

STADIUM READY FOR USE TODAY BUT NO FUNDS

Harold Holtz, Alumni Secretary, Declares More Seats Finished Than Were in Old Grandstands.

COMMITTEE MAY START ANOTHER MONEY DRIVE

Whether Permanent Walls Will Be Erected Depends Upon Amount of Money Available This Fall.

"The stadium could be used today if it were necessary," declared Harold F. Holtz, secretary of the alumni association, Thursday morning. "The association is down to its last three hundred dollars, and all work will have to be stopped unless money is raised, there are now more seats than were ever utilized in the old grandstands, and the field can be used by the players at any time."

Once two weeks behind the schedule, the construction companies worked nights by the light of big arc lamps, so that no more progress than has now been made was ever expected. Labor will go on as usual, and will probably not cease until April or May in 1924.

A new drive for money may start within a few weeks, according to the decision of the executive committee at a session to be held Friday, said Mr. Holtz. On September 1 the financial report shows that \$3,793.89 was available for sub-contracts. Most of that has now been used in letting the drainage contract for the field, so that but a few dollars are on hand for upkeep and incidental expenditures.

Now that the work is up off the ground, damp weather is ideal for the pouring of concrete, according to officials of the Parsons Construction company. The summer windstorm which blew down forms on the east side and shifted all others not filled with concrete, caused only a five-day delay, instead of the setback of two or three weeks which was first announced.

"The construction of permanent walls to take the place of the wooden fences now being erected at the north and south ends of the stadium will depend entirely on economic conditions this fall," stated Mr. Holtz. "The building committee is studying the situation carefully."

The balconies may not be used at all this year, altho there is a chance of that on the west side being ready for some of the last games, depending entirely on how soon the concrete will set. The running track will not be in use this year, either, since the sixty carloads of cinders that must be used are not available. All such material in Lincoln is being collected, but so many power plants use oil that it is difficult to secure.

The field was not sodded this year because of the lack of time, and fears that the field will settle unevenly so that the work would have to be done over again.

As it is, the field with its sawdust mulch is much better than the old one. A perfect one-foot crown has been constructed, too, so that it and the tile are expected to handle excess water without much trouble.

Since May 10, when the first material arrived at the field, there have been thirty-two days of rain with which the construction companies have had to contend. Mr. Holtz declared himself to be much pleased with the rapid progress.

According to the financial summary just put out by the committee, there is an unpaid subscription balance of \$320,219.52, while the paid portion of the promised amount is only \$133,209.47. The committee has had to float a \$300,000 loan to get construction work on the way, and the loan is costing about \$6,000 a year. For that reason it is being urged that all pay subscriptions in full as soon as they are able. Interest from these paid-up subscriptions would counteract the interest being paid out on the loan and bring it up to its par value.

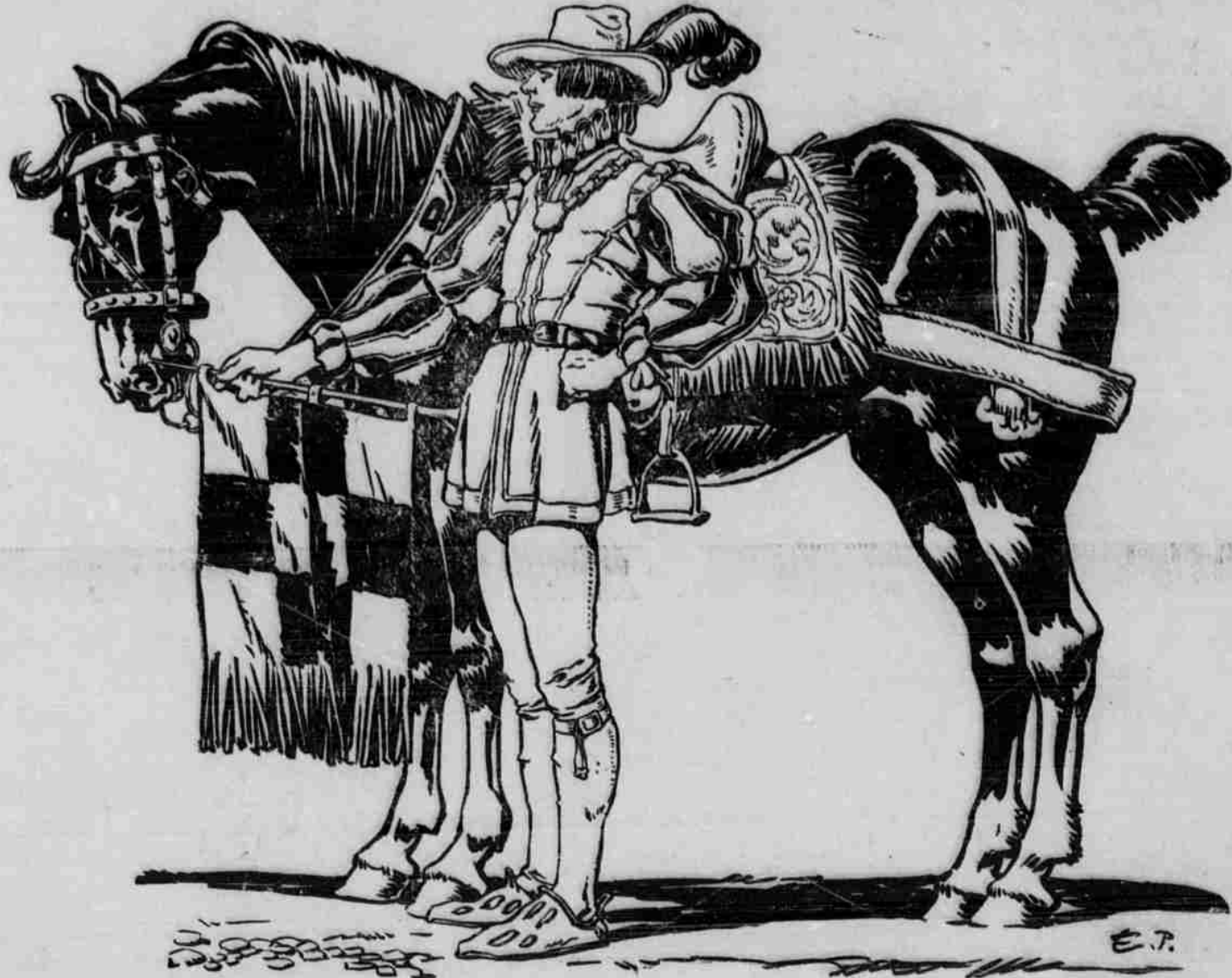
State University Opens New Year on Sept. 26

The fall semester of the University of Wisconsin opens on Sept. 26. Sept. 20 to 22 will be early registration days, and Sept. 24-25 will be regular registration days. Examinations for admission will be held on Sept. 24-25. Lectures and recitations will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

The first semester will continue until Feb. 6, with Christmas recess from noon on Dec. 19 to 8 a. m. on Jan. 3.



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