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Now that the muse is circulating around so promiscuous like, why not have some good songs composed? The spirit is beginning to move some. There are two more opportunities—the Kansas and Iowa games. The success of the "chorus" at the Missouri game was very evident. The voices were necessarily less than what we can muster for either of the two coming games, yet the organized singing and yelling was a feature, noticed by all spectators and enjoyed by all participants.

Now we want something new. With but a little trouble you can produce something—the less sense and more noise the better. A yell, a song or "any old thing." We're out for a good time and we want everybody to know it.

THE crowded condition of the University makes it necessary to occupy nearly every room in the afternoon. If a student wants to study an hour or two at the University he must hunt a vacant room. He first reads the time schedule on the door and learns there is no class scheduled for that hour. Then he quite naturally flings the door wide open and steps inside, only to find that a professor is behind the desk explaining a very complicated problem to a class. He (the student) gets out as quick as possible, but he is not quick enough to escape the laugh with which the class always greets him. The professor begins again with his problem and gets about two-thirds through when another fellow stalks in as the first one did. Considering that these two fellows try four or five rooms before they find one vacant and that fifteen or twenty more do just the same as they do, before the hour is over it is no small amount of annoyance to both professor and class.

This could be avoided with but very little trouble, and if a little care be taken by those hunting for a place to study, they will avoid getting themselves in such embarrassing circumstances.

DOANE is again showing her hand, and to what lengths she will go to get the better of an adversary is not known. At the game Saturday, watching closely along the side lines, under the guise of a newspaper reporter, was their man Mains, assistant postmaster of the village of Crete, a graduate of Doane in 1889 and a member of their foot ball team. The object of Doane's representative is clearly seen. Realizing that she cannot beat us in a square game, she has adopted this underhanded means of obtaining our code of signals.

There is much evidence at hand which shows that she beat us last year almost wholly from knowing our signals. These were not learned during the course of the game either, but by spying and bribing one of our own players—a disgruntled substitute. She expects to beat us this year by some such similar method. She will have her spies about at the Kansas game. For a religious denominational school she is a shining example. The "preachers" of that institution are ready to stoop to anything to win the game on the 19th. If she sends a representative to take notes on the Kansas game he had better be careful about letting his identity be known.

Doane will bear watching and we mean to be vigilant.

WE must have made a mistake last week. Missouri was easy. It is Kansas that is worrying us now. The fact is, our enthusiasts are getting really alarmed at the probable outcome of the Kansas game. The unmerciful drubbing she gave Iowa—52 to 0—is confronting us like a nightmare.

Kansas has some strong individual players whom we fear. From reports we judge that we can beat them if we can only hold the ends down as we did with Missouri. Rumour tells us that if the famous Williamson gets started for a touchdown he means business—also six points for the Jayhawks. Over confidence on the part of Missouri helped us

in that game. Not so with Kansas: she will knock down harder than ever after hearing of Missouri's defeat.

Victory at the Kansas game means the pennant for another year. We must maintain our pluck and keep constantly at it. As long as the boys do not think they have a cinch on the game they will work the harder until they do think so. Kansas is scaring them pretty thoroughly now, and while it is not safe to prophesy yet, we firmly believe that Nebraska grit and endurance will again float the scarlet and cream high above every adversary.

ONE of the most noticeable and pleasing effects of the Nebraska-Missouri foot ball game is the idols it has shattered. It has been the general impression that the University of Nebraska cannot think of playing a game of foot ball without Flippin. One could not move a step on the field without hearing someone deploring the fact that Flippin was not playing, and it seems to be the general impression that Nebraska never had but one player that could lay claim to anything more than bare mediocrity. Now such an idea as this is not only silly, but is the height of injustice to a dozen of our players who are easily as good as Flippin ever was in his palmiest days. With all due acknowledgment of the fine work Flippin has done for the team, for he certainly was a brilliant player, it might be emphatically laid down that the success of our team never has been nor never will be due to any one man. Of course we all realize how strong these university traditions are, and we also know from experience that there is only one thing harder than getting a fixed idea into the heads of the general public, and that is getting it out after it is once fixed there; but we should at least be fair enough and patriotic enough to acknowledge that a foot ball team is made up of eleven men—not one.

THE officers of the Debating association are mad, real mad. They have sufficient reason to be. After all their hard work and accommodating actions towards those who wished to register for the debates, in return they have been very shabbily treated. The withdrawal of those who "flunked" out has worked much inconvenience to all engaged in the debates. Measures should be taken to prevent this. A change should be made in the constitution, requiring a forfeit of anyone who had registered and then withdrew. This, or some other practical method should be adopted. Those who have kept up their courage and determination and who will fight to the end represent our best men. Most of them are noted for their ability in this line and the debates consequently promise to be of the highest order. They will be interesting to everybody. The boys are working hard, collecting information and data that will be instructive, not to say entertaining to all. They deserve that an appreciation of their efforts be shown by the students. Encourage them by your attendance. You will be the gainer. A plea of "I have no time" is not a valid excuse to stay away. Your time will be far from wasted. The general information to be gained from these debates cannot so easily be acquired as by sitting still and hearing it from the lips of your fellow students.

THE next issue of THE NEBRASKAN will be Thursday afternoon instead of Friday morning. This will enable the managers of athletics to have a "sing-song" Thursday and Friday evenings, with all the words in the hands of those present. The preparations for the Kansas game are already well underway. Some enthusiasm is going to be worked up, which will bring out a crowd. The yelling and singing will be well organized and a "glorious old time" is assured.

The main object of all this, while it means a good time for all, is to raise money for the Athletic association. We must have a crowd at that game and everybody must be interested in getting that crowd there. Begin right now to talk it up outside of the University. The association is not asking donations now. It is promising an exhibition worth every cent charged for admission. Every spectator will undoubtedly witness as fine a game as has ever been played.

The plans talked of—that of a street parade just before the game—is a good one. The cadet band is willing to do a little advertising for athletics and will give a parade in the forenoon to attract attention to the fact that a foot ball game is to be played at the park in the afternoon.

Some tickets should be sold beforehand. A little individual rustling will amount to a good deal. This is the tide in University athletic affairs. This business of private subscription will be stopped if the financial part of the Kansas game is worked right. Let everyone do something to aid the increase of attendance.

IF ANYONE SHOULD ASK YOU—For the past two weeks the heating and ventilation of our library has been very much on the plan of a first-class ice house.

It was probably a good thing that the fellows up to Omaha were patriotic enough to carry the foot ball players from the bus to the hotel elevator—since, to judge by the looks of the team none of them had strength or ambition enough left to walk a step, and the sight of the whole eleven crawling through the door would hardly look like the return of a victorious team.

While watching the game last week Wednesday, Jim Burks involuntarily made a beautiful tackle. He rolled over nine or ten times but still claims he stopped his man. Ability in this direction should certainly be cultivated but we hope that in the future he will not wipe up all the dust on the campus on his overcoat.

Some poor unsophisticated fellow neglected to put on his mittens when he went into the library to study last week, and as a result some of his fingers were frozen. Such inexcusable negligence invariably leads to disaster and it is hoped that this will serve as a good example.

The wildly enthusiastic youth who painted U N on the inside of the high school building undoubtedly had an artistic soul. It certainly takes a man of genius to make symmetrical letters on a floor when it is pitch dark inside the building, and especially when he expects every minute to have his back teeth jarred loose by a stroke from a policeman's billy.

The dramatic club has decided on its next cast and if you want to laugh just ask them what fellows are going to be female impersonators. The report that Hale Bradt was going to play the part of an orphan messenger boy has been denied.

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