera Cort, Helen Crumb, Hilda, Lillian Field and Virginia. Miss Helen Sherman is the club leader. Noyes are alternate readers for the club. Recitals have begun for the junior play.

Simpson College

Omaha and Council Bluffs alumni have been prominent in a movement which bids fair to revolutionize Simpson college affairs. W. J. (Byrd) Sells and Robert Collins of Omaha and Robert C. (Cady) Council Bluffs are among the leaders in the plan to take Simpson athletics into their own hands, except in matters of eligibility, hire an able coach and turn out some first-class teams.

Cotner College

The girls' glee club gave a musical program in Fairbury. The music department presented some vocal and instrumental numbers Tuesday morning in the chapel hour. The Cotner oratorical team and the historical team of Union college were less than in an oratorical contest in the college auditorium Thursday.



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Your Town From a Car Window

The tourist reclining in the parlor car of the train which is carrying him west arouses himself when he sees in the distance smoke arising from the smokestacks and in the distance the dim outlines of manufacturing plants and buildings.

Soon he is being whirled through the railroad yards leading to the station. On every hand he sees tumble-down shacks, abandoned manufacturing plants surrounded with piles of refuse and dirt. The fences enclosing property along the tracks are ramshackle and unpainted. The buildings haven't known paint since they were built.

Just why the dirtiest and most uninviting places in the average American city are found along the railroad tracks has never been explained. Yet the picture presented from the car windows remains with the tourist or casual visitor.

First impressions are often the most lasting and that is why many cities are remembered by tourists as filthy and dirty. Among men and women it is not difficult to correct first impressions which may have been unformed. More intimate acquaintances are possible, but to the tourists passing through a city with no opportunity to visit more inviting places the impression from the car window is likely to prevail.

Lane excuses are often made by property owners along the right-of-way. "It is impossible to keep that property clean. I use the space along the tracks as a dumping ground. Then there are no neighbors to complain and anyway the passenger and freight trains keep the place all cluttered up with trash and refuse."

The excuse is lame. Because the property is along the railroad tracks is the most salient reason why it should be kept presentable. Most plants adjacent to railroad tracks resemble the small boy who has been told by his mother that he'd better wash his face, as it is dirty. The boy takes the advice literally and washes only his face. Viewing the boy from the front, he is the picture of cleanliness. From the rear his neck and ears are deplorably dirty. Soap and water have not often touched them.

Employees of those places reflect the ideals of cleanliness from their employers. If the employer is careless of the appearance of his plant and grounds, the employees will have the same careless attitude.

The efficient plant inside and out will be conducted without regard to all the rules of neatness. A dirty place in which to work makes employees disgruntled and slovenly. Their work is careless and in time may be reflected in the conduct of the business.

If the employer has ideals requiring every bit of his property to be kept neat and clean the employees are going to respect his wishes. Clean places in which to work make employees happier. They go about their work with more pep and ginger, which is reflected in the undeniable success of the business. Any successful business man will agree that cleanliness respecting property is one essential toward success.

Admitting that various plants not too clean in themselves are situated along the railroad tracks to be near shipping facilities does not admit that these places must be eyesores to everyone passing through the city. "Oh, yes, I remember E—," says one tourist. "That is the place where I passed through acres of filthy refuse piles before arriving at the station."

How different to have one say: "I remember E— because everything was so clean and neat." While much attention is given to keeping the front of a plant neat in appearance, it is just as necessary to keep the rear presentable, even though it faces the railroad tracks.

Painting the rear of a plant occasionally, tearing down old signs and putting up new and attractive ones, hauling away piles of dirt which have been allowed to accumulate through months of inattention are suggestions as to how to make property along the railroad yards presentable.

Railroads cannot be blamed for uninviting places along the right-of-way which are not on their property. As a rule the railroad companies do all they can to maintain neatness along their lines.

A certain western city has the reputation of being the most beautiful city in America. Tourists go into ecstasies every time the name of the city is mentioned. This is the reason: Tourists coming east must make a long trip through the desert. They see nothing but vast stretches of sand. The railroad coaches soon fill with dust and the tourists grow hungry for a bit of green and relief from the dust.

This city is the first place of any consequence after leaving the desert. Here the tourist is greeted with green fields in cultivation, flowers in bloom, stretches of water and upon arrival at the railroad station everything has been done to make the place as beautiful as possible.

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