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Editorial Remarks

Student Organization.

In student organization lies the success of University enterprises. It binds many together in a common sentiment and inspires them with a common purpose. Its existence is made manifest by a spontaneous outburst in response to appeals to its loyalty to its institution, wherein all personal interests and motives are set aside for the good of some deserving cause. It is not measured by any set limits, but seeks to cover all within its range, completely and thoroughly, the while generating a reserve force to carry it forward to new expansion and activity.

If some undertaking or enterprise must be recommended to the students of an institution in general, the best results can only be accomplished by dealing with a unified body and not with a large number of individuals lacking in interest. If unity does not exist in the student body, if it does not recognize the fact that an obligation is resting upon it, and if it feels no ties binding it to its alma mater, then all appeals to it must be in vain. The efficacy of the mass meeting is dependent upon the responsive spirit displayed by the students, and if they have devotion and loyalty to their institution in their hearts, then only can good be accomplished. College spirit can not be forced upon any student, and unless he is in a receptive mood, and has naturally cultivated some of this quality, he will display no especial interest when it comes to doing something that counts. He will do as he pleases, consulting his own pleasure entirely. He takes no real interest, but suits his own convenience and desires alone.

Here at Nebraska our student body is fairly well organized. However, it always takes some special occasion of victory to make this fact manifest. Whether we would be as calm in facing defeat as we are jubilant in exulting over victory, is a question for the future to decide, when occasions may arise. We can not judge from the past as the spirit of our institution changes as it grows older and traditions spring into existence and have a governing influence. Yet we have not reached the stage when our whole student body is swayed by a common impulse in its manifestations of spirit, but we hope to feel encouragement in the fact that we are tending toward it. The truest test is a free and open response whenever there comes a case in hand, and upon all future occasions we hope to see it successfully applied.

The prospects for a successful track team are so good that we are tempted to utter glowing prophecies as to what it may achieve. In practically all of

the different departments efficient men are showing up, and if we are restrained from effusing too much over their abilities, we can at least point out the desirability of supporting the track team this year. It may seem early to speak of supporting the team now, but it is not as early as it seems to be. The season will soon be here, and we can do well now by directing our thoughts to it. This is a branch that can be cultivated to great results here at Nebraska, if the proper encouragement is forthcoming. Proper encouragement by no means excludes financial considerations—a point that it would be well to remember. Hence let us keep in mind the track team and endeavor to draw a closer line on its work, so that when the proper time arrives we may see fit to come out and support it.

The partisan papers still continue to brand as apologists for Mr. Rockefeller all those who do not admit all their assertions regarding his character, while they themselves take pains to explain the absence of taint from the money paid by the liquor traffic for the support of our public schools. This places them in the light of apologists for the liquor traffic. If their own arguments are to be believed, hence in a case of oil against liquor, which is the worst?

Engineering Notes.

J. C. Stevens has just received the current meter belonging to the hydrographic station here, which he had sent to the government laboratory at Denver to be re-rated.

The first division in mechanical engineering 2 has served its time in the foundry for this semester, and will spend its time from now until the end of the semester in the pattern shop. There are three divisions in the class and each spent five weeks in the foundry.

L. M. Huntington, '01, is preparing a thesis on "Building Stones of Nebraska." He is securing specimens from fifteen different quarries in the state and making tests to determine their strength. Two compressive and four traverse tests are made on each specimen. He expects later to make some hearing tests. The fact that Nebraska is not rich in building stone makes it more imperative that such resources as there are should be developed and information such as is being collected by Mr. Huntington is an important help to this end.

Professor Stout has assigned to each student in "Masonry Construction" a special topic to be studied and explained to the remainder of the class. The subjects embrace the substructures of a number of the most important bridges of this country, and are chosen not alone for their size, but also for their value in showing typical engineering practice in their construction. Points studied are materials, method of construction, including pile-driving, coffer-dam, and caisson work, and detail of costs of both materials and placing. As a number of the best examples of modern engineering practice in bridge building are situated close at hand, namely the Missouri river bridges, this subject is particularly interesting to Nebraska students.

Architects all over the state are clamoring for a try at the bidding on the new Physics and State Farm buildings. Over a dozen have already applied for specifications and details of the new structures, and the bidding for their construction promises to be unusually keen.

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