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NOTICE—All subscriptions should now be paid and collection will be commenced accordingly. Any one wishing to avoid the inconvenience of being "dunned", should notify the business manager before January 15.

The recent state teachers' association was productive of much good. This is especially seen in the emphasis that was laid upon a correct understanding of historical methods and child-study. These two subjects comprised a larger part of the program. It was through the efforts of our professors that the state teachers were given a rare treat in hearing these studies handled carefully and in accordance with the most advanced thought of the day. The teachers appreciate the earnestness which the faculty displayed throughout the whole program. It is in this way that our university and its methods of teaching will be recognized and understood by the public schools. The teachers in the state should be in close touch with the university, for she stands at the head of our public school system. The faculty as well as the advanced students are in duty bound to help on this noble work in securing the most advanced methods of instruction.

The important step that several of the professors have taken, in opening beginning classes the first of next semester, will not go unrecognized by the student. There are so many that wish to take up new subjects at this time, that there is no doubt but that the new classes will be well filled. There are many seniors and special students who desire work under certain professors, that they are unable to get for the reason that certain preliminary work has been required, and they have had to wait the whole year for a chance to register for it. The new classes will enable some who through sickness or perhaps dilatory work, would not be able to take up any required work before next semester—and this often means that they quit the university for good. From the beginning classes that are offered, nearly a complete course can be registered for. The advantage of such an opportunity is apparent.

It is reported that certain members of the faculty expect to lay less stress than usual upon final examinations. This is certainly a timely move and deserves encouragement. The time has passed in the educational world, when a technical examination is a true test of scholarship. Students of no mean ability are likely to do injustice to themselves on the average written test, which generally gives inefficient means for the professor to wisely ascertain the true standing of the student. The evil results of the system is seen in the fact that so many students seize the opportunity of cramming just a few days before the examination in order to make up for the work that was poorly done in the recitation. This of course is legitimate, but harmful to the student. Let stress be laid upon daily attendance. Instead of worrying the student over a final test which is so little productive of thorough work.

All the material for the Junior Annual is practically in the hands of the board of editors. The Sombbrero promises to excel any of past years in every respect. And it is needless to say that the junior class deserves no little credit and praise for the earnestness and vigor with which they undertook the task. No time and money has been spared in securing copy, cuts, designs, and various things of interest in college life. If the expectations of the board are fulfilled, the Sombbrero will be out about the middle of March. This will be over a month earlier than usual. Thus every student will not be disappointed in being able to get a copy of a work which will so fitly represent the ingenuity, scholarship and business enterprise of the junior class. We all long for the announce-

ment that the Sombbrero has come from the press.

The Nebraskan lends its hearty support to the "nickle scheme" proposed by Dr. Sherman, for the benefit of the collegement work. This is such a small amount to ask, that it seems ridiculous to think that it would not meet with the approval of every student. As Professor Hodgman has suggested, a little concerted action in making the collection, would facilitate greatly the matter of collection, and the opportunity should be seized by the various organizations of the university, and returns made accordingly to the board of control.

Attention to the athletes of the university is called to the training class that has been started. To prevent interference with studies it is held during the evening. This class was started for the benefit of those entering the field day contests. Thus far the registration does not show that much enthusiasm will be taken in these exercises. Everyone in the university, who has any athletic proclivities, in any line, is urged to join this class and make or break a few records next spring.

### A PRACTICAL SCHEME.

To the editor of the Nebraskan—I have been asked to say a word through your columns, concerning a plan by which the college settlement may be made more truly a college enterprise. The scheme is simply that each student furnish just one five-cent contribution this school year. This with the support promised by the faculty, will ensure the running of the settlement work till summer, and put the whole in the closest possible relation to the entire university and every student in it. I understand that the idea has been put quite largely into effect already. Will you kindly aid in making the plan more completely known throughout the colleges.

L. A. SHERMAN.

### ENDORSES THE PLAN.

To the editor of the Nebraskan—The board of control of the college settlement heartily endorses Dr. Sherman's "nickle scheme" as suggested by him in this issue. To render it effective, we suggest that, if it meet the approval of the students, every fraternity, sorority and literary society, the law school and any other body of students where concerted action is possible, take immediate steps to carry out the suggestion. Several organizations have already contributed.

Allow me to correct the statement that the board recommends a settlement holiday. There was discussion as to the advisability of recommending a day to be called "college settlement day" on which contributions should be sought and on which possibly some noted lecturer should address the university public on this topic; but no holiday was contemplated.

It was also stated in one of the college papers that last year the movement was on the verge of failure when the Christian associations took up the work and carried it through to success. From the first the work was planned and executed in perfect harmony by the joint action of the associations and a portion of the faculty.

The board is very grateful for the intelligent and generous support given the work by the university papers.

T. M. Hodgman.

### COLLEGE NOTES.

The first baseball game between Yale and Princeton, was played May 4, 1887. Princeton won by a score of 58 to 52.

General Francis A. Walker of Massachusetts' institute of technology and one of America's most widely known economists, died of apoplexy last week. He was fifty-five years old at his death.

Formerly the students' council of Cornell has had the responsibility of maintaining order in the university, but this council has now been abolished by the faculty, in order that they may prevent further breaches of discipline. It is stated that the upper classmen will hold a meeting shortly to take action, as many consider that the faculty has broken faith with the students.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean sent the following list of eight questions to 226 football players of the more important teams in the United States: 1. What were the injuries of the season? 2. What benefit, if any, did you derive from playing? 3. Do you consider it a beneficial sport? If so, in what way? 4. Is football brutal? 5. What plays would you suggest for disbarment by rule? 6. How long have you played? 7. Have you received any permanent injuries? 8. What do you think of indoor football? To these 151 replies were received which show: temporary injuries, 55, permanent 2, uninjured 96, improved physical condition 151, total years played, 591, football is brutal, 1, football it not brutal, 150.

Following is the standing of the various larger football teams:

Teams	Points		Games		Percent
	won	lost	won	lost	
Princeton	393	12	10	0	99
Penn.	390	30	15	1	928
Yale	218	44	13	1	928
Harvard	132	40	7	4	636
Williams	96	54	6	4	545
Cornell	162	82	5	3	555
Dartm'th	108	78	4	3	500
Brown	126	102	4	5	400
Amherst	58	128	3	6	300

### THE "PI" LINE.

I wrote a pretty poem to my love  
With words that rhymed with bliss  
and kiss,  
But when the typewriter set it up  
The prettiest lines appeared like this:  
((Gifgif rfarhm fgwkyqts , (oaklyifst f#  
I toiled with patience many a dreary day  
To write a sonnet to my lady's eyes,  
And when the printed page I sought to  
read  
I found this line to my surprise:  
tmfwdl hbgfa g mbrkwobv wtamb fgt.0  
And often in my verse I find a line  
That I am sure I never penned,  
And on the typewriter's head I call  
These dire imprecations to descend:  
! ! ! ! !  
WILLIAM REED DUNROY.

### AN IDYL ON RED AND BLACK PASTE-BOARD.

The gay little red and black pasteboard wheel had for the last two or three minutes been spinning around at intervals and now as it came to a stop again, the shrunken man with wild eyes and white lips who had been watching it, turned and buttoned his torn overcoat about him. He put his despondent hands into his now empty pockets and walked from the little room in the basement into the gaysome gray sunlight.

"Spence" was sitting back of the show case putting little red wrappers on five cent cigars, and putting them all in the box marked "two for a quarter." Spence had no conscience to speak of.

The Boy Sergeant was looking at a small colored magazine marked "Vanity Fair." It evidently had some treatise on zoology because he never looked up but turned the pages slowly and reluctantly. Spence looked at the clock and saw that it registered 2:14, and he knew that it must be somewhere about half past three. He looked out of the window and saw Phil Russell coming down the street with his little Fifth avenue trot which he had acquired during his ten minute stay in New York. He was just coming from class, for Phil was a conscientious boy. As he was passing the window he met a couple of girls so he held his hat off for three minutes. He had lately soaped his head and polished it and now his hair glistened like a five dollar silk hat. He came down into the room and looked carefully over the show case, then sighed and bought a nickle's worth of gum.

Harry Oury was grouchy. He won on the machine twice with ten cents and had given half his winnings away when he realized that he had beat his own machine. He tossed a bundle of papers right past the head of the Boy Sergeant, onto the table but that rapt individual did not look up.

Jim Burks came in clearing his throat and everybody got ready to leave but he did nothing more than to fish around in his pocket for a grimy nickle which he put in the hard wooden box and spun the wheel. It stopped between seven and eight and Jim left after growling to Spence that his wheel was weighted, whereat Spence did not seem much impressed but continued shamelessly to put his nice red wrappers on his cheap stogies. The door slammed sharply as the bankrupt tenor went, but Davvy did not look up.

"Did it stop on a red space?" asked a young freshman who had come in to ask Oury for a "Christian Advocate".

"Yes," said Spence indifferently.  
"What do you win on then?" asked the innocent freshman, "the black ones?" And he wondered why they laughed.



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