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A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Coach Booth Says the Closing Football Season was a Success in Every Way—Plea for Clean Athletics.

The football season just closed was reviewed by Coach Booth yesterday in a brief address at the convocation. The Coach was greeted by a round of applause that attested his popularity among the students.

Nebraska, he said, has just passed through her most successful season on the gridiron. The season may safely be voted successful because Nebraska has established herself among the football teams of the west. He declared that while the University had not been officially recognized by the members of the big nine it has established itself well in the estimation of the colleges composing it.

Financially the season has been a very successful one. The board started without money and besides the many improvements which have been made now has a surplus left over. The season has also been successful in that no distressing accidents have occurred to mar it. Men have turned out well to practice and to help support the team. The best feature of the season, said the Coach, was the enthusiasm developed among the students of the University. This has been the result of development and now that it has been developed, it should be fostered. It is the thing the University needs.

Speaking of the prospects for next year the Coach said they were excellent. The chances for a good team are unusually good. Practically all the men who are eligible will be back for work next fall.

The Coach also turned his attention to football as a sport. He declared that it owed its popularity among the people to the fact that it was a clean game. It is not like the race track. It is as yet free from the traces of professionalism. Coach Booth urged that the present standard be maintained. He was opposed, he said, to giving the players any part of the gate receipts or any money reward for their work. This course would tear down the sport and put it on a level with the race track. "The minute you reward athletic skill, you take away all that makes it worth while."

SOME UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS.

Two University publications are being sent out from the library. One is a paper by Dr. Chas. Fordyce, on "The Cladocera of Nebraska" being his thesis for his doctor's degree. One hundred and fifty copies of this work are being sent to specialists over the country. Some additional copies of number two of the graduate bulletins are also being distributed. Last spring about three hundred copies were mailed to colleges and libraries both in this country and abroad. Something near half that number are now being sent to specialists in the subjects treated of in the number. It contains three articles by candidates for the masters degree. "Coined Compounds in Gothic," by John L. Kind. "Conjunctions in Livy," by C. R. Jeffords and "The Political Philosophy of Thomas Paine," by Clark E. Persinger.

The graduate bulletin is an enter-

prise of the graduate club which is meeting with much favor. It is issued at intervals by the club and is the medium through which the best work of graduate students is placed before the public.

OPPOSE WOMEN'S ATHLETICS.

The authorities of Michigan do not believe in intercollegiate athletics for women. The following is the expression of Dr. Mosher of that institution:

We do not favor intercollegiate contests for women—they are no good whatever.

1. We do not believe in them because they are injurious physically, particularly the nervous strain incident to them.

2. The notoriety obtained from contests is not desirable for women—it harms them rather than otherwise.

3. It takes too much time from the regular systematic development of the women.

4. When every effort is centered in producing a winning team, those who see no hope of making the team drop out. The major portion of the effort is directed towards developing those few women and the others are neglected.

"BONE LIBRARY," A COMPLETE COLLECTION OF SKELETONS OF ANIMALS KNOWN TO SCIENCE.

The Wistar Institute of the University of Pennsylvania is now in possession of a "Bone Library," which is said to be the only one of its kind in existence.

The bones which make up this peculiar library include the skeletons of almost every animal known to science. Dr. Payne, who is at the head of the Wistar Institute, has adopted an entirely new method of classifying and arranging these bones. Instead of mounting the complete skeleton, as is commonly done, the skeleton is disarticulated and the bones are catalogued and placed in separate trays, following the order of cataloguing the books in the University Library. By this means it is made possible to study every bone in its proper class. The collection is so complete that the evolution of any particular animal can be studied through many generations. In the same way it is possible to trace out the relationship of some allied animal.

Dr. Payne and his assistants are continually adding to the bone collection. One of the latest additions is that of the skeletons of three European apes, said to be the only ones in America. The apes were natives of Southern Spain, having been taken there from Algiers at a very early date. They have been carefully protected by the Spanish government, and for this reason none of them have ever found their way to any American Museum.

Professor H. B. Ward has accepted an invitation to address the Davenport Academy of Sciences at Davenport, Iowa. His subject will be "The Degenerates of Animal Society" and the lecture will be delivered January 11.

Professor H. L. Ott of Chicago visited the University recently in the interests of a stereopticon and microscope firm.

THE NEW COMMANDANT

Has Record both as Soldier and Educator—Served as an Officer in Cuba—Date of Arrival Not Yet Known.

Though the information which has been received by the University authorities regarding Captain Samuel A. Smoke, the newly chosen commandant, is very meagre it is such as to inspire confidence in him both as a man and a soldier. He comes very highly recommended in every way.

Captain Smoke is a graduate of West Point and has rounded out his career there by several years of service in the army. While he is a retired officer it is not on account of age as he is but thirty-eight years old. He was retired because of a stroke sustained while at his post in Cuba in 1899. At the time of his retirement he was chief quartermaster of the department of Santa Clara.

He does not come to the University without experience as he has engaged in school work before. He is also said to be well equipped by nature for the work he has been chosen to do. By nature he is congenial and affable and very pleasing in his manner.

In a recent communication he said that he should prefer Nebraska and the University of Nebraska in particular to any other place in the United States.

Captain Smoke is a resident of Missouri and is well known at Columbia. His character and ability are vouched for in terms of highest respect by the University authorities there. He is married and has two young children.

It is not yet known when he will take charge of the battalion.

The Nebraskan is in receipt of an unsigned communication recommending that those debaters who have contested on interstate debates in past years be allowed to go on this year's debate without the formality of participation in the preliminary contest. It is urged in support of this plan that most of last year's debaters have declined to enter the preliminary contest with because of a lack of time. After citing individual instances of men who will not enter for the reason given the writer proceeds:

"Now it stands to reason that these men are stronger than last year. Why not let experience count for something in debates as in athletics and give the old men who stood highest in rank a position among the debaters without participation in the preliminary?"

The Nebraskan has serious doubts as to the advisability of the course recommended in the communication. If the contestants have no time for the preliminary contest they will hardly have time for the proper preparation of the debate itself. These contests are as much University affairs as football or baseball and thorough preparation ought to be the price of a place in them. As the writer suggests experience ought to count for the same in debates as in athletics, but no more. Where is the player who holds his position this year because he held a similar one last year? The teams are lined up

and the man can who play his position best is the man who gets the place, whether he has played one year or three. It ought to be the same in debating.

Registration for interstate debates will close soon and all wishing to try for a place must comply before the allotted time expires. It is to be hoped, however, that students will exercise judgment in this matter and not take up time unless they are qualified sufficiently to stand some chance in the contest. This preliminary debate is not a practice class but a place where trained men show their abilities. The place to do the practicing is in the classes in argumentation.

In previous years the preliminaries have been made extremely tiresome to the wearied judges and absolutely without interest to the student body because of the many contestants who were without the "ghost of a show." Experience has shown the folly of the previous course and there is no reason whatever for a repetition when a little common sense in registration might prevent it.

THE ZOOLOGICAL CLUB.

Will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday evening December 3, in the Zoological Library.

The subject for the evening is Studies on the Malaria.

THE PROGRAM.

B. H. Ransom, The life history of the Organism by Lahe; Gladys Henry, The interpretation of the forms by Lankester & Ross; Henry B. Ward, Some American and Italian contributions to the solution of the problem of protection.

Visitors are cordially welcome to the meetings of the club.

TRAVELING SCHOLARSHIP IN ARCHITECTURE.

The managing committee of the Stewarson Memorial Scholarship in Architecture, which entitles the holder to the value of \$1,000 in European travel, announces that preliminary examinations will be held at the University of Pennsylvania on January 8, 9 and 10, 1902. Graduates of recognized schools of architecture are exempt from the preliminaries. Candidates must be under 30 years of age, and must have studied or practiced architecture in Pennsylvania for at least one year prior to January 8, 1902. Final examinations will be upon the subject of a "Boys' School in the Country," and the successful candidate will sail for Europe before March 30 next. The managing committee is composed of Professor Warren P. Laird, Walter Cope, Frank Miles Day, Wilson Eyre and J. G. Rosengarten.

Professor Bessey has just sent away his paper on "The Forests and Forest trees of Nebraska" to be published by the bureau of Forestry work at Washington, D. C. The article will be profusely illustrated by cuts made from photographs by Mr. Cornell, the University photographer.

Edward A. Bessey, '96, writes from Pittsfield, Mass., where he has been for the past three years that they are having fine sleighing and that the ground has been covered with snow for the past two weeks.