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Now that drill has commenced for this year, some discussion has arisen among the non-commissioned officers of the battalion as to the advisability of doing away with the gold chevrons and returning to the black cloth chevrons of two years ago. When the gold chevrons were adopted last year it was urged in favor of the change that on battalion parade the non-commissioned officers would be easily distinguished, whereas the black stripes on the blue background were not sufficient to distinguish the officers from the privates.

However, there seems to be a reaction in favor of the old style, which had the double advantage of cheapness and neatness. The black chevrons looked as well at the end of the year as at the beginning, while the same could not be said of the gold chevrons. This is especially true if the cadets work in the chemical laboratory, as the gold stripes soon turn to a dark greenish color. Another advantage in favor of the old chevrons is that they are not so loud and can be worn any place without attracting attention.

As nearly all the privates in the Pershing Rifles are non-commissioned officers in the battalion, the black chevrons would greatly improve the appearance of that company, as the boys can hardly afford two blouses. At present the Rifles present much the appearance of a brass band with all their gold stripes, and it is hoped by many of its members that there will be a change soon.

Among the many late articles written upon the "Education of Women," is one by President Canfield of Ohio State University, which has appeared recently in an eastern publication. The title of the article is "An Experiment in the Education of Girls." President Canfield has outlined in this article a scheme for education in domestic science. The course is regularly four years, one-third of which deals directly with domestic science. The scheme is broad, capable of giving general culture and bids fair to be immensely practical. In the general culture course little is given to directly fit young women for what, in the natural course of events, will become their life work. This plan is certainly admirable and has been established without university precedent. Much depends, however, upon the activity of the young women in taking hold of the course.

The talk given by Dr. Hastings in chapel Monday morning was indeed beneficial. If our athletics are to be athletics in the college sense, let us have them always and forever free from any taint of professionalism. If our athletic name in the east is not as bright as it should be, let us strive that this year it may be well burnished. Nebraska is capable of better things along this line.

If one may judge by the '98 class meeting, class spirit, at least, is not dead in Nebraska. The sophs also give evidence of class activity in the challenge sent to the freshmen. We have reason to hope that by the time of the first foot ball game a large-sized college spirit will be forthcoming.

The Nebraskan would kindly suggest to a few that the University is now in good running order and that it is high time to buckle down to work. The "critical period" in the life of the student comes in the first half of

the freshman year. A realization of this should mean work.

The North Western Monthly is becoming almost a University publication, judging from the number of contributors who are University professors. In the September and October issues may be found the beginning of several series of articles by various professors, which would be a great help if read by students, who, at times, fail to get the full thought or significance of a lecture in the class room. Among articles now running may be mentioned: American History Studies, H. W. Caldwell; Studies in Literary Interpretation, L. A. Sherman; Municipal Government, Mrs. W. G. L. Taylor; Studies in the Sources of Grecian History, F. M. Fling. On the Teaching of English, L. A. Sherman; among New Books, L. A. Sherman; Child Study Department, G. W. Lueky, editor. Among other contributors are: Amos G. Warner, C. H. Thurber and others.

## "PIKE'S PEAK OR BUST."

Circumnavigating Pike's Peak by the ship of the desert, is not what every summer tourist accomplishes. However, this famous inland Cape Horn was rounded this summer by Mr. Randolph of the school of music, Charlie Schwarz and Fred Burt, in their camp wagon "The Oont."

The party left Lincoln June 15th, and camped in Denver July 8th.

Mr. Randolph, as head of the party, displayed his taste for the fitness of things in his choice of companions: Mr. Martz, who had the misfortune to receive a very slight gunshot wound which necessitated his early return, was chosen because of his ability to put two and three together—flour and other desirable stuffs—in such an agreeable form as to sustain life between restaurants; Mr. Schwarz, having a happy knack in distinguishing between "Vater" and "paw," that linguistic difference that marks one nation from another, was much in demand as interpreter; Mr. Burt, it was found, after six hundred miles had been covered, was an excellent black and white artist—when it came to wagon spindles.

So all things were good—O, yes, Mr. Randolph presided over a portable evangelist organ which proved a bread winner and gained the boys admission into the homes and hearts of many susceptible westerners.

From Denver, the city of bicycles and "Don't expectorate upon the sidewalk as a sanitary measure" signs, the invincible three went to Colorado Springs—town of "lungers" and daily showers.

Pike's Peak was the only mountain whose proud head felt the weight of their delicate sandals. The high altitude—in prices—of Summit House affected them considerably. Day after the descent they were so lame they were short of breath.

Now began the real pleasure of the trip for now, after the Peak, the Garden, and the various canons, began the mountains in earnest. Two days after leaving Colorado Springs they halted on the brink of Cripple Creek and were repaid for their hard climb by the grand scene before them, "Cripple" in all her "virgin purity," lay at their feet almost within a stone's throw. Away in the distance, north, south and west, rose peak on peak of the snow spotted granite of the great Texas and Mosquito ranges, till the blue distance melted into sky. Still they went westward to where the quiet Bu na Vista nestles on the bank of the turbulent Arkansas. Just at the foot of royal, impressive Mt. Princeton, the handsomest of mountains. At Buena Vista began the return trip through the famous, tough, unattractive Leadville, over Fremont pass—over which no plainsman would think of going—and Breckenridge pass, then down Turkey Creek canon—loveliest of all mountain places—to Denver.

Planning to avoid prairie heat the boys started to circle up through South Dakota but, fearing lack of time, when Chadron was reached, they struck south for the old Oregon trail down the Platte.

One day on the old trail the boys were dining in the shade of a water tank when an Endeavor special from Massachusetts stopped for water. Immediately the "cowboys" were the center of many timid eyes. One dear, good man in black alpaca, billous straw hat, and "dimmigals" sought to divert the minds of the terrible cowboys by offering them a Boston Transcript, full of nice New England pie and cake. "There," he said, holding it toward Mr. Randolph, then setting it down on the clinders, he sprinted for his car as the bell rang, but shouted the rest of his presentation speech from the rear platform, "there is some nice cake for you." Silence reigned in the pieless, cake-less west.

Schwarz came near being locked up on one occasion, in this wise.

Having three horses for hill work, the third was sometimes ridden when on level road. The "third" was about four feet high, highly mulish in expression of countenance and temperament. The riding harness consisted of a saddle, four by eight inch s—guaranteed inviolable—held on by a circingle wrapped nearly twice around the little brute. In the absence

of one stirrup a strap served and absence of bridle was remedied by tying a single rop around "third's" neck. Charlie, patriarchal in long white whiskers, sat aside slow walking "Little Babe." At a sudden turn in the road they came upon a real live cowboy. He simply glanced at Charlie. When the dust cleared away they could see other dusts rising and settling four miles to leeward. Of course Charlie talked "hoch Deutsch," besprinkled with local color, to the "Vig" committee and after deciding that maybe the missing man's horse had partaken of too much low weed, Charlie was acquitted.

The only work done on the trip was some hydrographic work done through Nebraska by Professor Barbour.

This do the boys say: Go camping. Homebodies do not know the joys, disappointments, hopes and fears of a real zig-zag journey among the Rockies.

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