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**Editorial Remarks**

"The fearless stand of Caspar Whitney and his indifference to hostile criticism," is still a topic of discussion among the disparagers of Nebraska's football team. Now that some of us have succeeded in acquiring a vague idea as to who Caspar Whitney is, through the prejudice—in which he is fearless in his stand—that he has displayed, we feel it our bounden duty to thank him for not cancelling a schedule such as is not surpassed by that of any team in the west. In his fearless stand he has but expressed his own views which were formed by accepting the testimony of prejudiced parties, thus imbibing their prejudice. In spite of the fact that they failed to show proofs, which in the eyes of any fair-minded authority would be necessary before he announced an opinion involving such a question as has been at issue. He overlooks a charge existing against one institution, while preferring the same charge against another, and in so doing he has shown himself fearlessly prejudiced or ignorant as to the situation, either of which shows his incompetency to venture such an opinion.

In his ranking of teams he shows some egregious errors of judgment, which are disputed by authorities on football all over the country.

For example, Wisconsin is put ten places ahead of Northwestern, in spite of the fact that Northwestern played Wisconsin to a standstill. Then too, Northwestern did not lose a game during the whole season, while Wisconsin suffered defeat, which point, though secondary to the first, must be taken into consideration.

Comparative scores may not count, but Northwestern showed herself equal to Wisconsin in an actual game. Hence, if a team's standing is not to be based upon the showing it has made, then what is it to be based upon? Mr. Whitney is entirely inconsistent in this regard, and even though "his ranking" is not based on comparative scores alone, but on the style of play, conditions under which games were contested, relative importance of games on the schedule, as well as the season's all around record of the elevens under discussion," he can not pile up enough technicalities to offset Northwestern's showing, as she played as consistently during the whole season as did Wisconsin. We enter into discussion of this particular case to show where Mr. Whitney is in error, for if he errs in one instance he is apt to err in others, whether deliberately or otherwise. This is not only our own view, but one held by authorities who were in as close touch with the game as Mr. Whitney, and just as competent to judge correctly.

All University people should take cognizance of the fact that ex-Chancellor Benton will speak tomorrow at convocation, and make it a point to attend. He has witnessed and aided the beginnings of a growth that has attained marvelous results. His was the task of laying the plans and providing for a future which the passing of time has brought into an immediate present, from which we look back upon the stages of advancement of our University to the point where the beginnings are centered. Here we see him standing as the central figure, striving to lay foundations upon which a lofty superstructure might be reared.

Twenty-seven years is a long period of time in the history of an institution, and especially in ours. Many changes have occurred, and of those who were identified with the early history of our University few now remain. They are now laboring in other fields or have been summoned to rest from their labors in this world. Yet throughout all this period of rapid changes and development ex-Chancellor Benton has never lost sight of his first charge, and it is a pleasure to us to have him with us.

The invitation sent by the authorities of the St. Louis fair, urging us to send a contingent of cadets to share the entertainment that will be provided for military organizations, is well worth careful consideration. Other institutions will be represented, and we could undoubtedly make a good showing beside any of them. Of course the expense is considerable, but it is nevertheless very reasonable, taking into consideration the accommodations offered. It would be much less than under many other conditions. Such an experience as would be afforded the cadets for an outing could not be surpassed, and this fact is well worth keeping in mind, and we are glad to see that measures are being taken here for the necessary investigation as to what we can do in regard to the matter.

**Palladian Debate.**

The Palladian debaters argued the labor union question last Saturday evening, which gave rise to the sequence of logical statements and an occasional outburst of spontaneous oratory.

After this spirited debate had ceased the regular business was taken up and a committee appointed by President Smith to select the speakers and make all necessary arrangements for the annual debate with Doane college, which will probably take place the middle of next semester.

It is the earnest desire of every member of the club to increase its membership. We believe that the debates that are held each Saturday evening are interesting and instructive and will inculcate in the minds of the people who hear them a desire to become familiar with some of the leading issues. We extend to all an urgent invitation to come and take part in the parliamentary discussions and lively debates.

The department of botany has received several sets of grasses from different parts of the state, and these and the grass specimens in the university herbarium will be carefully gone over for critical identification by Professors Hitchcock, Clements and Bessey in the near future.

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