

declare ourselves. We are going to keep on the safe side of that line so illy defined and little observed in college journalism that divides good-natured raillery from impertinent personality. A little boy was once reproved by his mother for some impertinent saying. "That's always the way, mamma," he tearfully replied, "I mean to be funny, but I'm only rude." This is very apt to be the way with personal articles in college papers. They are meant only to add interest to the paper. In doing this they are almost certain to hurt the people they are aimed at and to lower the standard of the paper and the school which supports it. If THE NEBRASKAN lacks spice please do not attribute it to a lack of humorous talent on the editorial board but to a desire on our part to respect the feelings of every student even at the expense of our readers' amusement.

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It has been deemed expedient to make the NEBRASKAN a semi-monthly paper, and this number inaugurates the new order of things. There has been such wonderful advancement in all departments in the University that it is really bewildering when you come to think of it. Yet it has all come about in the natural sequence of events. Place an institution of learning like the University in the midst of an intelligent and appreciative community and watch it grow. In truth there is nothing at all strange about it. Founded as it is on broad and liberal and truly American democratic principles and comprising as it does all that goes to make up a well equipped modern university it is bound to advance. Indeed anything that stands still in these modern times will soon become lost in the shuffle. The cry is ever "onward." A college paper can do no less than keep pace with its alma mater, hence the change.

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Whenever any University custom is attacked a certain number of students are sure to set up a cry of "Iconoclast." Indeed there is a good reason for this, as we in the west

have so little of that stability which the observance of old customs gives. Nevertheless, if any of our old habits can be improved on we see no reason why we should let our reverence for what is already established prevent progress. Yelling is undoubtedly a confirmed habit of all university students. Our yell is a very good yell in its way, but it is the way of ten or fifteen years ago. It is too long and the sound is not one that carries well. At the Iowa game in Omaha last Thanksgiving the two hundred University students the e didn't make as much noise with U-U-U-NI as twenty Omaha Athletic club men with their short, quick Rah-Rah-Rah. The writer, for one, is tired of being guyed by students of other colleges on account of our over-abundant and too varied yell. Let some of our numerous geniuses evolve a new one which will be simple and characteristic.

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Judge M. B. Reese has superceded Mr. Smith as dean of the Law School. Room has been made for this department in University Hall, and it will no longer be obliged to make its headquarters in the Burr block. This, it seems to us, is a wise change. It will not only bring the work more directly under the control and management of the chancellor, but will bring the students of the Law School more nearly in touch with the rest of the University. Heretofore, all of their work has been done at the Burr block, and apparently the only times that they were made aware that they were students of this great institution was when they were obliged to come up to the steward's office to pay their tuition. While this is, perhaps, a very forcible reminder, yet it is not one which would tend to make them very enthusiastic about the University. This year the members of the Law School will be brought directly in contact with the students of the academic college. It seems to us that this will be a satisfactory arrangement all round, and that the benefits will be mutual.