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## OUR FOOTBALL BOYS

### THEY MADE A GOOD SHOWING

Review of the Season's Work—Where We Stand—Personnel of the Team—'04's Tablet.



EVERY student has kept posted on our college athletics and knows with what encouraging prospect the season opened for Nebraska.

Most of the old men were back and a coach had been secured in whom it was thought we could put every confidence. New moleskin suits and large maroon sweaters, which gave to the team a decent appearance from the very beginning of the season, were secured. Then again, there was such an incentive to play as we had never had before. We were the holder of the pennant, and besides Missouri and Kansas were playing better ball than ever before in the history of the league. The long western trip early in the season, while very pleasant for the team, did not add anything to its strength. Despite the fact that the coaching was not as satisfactory as it might have been, and that there was absolutely no training by many of the players, the first league game showed that Nebraska would be a strong factor in the race for the pennant.

Missouri came to Omaha confident of not only running up a big score against Nebraska, but of shutting her out. There is no need of recounting the result here. Missouri was outplayed at every point in the second half, and if the full time had been played out another touchdown would have resulted, as Nebraska was inside Missouri's ten-yard line, plunging ahead for three or four yards at every play.

There was no excuse for us losing the Kansas game. It was played at home and never was a team backed more loyally by the student body than was ours. All we needed was this game to have a straight march for the pennant. It was lack of training more than anything else that lost us this game. In the first half, while the men were fresh, Kansas was outplayed. In the second half we were outplayed, thus showing the effect of Kansas' conscientious training.

There is just one trip about which it is best for us to preserve a dark, deep and melancholy silence. However, summing everything up, we have nothing to be ashamed of this season. Out of ten games played seven were won. The stigma of last year's defeat by Doane was removed once for all, and their ambition henceforth will be to score against us.

The following are the men who composed our team this year. They are all good boys and deserve to have a tablet engraved in their honor.

Capt. W. W. Wilson, commonly known as "Billy" Wilson, comes from Nebraska City, is twenty-four years of age, stands five feet and ten inches in his stocking feet, and weighs 182 pounds, stripped weight. Captain Wilson began his football career with the Nebraska team three years ago, when he played left guard, which position he still holds, earning for himself the reputation, even among eastern football critics, of one of the best guards in the country.

No man has ever filled the captaincy of any team who has endeared himself more to the members of his team than has Billy Wilson. He knows the game well and plays his position for all there is in it. He carries the ball well, leaving his position with remarkable speed and always making a good gain. He breaks through the line well and smashes the interference of the other side, often tackling the man with the

ball. He always makes a "hole" at the right time, and in this respect rivals "Shorty" Hambl, the famous "hole"-maker of the Kansas team. His blocking, however, is one of his strongest points, and no player gets into the interference better than Captain Wilson.

In the "All Western team," as made up by Sandy Griswold, sporting editor of the Omaha Bee, Captain Wilson is given the position of one of the guards, while Bud Jones, captain for the coming year, is given the other. Well may Nebraska be proud of her two guards. They are "a good pair to draw to."

A. B. Jones, captain-elect, height five feet ten inches, weight 180, age twenty-one, comes from Blair. He has played on the team for three years, playing tackle in '92. In '93 he was out of school. Since that time he has played the position of right guard. There probably is no man in the west that plays the position of guard so well as "Bud." He plays a very strong defensive game, often breaking through the line and tackling the man with the ball. He is also an excellent tackle. Few guards are able to tackle low, because they seldom have an opportunity, as they are nearly always in mass plays. Probably "Bud's" strongest point is in carrying the ball. He could always be relied upon for a good gain.

King, left half back, twenty-one years old, five feet ten inches in height, weight 152 pounds, has only finished his first year on the 'varsity team. However, he is not a new man at football, having played half back for four years on the famous Grinnell team, the last two years of which he was captain. King is a valuable acquisition to the Nebraska football team, being an all-around athlete, playing baseball as readily as he does football. King has

chief fault of Shedd's playing as half back. With more experience he will doubtless make an enviable reputation in the position, as he is a man who possesses an excellent physique.

Harry Fair, full back, age twenty-three years, weight 178, height five feet eleven inches, second year on the 'varsity team. However, he played two years on a team in Atchison, Kas. This is his second year's experience as full back. He has proven himself a strong man in this position. He is a hard punter, often sending the ball for forty or fifty yards into the opponent's territory. Fair is also a remarkably strong blocker. He probably shows more skill in this respect as a football player than in any other way. He carries the ball well, often making good gains through the line. However, he is a little slow in punting and in starting with the ball. Otherwise he has proven to be an excellent man in this position. He has also made a remarkable record this year in dodging on a "fake" kick.

Harry Oury, age twenty-five, weight 170, height five feet eleven and one-half inches, third year on the 'varsity team. He also played half back on the Omaha high school team in '92. At the beginning of the season Harry was too busy to practice, and did not come out until after the Kansas-Nebraska game. However, he showed his ability as a football player in the game with Doane. He took the ball time after time for big gains through the line, much to the satisfaction of the admiring rooters that accompanied the Nebraska team to Crete. Harry has shown a vast improvement in the way he has played tackle this year over previous years. He plays a stronger defensive game and a much better offensive game. He could be depended

this year in getting down the field on punts, tackling the man before he has time to start with the ball. He carries the ball well. He is a swift runner and keeps behind his interference. "Thorp's" is also a good punter, kicks quick and hard. He has all the qualifications which go to make a good full back, and if tried in that position he undoubtedly would be as great a success as he is at end.

Frank Wiggins, left end, twenty-two years, height five feet seven and one-half inches, weight 146 pounds, third year on the 'varsity team. He is one of the best tacklers in the west. He strikes his man low and hard and always lands him toward his own goal. "Wig's" work in the Missouri-Nebraska game this year at Omaha has been frequently commented upon by the public and the press. His tackling was undoubtedly the best ever seen on the Omaha football field. Time after time he landed the leather-lunged, husky Missourians with a vengeance that always brought thundering applause from the excited multitude that surrounded the gridiron. "Wig" gets down in the field in good style on punts and he is also a good man to break up interference. He has been tried at half back this year in several important games and has made an excellent showing. He follows his interference well and with more experience in this position he would undoubtedly play a star game.

W. C. Melford, centre, age nineteen, weight 166, height six feet two inches, first year on the 'varsity team, but not the first on the gridiron. He played the position of centre rush on the Lincoln high school team for two years, playing a star game. Melford is a rather small man for centre, but he fully understands his position, and this is the secret of his good-playing. He passes the ball in fine style, seldom causing a fumble. He is also a strong man in getting through the line, and on defensive work he frequently shows his superiority as a centre by making tackles at either end of the line.

W. H. Hayward, age eighteen, weight 182, height five feet eleven and one-half inches, is a Nebraska product and came from Nebraska City. This is his first year at right tackle. However, he is not a new man in the art of football playing. He has been playing with some irregularity on the 'varsity team for two years, being a regular man this year. He also played end on the Nebraska City high school team, where he learned to tackle low and hard. He was tried for full back at the beginning of the season, but the coach decided to put him in the line as tackle, which position he has filled very creditably. "Bill" gets away from his position in fine style and runs low and hard, often making big gains with the ball through the line. He also plays a good defensive game, but occasionally gets boxed in. However, he plays the same tactics on his opponent very frequently. "Bill" has made a good record this year as tackle. He has met the best tackles in the west. Such men as Pope of Kansas, Pauley of Missouri and the "Blacksmith" of Butte are not to be toyed with.

O. G. Whipple, manager and left end, age twenty, weight 182, height six feet two and one-quarter inches, is from Omaha, where he had his first experience in the game, playing tackle on the high school team which won the championship of the state in '93. This is "Whip's" third year on the 'varsity team. The first year he played tackle. Since then he has been playing end rusher. "Whip" has not been in good condition this year. During the summer he was sick for several weeks with the typhoid fever. He also received a severe injury last year in a practice game, from which he has not fully recovered. With all these things against him, "Whip" has played a remarkably strong game at end this year. His long reach and good tackling makes it almost impossible for a man to get around his end. He played a great game at Butte at the beginning of the

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## GLEE CLUB CONCERT

### AT THE LANSING WEDNESDAY

Was a Success in Every Particular—Played Some Good Music—Drew a Full House.

When the curtain went up last night at the Lansing theatre, eighteen smooth-faced youths, dressed in the regulation evening dress, marched out with soldierly precision, took their places and began to sing. These young men comprised the glee club of the university. When they left the stage the banjo club, composed of ten members, came on, and the concert was well under way. To say that the clubs were flawless would scarcely come near the truth; but to say that they did well is not flattery. It was practically the first appearance of the young men, and if they lacked self-confidence it would not be at all wonderful. Taken as a whole, the program was an enjoyable one. Both clubs were called upon to respond to a number of encores. The audience was large and appreciative, and every number received a generous share of applause. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Chi fraternities occupied boxes, the Phi Beta Theta and Beta Theta Pi fraternities had theatre parties, and the Union and Palladian societies had theatre parties also.

The program consisted of the following numbers by the glee club, not taking into account the encores: "Scarlet and Cream," "Go Sleep, My Honey," by Vanderpool; "Swanee River" Medley, by Manley; "Song of the Vikings," by Fanning; "Serenade," by Kuchen. The numbers of the glee and banjo club together were: "Honey-moon March," by Rosey, arranged by Manley, and "Washington Post," by Sousa. C. F. Tucker sang "Ho! Fill Me a Flagon," by Nevins; Matthews sang "Open Thy Window, Love," by Gregh, accompanied by the glee club, and E. S. Langworthy sang "I'm So Different From the Rest," by Petrie. He was accompanied by both the glee and banjo clubs.

The patronesses of the concert were: Mesdames J. A. Buckstaff, Major Fehet, R. E. Moore, L. C. Richards, C. C. Burr, C. H. Morrill, J. J. Imhoff, L. A. Sherman, Captain Gullfoyle, H. H. Wilson, Professor Richards, C. H. Gere and Chancellor MacLean. The members of the glee club are: First tenors, Messrs. Clements, Burke, Matthews and Hutchinson; second tenors, Whipple, Cullin, Packard, Lansing and Randolph; first basses, Manley, Langworthy, Hewitt and Tucker; second basses, Norton, Gillespie, Cortleyou, Morrison and Mueller. The members of the banjo club are: Banjorines, Chapman and Manley; piccolo banjo, Franklin; first banjo, Clarke and Thorp, Jr.; second banjo, Hartigan and Young; guitars, Becher, Beach, Dugins and Shedd. Carl Tucker is the director of the glee club and Mr. Chapman the director of the banjo club.

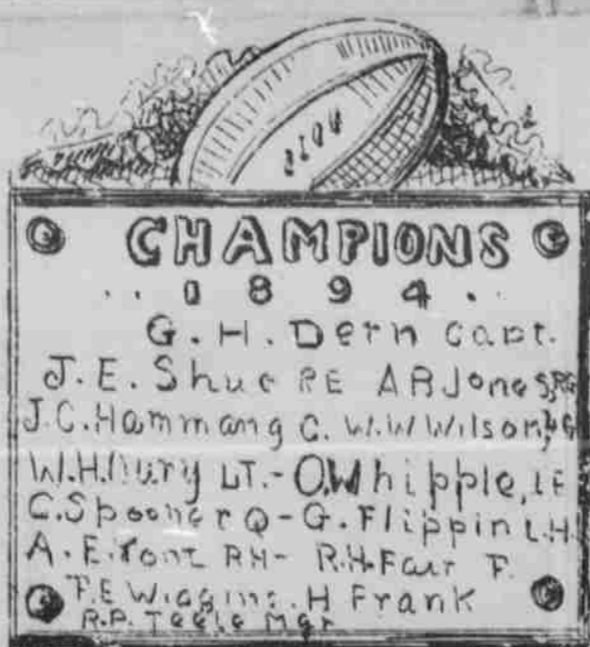
### LITERARY SOCIETIES ELECT.

The Dellans held their election Wednesday. Everything passed off smoothly, and all indications pointed to successful work in the future. The following officers were elected: Mr. W. Elmore, president; Miss Maud Atkinson, vice-president; Mr. P. H. Thomson, recording secretary; Miss Helen Langer, music secretary; Miss Elmore, assistant music secretary; Miss Countryman, corresponding secretary; A. W. Saville, critic; Mr. Joe Boomer, slate bearer.

Tuesday afternoon the Unions elected W. H. Rhodes president, J. E. Almy vice-president, Maud Dempster recording secretary, Evalma Rolofson corresponding secretary, Anna Frey critic, C. M. Baer treasurer, J. H. McGuffey sergeant-at-arms. The Palladians elected the following officers: Tuesday: Frances Morton, president; J. P. Hunt, vice-president; Helen Redford, recording secretary; A. S. Johnson, critic; Mr. Fisher, treasurer; W. R. Boose, sergeant-at-arms. Spirit of the natives makes improvement slow.

### Would Not Require Proof.

A Texas gentleman took his rather obtuse son to a school to enter him as a pupil. The teacher did a sum on the blackboard, as the would-be pupil could not do it himself, remarking: "Now that I have shown you how to do that sum, I'll prove it to you to show you that it is correct." "No need of proof, professor; I will take your word for it. I know you wouldn't tell a lie," replied the pupil, much to the disgust of his parent.



Dr. Barbour is preparing a tablet to commemorate our victorious team of 1894. The accompanying cut is a fac simile (not accurate) of it, but smaller

in size. Dr. Barbour says he is willing to make all tablets necessary, provided enough interest is manifested to bring him the list of the names and pay the expense of securing the oaken tablet.

not been in good shape this season, and considering the fact that he did not play last year, has done exceptionally well this season. He is a strong and swift runner, and always circles the ends for a sure gain. He follows his blockers well, is a good tackler, and as plucky and fearless as any man on the gridiron today.

King especially celebrated himself in the Butte and Iowa games, and next year Nebraska may look for still greater things from her left half back.

George Shedd, right half, five feet eleven inches, weight 172 pounds, age eighteen, first year on the 'varsity team. However, he is not a new man at football, having played end rusher for two years on the Ashland high school team. At the beginning of the season he played left tackle, but the coach decided to try him at half back. In this position Shedd has proved himself a winner. At the beginning of the season he made a good many fumbles, but after getting used to handling the ball in his new position he soon overcame this fault. He is a strong runner and a hard man to tackle. He follows the interference well, often making big gains around the end. He is a little slow in starting with the ball, especially in bucking the line. This is the

on for a good gain every time the captain gave him the ball.

Spooner, age nineteen, height five feet ten inches, weighs 130 pounds and has played quarter back on the Nebraska team for the last two years. He has given the signals this year and has always shown splendid headwork. He is a splendid tackler and blocker and always gets into the interference of the other side. "Spook" first played the game in Council Bluffs, where he played half back on the high school team. While he is light, his swiftness and his "headiness" make up for this deficiency and he is an ideal quarter back. It is to be hoped that he will again be in his old position next season.

Orlie Thorp, age twenty, five feet nine inches in height, weight 145 pounds, second year on the 'varsity team. Thorp has made an enviable record as end rusher. He plays the game all the time, never gets hurt, and always keeps his mouth closed during the game and lets the captain do the talking. He is an excellent tackler, pushing Wiggins for first place in this respect. He gets away from his position with great speed, smashes the interference and lands his man with ease. He has also made a brilliant record