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The editors of the college papers at Lehigh, it is said, are excused from writing the required essays in the English course. The idea is an excellent one and should be put in force elsewhere. But the number of staff editors on the college papers would in all probability increase with marvelous rapidity should such a provision be made.

The address of Miss Elen Smith on the "Early History of the University," which is printed in this issue of the Nebraskan, should be read by every student of the University. Aside from being intensely interesting and often amusing in its skilful treatment of early life in the University, it should make the student of today more appreciative of the great advantages possessed by this University which have only been acquired by years of hard and persistent work on the part of those interested in the University.

The announcement that Prof. Kimball has been elected director general of the music at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition means more than one would think at first thought. Besides the personal gain and reputation to be gained by Prof. Kimball, it means much for the University school of music and much for the University as a whole. It means more than a dozen years of advertising. It brings Nebraska to the front. In short, it means for the development of music in the west more than anything else which could possibly have happened.

Chess is fast becoming a popular college contest game. Last week Harvard and Columbia played, and it is understood that a contest between Harvard and the University of California has been arranged to be played by telegraph. The game is recognized as essentially a scholars game, and upon the merits of brain alone is the game played. A large number of western colleges support flourishing chess clubs. Among these, perhaps, the University of Minnesota is most prominent.

"Frank Leslie's" bland young man discusses, in last week's issue, the question: "Should Women's Colleges Teach Manners?" Should the young ladies be taught how to bow, how to shake hands, and to whom to speak? And a thousand other things that young ladies ought to know about manners. Of course, these things are bound to come after a time. President Canfield of Ohio State University is teaching the ladies of Ohio how to cook, clean clothes, and butter bread, and now they must be taught how to behave. Surely our American motherhood is capable of accomplishing very little. Our mothers know nothing of these things; besides it is so much nicer to learn even commonplace things in colleges. What are fads, anyway?

The new hymnals for which the regents made an appropriation at their last meeting were used for the first time in chapel last Monday morning. They are the same style of books as the old ones with the exception of the responsive readings, which will now become a part of the regular chapel exercises.

This is a commendable innovation as it gives all a chance to take part in the service which is much more interesting than striving in vain to hear what some weak voiced professor is reading. There is also another important advantage. To those who insist on talking during chapel it gives an opportunity to talk to their hearts content and at the same time offers a chance to say something—an opportunity which unfortunately has not existed heretofore. A rather unexpected disadvantage in the new order of exercises showed itself last Tuesday morning in the responsive reading, "Ephrathah." There was an awkward pause, everybody waiting for his neighbor to pronounce it. A few attempted it and stumbled through and finally a

suppressed giggle went over the whole room. It might be a good idea for the students to study the responsive readings a day or two in advance so as to make sure of pronouncing some of the unpronounceable proper names which they are liable to encounter.

## A CRITICISM ON PROF. BATES.

The following extract from the Wisconsin Sentinel will be found of interest to the students who had the pleasure of an acquaintance with Prof. Bates, formerly at the head of the English department in this University: Mr. Herbert Bates, a young and promising writer of verse, makes in the current number of the Chapbook a rather unfortunate metrical experiment. His poem is put into the mouth of one of the parties to a duel, while the duel is going on. Here is one stanza:

Crafty, with treacherous kiss, how  
Tempt her to lecherous bliss! Thou  
Whom I have sought but for this, how  
Now, for thine hour is fast.

This may be meant for an onomatopoeic representation of sword play, but it sounds more like the noise made by a small boy when he draws a stick sharply along a picket fence.

## A MUDDY DRILL.

Those who have never experienced the delights of drilling on a slippery, muddy day, should have belonged to the Second battalion last Monday afternoon. The campus was not very soft, but it had a thin layer of mud on it, just enough to make it appear firm and safe until the hapless victim stepped in it. Then he slid a few yards, threw his feet up in the air, in a sort of an agonized way, all the time making vain endeavors to regain his equilibrium. But he would finally succumb to the inevitable and comfort himself after drill hour by wiping the mud off his new uniform.

The mud grew less as the drill continued, although it could hardly be said to have dried up on account of the hot drill put up by the battalion. There were various other reasons, the man on the pivot while marking time, always managed to churn up a considerable amount of mud under his trousers. Some of the officers also helped the good work along. Adutant Lyon scraped the mud off a few spots himself. He unsuspectingly struck a slippery place and was soon engaged in some antics which looked as though he were trying to kick off his hat. However, he felt that to be a rather undignified position for a man of his rank and station and after several frantic efforts managed to land right side up.

Sergeant Major Jim Fechet did not fare so well. He was going at double time to post the guides and looked very nice until he struck a wire which had been stretched along the campus to keep back the crowds at the football games. Jim went up in the air a few yards, but he was so anxious to reach earth again that when he did land, he embraced it from head to foot. He finally picked up his dignity, his cap and a considerable amount of mud and continued his interrupted march leaving a large dry spot behind him.

Major White slipped around the campus like a girl on skates for the first time. Every time a cadet would get stuck in the mud, Bob would help him out by yelling at him to "pay attention there."

As a fitting close to the drill each cadet swore softly to himself and applied a few endearing epithets to the commanding officer whom they hold responsible for the state of affairs. It is thought that with two or three more drills on the campus the mud will all disappear.

## ATHLETIC ANNUAL POSSIBILITIES.

The movement which has been on foot to publish an Athletic Annual has now assumed tangible form and is a lively possibility if not a probability. Prof. Hastings has been working up the matter and his suggestions have met with universal approval by all to whom he has broached the subject. There is no good reason why such an annual at the cost of twenty-five or fifty cents should not succeed. It is thought that by personal canvassing 250 or 300 copies could be subscribed for in order to guarantee the success of the enterprise.

Prof. Hastings has outlined a plan something like this for the contents of the book which will give a general idea of the scope and possibilities of such a publication. First comes the football season with a record of all the football games. At the same occurs the Freshman-Sophomore field day. The next division of the book could be devoted to basket ball which could be divided into four sections treating of the inter-class series, the outside games, the University championship series and the girls' outside games. The indoor athletic contests would occupy another section. There would follow chapters on the baseball season, the girls' and boys' gymnastium exhibitions, the tennis tournament, the field day and finally a description of the

trophies won by the University.

The above is only a rough outline of what is intended, but it shows how interesting such a book might be if properly worked up. It would form a valuable and accessible record of athletic events which is now lacking in the University.

Princeton has begun work on her track team. Twenty-five men responded to the first call. Most of these are old track men, so Princeton is sure of a good team.

Dr. Harper, of Chicago university has announced that the Rush Medical College will soon be affiliated with the university as the University Medical College. The affiliation does not take place immediately nor will the union at first be permanent, but the final outcome will probably be permanent connection. It seems that "Ru-h" has for some time been seeking admission to Chicago university. Such union is very popular with the people of Chicago. Supposedly, it will not be long before Chicago university has her full quota of professional schools.

"There are others" as good, perhaps, but none better than the pictures taken at the Students' Photograph Gallery, 1034 O street.

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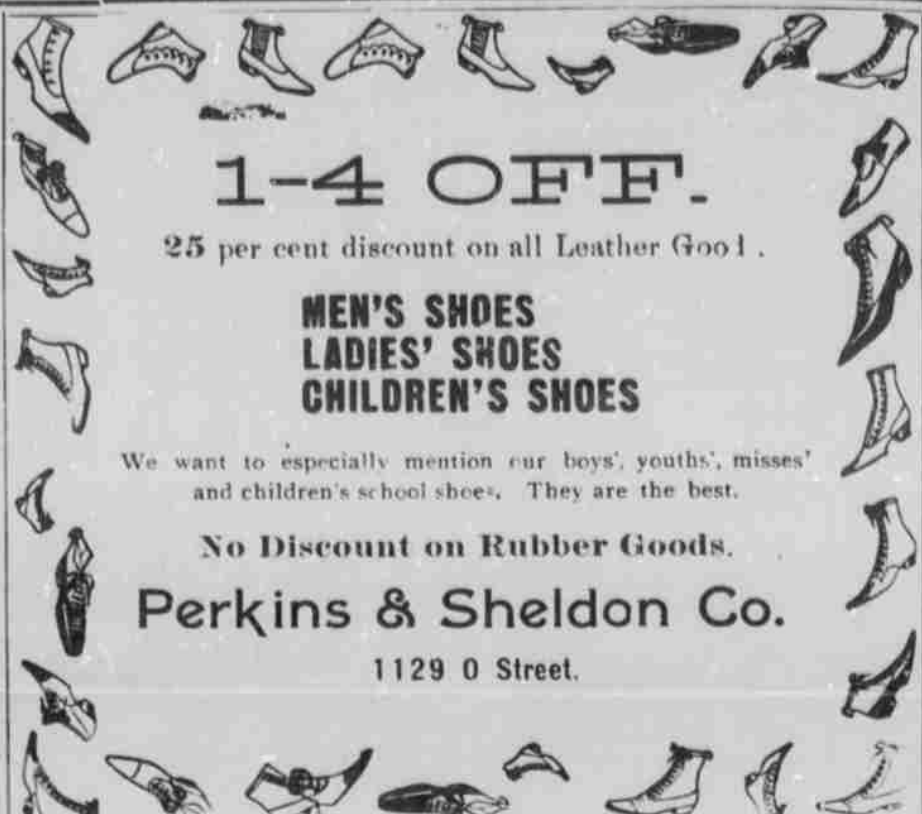
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