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Editorial Remarks

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The past week has been a busy one in athletic circles. With the scheduling of a football game with Minnesota and a baseball meet with Chicago, preparations for Charter Day events, and the arrangements for track meets and basket ball games with other institutions, our athletic authorities have certainly been busy. The outlook for football next year is a splendid one, and we have a schedule of which any institution might well be proud. The baseball prospects are also good, as the game with Chicago solves the problems of arranging the rest of the schedule and gives us a game with a strong institution besides. Preparation for track team work is coming on well, and the basket ball season will soon be on in earnest. From now until next June there will be almost ceaseless activity in athletic circles.

The approach of the several class elections is naturally arousing much interest. The greatest interest, however, centers about the Sophomore election, as upon its results depend the appointment of the editor of the Junior Annual next year. Although quite naturally no one cares to openly state that he is after the place, it is well known that strenuous wire pulling is now, as in past years, going on behind the scenes. No one objects to anyone of ability making a fight for the place, but there are a number of things to be remembered. It is to be hoped that no man will get there merely because he has the right sort of a pull; who has nothing in view but the profits that may be acquired. It is necessary that a man of superior literary and executive ability be appointed, in order that this book may represent the best that is in the University, in all lines of intellectual activity.

It is due to the fact that incompetents have been able to get the place by pull alone, that so many class books in past years have been failures. No man should be considered for the place who has not a good record as a student and shown exceptional merit along literary lines, and who will be able to leave the stamp of his own individuality upon the book instead of an outward indication of incapability and failure. A man is wanted who has had good experience and who is not a novice. In other universities care is generally taken to see that only a man who has made a record and who holds the confidence of his class mates and of the University at large, is put in charge of so important a work.

The management of the Junior Annual is a large undertaking. Judgment, ability and a capacity for acting decisively and wisely are necessary for the best interests of the book. If such a man is appointed it will be to the credit of the Sophomore class and in

accordance with the desire of the University public in general.

The World-Herald in its attempts to work out its political designs while pretending to fight in a righteous cause offers as evidence a statement of Ida M. Tarbell, that is wholly conditional. By means of an exaggerated heading it lays special stress upon the following part of the letter quoted: "Human experience seems to show that the receiver of a gift becomes sooner or later the apologist of the donor and his methods. Where there is a possibility of such a result, jealous regard for the moral atmosphere of the institution makes the refusal of the gift an imperative duty."

If the first sentence of this paragraph stood alone, it might be considered a positive statement of Miss Tarbell's opinion. But she proceeds to qualify, making it plainly understood that if there is a possibility of such a result certain conditions make the refusal of the gift an imperative duty. She does not say that there is any possibility of such a result here, although the World-Herald by fake interpretation tries to make it understood that she makes a positive statement. All the rest of her reply to that paper's solicitations is fenced off by an "if" and she really makes no positive statement of opinion in regard to the statement asked. This is certainly a poor sort of evidence to advance in support of any cause, but it is as good as any that the World-Herald has advanced in its attack on the Temple building.

In order to impress those who are not well informed as to who are considered authorities on economic problems, the World-Herald says that it is recognized among American students of history and sociology that there is no more thorough, trustworthy and painstaking investigator in these fields than is Ida M. Tarbell, and later refers to her as an admitted authority. None of Miss Tarbell's writings in McClure's magazine are considered to be history by any authority on the subject. In the first place she is not unbiased. And in the second place she is not reliable. She is not accepted as an authority on the subject on which she writes by anyone competent to judge. Last year the interstate debating team that debated the trust question with Missouri never thought seriously of investigating any of Miss Tarbell's writings in its search for facts. While fully aware of the fact that her writings were connected with the subject under discussion, our debaters trained in distinguishing authoritative and reliable views from those that are easily assailed and inconsistent, laughed at the mere idea of giving her statements serious consideration. If they could have had nothing but Miss Tarbell's statements to rely upon they would have made a sorry showing indeed, as does the World-Herald in asserting she is a thorough, trustworthy and painstaking investigator of history and sociology.

Good Music at Chapel

A large audience listened to the musicale given by Mrs. Will Owen Jones at convocation Friday morning, the program of which was printed in yesterday's Nebraskan. The students applauded each number heartily, which spoke for their appreciation of the program, which was rendered in the way that only this admirable artist is capable of.

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