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### The Week's Convocations.

The following is the program for convocation hour for the ensuing week:

Thursday, Nov. 6—Professor Robbins.

Friday, Nov. 7—Music.

Some freshmen who did not have the chance to go home and vote are waiting anxiously for Thanksgiving to come, when they will again have a chance to taste a good meal.

Many students caught colds staying out of doors Tuesday night waiting to hear of election returns. The night was too cold for comfort and not many remained late.

The young ladies of the university seem to prefer to read the papers belonging to gentlemen friends rather than place their names on the subscription list.

The glee club is looking forward to its first appearance in public with a complete repertoire. They are being well drilled to make the university rejoice in their music.

The cold weather puts more snap into the cadets. They have to keep on the move to keep warm. They are wondering how it will seem to drill five days a week next semester.

Chancellor Andrews pronounces the daily paper of the university one of the most successful publications of its kind of which he knows anything about. The largest percentage of students do not appreciate it, however.

The leaders of the "rooter" squads request everyone to go to Saturday's game armed with a megaphone. They desire one thousand "rooters" with megaphones in the rooting squads next Saturday in order to prepare for the Knox game. There is no doubt but what rooting has helped to win many a victory on the football field and it is the duty of every student to lend his support for the rest of the season to help prevent Nebraska's goal line from being crossed.

If the university gets a new building appropriation this winter from the legislature the question will be where to put it. More campus room is as necessary as new buildings. Our campus is one of the smallest in the country, considering the size of the university.

The gate receipts of the Haskell game were twenty-five hundred dollars. There were three thousand in attendance. As the Indians received 20 per cent of the gross receipts and their expenses, Nebraska netted something like eighteen hundred dollars.

The increased amount of seating capacity upon Nebraska field will make it one of the most completely equipped athletic grounds in the western country. By the time bleachers are erected to the height of the grandstand at both ends the people will not have to pay to have a chance to get within a board fence and then stand up.

### Teachers' Association.

Secretary T. M. Hodgman of the college section of the Teachers' association, which meets at Lincoln during the holidays, announces the program that will be carried out by that part of the association.

The college section is a division of the entire organization of Nebraska teachers and is composed of college men entirely. President W. E. Shell of York College is president, and Prof. T. M. Hodgman of the university is secretary. These officers have arranged the following program, which will consume two days of the meeting:

On the first day Prof. H. W. Caldwell, of the department of American history, will discuss the affirmative of the question, "Should a time requirement be substituted for a subject requirement for entrance to college." President George Sutherland of Grand Island will support the negative.

On the second day Dr. C. E. Bessey, of the botany department, will take the affirmative of the question, "Shall the college time be reduced to three years?" President D. K. Kerr of Bellevue will discuss the negative side of the question.

Each of these papers will be given twenty minutes and the balance of the two afternoons will be devoted to five-minute talks. The discussions will be conducted by college men of Nebraska, over fourteen of whom have already consented to take part. The topics are very timely and the support that is being given to them indicates that they are of deep interest to college men throughout the state.

### Department of Astronomy.

A valuable addition to the department of astronomy is a set of transparent maps of the sky. They are arranged on the sides of a box-like structure, lighted from the inside, and so placed upon a pedestal that it can be moved according to the position of the planets. This invention does away with the necessity of the students' examining the old-fashioned paper charts and making observations separately.

A new mounting has just been completed for one of the instruments of the observatory and a new pin built for it in the meridian room. Used with its original mounting on one pin, it is an altazimuth instrument; with the mounting on the new pin it is a transit instrument and zenith telescope combined.

The patterns for the castings were made last spring in our own shops. The mechanical work was done for the most part by Mr. Chowins, of the physics department, during vacation.

### Questions on High Schools.

Mr. J. W. Crabtree, inspector of accredited schools, is sending out a large number of letters to the superintendents of accredited schools. Mr. Crabtree is making an investigation as to the effectiveness of our public schools as at present organized from the standpoint of the business man. He intends sending a list of questions to six or eight of the most prominent citizens in every town where there is one of these schools. The following is submitted to the business men:

1. What is your opinion as to the effectiveness of our public schools as at present organized?

2. To what extent should the public school prepare young men and young women for earning a living and, in your judgment, are the schools meeting this demand in a satisfactory manner?

3. What is the high school not doing that it should and what is it doing that it should not do?

Mr. Crabtree feels that the results of this investigation ought to be of considerable value to school men.

Wisconsin has a camera club.

Yale's musical clubs will take a western trip during the Christmas recess.

The Crown Prince of Siam will be the guest of the University of Chicago on November 6th.

It is estimated that American students issue three hundred periodicals, exclusive of fraternity publications.

A movement is on foot at Pennsylvania to compel freshmen to wear black caps to distinguish them from the upper-classmen.

The following appeared in the Purdue Exponent: "See the poor Soph! Is he going to die?" "No! He is just trying to work a physics problem."

Minnesota is to have a new sorority. A group of young women have petitioned for a chapter from Pi Beta Phi, the only national sorority not represented there.

Indiana is to have a new students' building. John D. Rockefeller has promised \$30,000 for this purpose if the university will raise a like amount. They have already raised \$20,000.

Michigan men have been burning asphalt paving blocks which were stacked along the sides of the streets, instead of unobtainable coal. Verily Ann Arbor is a hot town.—The Daily Iowan.

An important move is now on foot at California to establish a committee of students which shall confer with a committee from the faculty in dealing with cases of breach of discipline on the part of students.

Five hundred specimens of grasshoppers have been received by Professor Bruner from Central America.

W. L. Hunter, a graduate of the university, who is now in the government service as a botanist at Washington, is visiting in Lincoln.

Ernst Bessey, '96, has at last completed his long journey into Turkestan, and it now back in Germany, where he is hard at work in the University of Halle.

George G. Hedgecock, '99, now in the employ of the United States department of agriculture, and stationed at St. Louis, has entered Washington university in that city for his doctor's degree, which he hopes to take next year.

G. A. Benedict, '99, who gave a good deal of attention to forestry while in the university, writes to Professor Bessey from Surigao, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, saying that he has collected a set of grasses and other plants of the region which he is sending to the university herbarium.

Pennsylvania freshmen brought down upon themselves the wrath of the sophomores by painting their numerals upon the sidewalks. The sophs seized a few freshmen and were compelling them to scrub the walks when more freshmen appeared upon the scene. The excitement did not cease until both sides had had enough.

A weekly news letter is sent out from the university to a thousand county papers in Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado and the Black hills. A daily news letter is sent to about fifty dailies in the same states. These letters contain items of interest about the university and their purpose is to acquaint the people with the university.

### MADE A GREAT DIFFERENCE.

Railroads Are Great Conveniences When They Cause No Discomfort.

Secretary Shaw, the humorist of the present administration, tells this story:

"I stopped off at Syracuse not a great while ago and listened to two men talking about the tremendous business development of this country in which everybody was sharing. One of them was making the point that the general prosperity was for the benefit of the entire community.

"Look at this great railroad, with its four tracks running east and west," he said. "It is a highway of empire, carrying each day to the Atlantic or the Pacific the product of the factory, the mine and the loom. Wipe it off the map and everything comes to a standstill and we become involved in a common ruin."

"Just then the empire state express came rushing along and a red-hot cinder struck the speaker in the eye.

"D— these engines!" said he, "I wish there was not a railroad in the country."

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