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## Editorial.

Old gold has been swept from the pinnicle of fame, as it no longer represents the university of Nebraska. There was unanimous assent to the proposition of changing the university colors. While of necessity the selection of new colors was hasty, yet a better choice could not be made. Something bright and attractive was needed and we have scarlet and cream as a result.

If the university has a genius he should be singled out and commanded to secure a new and striking college yell. While the present yell still has its scores of admirers, the time has come when we should advance to the second stage of our yelling existence and agree upon something that can be given in harmony by more than a single voice. There has not been a crowd this year that could give the present yell together. If a choir cannot sing together, the song is a failure, and the same holds true for a yell. It loses the effect intended when the unity of the voices is not accomplished.

The town of Columbia, where the Missouri State University is situated, is on a "stub" branch of a railway. No through line passes near it. It is situated in a county that fur-

nished more soldiers to the Confederacy than any county in Missouri; in the heart of a county in which old traditions and prejudices are kept alive and in which colored people are looked down upon and despised as beings of an inferior race, a race that can have nothing in common with the white race. When we consider this and the fact that man is largely a creature of heredity and environment, the action of Missouri in refusing to play us while we have a colored man in our team is explained. Though they are behind the times and influenced by prejudices that are dead or are dying out in the north, yet they should not be censured too severely. We should make no complaint, inasmuch as they forfeit the game to us.

It seems that the business men of the city have at last awakened to the merits of the great collegiate game of foot-ball. This means much for the future success of the game in Lincoln. There is no reason why this city, with its large population and many colleges, cannot support a series of foot-ball games every fall. The recent contest with Illinois has been a double success. only did we outscore the champions of orange and black, but the game itself has achieved a victory over a bitherto dormant and uninterested public. The result is that a move has been made by the business men of the city to have the Thanksgiving game at Omaha with Iowa transferred to Lincoln. Nothing pleases those interested in the game more than the interest at present being manifested by those outside of the university. Omaha has no claim upon the games scheduled there, but they were simply so arranged for financial reasons. From present indications Lincoln will enjoy a real Thanksgiving treat in the way of a hotly contested foot-ball game.