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Notice.

The athletic association promises to make the field day exercises the most entertaining event of the year. The contestants have gone through rigid discipline and through gymnastic training so a warmly fought contest may be anticipated. What is plainly the loyal duty of the students, and, in fact, of everybody who wishes to cheer and encourage the boys in their friendly rivalry? Certainly it is to turn out en masse and make the exercises one of the best of commencement week. All the girls want to go. Then every boy should take either his sister or someone else's sister, and yell for the scarlet and cream. Do not only take your voices, but take a horn and do the best to make the air echo with genuine athletic enthusiasm. The contestants certainly need this encouragement. No effort has been spared upon their part to make this a creditable event to the university. Let every friend of athletics open commencement week exercises by giving hearty support to the coming athletic event of the year.

We have decided to increase the subscription price of The Nebraskan to one dollar next year. Our readers will be benefited by this as much as ourselves. During the last two months of the year it is almost impossible to keep up the standard we start in the fall. We think this will be obviated by the slight increase in price. To be absolutely fair, however, anyone may have The Nebraskan next year at 75 cents by subscribing and paying for it before June 10. The price by mail will hereafter be \$1.00.

In a report of a commencement exercise in a Nebraska town the country correspondent says that the class consisted of "four young ladies and one boy in knee pants."

There is not a man among the senators of the university but feels eminently capable of running the government of the United States at the present time. In a few years he will feel backward about trying to govern a debating society.

William Reed Dunroy, the "Sweet Singer of Nebraska," desires to state toughest man in the university is un-kan that the report that he is the toughest man in the university is untrue, all rumors to the contrary notwithstanding.

At the inter-state oratorical association the man who won second place was given first place by three judges, while one judge gave him ninth. Those who are disappointed about Phi Beta Kappa selections can console themselves by this fact. It is impossible for the electors to make a correct estimate of each student's work.

The Nebraskan board has no farewell bow to make. We do not lay aside our pen with regret, etc. Practically the same management will have control next year and the mistakes we have made cannot be laid to the departing staff. But with our experience back of us we can promise assuredly that we will not run a worse paper than we have this year.

Alpha Theta Chi entertained a few of its friends last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ricketts, 202 South Twenty-seventh street. The evening was spent with progressive hearts and dancing. Those present were: Misses Camp, Walton, Whiting, Ena Ricketts, Broady, Grace Broady, Wright, Carscadden, Lowe, Lytel, Town, Hargreaves, Mabel Ricketts, and Miss Adams of Superior; Messrs. Sanders, Hiltner, Clements,

Randolph, Tyrrell, Dales, Cortelyou, Cutter, Sherman, Humphrey, Erwin, Hastie, J. T. Ricketts and Lowe Ricketts.

At a high school commencement at Germantown the other day the musical part of the program consisted of two vocal solos entitled "The Fatal Wedding" and "The Pardon That Came Too Late." At another town one of the sweet girl graduates gave a new and novel oration on "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy" and "Night Brings Out the Stars" was the title of the oration by another original graduate.

Since the lesson in college journalism last fall it will be hard to fool college paper readers again. The Nebraskan has proved itself able to meet any competition. We have prestige and good will behind us which cannot be overcome by any new publication, or belittled by false promises of old ones. We have always given our readers their money's worth and we can be depended upon to do it next year.

A comparison of the amount of matter printed in one of our issues, with one of the issues of the other college publication will show that each issue contains almost twice as much reading matter than does the other. Coming out twice as often, gives the reader full value.

You do not get school boy essays in the Nebraskan, but college news. We do not pretend to publish a literary paper any more than does any other newspaper.

We do not start out at the beginning of the school year by making promises. No matter what dog barks, you will find us going calmly on and publishing an all-round college newspaper next September at the old stand.

With this issue we close what has been a pleasant, although in many respects a trying, year's work. We have sought to advance the interests that are dear to all, to brighten and cheer the paths of learning and to make a record of usefulness. The "hard times" and general financial stringency bids us to say we have poorly succeeded. Students as well as business men have been compelled to practice rigid economy. This is no less true with a common enterprise, that exists for the common good. We know not what the future may bring, but our loyalty and love for our alma mater and our confidence in the return of better times, makes us feel certain that next year we will be able to give the university a much better paper than ever before.

To students and faculty, to friends of the university, the Nebraskan extends congratulations upon the successful close of another year's work. We certainly hope that the coming year may have in store a still larger measure of success for all. As we go to our homes let us bear in mind the timely remarks of our chancellor and do something for the university.

We wish to express our keen appreciation of the hearty support received from the student body and the faculty, and those interested in higher education. For all its readers, the Nebraskan wishes a happy vacation, full of joy and recreation, and we hope that all may gather again next autumn to march in a new year of prosperity.

POINTS FOR NEXT YEAR.

Now that the football season is well over and almost forgotten and there are four months yet before the game will again be played, a few remarks may be advanced with safety. During the heat of the season the observer who presumes to criticize anything done by the players or the coach almost takes his life in his hands. He is speedily sat down upon and is called a crank, a meddler and an idiot all in one breath. It has been the general impression that in order to keep the college spirit at its proper height no college man should dare criticize the acts or enquire into the methods of his own team. Of course this is all very silly, yet one does not care to make such criticisms while the football games are going on, because it is easy to see that no attention will be paid to him, and consequently no good done. However, a few simple observations may not be out of place between the two seasons, especially as football is always a subject that is close to a student's heart.

In the very first place we should have a good coach next year. Whatever may have been the capabilities of our last year's coach he certainly did very little for the team. Aside from being lazy—an almost criminal fault for a coach—he was not strict with the players. He never made a pretense of forcing the men to train. Everyone on the ground during the Kansas game who could tell a football from a band-box was able to see that we lost the game and the pennant through the lack of training. There were three men on our team during that game who did not have training enough to put up a good game of tennis. No one could be blamed for this but the coach, since

the men were under his care and players generally will not train unless they are made to. In the matter of choosing men for a game also he had not the judgment to be expected of a coach. There was much complaint because he taught the team nothing new, but this was not exactly his fault, since he could hardly be expected to teach anything he did not know. And this brings us back to the plans for the next season. There certainly should be some capable man from one of last year's big eastern teams for a coach next year. It is absolutely imperative that we should have a man who understands the game with all its up-to-date features and with such a man in charge the memory of last year's Kansas game may be wiped out.

WHAT THEY SAY.

"No, my son," said the wise father at the competitive drill. "The reason the girls have their tails ho-drawn in front of the amphitheatre is not to get a better view themselves, but to afford to other people, a better view—not of the cadets, however."

The dark crested warrior mounted his gayly comparisoned palfrey in front of the monastery on R street and turned resolutely toward the Chateau de la Slaudre far to the southward. "Well," he said, as he swatted his charger over the ear with his milled glove, "my title may not be knight now, but it will be night before I reach my destination," and he laughed so hard at his pun that his helmet rang like the gong in a journalism class.

"I have observed," said Harry Oury, "that although everyone cannot be a non-com, yet when the Nebraska City girls have to be shown around the camp every private acts in the capacity of a right guide."

"I never was built for a trader," remarked Shorty Lenhoff, "but I should be very glad to exchange my old lantern for a pair of captain's shoulder straps."

"I have been told," said Art Hutchins, "that acting is the most unpleasant of all professions, but since I have been playing in bicyclers, I must say that I have found it exceedingly enjoyable," and he walked down to the Co-Op, whistling "Sweet Marie."

"No," observed Frank Summers as he watched the competitive drill from the rail fence, "the boys don't drill very well, but I like to see them around in their white pants. I always did have a fondness for ducks, you know."

There is no class of students here who are more on the go than the little "clique" who are dramatically inclined. There is a certain crowd who seem to lack either the power or the inclination to keep off the stage. When they can't play to Lincoln audiences they go up to Ashland and inflict themselves on the peaceable inhabitants of that flourishing city.

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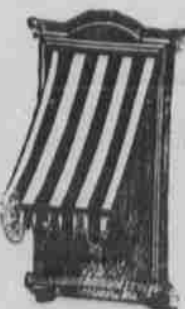
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