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**AN ALUMNI EPIDEMIC.**

The influence of alumni, when exerted in the direction of the general good of the University, is most welcome. But when these alumni—or former students—start bucking this trend of advancement, they succeed only in raising an uncomfortable disturbance which adds nothing to the ultimate good of the institution. A delicate situation has arisen lately. A number of articles have appeared in one of the Lincoln dailies, bearing on the work of a professor in the department of forestry. It is claimed by the writer of the article that the department is being discredited by the work of this professor. The article is not signed, nor were the preceding "letters" which attacked the subject.

This is a continuation of a department fight which started last year, the first year that the professor had been connected with the institution. The leading part in the opposition is said to be in the alumni and graduate students, in the fight last spring as well as in the later developments this fall. However, last spring the movement did not gain publicity. It was agitated among the underclassmen, and a petition was circulated among them asking for their support of a move to demand an investigation. As a result of the disagreement, it is claimed that a number of underclassmen did not return to continue their work in the forestry department this fall.

Right here is where the work of the alumni seems out of place. No doubt they mean well, if they are sincere in trying to advance the good of the department. But they probably do not realize that they are merely repeating what has been tried by other groups of students, without

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success. Few professors come into a department without making enemies of some students who were in the favor of or in sympathy with the former professor. Therefore the opposition which these students raise is like that which is created in other departments. Each year the faculty or regents have to deal with this same sort of opposition, from one source or another, in most cases the opposition dies out and the work of the department begins to go smoothly when the hold of the alumni relaxes. Therefore it is small wonder if the attitude of the agitators is regarded with suspicion in some quarters, until the person under consideration has been given a chance to prove his ability.

Believe not that the ways of the editor are all rejoicing. Far be it from such when he has a German printer, who has to cure a cold every day or so, a new linotype man and a date all the same night.

Ordinarily only one or two of these predicaments occurs the same night but Monday seemed to precipitate all three. Hence the strange things appearing in yesterday's issue.

**TALKS ON WATERLOO.**  
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for life and in 1804 was made emperor.

Professor Fling says that Napoleon was not alone responsible for the victories, but that he had the power of making able men work for him. He had that executive ability which is behind all gigantic successes of today. The significant thing in Napoleon's life was his ambition to become a world power, a king of kings. He set out to form an alliance with all countries to crowd England out. He annexed Holland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, one after another, conquered Austria and Prussia, and in 1811 affairs were trembling in the balance. Then Russia refused to annex, and it was up to Napoleon to abandon his gigantic ambition or to force Russia to join. He attempted the latter, and when he sent a half million men to that country in a hopeless battle, it marked the beginning of the end. From that time until the final defeat in 1813, his struggle was to hold what he had already secured, and one by one his achievements went for naught.

**WEATHER HURTS FOOTBALL.**  
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**Three Big Games to Work For.**

Coach Stiehm has a stupendous job on his hands to send a team to both Ames and Kansas that will be able to win the Missouri Valley championship on foreign soil. Yet the wonder worker can do it. The machine that beat Minnesota is not to be stopped and barring future accidents they will be for the fifth time champions of the Missouri Valley.

The Iowa game, some say, will be the hardest game on the Cornhusker schedule. But it will have no bearing on the Missouri Valley race for championship honors, and hence not so important. By all means Nebraska must annex the title.

**Scrimmage Today.**

Weather permitting the varsity and freshmen will scrimmage tomorrow. "Jumbo" has a hard knot to solve in arranging his machine in its strongest position with Purdy out of the game. But with an excellent string of backs to chose from the hole should be filled satisfactory.

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