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NOT CROWN GALL.

Geo. F. Miles Makes Important Horticultural Discovery.

A discovery that may mean much to fruit growers of the state was made recently in the department of botany. While engaged in inspecting orchards for diseases common to the apple tree, Geo. F. Miles, who is specializing along the line of pathology, found what is probably the cause of much of the so-called crown gall reported from the nurseries of Nebraska. So badly affected has nursery stock of Nebraska become that some of the eastern states have refused to receive grafts from this state without their first being carefully inspected. The disease has been called crown gall, but Mr. Miles finds that it is not gall proper, but a knot caused by a poor graft. By cutting a longitudinal section of the knot the undecayed strings used in tying the graft can be readily detected. A similar knot may be produced on any tree by wrapping a wire about one of the twigs or about a root. The root or twig, being unable to stretch the wire, grows about it, forming an irregular bunch which strongly resembles the crown gall found on the apple tree. The string used in tying the grafts on apple trees is always well waxed. The wax, if put on in sufficient quantities, preserves the string which acts in every way like a wire. If less wax were made use of, the string would finally decay and the growth of the shoot would not be interfered with.

The discovery is a lucky one and if further investigation substantiates the theory that the knot is really formed by the graft, it will relieve orchardists of much uneasiness, for a better graft can probably be made.

A report of the discovery and investigations carried on by Mr. Miles will soon appear in the Nebraska Farmer and other agricultural papers of the state.

Seniors Make Progress.

The senior class met yesterday and considered further the matter relating to programs. For several meetings this question has been up for discussion, but no conclusion could be arrived at. Yesterday the whole matter was put into the hands of the program committee and they will use their own judgment in selecting designs. The committee was increased in number so as to better represent the class. This move does not cut out suggestions that any member of the class has to offer. Any design that may be presented to the committee will be carefully considered, the members of the committee acting as a board of judges, merely, whose duty shall be to make the final selection.

Who made most of the cadet uniforms this year? Paine. Who sells good goods every day in the year? Paine. Who makes things right if they do not prove right? Paine.

Restaurant Unique, 1228 O street.
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"COLLEGE SPIRIT" A Nebraska Symposium

The University of Nebraska has frequently been criticized on account of a lack of spirit among the students and faculty. The Nebraskan has inquired into the state of affairs and attempted to learn from prominent students and faculty men just what the term "college spirit" implies, whether the University really lacks it as has been charged, the reasons why such a spirit is not found here and how it can be increased.

What is "College Spirit"?

We are accustomed to speak of college spirit as something that applies to every thing in the University where activity exists. The term, to the ordinary student at least, is vague and indefinite. In order to gain a clear conception of what the discussion is intended to deal with, one of the professors was asked to define college spirit. He said: "It is enthusiasm in every thing connected with the University, in the way of debating, baseball, football, in fact all forms of athletics. Also in class functions, class scraps, sneak day and so on the element enters. There is another side, however, to college spirit, one that should be particularly emphasized, namely, the ethical side. Such actions as stealing overcoats, students' books, carrying books from the library and getting away with valuables in any manner, should be suppressed. True college spirit would deprecate such thoughtless performances and stamp them as something vicious and entirely beneath the tolerance of an institution with the rank of the University of Nebraska."

A student interpreted the term as meaning, "that which puts ginger into the dead-heads, pokes up the lazy, opens the mouths of the modest, puts wind into the lungs of professors; that makes the instructors forget to assign extra long lessons just previous to a big game of football and shakes the ennui from the entire institution." In other words, college spirit is life that asserts itself, animation that is felt in every department of the University. It is something that causes the students and faculty as well to push everything that has for its ultimate aim the good of the institution morally and otherwise.

Does Nebraska Lack It?

When asked as to whether the University really lacked college spirit or not one of the professors said: "Well, it cannot be said that such a spirit is lacking, but the students are very busy and give all the support to college affairs that their time will permit.

If some functions have not sufficient support, it is not on account of indifference. Both the students and faculty will rally to push any University enterprise. Debating could be better supported and ought this year to demand more student attention, for we have last year's record to maintain. On the whole, the average student who comes here with a serious purpose gives all the time to the University that he can spare outside of his course of study."

One of the students thought that "college spirit is decidedly lacking, in fact none exists worth mentioning. Track men are frequently hindered rather than encouraged. So it is with basket-ball practice. The student body doesn't get out and become familiar with the players and at the games only a few appear and these because they have tickets forced upon them. Is that college spirit? The Thanksgiving football games are fairly well attended, but mostly by city and out-of-town people. Debates are not attended even where it is a matter of time rather than price. Class spirit is lacking and class meetings as well as class functions are not well attended."

Why?

A professor, when interviewed, said: "There is not a lack of college spirit, but simply a lack of unified expression. The average student is too individualistic, which is probably due to general conditions of the west. Out here the people live far apart and do not have an opportunity to cultivate the social side of life. Then, too, most students are not as well prepared when they enter the University as are those who enter eastern colleges and, since we put them out at practically the same time and place, they must work harder."

Why has the student in the University of Nebraska no college spirit?" responded a student to the query. "He is poor, but that does not answer the question; one can always find the way and the means if he is really in earnest. Of course if he is poor in spirit as well as in purse it is a different thing. He is busy; but as a rule it is the busiest people who have the most time for things. Is he primitive, and is the instinct of self-preservation still too predominant in his consciousness? Looking inward I believe this lies nearer the root of the matter than any other thing. If this is true, where can the remedy be found and how long will it take for things to begin to be better?"

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TO PLAY MINNESOTA.

Nebraska Will Play Two Basket Ball Games at Minneapolis.

Nebraska once more finds herself pitted against Minnesota her strongest rival in the field of athletics. The Cornhuskers and Gophers will meet on the Minnesota basket ball field at Minneapolis Friday and Saturday night. Manger Hiltner finally received a telegram from the Minnesota management accepting the challenge and stating that two games were in store for them on the above dates. Friday night's game will be with the Minnesota Agricultural College, an affiliated school of the University of Minnesota. On Saturday night the wearers of the scarlet and cream will line up against the Minnesota team itself.

The Nebraska team will leave Thursday at 1:45 p. m. on the Northwestern. The men will likely return Sunday night and be able to resume their studies onday. Only six men will make this trip. They are Captain Hewitt, Hiltner, Elliot, Benedict, Hoar and Ferguson. This tour will end the basket-ball season.

As to the outcome of these contests, it can hardly be hoped that the result will be as good as that of the western tour. Neither of these Minnesota teams has been defeated this year and the University of Minnesota recently won from Michigan by a very decisive score. If Nebraska should win from the Gophers she would doubtless be champion of the west, but this is highly improbable.

The Nebraska men have been considerably handicapped of late on account of leaving to practice on a very small field in the new chapel. The Minnesota field is much larger even than our regular field and is claimed to be larger than the maximum size permitted by rule. Last year Minnesota defeated us by a large margin. The Cornhuskers are going north this time with the determination to win if possible and at least retrieve last year's defeat by holding the Minnesotans down to a smaller score.

The team will practice daily at 5 p. m., and chapel time, until they leave. The varsity defeated the second team, in a practice game, last night by a score of 24 to 18. The play was fast and snappy and the men got into the game with much more spirit than usual.

The English Club met last Saturday evening in Miss Hayden's studio. A short program was rendered, consisting of an essay by Miss Bowen and a paper by Professor Stuff on "Celtic Literature." Mr. Yeiser was elected to membership in the club.

University people are complimenting the engineering department on its neat and unique blue-print posters announcing the Corthell lecture tomorrow night.

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