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The plan to have students call for their paper at the university book store is not as successful as it should be. A large number of papers were not called for last week until late in the week. It puzzles the editors to know whether the subscribers really want protection or not. If they do, it behooves them to give the matter at least consideration enough to call for copies when they are left for them.

The suggestion made by the Nebraskan-Hesperian last week that a chess tournament be drawn off some time during the coming year has met with much favor among different students of the university. A move has already been started and from all indications, at least thirty people will enter. It is the desire of those interested to take the work in harmony with the city chess club. This would be very advantageous to all concerned and would insure some close contests during the years. Pillsbury, the chess champion, is expected to visit Lincoln again this year, and his coming will do much toward keeping up enthusiasm. Any who desire to enter should call at the office of the Nebraskan-Hesperian, where they will receive information concerning the move. Fuller particulars may be given next week, as to the progress that has been made.

A plan is in the course of development in the university, which, if successful, will be one of the most pleasing features of the year. Everyone knows that a glee and mandolin club is a highly enjoyable thing, yet no plan heretofore has made a success out of such an organization. Director Kimball of the school of music considers that he has struck it at last, and the next few weeks will show whether he is right or not. His plan is to arrange a trip in the states east of the Missouri river and with this as an inducement to work, to build up the club. The plan is most feasible. Material in abundance can be found in the university, with the exception, possibly, of first tenors. Players of stringed instruments can be found without the slightest trouble. With the prospect of a trip to Chicago and farther east, scores of men would appear in a remarkably short time. It would be well for students to keep this plan in mind and at any time that Director Kimball proposes the plan, to volunteer their services immediately.

A great deal of complaint has been heard of late concerning the removal of the mail boxes from the main hallway to the book store. As is usually the case, this dissatisfaction comes

from parties who do not stop to consider conditions around the institution. The removal was ordered by the board of regents at one of their summer meetings, after a due consideration of the subject. The want of room was experienced in this case, as it is in many others at all times. It was conceded by all that the boxes were a nuisance, as they were. Something had to be done. The all-ready crowded condition of the book store at first made the plan to move there inadvisable until it was decided to place them as they now are. The arrangement is not to be permanent. As soon as other quarters are provided they will be moved. In the meantime, students should put up with the inconvenience as best they can, and remember that the regents have their welfare at heart, and will provide for them as rapidly as is in their power.

We always dislike to get into any dissensions with the University of Kansas, yet there are things that we feel justified in mentioning. When it was agreed last spring to drop the Iowa game if that institution would not agree to come back into the league it was done at the request of Kansas. Later that institution came up and tried to work us into believing that we made certain agreements at the time of the league meeting, whereby we were to play at Lawrence in case that Iowa did not come back into the league. We insisted that we had not and finally after considerable difficulty, we demonstrated that it would not be satisfactory for us to play there. A few days ago the Kansas man who represented that institution at the meeting visited his alma mater and gave out a statement for publication that corresponded exactly to the stand that Nebraska had taken. But this was not all. After the fight that was made to get Iowa into the league and the attempt to bulldoze here, the manager of the football team writes to Iowa and tries to arrange a game with them. Will somebody attempt to make a guess upon the policy which our neighbor is attempting to pursue.

The colleges in Iowa seem to be getting in touch with one another in a most admirable way. A few weeks ago several of them combined to purify athletics and the result of their efforts seems to be very gratifying. The remainder of the colleges are playing out the series of games for the present in the most harmonious manner possible. The other day Ames sent her football team to Iowa City. From the time that the Ames men reached the depot platform until they left after the game everything was a constant reign of good feeling. Yells were exchanged constantly and everyone turned out to show the northern farmers a merry time. On the field the goal posts were draped in the colors of the two institutions. This spirit cannot fail to bring good returns in an inconceivably short time. United and harmonious action is the only kind that will ever do thoroughly good work. Why is it not possible to drop the Missouri river off the map and let the University of Nebraska come in and help promote this fellowship? This year Nebraska plays games with Ames, Grinnell and the University of Iowa. She also plays Drake, but this institution seems to be getting the cold shoulder at the present time. However, this state of affairs cannot last long and it is only a question of time until Drake comes back into the line set down by the other institutions or until they come back to her. The Nebraskan-Hesperian does not believe in

leagues for the furthering of interests, yet an unwritten law could easily govern that would be satisfactory to all. We suggest to our sister institutions that they give this matter their attention. We are sure that they consider Nebraska the most formidable opponent in this section of the country and would be willing to treat fairly and squarely at any time that negotiations could be begun. A schedule of games could easily be arranged that would be advantageous to all.

The present year has brought forth several interesting comparisons between the Universities of Iowa and Nebraska. The reason for this is obvious. The fact that Chancellor MacLear left this university and accepted the head of the Iowa university opened the eyes of many Nebraskans. For the past few years it has been the general sentiment that our institution out-classed the other, in rank as well as in numbers. Growth has been little less than marvelous and the increase in numbers was supposed to be a criterion of rank. This is scarcely the plausible explanation. No other school of import exists in this state. Aspirants for learning have been forced to seek here or in other states for satisfactory fields. In spite of this, institutions the size of Wesleyan and Doane have experienced proportionately the same growth as the state university. In Iowa there is a perfect mass of colleges giving academic work of no mean rank. Students find opportunities at their very doors where they can obtain education, which, for the actual book value, is as good as that of the modern university. The state university finds contention for numbers here. It is probably true that the university is somewhat worsted in this contest. On the other hand there is a field for the professional school in Iowa the same as there is a field for the academic college here. With this field, no institution in the west boasts of greater progress in this branch than Iowa. The comparison between Iowa and Nebraska universities then is not between the academic departments or between the professional, but is a consideration of the academic on one hand and the professional on the other. In other words, does the academic department of Nebraska benefit the residents of the state more than the professional departments of Iowa do the residents of that state? It is our surmise that they do not. When each state is a little older, and each has developed the departments in which it is now deficient, it may be possible to reach some conclusion. Iowa is soon to have a new academic building, the cost of which will be in the neighborhood of \$160,000. With this advantage, some noticeable progress should be seen in the work that is being done. The advent of President MacLear should also make some considerable difference. With the proper selection of a chancellor for Nebraska, we may, however, keep space with any progress that Iowa may make.

The present school year should be one strong in debates and oratory. Contests of merit will be held here in the former branch. Nebraska will meet Kansas and Colorado here. Last year Kansas lost the contest in her own city and Colorado was victorious. Both will be all the more determined to win this year. The contest with Missouri will be held in Columbia, and presumably will be close as usual. Besides, correspondence is also being carried on to arrange a contest with Iowa. This will also add much interest. With the four neighboring institutions to contest for honor with Nebraska men, it will be closely watched to see whether the mental or physical capacities of this state rank better with those of our neighbors.

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