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VARSITY WORKED HARD

Scrubs Make Their First Score
—Demand for More Enthusiasm—Gates Open Thursday.

The varsity played poorer football than usual last night, but finally succeeded in defeating the scrubs, 11-5. The practice was held behind locked gates, only a few being admitted to the game. For the first time during the season the varsity's goal was crossed and this was due to the poor playing of the first team.

With the ball in the center of the field the scrubs punted. A fumble on the part of a varsity man followed and Melick gaining possession of the pigskin, crossed the goal line for a touch down. Goal was missed.

After a brief rest the scrubs kicked to Benedict on the 10 yard line. Another fumble followed and the ball rolled back. In attempting to kick out of danger still another fumble followed and the scrubs gained possession. For a few minutes it seemed likely that they would score again, but the varsity got the ball and in a few hard plays pushed the ball over the scrubs' goal line.

The game throughout was full of fumbles and rank plays. Lack of ginger was manifestly evident and the game was a sad exhibition of good football.

The trouble seems to be a lack of spirit among the players that extends throughout the school. The team is undergoing rigid training preparatory to the Minnesota game and it is disheartening to say the least to work and train throughout the season and receive scanty support.

Of course when the gates are barred to visitors it is hard to show any spirit, but Thursday afternoon the field will be open to everyone, and everybody interested in the team and the reputation of the university should be present. The team will leave Thursday night shortly after the practice. Let everyone be present at this last practice game the same as if it were an intercollegiate game. The scrubs are putting up a game every night that equals the exhibition that Grinnell gave last Saturday. After the practice be prepared to escort the team to the train and give them a loyal send off. An effort will be made to get out the band to lend its charm to the occasion. Fuller details will be given later.

The names of Cotton and Englehart have been added to the training table list.

Lincoln Academy Flourishes.

The Lincoln Academy has at last moved and is now completely located in its new home on North 14th street. The new building faces the west and is well equipped with cement pavements and curb steps. The spacious porch and large entrances are signifi-

cant of a hearty welcome and give to the visitor an hearty reception.

The building itself is a large nine-room structure that reaches well back into the block and is furnished with all the modern conveniences. The students of the academy will enjoy the privileges of hot and cold water, bath and toilet, and furnace heat. The building is lighted with the Weisbach light. It is finished throughout with hard pine and furnished with floors of hard wood.

The rooms are so arranged that they can be thrown open into one large hall or several smaller rooms as occasion may require. They will soon be fitted out with Hylo plate blackboards and cane-bottomed chairs, with arm rest similar to those at the university.

C. O. Crane, the university electrician, has connected the academy with the system at the university so that bells will ring throughout the building at the same moment that they are sounded in the university.

An attractive feature of the new office has been supplied by the Ross Curtis company, in the way of a framed frieze of photograture copies of old masterpieces, which adds greatly to the attractiveness of the apartment.

The management of the academy is formulating plans for greater work in the new home and anticipates results of a gratifying nature. The list of teachers is an indication of the work carried on. Miss Nellie Dean has charge of the department of Latin, Mr. L. E. Ayles worth, ancient history; Miss Laura Puffer, algebra; Miss Ellen Frankish, plane geometry; Mr. Erie Spafford, solid geometry; Miss Florence McGahey, algebra; Mr. J. D. Dasebrock, German; Mr. J. D. Elliott, Caesar and Cicero; and Miss Florence Hartzell, physics and chemistry.

In addition, Miss Virginia Hoffman, of the executive office of the university, carries a class in shorthand two evenings in every week.

Outside of the daily routine, there are either under contemplation or in actual running order, social functions of various sorts. A girls' social hour club will meet every two weeks with Mrs. Hodgman. Refreshments will be served on these occasions and helpful talks enjoyed by the girls of the academy. The girls will also have basketball practice under the direction of Miss Dean. The development of a formidable team is among the possibilities.

The boys are enthusiastic over athletics and will also put out teams. Mr. Dasebrock, as coach of the football team, is developing a line that claims to be able to meet anything from the university first eleven to the Lincoln high school.

The academy, in its new location, will be in a position to improve upon even its own commendable work. The departments of physics and chemistry will remain in the Windsor building, because it is found that the new building is not large enough for recitation rooms, office and laboratory.

Voices of men wishing to sing in the University Glee Club will be tested tonight at 7:30 in the old chapel.

DISCUSSION OF STRIKE

Albert Watkins of Lincoln Explains Present Conditions of the Labor Problem.

Students and members of the faculty attended convocation exercises yesterday in large numbers to hear Mr. Watkins speak on the anthracite coal strike. Prof. Fossler presided, and read two poems; one by Van Dyke entitled "Work," and the other from the New England magazine entitled "Which." The quartet then rendered a selection, after which Mr. Watkins was introduced.

After poking some fun at the politicians Mr. Watkins took up the strike situation. He said that formerly the work in the mines was performed by English speaking miners, but finally the Slavs, with the low standard of living were introduced. A struggle inevitably resulted between the two races. The only way in which the English speaking miners could prevent a decrease in wages was by getting the Slavs to join the union. This they succeeded in doing. The real issue then was, should the mine operators treat with the union as an organization. This is the important problem and a very difficult one.

But, said Mr. Watkins, the outlook seems encouraging. Because a problem is difficult to solve there is no reason why an attempt at solution ought not to be made. There is no such condition as "let good enough alone," said the speaker. In the consideration of important questions we must keep in mind the idea of relativity. We must try to make conditions better, even though we are unable to reach the ideal condition. Life is a struggle. Even in Christian organizations persons do not pretend to be perfect Christians; they are Christian endeavorers.

Why is sympathy not with the operators. Because they come into court with dirty hands. They violate the laws of the state which provide that mine operators shall not engage in the business of common carriers. They have violated the inter-state commerce act, and stand indicted by the report of the industrial commission.

The questions involved in the strike situation pertain to wages and the liberty to work. Are the wages high enough and are laborers compelled to go to work? According to our laws a laborer may work or remain idle as he pleases; the operator may work his mines or bring about a coal famine. There are two remedies for the conditions, said Mr. Watkins. They are arbitration and public ownership. The present strike has emphasized the fact that we are fast coming to believe in compulsory arbitration, and public ownership. Men are changing their views on these important questions. The people are beginning to understand that the laws of competition do not

work effectively under present industrial conditions. It would be difficult to enforce the rulings of a court of compulsory arbitration, but with a strong public sentiment back of it, good results would be accomplished.

The coal strike has brought us face to face with the fact that we have neglected to solve the important questions of the day, that competition works but half way.

In concluding his remarks the speaker said the strike would seem to "place" the people with the politician. "We have been trying to live under the two party system which has become obsolete in other countries." To such an extent as the strike has caused people to realize the gravity of the industrial situation it has been a blessing. There has been a rapid change among prominent men. Even the conservative members of both parties are taking a stand in favor of compulsory arbitration or governmental ownership.

State Educators Convention.

The annual convention of the State Superintendents' and Principals' association will be held in the art gallery, Oct. 16-18. During the session the most important questions relating to school affairs that have more recently come into public view will be discussed. Following is the program for Thursday evening:

"May not the university (or college) now safely matriculate a pupil merely on presentation of four years' credit from an accredited school without any specification of subjects?"—Prof. H. W. Caldwell, Lincoln.

Discussion: Principal Waterhouse, Omaha; Dr. J. I. Lees, Lincoln.

"Common Mistakes of Smaller Schools."—Inspector J. W. Crabtree.

Y. M. C. A. Ping-Pong.

The most popular place on the campus has been the Y. M. C. A. since the new ping-pong table has been installed. A regulation table and ping-pong set was placed in the Y. M. C. A. front room Monday. Since then the room has been filled with those watching the plays. Secretary Ross said today that a tournament would be pulled off in the near future as many of the experienced are anxious to test their ability.

A piano has been placed in the rooms. Prayer meetings will henceforth be held in the rooms and all the students are invited to spend the half hour from 7 to 7:30 on Thursday evenings with the men. An extended song service will be introduced and if well attended will be made a permanent feature of the meetings.

The people in Nebraska hall were very indignant a day or two ago at the carelessness of a drayman who ran into the Carolina poplar tree just south of the building. As a result of this carelessness a big piece of bark was broken loose, and the life of the tree endangered. This is the second time that this tree has suffered within a few months, and there is talk of prosecution in case of further injury.