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There is need of something in the University of Nebraska that will keep athletic interest alive. But our inactivity has been so great that when anything is devised, or offered to be done, no one takes hold of it, and does even what he has promised.

Last year Dr. Barbour promised that he would carve a tablet from oak, as a record of the achievements of our football team for that year. He bought the oak and the brass trimmings, only asking that the names of the players be brought to him, as he did not have time to look them up. He sought the manager of last year's team three times, but could not get them. Another effort on his part was made and last week a list of names comprising the championship team was presented to him. Our genial doctor, after spending four or five dollars, has now gone willingly to work preparing the tablet, as he promised.

There appears to be very little interest manifested in securing this tablet and it seems that Prof. Barbour has a thankless job on his hands. We hope he has not. The custom of engraving a tablet in honor of any athletic achievement should be encouraged. These tablets will be screwed on the gymnasium wall a monument of what has been done, and an honor worthy of emulation.

The plan is not original, but borrowed from eastern colleges, and is one that has met with wonderful success in arousing interest in athletics.

The university is now in its twenty-seventh year and it is time that we make a record of our achievements. There is no more interesting pleasure than pointing out to our visitors and friends relics and trophies of past contests. A world of exciting college sports centers about these. They are looked at in awe and reverence by succeeding classes. They excite a healthy rivalry to surpass, and stimulate an emulation bound to result profitably. We believe these deeds of our alumni should be kept before our eyes.

The plan Dr. Barbour wishes to inaugurate is simple. Every time a record is made or an honor achieved in the athletic world, be it by a single student, team or organization of any sort, if it is deemed worthy, a tablet shall be inscribed with mention of the event and the name or names of the participants. These tablets will then be screwed on the gymnasium wall as a monument to the one securing the honor and a record for succeeding classmen to strive for.

Dr. Barbour says he is willing to carve all the tablets required. It only needs a little interest to be manifested to secure them. If this is done, it will not be long before the manual decorations of the "sym" will present an interesting aspect. A few trophies and tablets will serve as the foundation for an interesting bit of history, which we will all be anxious to rehearse to our friends of the outside world, and which we will exhibit to them with pride.

The meeting of the board of regents of the university last week was an especially important one. Plans were made to bring the work of the university closer to the common people and broaden its line of work.

It was decided to open a dairy school next year, the regents making an appropriation for erecting a dairy building on the farm. Such a school has been found to be very successful in the Minnesota university, and it is believed it will prove a success in our university. Here the young men from the farms will learn how to make good

butter, test milk, and properly care for dairy herds. The work will be very practical.

A school of agriculture will be opened in January and will continue for a few weeks. This school will be only preparatory to the college of agriculture. The farmers' sons, with very little expense, can take this course and learn something about scientific farming. Subsoiling, rotation of crops, diseases of stock, grafting of fruit trees and many other things which every farmer should be familiar with will be treated. This course will of course meet with opposition from so-called farmers who believe the only way to learn farming is by experience. But the broad-minded, successful farmers, who are abreast of the times, will realize the importance of such a school and will undoubtedly encourage it as much as they can.

The school of mechanic arts will be made as practical as possible. It is desired to make it fill the gap between the common schools and the university, although it will not take the place of the preparatory departments.

All these lines of work have been tried in other universities and have been found to be successful. They are designed to prepare young men for practical, every-day life. This is the kind of education which is in demand nowadays. Young men who avail themselves of such advantages learn how to use their heads more and their hands less.

We are sorry it is necessary to run the cuts of four members of our football team in our supplement with this issue which appeared in our holiday edition of last year. Owing to a misunderstanding the four men in question did not sit for their photographs in time to receive half-tone cuts of them from Chicago.

Professor Bates has taken exceptions to the statement in the last Nebraskan that the English club was an offspring from the Union society. Our authority for making the statement came from the lips of one of the Unions, who is also a member of the English club. We hope the individual in question will make it right with Professor Bates.

## THE JUNIOR LAW FRACAS.

The law department has been getting its name in the papers lately. The class of '97 has managed to achieve this unenviable notoriety through the assistance of certain men, who, taking both years in one, claim the privilege of being members of both classes. There are nine of these one-year men, we understand, who have sought to turn the tide of affairs so that they might receive the benefits which are to be dispensed.

In the attempt made at the first of the year to organize the junior class a constitution was adopted which did not state who were eligible to membership and who were not, and the presiding officer refused to supply the deficiency. Taking advantage of this unfortunate situation certain of these one-year men strove to manipulate the organization. With the slogan "Down with the Fraternities," they cheered up the more inexperienced of their followers and to others gave promises of future favors. To cap the climax they contended that the office of committeeman on the junior promenade, the juiciest plum of all, should fall to their lot. Mr. T. L. Hall demanded that in return for his services he should be the representative. The significance is seen when we learn that Mr. Hall is one of the one-year men. This was the last straw and those who felt that at any cost they must be represented by a junior withdrew, formed an organization into which none but juniors could enter and sent a committeeman from the class, Mr. Wells W. Cook, who was seated on the committee almost without opposition. This it would seem should have shown who were considered juniors and who not, but the law faculty are forced to make a decision before these men who confidently expect to graduate in June will confess themselves overthrown. J. L.

W. V. Hoagland, '95, who lives at North Platte, was in Lincoln last week on "supreme court business" and visited friends and the profs at the uni.

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