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NO MUD SLINGING

The press has thoroughly aired the sudden step taken in Kansas City recently by representatives from six of the Missouri Valley Conference members. The break came quickly, and was as unexpected to the student bodies of all schools concerned, as it was to the four Valley institutions left out. Criticism of the move has heaped up, and for many reasons. The sorest spot, to the four schools left in the now defunct Missouri Valley Conference, is the fact that there was no fitting preface to the action taken by the six schools withdrawing; the other bone of contention exists in the manner in which Grinnell, Washington, Oklahoma A. and M., and Drake, were notified of the change. That was unfortunate, but it was not an intentional slight.

The Missouri Valley Conference was doomed. Certain Valley schools have claimed that they have been discriminated against when athletic schedules were being formulated, which undoubtedly is true. So it was that certain barriers sprang up in the Valley, which prevented all schools from playing all the others every year, and often, the break existed for more than a year. This, to the fair-minded observer, is deplorable, but under the present conference, nothing could be done about it.

But all that has been digested by the public already. It is Nebraska's intention to always preserve friendly relations with the schools in the Missouri Valley Conference, which will not be the case if these institutions choose to feel themselves aggrieved at the action of the six withdrawing. If the officials of these six had seen fit to start a formal statement of their intentions, give it a suitable prologue, and of course, allow the press its say in the matter, the thing probably would have dragged on and on interminably. They chose the shortest way—immediate action.

The four schools left have a grievance on this score, for which Nebraska is sincerely sorry. They also were unwittingly insulted, due to the fact that newspapers "scooped" the news before official notification had reached the heads of the four schools, telling of the break. But that was unintentional, for which apologies are offered. Once again, our friends in the Valley must realize that Nebraska's part in the new form of things is what her officials have decided is for the best, it is not intended in any way to belittle the four other Valley schools, neither is it a broad hint that athletic relations with them are no longer desirable. Drake University feels this way, from recently printed matter, but this University intends to overlook any veiled comment directed toward it, and assure that school along with the rest, that the change is for the best of all concerned.

Elsewhere on this page will be found a full statement and more complete explanation of the move, from Nebraska's own representative at the Kansas City meeting.

THE LAST WORD

Repetition, it is said, produces the best effects. Perhaps that is why these rain drops have been paying us repeated visits. In much the same way more words on "Go to Church" Sunday loom up as being timely.

Traditions always will be traditions, whether positive or negative in value. "Go to Church" Sunday is a tradition that always has bespoken value for the serious-minded who have least need of it since they dwell, Sunday in and Sunday out, long and solemnly in church in order to sharpen their spiritual intellect to a hair splitting precision.

The average student, however, seems to feel no need of spiritual food. Why? Perhaps the so-called "ideal atmosphere" is too boring to them—perhaps the tumultuous college life has made them wholly pagan—perhaps some souls have turned somersault—perhaps it's even the convictions of the gospel to which some object.

The religious zeal of our forefathers, history tells us, aided their progress. Perhaps this would aid the progress of the students also. More than one mind, we grant, needs to be braced by a strong tonic for coming duties (lessons, let alone examinations). Certainly many shams and illusions of life are stripped away when one is at church. Taking all in all into consideration,

HUSKERS WIN FROM CYCLONES

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With Miller doing most of the ball handling, the Cyclone eleven started on a second half rally march down the field for the first down of the game. The Ames offensive machine was working in perfect form but lost the ball to Nebraska when Duke Ayres, center attempted to forward pass.

The Husker eleven called time out and Captain "Jug" Brown held conference with his molekin warriors. Brown called an end run formation with Presnell lugging the ball and with a perfect three man interference the Husker back struck the Cyclone end for the longest gain of the afternoon. Calling on Presnell to carry the ball, the Husker back came through the forward wall of the Ames eleven.

Cyclone Passaged At this the most strategic point of

ation, then, church-going will do a student more than a little good. True, Sunday morning is a good time for sleep, but if we are to place weight on old Bill Shakespeare who remarked once that sleep knits the ravelled sleeve of care, we conclude that church will certainly unravel these cares.

Faust's lesson was that a man must never be satisfied with the moment at hand but strive for greater perfection. A church, the ministry tells us, aids perfection. If so, "Go to Church" Sunday has its value, and should remain not only a tradition, but also a practice.

Will the University co-eds run true to form this year? Their study of literature (and men) has imbedded within them the age-old philosophy that an opportunity knocks but once. Many, we'll wager, have already found their "avenue of development" since military sponsors are picked once a year. These poor military men will soon almost be willing to give up the grandeur because with the co-eds it is a hit—and don't miss practice.

Too bad about the Cadet Colonel. He doesn't get to pick his sponsor—the student do it for him. But with the captains—on your mark, get set, ready-go-girls. To the victor belongs the spoils.

A SIGHT WORTH SEEING

Five hundred students held up red and white cards. A perfect "N". They reversed their colors. Another perfect "N". Few Nebraska students could see the blaze of color which heralded the successful inauguration of the new Cornhusker rooting section. But from the press box, it was an impressive sight.

Nebraska has had nothing to match the effects produced at yesterday's game. Cornhuskerdom has seldom had a more effective yelling unit. Those responsible for the development of this section deserve the heartfelt thanks of all Cornhuskers. An element of color, of spirit, of co-operation, has been added that has been lacking before.

Pick your man in the Military Department, girls, and hit hard and square!

THE SPECTATOR

It has long been my belief that on certain Occasions Silence is more eloquent than Mutterings or Imprecations, the which are no doubt Current today in Respect to a certain Topic of Discourse which is enjoying some Popularity; viz., the Saturday Game. To be sure, one might Discourse for hours concerning the Game, and if he were a painstaking Spectator, he would probably Rant and Rail against the football Team for its poor Showing against the visiting Aggregation. One could point out that the Cornhuskers on Saturday had all the Appearances of being Dead, insofar as that Word is applicable in this Context; one could go further, and Shew by Rhetoric and Forensic how that the Team did very poorly in contrast with the bright Expectations of Friday and the preceding week, and he could explain that there was obviously too much Confidence beforehand. And I suppose it is true that at certain Times during the Game Saturday there was an Abyss in the Nebraska Line quite large enough to accommodate an Ice Wagon. But do you not see? If I were to proceed with my Observations on this point I should undoubtedly hear the Accusation that "it is easy to criticize, but not easy to play football." Yes, I am sure that is what I would be told; and so I have decided to keep Silence as regards the Game. I shall not make a single Remark.

Instead, I will address myself to an Editorial which but lately appeared in one of the Esteemed Newspapers of this City, wherein the Editor proclaimed that "Nebraska Art Finds New Expression." My Readers can be assured that I should have read the Piece immediately, after reading the aforementioned Headline. Imagine my Surprise when I found the new Art to be that of growing Freak Trees that resemble various and sundry Animals. This ambitious Editor was heartened to know that his new Art had received attention in that Hub of Culture, the City of Boston, and so he at once promulgated the Judgment following: "Nobody who has viewed the cedar menagerie will question its excellence as a cultural creation." My Readers can well Speculate upon how I laughed at this. Indeed, I had a remarkably happy Time while reading the Editorial.

But one must admit, if he is the mild Individual I am, that it is almost unfair to Laugh at the eminent Publication that takes it upon itself to Hail the new Art. One should be tolerant above all things, I have found, and so I counsel my Readers not to be impatient with the local Press. For, the same Paper from which the above was taken seems to regard this as poetry:

How I love the farm in springtime
When the buds begin to swell
And the Adler's tongue so dainty
Wies, with violets in the dell.

And the following is an Example of this particular Paper's conception of a witty Paragraph:

There is no proof that the boy who balks at work will become a balk line billiard champion, but a lot of them seem to have that ambition.

But, as I say, one shouldn't laugh too much at the Honest Efforts of the Press. The reading of the above "Poem" reminds me, for some inexplicable Reason, that I have decided to Print in the very near Future certain Examples of Verse being written on this Campus. I must explain that Claire Montresrey, the famous Intellectual of several years ago, was the co-author in a Collection of Verse entitled Incomprehensibilia, and it is from this Storehouse that I shall select the Gems to appear in this Column. The Incomprehensibilia are written in the best free-verse and Imagist style, and indeed are Modern in every respect. In closing I remark that I intend to petition the Editor for the Naming of a Prize to the Reader who can fathom any of the poems I print.

the game, referee Jack Grover called a 15-yard penalty on the Ames eleven for unnecessary roughness which put the ball on the Husker 3-yard line. In one line drive through the Ames forward wall Glenn Presnell took the pigskin over the goal line for the first and only touchdown of the game. With Blue Howell, Bearg's most consistent place kicker sitting on the bench nursing an injured side, "Jug" Brown attempted a place kick for the extra point but missed.

James kicked off to Miller again for the third time during the game, and the fast Ames back sidestepped and twisted through a field of Huskers, returning the kick 33 yards down the field. The battle in the third quarter was waged in the middle of the gridiron with both elevens punting after being held for four downs. The only big gain of this stanza was a ten yard gain by Presnell around the Cyclone end.

In the opening minutes of the fourth quarter the Dewitt youth returned one of Ayres' long punts for 25 yards of sensational running and sidestepping. Both elevens battled fiercely throughout the last chapter of the game with Ames trying desperately to get a break and score a touchdown on one of the numerous forward passes that were attempted. Bearg Sends in Second Team Men

At this juncture of the game Bearg sent in his second backfield and four second string linemen. Bronson called the signals, Witte and McBride at half and Farley at full. During the remaining three minutes of the game the second string backs gave the Iowa State eleven something to worry about. The game ended with Randels intercepting a forward pass from Miller on Nebraska's 45-yard line.

The officials of the game were referee Jack Grover (Washington), umpire Clyde McBride (Missouri Valley College), head linesman R. W. Yull (Dartmouth), field judge Ira T. Carrithers (Illinois).

The line up as the game opened: Nebraska end Johnson, Lee end Johnson, Richards tackle Gsilbraith, Holm guard Ours, James center Ayres, McMillon guard Fischer.

Concerning the New Conference

The following letter written by Dean T. J. Thompson, Missouri Valley Conference representative, to Acting Chancellor E. A. Burnett concerns the new six-team conference and will clear up many points which the papers have been haggling over for the last week:

September 30, 1927. Dean E. A. Burnett, Acting Chancellor, University of Nebraska. My dear Dean Burnett:

In response to your request for information and my impression regarding the formation of the new athletic conference, I wish to say that it was my privilege to attend the meeting in Kansas City when the new 6-school athletic conference was organized. This was the first time I had had the opportunity of meeting with this group of men.

The group comprising the faculty representatives and athletic directors of Iowa State College, Kansas State Agricultural College, University of Kansas, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, and the University of Oklahoma was in session from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., Sunday, September 18. The thing that impressed me was the unanimity of purpose of the whole session. During this entire time there was not an intimation from anyone present that the formation of such a new conference was not a good move. It is true that because of certain personal relations and political situations the representatives of one or two of the schools proposed some modification in the organization. However, it was definitely brought out and thoroughly agreed upon that the formation of a 6-school conference, under the present existing conditions in intercollegiate sports, was most ideal.

It was also brought out that at the present time there is a feeling on the part of some of the smaller schools in the Missouri Valley Conference that they have been discriminated against in the scheduling of games. This especially applies to football competition. A few schools in the Missouri Valley Conference have rarely, if ever, scheduled games with certain others. This situation naturally has resulted in some dissension and considerable bitterness on the part of those schools which feel they have been discriminated against.

It was recognized from the beginning of these proceedings by everyone, I believe, that any procedure by which it was proposed to bring about this new conference would be surrounded with some difficulty and would be open to some criticism. It was quite thoroughly understood in advance that there would be a considerable press comment and feeling in certain quarters. However, it was felt that these reactions and these unfavorable comments should not in any way deter these six schools from forming a conference, which, in

their unanimous opinion was the most important step they had taken in two decades as regards intercollegiate athletic relationships. It seemed that the general good of the schools of the Missouri Valley Conference would be better conserved by handling the matter with expedition rather than by long drawnout press controversies, which would open up old enmities, and result in unending and useless bickerings.

It should be further pointed out that it is not at all understood that the six schools now comprising the new conference will in any way interfere with any member of this group scheduling games with any of the teams left out. I am quite sure that the University of Nebraska intends to give the Drake Relays the same support that it has always given them. I am quite sure that Iowa State College will continue its athletic relations with Drake, etc.

And furthermore, I am not so sure that this close-knit, thoroughly organized, and effectively conducted 6-school conference may not do considerable in advancing intercollegiate sports. Any suggestion that the formation of this conference will do anything other than raise the standard of intercollegiate competition in this section of the country as well as in the country as a whole has no justification in fact, because each and every one of the schools in this new conference has stood for the very highest and best in sportsmanship and intercollegiate athletics.

It is indeed unfortunate that press notices regarding the withdrawal of the six schools reached the schools of the Valley before the notice of withdrawal was forwarded. It was explicitly understood that the ten schools in the Missouri Valley Conference should be informed of the formal withdrawal before the press notices were forthcoming. The first intimation I had that this had not been done is contained in your statement from President Maine's letter that "three days after the report of the action was released to the press, official notice has reached us." This omission must have been due to some misunderstanding, about which I am not yet informed, and not to any intentional discourtesy; and this, I am sure, we all regret.

This gives you the essence of the situation as I view it. I believe it was a good move and I feel that even those schools which are at present not included will in time not far distant reap a distinct benefit. In conclusion, I believe this gives you the information you have asked for and my opinion regarding the formation of this new conference.

Yours truly, T. J. Thompson, Missouri Valley Conference Representative.

Notices

N-Club Meeting
N-Club meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, October 4 at noon.

Randels tackle Smith
Lawson end Burton
Brown (c) quarter (c) Weiss
Presnell half Miller
Howell half Lindblom
Oehlrich full Lamson

Substitutions: McBride for Howell, Sprague for Lee, Ashburn for Lawson, Farley for Oehlrich, Lucas for Randels, Munn for Richards, Witte for Presnell, Bronson for Brown. Iowa State—Roe for Ours, Kerkow for Johnson, Slenker for Roe, Lutjins for Smith.

EIGHT LINCOLN PERSONS ADDRESS

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One of the features of the meeting will be a talk by Dr. J. A. Burford, superintendent of the Beatrice institution for the feeble-minded, and an inspection tour of that institution. Dr. Burford will describe the needs for taking care of the feeble-minded in Nebraska. The Beatrice institution has 850 inmates, 78 on "vacation," and a waiting list of 150. There are eleven buildings for care of the patients and 78 employees, but the situation is a pressing one because fifty per cent of the inmates are of the low grade and but few return to their homes. It is estimated by social workers that there are 4,000 feeble-minded persons in the state who are not in institutions and not under proper supervision.

One of the aims of the conference is to consider a supervision system of feeble-minded in the state, where-by the pressure on the institutions may be lifted and some of the higher grades of patients allowed to go to their homes. This can be done only if an adequate system of outside supervision is perfected.

Butcha Promoted At Minnesota

Jay W. Butcha, who was granted the degree of E. E. in 1920 and M. E. in physics in 1921, has been promoted from the position of instructor to that of assistant professor at the University of Minnesota, according to word received by his friends here.

JORGENSEN IS CADET-COLONEL

(Continued from Page 1) Charles Olmstead, Lumir F. Otradosky, Don Randall, Richard D. Reed, Harold A. Robertson, Marion W. Schewe, Jacob F. Schultz.

Cadet first Lieutenants: Willard R. Barnes, Casper Benson, Virgil Byers, M. Gordon Cross, D. Darrel DeFord, Alcorn B. Johnson, Verne M. Laing, Myron J. Olseen, Buford B. Potts, James W. Rooney, Louis V. Smetana, J. D. Spiker, Gordon T. Steiner, William L. Stuckey, Arthur Sweet, Clyde Worrall, Alton Pardee.

Cadet second Lieutenants: Albert J. Bartos, Floyd H. Bridges, Harry E. Cook, Robert Bruce Douglass, Archibald R. Eddy, Samuel E. Gallamore, Verne Gibson, Roy S. Hilton, Dean W. Knox, Edward J. Lasser, Russell B. Lindsay, Frank N. Prucka, J. Lee Rankin, William J. Simic, Kenneth R. Smith, William H. Stephens, William A. VanWie, Fred W. Walters.

The following promotions were also made in Colonel Jewett's order: Master sergeant, Joseph W. Stenner; technical sergeants, Strawn Morgan, Robert F. K. Smith, DeLeugh W. Utter, Eugene Halstead, Frank C. Summers; staff sergeants, Stuart Campbell, Clifford L. Dier.

Miss McDill is Michigan Teacher
Miss Ruth McDill, formerly an assistant in the geography department,

has been appointed to teach geography and economics in the junior college at Muskegon, Mich. She recently returned from a trip to Europe.

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