

In the Gym.

Dr. Hastings returned from Omaha last Tuesday afternoon where he had gone to push the movement for the Trans-Mississippi track meet. He had a talk with the chairman of the amusement department of the exposition, who highly favors the plan for a track athletic meet. The exposition official expressed the opinion that it would be more a matter of how to bring about the meet than a question as to whether we will be able to accomplish it. He asked for an estimate of the cost of a track, grand stand and the expense of bringing track teams to Omaha. The fact that twenty colleges have already expressed their willingness and desire to enter such a meet, lent such weight to Dr. Hastings' argument that he feels that the meet is practically assured. A new manager of the amusement feature of the exposition will be secured very soon, and when he takes charge of affairs the enterprise will be decided. The question now remains as to whether we will meet Minnesota in a dual track meet. It rests with the students whether Nebraska decides to accept Minnesota's challenge. Those who would represent the University in such a contest are heartily in favor of it. What say you?

Another object of Dr. Hastings' visit to Omaha was to further the interests of the Physical Education society of this state. He regards the prospects encouraging for an investigation of the growth of children in Nebraska. Such an investigation would involve the measuring of about 30,000 children, 17,000 of whom are in Omaha. The statistical committee of the society has outlined blanks to be used in the investigation. The technical committee is now working up a meeting of physical educators for Omaha, June 28, 29 and 30. This is the date for the national conference of the society at Boston. It is expected that western educators unable to go to Boston will be drawn by the exposition to Omaha. Superintendent C. G. Pearce of Omaha, as a member of the technical committee, will be of great value in organizing such a conference.

A question among the athletes now is, who will win the interclass trophy, a silver cup presented by the Armstrong Clothing company. Mr. Armstrong is ready to order the cup and will get a handsome affair as soon as he learns exactly what design the university wishes. The sophomores claim they have cup cinched, but they may overestimate their athletic prowess. It will be a question whether the seniors, juniors and freshmen can take away from the sophomores the class championship, which they now hold.

CHOOSE THE NINE DEBATERS

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gressional inquiry that, from an engineering point of view, the construction of such a waterway was entirely impracticable.

Mr. Ewart argued that for diminution of excessive freight rates and saving of distance, the project should be supported by the government.

The mighty Baker then followed in an argument which many maintain should have secured him first place. It is sufficient to say that never did he appear to better advantage. He had his argument well in hand and delivered it with an earnestness he has never equalled heretofore. He maintained that the government should protect its national life and provide for its internal development. The government should not go into the inter-oceanic canal business.

Mr. Matson closed the argument for the affirmative by declaring that five surveys out of six had deemed the engineering feats practicable and the construction of the waterway would tend to develop the whole country.

While awaiting the decision of the judges the audience was pleasantly entertained by selections by the Lincoln Business College band and a ladies banjo quartet. Green and Denison, two of the last year's debaters, responded to calls for speech.

The judges reported the following named in order: Kinder, Baker, Hawxby, Miss Stall, Taylor, Warner, Perry and Matson.

The following will probably be the teams to represent us: Baker, Sackett and Miss Stall at Colorado Springs, Colo., April 20; Kinder, Hawxby and Taylor at Columbia, Mo., some time in May; and Warner, Matson and Perry at Lincoln, May 6, against Kansas.

PRES. SCHURMAN'S ADDRESS

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would ever be a common culture brand on the ancient humanities. There is no need to go to Greece and Rome for a common culture when such can be had in the English language, in the treasures of Shakespeare, Milton and other great English writers.

Modern universities cannot exist without money, without liberal endowments, but they should not be influenced in their teaching by the money they receive or the source from which it comes. They should ever hold steadfastly to the truth as they see it. There is a tendency in the university today toward intellectualism to the exclusion of everything else. The whole man, mind and soul should be trained. Modern science has been responsible mainly for this stress which has been placed on intellectualism. In some cases, through mistaken zeal, the scientific method has been applied to the study of the languages and literature. In this way such studies have been robbed of much of the benefit that ought to be derived from them.

In closing, President Schurman forcibly appealed to the students before him to contribute to the welfare and betterment of society about them. Not all of them, he said, could hold offices, but they could wield a salutary influence as private citizens.

At the conclusion of the address short speeches were made by A. C. Wakely and Judge Irvine in behalf of the Cornell alumni who were present. Both referred, as the chancellor had done before, to the similarity of spirit between Cornell and our own university.

WORKING ON THE CINDER TRACK.

The committee in charge of the cinder track which it is proposed to build on the campus this spring, met Monday afternoon in Dr. Hastings' office.

The committee on mass meeting reported and it was deemed advisable to hold such a meeting in the near future in order to enlist the sympathy of the student body in the enterprise.

Various other committees reported and it was the opinion of all that the enterprise was entirely feasible and could easily be carried out provided the students took any interest in the scheme.

It was decided to push the work of grading as rapidly as possible in order to have things ready for field day in the spring and also to avoid troubling base ball practice for any length of time.

E. A. Moore, manager of track athletics, was instructed to consult with the authorities concerning the grading and the necessary work on the campus.

This track will be regulation length and built after the most approved plan. Such a track as is proposed would naturally cost some five or six hundred dollars, but owing to special arrangement the cost will probably be reduced on half. Roscoe Pound, as agent for various buildings has offered the necessary cinders free of charge.

Dr. Hastings thinks it entirely probable that all the labor required will be donated by the different gym classes, hence the only large item of expense will be the grading. This will be quite an extensive operation as it involves the grading of the entire foot ball field.

Dirt must be removed from the southern and central portions to the north eastern corner in order that the field be entirely level. This will interfere with base ball practice for a time but in the end will prove so beneficial that little opposition is expected from this source. After the grading of the field, the building of the track proper will be commenced. It will practically traverse the same ground as did the one built last spring for field day.

When the track is completed it will be in advance of any one of like nature west of Chicago, and will enable the University to take the same lead in track events that she has already taken in base ball and foot ball.

COMPANY B HOP.

The fourth annual hop of company B given at the Lincoln Light Infantry hall on last Friday night proved to be not only the most successful but the best attended military dance of this college year. That the annual hop of company B has come to be recognized as one of the social events of the college year, was evidenced by the festivities on Friday night.

Forty-seven couples took part in the grand march which was led by Lieutenant and Mrs. Stotsenberg.

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