

the jest of their acquaintances. The laws regulating the saloon in regard to the time of closing at night and on Sunday are not enforced. The curfew ordinance is a dead letter. The boys were afraid of it for a while and scampered home when the whistle blew, but nobody was ever arrested and now the streets are as full of urchins after as before nine o'clock. The city government costs a lot of money which might as well be back in the taxpayer's pocket. His children are the prey of the vicious. His property is assessed at an increasing valuation every year, when its real value is declining, to pay the salary of a mayor who farms out the city offices, of a chief of police who holds his place at the good pleasure of that same mayor, of a police whom wise citizens securely lock their doors against, of a city council which for twelve years has been experimenting with water in a salt deposit and of a sheriff who refuses to perform his duty when confronted with criminals that the law says he must arrest. These are plain words on threadbare subjects but there are enough good people in Lincoln to change the situation if they are once convinced that a continuance of the present regime threatens the well-being of their own families.

The new scholarships offered by the Haydon Art club are being secured by those who appreciate the advantages offered for so very small a sum. For five dollars the purchaser will receive a ticket entitling him to a lesson a week throughout the school year and to all the privileges of the Haydon Art club besides, which include admission to all lectures and exhibits and social reunions of the club. Some of those who wish to purchase these five dollar scholarships met with Miss Parker last Thursday evening in the university atelier. Hereafter the instruction evenings will be on every Tuesday evening of the school year at the university.

The Irrigation congress which met in Lincoln this week gave an impetus to the cause in the very place where it will do the most good, viz.—in Nebraska. The members of the congress are of the type practical and reflecting, not reformers, but inventors who accept circumstances as they are and go about to make arrangements which will make certain natural laws offset others which have operated against man. The discussion on irrigation, its expense and benefits, has changed many a farmer's views, who has thought irrigation impracticable because of the expense. Considering that the productive capacity of an acre of ground is doubled, while the labor required to till it remains the same, the cost of irrigation is saved in the cost of labor. If irrigation becomes general the size of the farms will be cut in two, the number of holdings increased. And by the same token the hired men of today will be proprietors in the irrigated future. Another possibility of irrigation applied to the richest soil and longest summer in the temperate zone is the vast diversity of crops. Nothing, outside of tropical fruits and nuts, is impossible to Nebraska with plenty of water on it. The early springs, the late falls, the lean, the perpetual sun and water in plenty make an agricultural paradise such as no other state can vouch for.

**The Gridiron.**

If an early start and good material count for anything, the university football team should be the best this

fall ever produced in Nebraska. The men are all quick and active and possess, in addition to determination and grit, two or three season's experience.

The last two weeks of preliminary work has put the men in good condition and Coach Robinson has set the candidates at work on signal practice and blocking immediately.

There are half a dozen players who already have shown more than the average amount of speed and the struggle for places behind the line will be unusually sharp. This cannot be said so much of the line men except for end positions, where a large number are trying for places.

The men themselves feel that the rivalry is strong, and already are making every effort possible to gain the place which they desire. With this antagonism the men who finally succeed in filling the positions will be the best. They must possess in addition to an unlimited amount of nerve, all the different qualities of speed, earnestness, ever-rising courage—but above all, nerve. The man who brinks from an oncoming plunge of the other team is lacking in the prime requisite.

The style of game for this season will be varied somewhat but only in the details. The retention of the rules of last season necessitates this year's play being similar in the main.

Much of kicking will be done. Not only does it make the game a better one for the spectators, but it is a sure, safe game, and especially on a windy day is the winning game.

The line work will be more open and easier to watch. With the doing away of mass plays, this method of line blocking becomes necessary. The guards and tackles will be some six or eight feet apart, while the ends will have a still greater amount of territory to cover.

It is said that the formation of interference behind the lines will be considerably different this season, but just how and to what extent is not yet known.

The only resemblance to a mass play that will be used this year in all probability is the revolving wedge used by the Nebraska team in the Iowa game of last year. It is almost impossible to stop this maneuver.

Wagenhurst is coaching Missouri this season, and he being from Pennsylvania, as is Woodruff, we may expect the same style of play—that of U. of P.—from both teams.

This game mainly consists of drawing the guards back with the half-backs and running them in the interference. With a quick, active line opposing them, however, it is a dangerous game, for the eight or nine opposing players playing in the line can quickly pass the other five and break the interference before it has started. If this can be done, remains to be seen.

What style of game Iowa will play is not yet known. The coach of that team is a Lafayette man and in all probability will make a better coach than either Wagenhurst of Missouri, or Woodruff of Kansas.

These two gentlemen are wonderful as individual players. But as coach, that is a different matter.

The first game played by the Nebraska team is October 8, with Ames. The game is to be played at Des Moines and will be a hard one—the first game always is hard.

As the Ames school runs through the summer that team should be well trained at present. Their practice begins in early August, and just at present they are in as good shape as they will be in any time during the season.

Their school year ends in October, and it is their custom to remain together and travel about playing



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This first early game will do the Nebraska team a great deal of good in getting them used to meeting strange faces. This means considerable to a new man. It is like a new man said last year—"the other team always look the biggest fellows on earth."

Then it will be valuable in showing who possesses the nerve when it comes right down to the critical time—and who has the endurance, and the skill, and natural ability, and the hundred other little things.

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Missing from home since May 16, 1897.—Boy 14 years of age, of large frame, easily taken to be 15 or 16 years old; height, 5 feet; weight 100 to 110 pounds; square shoulders, awkward gait; head large, very long from before backwards with flat crown; eyes brown, hair brown; disposition, genial; expression, bright, decided and merry; when he left home, was dressed in a light gray suit, buttons of which bore the name of L. W. Mueller, Providence, R. I. Father is inclined to believe that boy is dead, death resulting from foul play. Any definite information leading to the discovery of the body—or the whereabouts of the child, if living—will be thankfully received and duly rewarded by the father, Dr. W. H. Stone, 154 Orms street, Providence, R. I.