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## Editorial Remarks

The action taken by the "innocents" yesterday morning should meet the hearty support of every student in the university. It has surely been often enough demonstrated in the past that constant, organized rooting is essential to good football, and the Nebraskan believes that the sooner something tangible is done toward the organization of well drilled rooting squads, the better it will be for the fortunes of the Cornhuskers. The football season is over two weeks old already. Two games have already been played; yet the rooting that has so far been done would have been little in a game where the winning of the victory hung upon it. Again, then, the "innocents" have set a good example. Follow it up!

### MADE GOOD SHOWING.

#### Inspectors Report Spoke Well of the Cadet Battalion.

The following letter is the report of the army officer detailed to inspect the cadet battalion last spring. On the whole, the report is considered decidedly complimentary to the cadets, and much gratification is expressed by the military department over the showing made by the battalion. Steps are already being taken to remedy as far as possible this year, whatever defects may have tended to mar last year's showing:

The Adjutant General, Northern Division, St. Louis, Mo.:

"Sir—In compliance with paragraph 1, S. O. No. 20, c. s., Headquarters Northern Division, and letter of instructions from same headquarters, dated May 9, 1904, I have the honor to submit the following report of my inspection of the military department of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.

"Pursuant to the order above cited, I arrived at Lincoln, Nebraska, on the morning of May 17, 1904, and was met immediately by Captain Wilson Chase, Twenty-first Infantry, on duty at the University of Nebraska, in charge of the military department.

"I carefully questioned Captain Chase on the subject matter of the questions submitted from your office for my investigation, also on the general subject of instruction and discipline at colleges where military science and drill is made a feature.

"In the afternoon I visited the University, where I inspected the office and the department of the military instruction and the battalion and detachments of cadets.

"I enclose field return of the corps of cadets showing organization and strength present and absent on the date of my inspection.

"Owing to the unfavorable weather conditions, the inspection of the battalion and detachments was held indoors.

"It was impracticable to have review, parade or battalion drill, but the ceremony of guard mounting was

performed and a temporary guard established. Companies drilled in all exercises included in the school of the company.

"The artillery and signal squads were examined separately and questioned in the duties of their particular service.

"Following the order of questions specially submitted to me for investigation, and report, I find:

"The University of Nebraska is not essentially a military school, the military instruction being merely a single feature of the course. In the standing of a cadet upon graduation, the military department represents 4-2 points out of 125.

"The students are not required to be continually in uniform and they cannot be said to lead a military life.

"The wearing of the uniform is compulsory during the hours of military instruction, drill and ceremonies and the enforcement of military discipline is practicably limited to those hours.

"A true military spirit is developed to the extent of acquiring an excellent esprit de corps, a pride in bearings and a spirit of friendly rivalry between organizations. There seemed to be present among the young men the appreciation of submissiveness to superior authority as being a necessary adjunct to military discipline.

"I should judge that military duties were performed with commendable zeal. Such was particularly the case on the day of my inspection.

"At inspection the appearance of the cadets compared most favorably with companies in the regular army, in steadiness in ranks and keen attention.

"The rifles were old but servicable Springfield rifles, cadet size. Metal parts generally clean, but not reaching the standard of a Saturday morning inspection in the regular army. Stocks were marred and gave evidence of long service.

"Would recommend new stocks be supplied to replace old ones. Coats, caps, collars, gloves and shoes were generally neat. Duck trousers were worn; in many cases being made long to allow for shrinkage, they were turned up at the bottom. A number of the cadets were not properly shaved. The equipment, including belts, scabbards and cartridge boxes, were in excellent condition.

"For five days each year the battalion goes into camp, during which time instruction is given in minor tactics, field exercises and litter drill. Target practice with small arms is also held during the period of this encampment.

"I believe that by judicious selections of graduates from this University most excellent young men could be obtained and commissioned as lieutenants of volunteers to the great benefit of the service.

"I met and talked with students of the graduating class who were reported to have shown particular aptitude for military service. They were gentlemen in manner, appearance and speech.

"I believe them possessed with such aptitude that practical and actual service experience would make of them very desirable officers in the service.

"Judging from my impressions made on but a single inspection of the military department, I can safely say there are cadets here who might well be recommended for commissions as second lieutenants in the regular army. To particularize, I would name the cadet major, the cadet captains, the cadet adjutant, and the cadet lieutenants in charge of the artillery and signal detachments.

"I desire in conclusion to make special mention of the cadet band of twenty-four pieces, which in its appearance, care of instruments, and playing, is especially to be commended. The music rendered can compare favorably with that rendered by much older organizations.

"Very Respectfully, etc."

Captain Chase was much pleased with the enthusiasm shown by the cadets at the first meeting of the battalion last Monday night, and considers the prospects good for an excellent battalion this year. The battalion will meet again this evening, also tomorrow and Friday.

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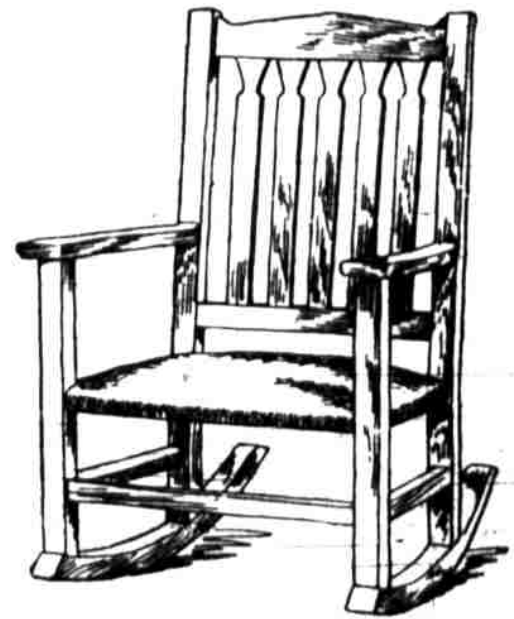
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