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CHANGE IN OUTLOOK.

Arrival of Coach Branch Gives Another Tone to the Gossip of the Gridiron.

The change that has been noticed in the foot ball problem during the past two weeks has been very marked. At the time of the arrival of many of the old students the situation was dark and it looked as if Coach Branch would have a hard task on his hands to get a team out of anything except raw material. The resignation of Manager Pearse and the talk that Captain Williams would not return to school on account of poor health cast a gloom upon those persons concerned that was hard to shake off.

Coach Branch arrived the latter part of registration week. His arrival was heralded about the campus and in a short time foot ball stock took an upward movement. At the first practice of the men it was seen that he was to be the one that would have control and that any one who was not willing to train in what was deemed the best manner, and who was not willing to accept certain rules, would not get a place on the team.

Last week Stringer arrived. This was another encouraging sign. He has always held the reputation of being one of the best ends that has ever attended the university. Benedict was already here and began to feel that the sentiment of all of the students demanded that he come out and play. This pressure has had the desired effect and it is safe to say that two of the men behind the line will be found in their old positions.

Later in the week another piece of good news gave an impetus to the practice. It was announced that although Manager Pearse had resigned, he had decided at the last moment to re-enter the university. He arrived the latter part of the week and began active practice at once. Captain Williams arrived Saturday, and although he has not recovered completely from his long siege of illness, he is looking well and thinks that he will be able to begin practice at once.

Garrett and Drain both reported for practice last week. Garrett played full in several games last year and may get a place this season. Drain finished the season at quarter last fall and will stand a fairly good show of getting either his old place or the end position left vacant by the departure of Follmer.

The scrub team of last year will also furnish some material that will do for first team work. Cortelyou and Crandall are showing up well in practice. The former has the advantage in size and speed and may be put on end. Crandall is rather light, but gets into the game in good shape and will stand a show for quarter.

It now seems evident that the three middle positions in the line will be more easy to fill than was at first supposed. Tyson, the one hundred and ninety pound guard from the Lincoln high school, has reported for practice and stands a fair show of being Captain Melford's successor in that position.

Ringer and Tobin are also eligibles for the team from the high school. The former weighs one hundred and eighty and will possibly be played at guard in case no heavier men appear. Tobin is

also a heavy man. He is known in field athletics, holding the state scholastic record for the twelve-pound hammer throw.

From the men who have appeared so far the fullback position will lie with Garrett, Bell or Sedgwick. All are being tried on punting, but as yet their abilities in this line are undeveloped. Several other heavy men are out for the line, but it is impossible to list their merits at this time. A little practice will be necessary in getting them located before any promises are made.

The development of the second team will be left to W. E. Allen of the physical training department this year. It is intended to arrange a fixed schedule of games for this team as well as for the 'varsity.

PHI BETA KAPPA AGITATION.

One of the phases of life at the University of Michigan is shown in the following discussion, which is clipped from the daily paper of the institution at one time during the past school year. It reads as follows:

"For some time past certain persons, who have interested themselves in establishing at Ann Arbor a chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa, have been actively pushing the matter among the students. President Angell has always been opposed to the founding of the society because in his belief it did not allow as great democracy in a school as might be enjoyed without it, and his aim has always been to make the university as democratic as possible.

"Those active in the enterprise have issued copies of a petition to the faculty, to be signed by the students of the literary department. Over 500 signatures have now been secured for this petition and it is now ready to be submitted to the faculty at its next meeting. What its fate there will be or what action will be taken by them is a question. Many of the faculty members are openly in favor of it, while some, though not opposed, see at least some undesirable results from the existence of such a society here. It is not the organization itself that is so much objected to as some of the necessary results of it. To select those to be honored with membership in the Phi Beta Kappa will require a close system of marking, which alone may result in many students not working for work's sake so much as for high grades. Some also believe that it will be difficult to work out a system by which actual merit may be determined without any mistakes or favoritism.

"One of the chief objections laid to the door of the marking system for this purpose is that many times those really most competent do not receive high enough grades to enable them to secure the honors. This arises from the fact that many are interested in athletics, debate, journalism and a hundred other activities, which will take just enough of their time not to prevent their being thorough scholars, but to prevent them from getting quite high enough class marks from day to day to secure the places their ability and knowledge entitle them to."

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DISCUSSES DEGREES.

Chancellor Bessey Talks Upon Policy of the University in Giving Degrees.

For some years it has been the intention of the authorities of the university to bring the different departments to a stage where the same degree could be given in each. The task has been long, but the progress steady. As is stated below, the number has been reduced to two, and will in a space of time become one, with the exception of the professional degrees, which will have to remain as they are.

Below is an interview published in one of the city papers, in which Chancellor Bessey outlines his ideas on the matter:

"It has been the practice in the University of Nebraska to give but two degrees to the graduates of the four-year courses. All graduates of the college of literature, science and arts receive the degree of bachelor of arts, and all graduates of the industrial college receive the degree of bachelor of science. By referring to the university calendar it is seen that the first named college includes twenty groups of study, but with all the differences thus provided for every graduate of this college receives the degree of bachelor of arts. In like manner there are to be found fourteen groups of study in the industrial college; and here again, while there is much variation in the work done, every graduate receives the degree of bachelor of science.

"The university has endeavored to make the two degrees referred to above of equal value. That is, the entrance requirements are as nearly equal as possible, and the amount of work to be done after entrance is made as severe in one case as in the other. That the degrees are held by the university authorities as of equal culture value is indicated by the fact that the faculty of the graduate school admit bachelors of science as equally eligible with the bachelors of arts to the degree of master of arts. It is a notable fact that the University of Nebraska does not confer the degree of master of science.

"In discussing the question of the advisability of using different degrees to indicate different lines of work taken by the students, the acting chancellor said: 'It is impossible at the present time to make the title of the degree indicate precisely the shade of training of the bearer. If degrees are to have value they must indicate amount of training—amount of culture—or we are driven to the absurd alternative of having a degree for not only each group of studies laid down in our calendars, but also for every student who by the use of electives has changed his group of studies. The latter alternative would be too absurd for consideration. I think we are driven to the conclusion that we must attempt to indicate simply amount of training. We may, as in this university, indicate general trend of training also, as we do by the two degrees which we confer. However, it is to be noticed that these two degrees to which I have referred are in separate colleges, each controlled by its own faculty and that the degrees are conferred, the one by one faculty and the other by the other.'

"In referring to higher degrees he said: 'I might add that not only are the science men eligible to the second

degree of arts, but that they are eligible also to our degree of doctor of philosophy, a degree, by the way, which we are very chary in bestowing.'

SOPHOMORE-FRESHMAN CONTEST.

Great interest is being taken in the coming sophomore-freshman contest, which takes place on the afternoon of October 7 on the athletic field. The events will consist of general track athletics, relay races, foot ball kick and base ball throw. As an inducement to increase interest in the event the Fleming grocery company of Lincoln has offered as a prize to the winner a silver water set, and the seniors and juniors have agreed to run a relay race as an accessory attraction. Interest in this event in former years has lagged for lack of interest on the part of upper classmen, but now that they have a share in the contest interest will be added. Training has already begun and quite a number have entered. It is desired that all entrees be in by September 30, so the men can get down to work.

Increased interest is being taken by the students in gymnasium work this fall and the enrollment for classes is large. Physical examination for the classes began September 25 and the classes will be formed on October 9. Examinations for the athletic classes have already been made and the classes are in working order. Doctor Hastings is very much pleased over the examinations of the candidates for the foot ball team, characterizing them as being men of fine build in excellent condition.

Winfred B. Allen, assistant in this department, will coach the reserves, as the second team will be called this fall, and will also take part of the classes in athletic training during the winter and spring.

FOOT BALL IN THE WEST.

The last issue of the Kansas university weekly paper contains a lengthy discussion of the foot ball situation in various parts of the United States. The article is purported to be by one who knows, and in the course of what he says a great deal is assumed. Speaking of the situation in the west, the following is offered:

"If the history of foot ball in the west during the last four or five years may be accepted as a criterion to judge by, the time is not far distant when the institutions of the west will have as many representatives on the all-American teams as those of the east. In the west the greatest interest will be manifested in the results achieved by the elevens of Chicago, Michigan and Wisconsin. Wisconsin has by all odds the brightest outlook of all the western teams. In addition to retaining every important member on last year's team, with the possible exception of Holmes, Wisconsin will have the services of Riordan, '97, captain and guard; Peele, '97, halfback and tackle, and Comstock, '96, center. Besides these men, Wisconsin alumni have put forth great efforts to secure promising high school and preparatory school foot ball players, and there should be on Randall field this fall the best collection of foot ball material any institution in the west has yet had.

"Of all the games to be played between eastern and western teams this fall, none should be so close, with chances in favor of the western team, as the game