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Editorial Remarks

Some of the baseball men have begun to work out at odd intervals in the cage in the basement of the gymnasium. While it is a little early yet for regular practice, there is certainly no harm in those men who find it convenient to exercise themselves in getting back into condition, as good form at the beginning of the season is a valuable asset to any player. In some institutions indoor practice is kept up during the greater part of the winter, so that when spring opens up they are in good shape to go onto the diamond and play a hard game.

It is only the due of those who had charge of the freshman hop that their honorable conduct of affairs should be recognized and commended. The function might have been held in an inferior place and the accommodations curtailed, if the officials had merely sought to subserve their own interests instead of those of the class. An example has been set that should be followed in the future. An initial step has finally been taken to raise the conduct of class functions to a higher plane and to purge the system of the many evil germs infecting it. In the past the conduct of many class hops have meant simply a contention for a position allowing some individual to remunerate himself for services never rendered by taking undue advantages for his own personal profit. In the future let it be hoped that a new policy will be adopted. The vast majority of students prefer a reform in the methods that have been employed in the past, and this freshman hop is certainly a good place to start from.

Many college papers seem to think that they are under obligations to explain at certain periods their shortcomings and disappointment of expectations to their readers. Without any special cause or demand they point out wherein they themselves have erred and in what respects certain individuals are deserving of criticism. After reading explanations of this character one cannot help but pause to wonder just what has been aimed at or what has been gained. Surely the editor or his paper is not raised in the estimation of his readers; for his failings have been made apparent to many who had never before entertained any such ideas in regard to the situation as he himself disseminates. Instead of allowing the public to be the critic and calling whatever mistakes that have been made to his attention, he himself serves in that capacity by telling wherein he has been found wanting. A college paper must have some individuality to make its influence felt in any college community. An editor should be aware of what may

the results may be before he acts, and he ought to conduct his paper in such a way that no apology is necessary. And in many cases where apologies are made, none are actually demanded. It may be that it is intended to move the public to sympathy so that it may make haste to refute the maledictions that the editor heaps upon himself. But there is certainly no justification afforded for such action.

It is well for a college editor to realize his mistakes and seek to do better, but an exploitation of them all before the public is hardly necessary. The attitude of irresponsible individuals toward the college paper, while it may be taken into consideration for whatever it is worth, need not scare the editor into believing that he is mistaken in his policy and a vindication is demanded by the public. No college paper ever will occupy an influential position in the eyes of the university public if it does not show a capacity for shaping opinion instead of bowing to it. We believe that is the only natural view for any college editor to hold, and if he does not seek to uphold the respectability of his paper, no one else will do it for him.

Engineering Notes.

E. L. Thomas spoke to the class in C. E. 29 on the drainage canal being constructed in Burt county.

G. W. Bates of the C. E. department was married December 30 to Miss May Robinson of Lincoln.

Blue prints are being made of a projected dam for the Niobrara river near Valentine.

Fred Dorman has completed a crude oil burner for a superheater to be used in his work on a thesis.

The pipes for the steam mains of the heating plant at the farm are being laid.

The forges and tools for the blacksmith shop at the farm were received during the vacation.

A lot of foundry supplies, consisting of facing sand, core mixtures, riddles, etc., have been received.

A new cylinder to replace the broken one on the Atlas engine in the electrical laboratory has been received.

The castings for the new 12-inch crank shaper have arrived and work will be commenced on them at the beginning of the next semester.

A very perceptible difference can be noticed in the amount of smoke coming out of the smoke stacks since the installation of the mechanical stokers.

A new folder relative to the engineering and mechanic arts courses has been issued. Students knowing of any one who would be interested would do well to call at the executive office and get a copy to send to them.

Professor Richards is in receipt of a letter from Professor Anderson of the State College of Kentucky asking for complete sets of exercises of the work done in all the shops. Also complete sets of mechanical drawing and other engineering work of interest. Professor Anderson is the director of engineering exhibits and is collecting similar work from all colleges for exhibition at St. Louis.

Michigan Guard Dies.

Cecil Gooding, a guard on the University of Michigan team, died last week of typhoid fever, which it is alleged by that institution resulted from injuries received at the great Michigan-Minnesota game in Minneapolis last fall. It is claimed that he received rough usage in that game which impaired his constitution. The Minnesota Daily indignantly denies the allegations, stamping the charge as malicious and unfair. The paper cites a number of instances to prove and

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seems to be in the right of the matter. It hardly seems right for anyone to take advantage of such a situation to make such charges, and while the young man's death is to be regretted, it is unfortunate that such claims entailing a charge of such great responsibility should be made without positive proof.

Students in the department of botany noticed many improvements in room 101 which had been made during the vacation. The room has been entirely remodeled, so that it is now much more attractive than formerly, and at the same time it will furnish more accommodations for students. Professor Heald stayed at Lincoln through the vacation and personally supervised the work.

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