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RAIN HINDERS PRACTICE

Men Slow in Getting Out—Knox is Coming Expecting to Defeat Nebraska—Other Football Talk.

The weather was too disagreeable for energetic practice last night and Booth kept his pets under shelter rather than subject them to the vicissitudes of the weather. Only Follmer, Tobin and Simodymus of the regular squad were on the gridiron. By working in the coaches and playing with half teams it was possible to line up for a little scrimmage but the rain soon interfered. Johnson was out for the first time this week.

Judging from the interest that is being manifested in the approaching game with Knox, the crowd will equal the multitude that attended the Haskell game. Thanks to the action of the athletic board the accommodations are much better than they were two weeks ago and it will be unnecessary to stand along the fence in order to see the game. The new additions to the grandstand are completed and although not as yet provided with covering, they are otherwise ready for use and the grandstand accommodations are almost doubled. On the east side of the field the bleachers extend the entire length of the gridiron, with abundant seating capacity for the rooters.

Nebraska now has a field superior in its accommodations to anything west of Chicago, and one of which we may justly feel proud. Only three years ago it was still necessary to push the spectators off the field in order to give the plays room to play and a crowd such as attended the Kansas game, although a small one for this year, was then considered immense.

Everybody expects Knox to be defeated, but all agree that the game will be one of the hardest of the year.

To allow Knox to cross Nebraska's goal line after Minnesota and the Haskell Indians have been kept at a safe distance, would indeed be disastrous to Nebraska's reputation.

The Cornhusker's seem to do their playing on alternate Saturdays. After defeating Minnesota they allowed the Tigers to hold them down to a low score, much lower than that made by the Indians. After the Missouri game they got down and worked as they never had before, and the Indians met a crushing defeat. Then came the Jayhawkers and again the game was not what was expected. If they play according to rule Knox in her turn will know what it is to experience a shut-out next Saturday. Then men are playing well and realize that the Galesburg men play good football. The absence of Shedd is the only thing to be regretted and the end may prove a trifle weak. Follmer plays his game well, but has not the strength of the unlucky "Chick."

Minnesota students have formed a Scandinavian Literary club.

Some Academy Notes.

The Lincoln Academy appreciates the completion of its new home after several weeks of work accomplished under difficulties. The concrete walks were laid last week in front of the building, which puts the finishing touch on the entire institution.

One half of the room formerly rented in the Winsor building is now used as laboratories for physics, chemistry and botany. Those branches of study can thus be given better attention, and students are afforded much better accommodations.

The social and literary side of student life receives due attention among the aggressive academy students. The social hour club meets Monday at 3 p. m., with Mrs. Hodgeman, and enjoys both a social and an intellectual treat. The Latin students, too, have organized themselves into a club. The organization was completed Tuesday night in a meeting at the home of Miss Edna Baker. It was decided to hold their meetings this year and the following officers were elected: President, Miss Gage Shannon; vice president, Miss Edna Baker; secretary, Frank C. Bulta. Miss Dean and Mr. Elliott will assist in arranging the programs.

The class in shorthand under the direction of Miss Virginia Hoffman, of the executive office of the university, meets regularly and is making rapid progress. The class is small this semester, but it is hoped that the number will be greatly increased next semester by students coming from the university. The course given by Miss Hoffman is practical and furnished advantages of especial interest to law students and to those who contemplate entering the profession of journalism. For the first few years the lawyer is obliged to do work largely of a clerical nature, and the reporter always finds shorthand an advantage, in fact, it is quite necessary in his profession.

Miss Hoffman conducts her classes at the Academy where she has secured suitable rooms. If enough students show an interest in this line of study a class in typewriting may be organized next semester.

Remember that the game begins at 2:30 Saturday instead of 3, as formerly.

Coach O'Dea, of the Wisconsin crew, is preparing to give his men a few weeks on the lakes yet this fall.

The Freshman football team of Yale this year has scored seventy-five points to twelve made by their opponents.

At Stanford University the university band plays during football practice, and it is claimed that the men do not feel fatigued while listening to the music.

The Seniors of the University of California have adopted the old Princeton custom of gathering on the campus on one night of each week to sing the old college songs.

The Princeton Freshmen class numbers 341.

JUNIORS HOLD FORTH

Class Meeting Turns Out to Be Interesting—Cap Question Causes Objections—The Constitution.

The Juniors held a lively meeting in the old chapel yesterday morning during convocation hour. There were about fifty in attendance.

Chairman Johnson of the athletic committee reported that meetings of the inter-class committees had been called, but were not attended and that a meetings of the four respective chairmen will be held soon.

The committee on debate announced that agreements had been entered into for the Senior debate, which is to occur the week ending December 13th. The Junior and Senior presidents are to appoint the debaters at once. There will be three on a side and inter-state debaters are barred.

The girls informed the class that they had decided upon cap and showed the class a sample of their selection. Some of the boys seemed to think that they would have to wear it too, and the hall echoed with objections. Matters were explained and the trouble settled.

The meeting then adjourned and Chairman Buckner of the hat committee, presented the matter of head gear to the boys. It was at first decided to wear caps. On reconsideration the majority was in favor of hats. Different colors and trimmings were suggested and discussed until the chapel had to be turned over and no conclusion was reached. The boys will meet soon to agree on this matter.

Chairman Bickford read the new constitution, which was accepted without alteration or addition. The Junior class now has one of the best and most complete constitutions of any of the classes. The work of the committee in charge is highly commendable.

First Students' Recital.

The first students' recital of the University School of Music will be held in Memorial hall tonight. All students are invited to attend. The following is the program:

Piano solo—Sonata No. 1, Mozart; Blanche Roberts.

Contralto solo—"Sapphic Ode," "Cradle Song," "An Inner Thought," Brahms; Flora Steiner.

Contralto solo—"Savior Comfort Me," Hosmer; Hazel Manrid.

Piano solo—Melodie, Op. No. 2, Moszkowski; Jessie Emerick.

Soprano solo—"Open Thou Thine Eyes," Massenet; "In the Woods," Bizet; Vera Upton.

Contralto solo—"Night Time," Vandewater; Alma Wilson.

Soprano solo—"If I Could Know," Hemingway; "Spring Song," Edith Dick; Elma Marsland.

Soprano solo—"Violets," Ellen Wright; "Rose of Isphan," Wm. Arms Fisher; Catherine Agnew.

Piano solo—Chant Polonais, Chopin; Liszt; Cora Herrick.

Early Nebraska History.

Professor Caldwell's Saturday evening seminar is unearthing many interesting facts about early Nebraska not yet recorded in any existing histories of the state. Several endeavors to organize the trans-Missouri country are found to have preceded the famous Douglas bill of 1844-54. The earliest of these prior bills suggested the name "Western Territory." (It is interesting to conjecture what name the state would have then received), and embraced all the region between the Platte river on the north and the Mexican possessions on the south. A proposed "Territory of the Platte," in 1852 was given practically the present state boundaries in place of the bulky 40 to 449 degree limits of the later bill in 1854, and at various times the question of an exclusive Indian state west of the Missouri was discussed.

The seminar investigations are also tending to overthrow the traditional view that Douglas was a radical pro-slavery man and that he divided Kansas and Nebraska at the 40th parallel in order to satisfy the southern demand for a new slave state. Douglas appears to have adopted this line of division at the suggestion of professed delegates from the Kansas-Nebraska region, and the motive of the latter seems to have been a wish to control the routes of the projected Pacific railroads in the interests of Iowa and Missouri respectively and not any thought of pro-slavery or anti-slavery gain. It is now affirmed, also, that Douglas advocated the Kansas-Nebraska "repeal of the Missouri compromise" in the belief that squatter sovereignty would not only make Kansas-Nebraska free territory, but gradually drive slavery southward to its own extinction. If further study of the source proves this to be true, it means that practically all histories dealing with the Kansas-Nebraska struggle will have to revise at least such of their chapters as deal with Douglas and his motives. With such prospects before them, it is hardly necessary to say that the seminar students are absorbingly interested in the subject.

In these Nebraska revelations, Professor Caldwell's class has been greatly assisted by the careful and fruitful investigations of Mr. Albert Watkins, as editor of the projected "Morton Memorial History of Nebraska," and their joint endeavors are yielding much matter that will prove of both interest and value to future writers and students of Cornhusker history.

Maxwell Debating Club.

There will be an important meeting of the Maxwell Debating club Saturday evening at 8 p. m. sharp. A good program has been prepared, and a large attendance is earnestly requested. All law students are members of the Maxwell club, and can avail themselves of its benefits if they so desire. All university students are invited to attend the meeting in the "law room" (Maxwell club), November 15th.

Yale has a \$300,000 Y. M. C. A. building. Among its superb equipment are a gymnasium and a roof-garden.