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With the Thanksgiving game with Iowa came the close of the football season for Nebraska. Owing to the lateness of the season, the game with Wesleyan will, in all probability, not be played. The members of the team broke training Thanksgiving evening, and they can now eat all they want, and do what they please.

The season just closed has been a successful one in every respect and Nebraska has reason to congratulate herself on the outcome. For the second time in the history of the league Nebraska comes out the pennant winner and for the first time in our football history Nebraska has defeated Missouri, Kansas, and Iowa all in the same year.

Coach Robinson has every reason to feel satisfied with the outcome of the season. Last year he took hold of a team composed mostly of raw material and by hard work made a team out of men, many of whom had never played before. This year he had to work with practically the same team, but with one year's experience under a first-class coach he made it a pennant winning team.

Manager Oury also comes in for his share of the glory while it is being passed around. He has the pleasure of knowing that there will, in all probability, not be any old debt to hand down to the succeeding management, as has so often been the case heretofore. Manager Oury has worked and worked hard for the best interests of the team. He more than doubled the seating capacity of the bleachers and inaugurated the scheme of having a canvas fence enclose the grounds. With all this added expense, Mr. Oury will probably be able to clear the association from debt.

Last and perhaps most important of all comes Captain Shedd's foot ball heroes, who have given to Nebraska athletics a rank second to none in the west. They have practiced faithfully and hard all season, dressed almost in rags and what little glory they could scrape up by being slammed around on the ground. But fine coaches do not make a team, and the Nebraska team, in spite of its shabby garments, gobbled up the pennant just the same.

Right on the heels of the discovery that Mosse, the big Kansas guard, wore armor-plate in the game with the Kansas City Medics, comes the announcement that Mosse has been elected captain of the Kansas team for next year. Evidently this is a reward for wearing armor-plate contrary to the rules of the game. The disappointed aspirants for the captaincy may kick themselves because they also did not have sense enough to wear soft pads of galvanized iron, especially when Coach Woodruff cheerfully admits that it was done with "my sanction."

It is now clear why Kansas refused Nebraska of being a sportsmanlike. It would have been all right had we fitted out Turner or Hansen with a coat of mail—but we didn't and we are therefore unsportsmanlike. Coach Woodruff said: "My men do not even get hurt, they are like iron." There is no doubt of it—like boiler iron very likely. But then it must be a right, as Wylie G. gave it his sanction, even if it was against the rules. And yet Kansas pretends to wonder why Nebraska refuses to play her in the light of the recent disgraceful disclosures concerning Woodruff and his methods.

Walter Camp has seen fit to have a spasm in his column in the last issue of Farmer's Weekly, in which the University is severely scored, though prominently mentioned, hoodlums

rampant et couchant, and divers other words calculated to make the Nebraska reader anxious to get his clutches on the ball Camp. He further remarks that the following report of a recent western game taken from a Kansas City paper, and proceeds to give one of those famous unbiased Kansas student reports of the game. He then makes this a basis for editorial comment. Suffice it to say that Camp's writings will hereafter have no weight in the west. A man who takes no more care than he does in selecting his sources of information cannot hope to hold a position of any authority in the field of athletics or anywhere else.

Owing to the fact that but one series of preliminary debates is to be held prior to the interstate contests, coupled with the fact that seven divisions must compete, a change in the judge system was necessitated. No three professors could be found who had either the time or inclination to spend seven successive nights in listening to as many dreary debates. The plan which finally prevailed was to have one division contest the first night with nine judges present, three of whom should mark the participants, this serving as a criterion for all. One of these three, together with two of the remaining six, shall serve as judges at each of the three contests to be held the two succeeding evenings. While this system has its objections, being manifestly less fair than the one it succeeds, it is doubtless the best way out of the difficulty. The rewards will become more of a lottery than ever and real merit stand more risk of being unrecognized because of the multiplicity of standards in the minds of the judges.

The admission of the Kansas football coach that he gave his sanction to a wilful violation of the rules is no surprise to Nebraska people. The action is in full accord with our conception of the man. The coach who would impudently insist on claiming five points his team never scored would not scruple at padding his men with sheet iron. The individual who would persist in having himself interviewed every twenty-four hours might be expected to resort to any means in order to substantiate his empty braggadocio. It is such people as these who bring college athletics into disrepute. For the sake of honor and fairness it is to be hoped that such men may never again receive the recognition of any college organization, and that they may go forth branded with their merited dishonor to receive the condemnation of all supporters of clean athletics.

The Georgia state legislature has distinguished itself. The zeal with which it passed an anti-foot ball bill is in strange contrast to its lack of action on the lynching question. The governor has announced, however, that the number of lynchings must be reduced come what may, and now that the brutal game of college foot ball has been wiped out we may hope for speedy action on the lynching question. In Georgia affairs of state take precedence in order of importance.

The death of Lieutenant Alfred B. Jackson falls with unwonted severity upon the University. Although a new member of the faculty, he was recognized for his abilities and honored among his associates. The sympathy of every student and instructor went out to the bereaved relatives. The gloom cast over the University and the pervading air of mingled sympathy and sadness told the story—the University mourned.

In due order, of course, the diabolical methods of the country will run up the foot ball situation. Many will criticize, some suggest, but a great majority will moralize on the great fault of it all. It will be impossible for many to see the great benefit derived by the player. They do not seem to realize that a rough game is essential for strong, healthy young America, and one not acquainted with the game can see no science in the confused mass after a "down." The result is a trade on the brutality and general uselessness of modern foot ball.

To keep one's mind on study when feet and hands are cramped with cold and teeth beating a revelle to frozen bones is impossible. If there are any "nuts" this week it may well be attributed to attempted study in the northern part of the library.

The season of the physical athlete

closed Thursday until the coming spring weather. The day of the mental and linguistic athlete is approaching. Debating and oratorical contests will draw the public attention for a time. We trust that they may receive the liberal patronage afforded our foot ball champions, and that this year may see us victors over many opponents.

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