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## OURY ELECTED CAPTAIN

### Pershing Rifles Indulge in a Bitter Political Scrap.

## EVERYONE SAYS SOMETHING

### Personal Feeling Very Strong and Some Bitter Language—Details of the "Fun."

The political pot, which for two weeks has been brewing, culminated last evening in the election of the officers of the Pershing Rifles by one of the hottest political fights known for years in this University.

The meeting was called at 7 p. m. and each of the factions, headed by Schwarz and Oury, came prepared for a battle royal. There were those present who had not drilled in the Rifles for years and some who had never had a rifle in their hands. Even Parm left his high school at Beatrice and came up to defend his record as treasurer, which was being attacked by the Schwartz faction, and incidentally to cast his vote for the winning ticket.

The principal fight of the evening and one on which the whole contest depended was concerning the membership list of the Rifles. This list contained the names of forty-three men, said to constitute the membership of the Rifles. This list was certified to as the official roster of the Pershing Rifles by H. C. Parmelee, who, last year, was treasurer. It was this list which the faction headed by Schwarz, Philbrick and Shuff, tried to discredit. They said it was padded and doctored up to suit the other side. They also insinuated that members who had paid were not on the list and also that the dues of some of the persons whose names were on the roster had been paid out of the pocket of Parmelee and Oury so as to obtain as many votes as possible. Of course this drew forth a warm reply from Parm and a lively tiff followed between him and Morrison, in which the lie was passed and several other exciting things were said.

It was well known that if the roster furnished by Parmelee was accepted that Oury was sure to be elected and hence the other side bent all its energies to defeating Parm's report.

The Schwarz faction had a temporary advantage in having Philbrick in the chair. When everything was ready and Shuff had surveyed his cohorts with a sweeping glance of his eagle eye, the meeting was called to order. Morrison immediately moved that the by-laws be suspended and a committee of five be appointed with power to act on credentials. A half an hour's wrangling followed this motion, in which points of order, harsh epithets and other endearing terms flew thick and fast. In spite of the fact that the room was filled with outsiders, whom both sides admitted, they were allowed to vote. Oury scored the first victory by tabling Morrison's motion by a vote of 41 to 34.

Hitchman then moved to adopt the treasurer's report, and this precipitated another wrangle. In vain did Shuff try to block proceedings by the use of his matchless oratory, but all to no effect. The motion prevailed by a vote of 44 to 25.

This much done, the battle was won. Oury was nominated for captain by Weeks and Morrison nominated Schwarz. Seeing that his side was beaten, Shuff nominated Weeks, hoping to split Oury's vote. Before the vote was taken Philbrick, Schwarz and Oury each gave a short talk explaining their position. Of all that they said no one could complain of any ambiguity of language. In fact they were delightfully frank. Philbrick looked Oury squarely in the face and accused him of representing dirty politics in the University, while Oury calmly informed Philbrick that a man who would make such a charge as that without being able to substantiate it had a soul which would fit in a nutshell. Schwarz took his turn at it, and said he came to the meeting with

the express purpose of knocking out Oury. After each of these men finished their talk and Henny had had his "little say so," a vote was taken, Oury receiving 31 votes and Schwarz 10.

After Oury's election the rest of the slate was put through with little opposition. Jim Feehet facetiously remarked that if it wouldn't interfere with the ticket he would like to propose the name of "Judge" Cooley for lance corporal. Shuff added to his distinction already gained by being the only one to oppose a motion to make Oury's election unanimous.

The rest of the ticket was as follows: First lieutenant, C. W. Weeks; second lieutenant, S. W. Pinkerton; first sergeant, Hastie; sergeants, Noyes, A. L. Brown, Roddy and Rain; president, Korsmeyer; vice president, McCreery; secretary, Van Valin; treasurer, Henny.

At the conclusion of the meeting the victorious side, represented by the Phi Delta Thetas, Delta Tau Deltas, Phi Kappa Psi and part of the Beta Theta Psi, accompanied by a few barbs, went down town and celebrated their victory by eating ice cream at Captain Oury's expense. The Alpha Tau Omegas, Kappa Sigmas, Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilons and the rest of the Betas and barbs sought consolation elsewhere.

## REGENTS MEET.

The regents of the University held a meeting on last Wednesday afternoon and evening, and one of the principal things accomplished was the letting of the contract for the wing of the Mechanic Arts building, of which the University is in such need. The erection of this building has been considerably delayed on account of some difficulty in the contract which was let last spring and then thrown up. This caused the loss of a great deal of time and necessitated the letting of a new contract.

Of the bids received for the work, that of \$26,000 submitted by Grace & Kelly of Lincoln was the lowest and the contract was awarded to them. It is now hoped that the seventh large brick building of the University will soon be erected on the campus and relieve the overcrowded condition of the department of mechanic arts.

An extension to the state farm barn will also be erected.

The bids for the coal for the University during the winter were awarded to various local dealers.

The regents chose a successor to Miss Mary L. Jones, who was librarian last year, in the person of John D. Epes, who will be acting librarian of this University. Mr. Epes came here from St. John's college, Annapolis, where he held the position of librarian.

A board of administration for the library has been created in order to expedite the purchases of the library.

The museum received quite an addition by the gift of a collection of fossils from the United States geological department, which was thankfully accepted by the regents.

The regents also accepted the kind offer of \$250 by W. J. Bryan. This will be invested and the proceeds be given annually to the writer of the best essay on the science of government.

Miss Flora Bullock was appointed as assistant in the class in journalism. Mr. Foss and Mr. E. V. Capps were elected scholar and fellow respectively in the department of physics.

The regents also made several other appointments and some minor appropriations for miscellaneous purposes.

The complimentary opening party of Mr. Albert Tenpin's dancing school will be given at 1132 N street this (Friday) evening, October 8.

Iowa played her first game of the season last Saturday, defeating Wilton by a score of 22 to 4.

The students of Northwestern University sing one of their college songs in chapel after each morning exercise.

## FOOT BALL MASS MEETING

### The Results Obtained Were Only "Middlin'."

## THE GIRLS BOLT THE MEETING

### A Fair Number of Season Tickets Sold—The Team Plays at Ames, Ia., Today.

The announcement of a foot ball mass meeting drew out a large number of students Thursday morning, who came to chapel either out of interest in the foot ball team or from idle curiosity. Judging by results, the majority of those present were there simply from curiosity. The meeting was called primarily to raise money for the foot ball team by the sale of season tickets, but the greater number of students seemed to think that it was held to give them an opportunity to escape from going to class and to hear some of the witty speeches by the professors and alumni.

However, these remarks do not apply to all. A fair number of tickets were subscribed for, but not as many as there should have been. The boys did fairly well, but is the young ladies who come in for considerable criticism. No sooner had it been announced that subscription lists would be passed through the audience than the young ladies, as if by preconcerted arrangement, rose from their seats and left the room in a body. Such a "frost" as this could not fail to dampen what enthusiasm existed, and it was no doubt due to this fact that the meeting was not a complete success, instead of being only partially successful.

In order to get the meeting under way Professor Hastings was elected chairman and addressed a few remarks to the students. He made a strong plea for a strong second eleven. The first thing which Professor Hastings noticed in regard to foot ball at this University was that we lacked a strong second eleven. The reason for this is that a man expects to make the team the first year. Such a thing is unheard of in eastern colleges. A man ought not to expect such a thing if he has never played before, and the first team should be so strong that a new man could not make it right away. In conclusion Professor Hastings said that the policy of the management this year would be to get out a strong second eleven which would be well organized and for which regular games would be scheduled.

Professor Caldwell next made a short talk. He naturally dwelled on the historical side of foot ball in this University. The professor said he had taken part in University athletics from the beginning, and was a member of our first base ball nine. While not a foot ball player, he claimed to be an adept in what he said was the progenitor of foot ball—the game of prisoner's base. There could be no doubt but that this game was the progenitor of foot ball, because bruises and broken bones were requisite to the playing of each. He graphically described some of the collisions which took place between himself, Professor Howard, Congressman Mercer and various other celebrities in the playing of this justly celebrated game, and the bruises which resulted thereby.

Professor Caldwell strongly urged the men to come out to practice. He said there was much to be said in favor of foot ball and the only objection now is that more men do not play it. At the close of his remarks the professor said that he, as a member of the Athletic board, would strongly protest against anybody going once to class and being given a place on the team to the exclusion of legitimate students.

Roscoe Pound spoke on the financial side of the foot ball question. Beside the expenses to be met for this year, was a deficit of \$300 from last year. The unpaid pledges of a year ago

amounted to \$225, which, if paid, would nearly wipe out the back debts. There are many expenses to be met this year. The grounds are being scraped, the coach must be paid and also suits must be paid for. To meet these expenses the plan is to sell season tickets to the games for \$1.50. Mr. Found made an appeal to the students to purchase tickets instead of watching the games through the fence.

The subscription lists were then passed around and something over a hundred tickets were subscribed for. At this point of the proceedings the girls made their famous retreat, leaving the whole west side of the chapel vacant.

Professor Ward closed the meeting with a short address. He said he expected to see Nebraska win the championship this year and asked that the team might receive proper support.

## OFF FOR AMES.

Coach Robinson and thirteen men left yesterday for Ames, Iowa, to play the first game of the season with the State Agricultural college today. As the Ames men have been practicing most of the summer the outcome of the game is, to say the least, doubtful. However, the hard work of the last week has gotten the men in pretty good shape and they will endeavor to give the "farmers" a run for their money.

The team has been greatly handicapped in its practice by the lack of new foot balls, which should have been here the first of the week, but have not yet arrived.

Manager Oury did not go with the team, but left the management to Coach Robinson.

The men were out Thursday at chapel time practicing signals.

The following men were selected by the coach to go on the trip, with the probable line-up: Benedict, left end; Stringer, left tackle; Hansen, left guard; Hisey, center; Hayward, right guard; Pears, right tackle; Wiggins, right end; Halstead, full back; Williams, left half; Shedd, right half; Cowgill, quarter; substitutes, Tukey and Montgomery.

The class in political economy has grown so large that the band room, in the basement of the armory building, is the only one that can be found to accommodate it on Wednesdays. On Mondays and Fridays the class recites in Professor Caldwell's room.

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The Athletic association met last Saturday with the purpose of conducting the election of officers in an unconstitutional way. A motion was made to go into the committee of the whole to consider the constitutionality of the previous election. This motion was voted down. The reading of the minutes caused a slight stir to the parties on both sides. Mr. Pace moved the minutes be corrected to read, in regard to a motion that had been recorded at the first meeting, "that the constitution be suspended and election of officers be conducted by rising vote." Then he moved to read the rules instead of the constitution. As there are no rules, the point of order was raised that the motion was out of order. This caused considerable debate. On a point raised by Mr. Perry it was, after great effort, ruled that as there were no rules it was well taken. Later, by vote, it was carried.

The meeting adjourned with no changes and no new business being introduced.

At a meeting of the senior class, held last Tuesday afternoon, after some discussion it was decided that the boys of the class procure caps and canes in order to distinguish them from the lower classmen. The cap decided upon is a sea brown golf cap, with the monogram U. of N., '98, on the front. The cane adopted is a handsome silver-mounted walking-stick, calculated to preserve the dignity and health of the seniors.

## WHAT MAKES AN AMATEUR

### Prof. Hastings Gives a Definition of the Term.

## LECTURES BEFORE STUDENTS

### Gives a Clear and Specific Talk Upon College Amateur Athletics—A Plea for Pure Athletics.

By request of the Athletic board, Dr. Hastings, last Monday morning, delivered an address in the chapel on "The College Athlete." The chapel was crowded and close attention was given Dr. Hastings throughout the address. He said in part: The advantage which a university derives from its athletes is no Utopian idea, but really exists. A college athlete brings honor and material benefit to a university, but to do this he must be an amateur as well as an athlete, and not a professional who makes athletics a secondary consideration. A wavering policy in regard to professionalism is disastrous to true athletics in the university. But we will command respect in the university world when we have clean athletics.

An amateur is one who engages in sports for its own sake, one who has never competed for money or for a prize with a professional. On the other hand, he who goes into the sport for the dollars there is in it is not an amateur. The fundamental difference is the amateur contends for sport, the professional for material gain. Hence, if we allow professionalism to enter into university politics by this wavering policy we will lose all command to respect.

There are many present here who lack interest in this subject, and in these I would address a few remarks on the advantages of athletics and physical training. It must be admitted that Rousseau was right when he said the "stronger the body, the stronger the mind."

Athletics are a necessity to men of sedentary positions, and who perform a great deal of brain work. Physical exercise develops constitutional strength, and it excites the intellectual faculties as well as the muscular powers. It was through the introduction of gymnastic training that the German army was raised from comparative insignificance to one of the strongest armies of Europe.

Athletics is the secret of English and American vitality. England has always followed purely natural forms of sport. Outdoors has been recognized as the place to train, and often half-holidays are allowed for sports. Has England been the loser by this policy? For answer name a country which has such pluck and vitality as England.

The value of outdoor sports was fully recognized by the ancient Greeks, and as a result the Greek sculpture of the perfect athletic figure has never been equalled. But Greek sports declined because professionalism crept in. It was an age of luxury, and large purses were put up as prizes and interest in the games was lost. Men of character had no wish to compete with hirelings.

Such has always been the effect of the entrance of professionalism into athletics. It is the same today as it used to be. Professionalism gives rise to unfairness and brings in the brutal element. The paid athlete is not the man who can be depended upon for the greatest development of sport. He is interested in money first and athletics afterwards.

Shall we Americans, who believe in fair play, permit to live this viper of professionalism which destroys a honor in athletics? Shall we harbor among us a man who would take a hundred, or ten, yes, even one paltry dollar in college athletics? Is there among us an Esau who would sell his athletic birthright for a mess of pottage?

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