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THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW BUILDING.

Holiday for the University.—Lecture by Prof. Brooks.—

Classes Meet.—Seniors and Juniors Play a Tie
Game of Foot-Ball.

The holiday last Friday was observed by faculty, students, regents, and everybody in general with genuine college spirit. Many predicted that the gathering of the classes to march to the armory would bring about some class "scraps" that would make the day a lurid one, but all of those predictions were vain. Juniors passed by Seniors without any pugnacious feelings; Sophomores and Freshmen looked upon each other mildly and made no fuss.

The holiday program began in chapel at 10 o'clock. The feature of this meeting was the address of Prof. Morgan Brooks on "Electricity and Enlightenment." Regent von Forrel opened the meeting by invocation which was followed by the official announcement of the election of Prof. Brooks, vice Prof. Owens, resigned. Chancellor MacLean then announced Mr. Brooks officially installed and presented him to Dean Bessey of the Industrial College. In his lecture Prof. Brooks traced the development in the use of electricity in this century. The early attempts to use electricity for lighting purposes had been failures. The electrical telegraph has only been invented about sixty years, and for a long time it had only a limited use. When Cyrus W. Field laid the Atlantic cable, a great advance was made in telegraphy.

Prof. Brooks mentioned the importance of the telegraph as an aid to the government. It facilitates diplomatic relations; makes difficult the escape of criminals, saves life and property by means of weather bureau and fire alarms.

He spoke, also, of the usefulness of the telephone, as an agent in business affairs. It also aids in unifying the language of a country.

He also spoke of the conservation and transformation of energy by electricity and cited as an example, Niagara Falls. Electricity has supplanted horse-power—to a great extent electricity in X rays has greatly transformed surgery.

THE AFTERNOON EXERCISES.

The cadet band opened the afternoon exercises by an out-of-door concert which brought out a large crowd. The University may well be proud of its band this year. It contains nearly

thirty-five pieces and Mr. Earl Wehn as leader is bringing out the very best there is in the boys. The classes gathered during this concert and marched to the armory giving their class yells as they went. After an excellent selection by the band, in the armory, Pres. C. H. Morrill of the Board of Regents, presented the report of the building committee. The total cost of the building as it stands has been \$30,126.87. This is not quite met by the \$30,000 appropriation of the legislature. Pres. Morrill congratulated the University in thus receiving the most substantial building on the campus.

The words of Chancellor MacLean, in accepting the building, were eloquent and well-chosen. He said that he accepted this tenth building on the campus with thanksgiving to God and the people of Nebraska. "It shall be named 'The North Wing of Mechanic Arts Hall,'" he said, "until the liberality of a legislature that knows no north and no south shall give us a completed college of Mechanic Arts."

"To the eye of the prophet, this day with the dedication of the Mechanic Arts Hall crowns the peace jubilee of the trans-Mississippi exposition. The University of Nebraska, now generally recognized as the leading central trans-Mississippi university, becomes in the loftiest sense of the words, the permanent trans-Mississippi and international exposition. It will be the perennial school of the people, the fountain head of progress in theory and practice, the preparatory school for another exposition whose peace jubilee will celebrate, not only as at present a united nation free from sectionalism of north and south, east and west, but also a unified nation. Invention will have bound all into one with something more than bands of steel even by intercommunication—as quick as lightning—of thought, speech and visible presence. Education and the solidarity of humanity will have made one capitalist and laborer, classes and masses, the American from Porto Rico to the Philippines, and mankind the globe around."

He then committed the building to Dean Bessey and his colleague with hearty congratulations.

Prof. Bessey responded with a brief history of the growth of the University, and in closing pledged himself and his colleagues of the Industrial College to use the new building in strict interpretation of the act of congress, for the promotion of "the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life."

A procession was then formed and marched to the new

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