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Editorial Remarks

The Athletic Problem.

The case of The Registrar vs. Beltzer is a good illustration of the difficulties that beset college athletics. Practically no one denies that this particular candidate for the pitcher's box is to all intents and purposes a "professional." The dispute is rather one as to whether the "welfare of the University" demands his acceptance as a member of the team in spite of this fact. It is a difficult situation. How far ought the University officials to condone "professionalism"? To limit Nebraska athletics to unquestionably bona fide students, just at the moment Missouri is demanding less stringent regulations against professionalism, and Kansas is scouring the whole middle west in search of baseball and football candidates, does certainly seem a serious menace to University success in 1903. But if the opposite policy is adopted, where is the line to be drawn? We provoked a cynical smile last fall by protesting a Knox man on the ground of "professionalism" when our own eleven was generously permeated with it. Such a competition in "professionalism" generally means that the institution which can offer the most "inducements" is the one that gets the men, and so intercollegiate athletics degenerate to a mere contest of dollars and cents. The honest way is that of non-professionalism. Whether it is the practicable one is not so easy to say. But The Nebraskan, although realizing that in doing so it runs counter to a goodly portion of University sentiment, is inclined to endorse the action of the registrar, and to urge that Nebraska athletics be put on a purely amateur basis.

The method by which professionalism may be eradicated from intercollegiate athletics has not yet been discovered. The writer has witnessed some sincere attempts at its suppression in Iowa by strict regulations on the part of the inter-collegiate athletic board; but the attempts have never been more than spasmodically successful. It is to be hoped that the ultimate remedy is not that now being suggested—the entire abolition of inter-collegiate contests. The average student is hardly prepared as yet to concede the necessity of such a radical step. But he would heartily welcome any practicable method of reducing these contests to purely amateur affairs. If any reader of The Nebraskan has any remedy to suggest, his communication will be heartily welcomed. Meantime, it will be worth our while to consider whether Nebraska is willing to pay the price of conforming to

a high standard while her rivals evade it.

The Nebraskan must protest once more against unsigned communications addressed to it. We are ready to publish almost anything, under any nom de plume, if we are aware of the author's real name. There is seldom need of your name being published with the article; but we must insist that it accompany the copy which is left at the office. Otherwise, please don't leave the manuscript. We shall hereafter consign all anonymous communications, regardless of merit, to the waste basket.

Convocation Program.

Tuesday—Prof. H. R. Smith: "Animal Husbandry."
Wednesday—Jas. Manahan: "The Irish Question."
Friday—Musical program.
Chaplain for the week—Rev. H. O. Rowlands.

Juniors Pass Some Resolutions.

The junior class met yesterday and transacted business of some importance to other classes as well as to itself.

The chairman of the committee on class finances reported that the money, to the amount of \$22.50, had been collected to defray expenses connected with the class representation in the Sombbrero. The committee was given a vote of thanks for the commendable way in which it conducted its business and was discharged.

Athletics were brought up for consideration and Bernard Newton elected baseball manager. C. N. Walton was appointed to fill a vacancy on the athletic board caused by the resignation of Tobin who has become a member of the senior class.

With reference to the junior-freshmen basket ball trouble, several enthusiastic speeches were made, all of which were strongly in favor of supporting the class team in the position it has taken. The class also expressed itself in favor of the action of its team and appointed a committee to draw up resolutions expressing the sentiment of the class. The following resolutions were drawn up:

Whereas, In the interclass basket ball game for championship between juniors and freshmen on the evening of March 23 the following conditions prevailed:

First—The captains of the contesting teams agreed to play twenty minutes first half and fifteen minutes second half.

Second—The second half, by misunderstanding, was played twenty minutes instead of fifteen.

Third—The timekeeper noted at end of fifteen minutes in second half, when the game should have ended, that the score stood 22 to 20 in favor of the juniors.

Fourth—The juniors remained ahead until the twentieth minute of the game.
Fifth—The final score at end of the twentieth minute stood 25 to 24 in favor of the freshman class.

Sixth—The juniors have offered the following proposition for a settlement: To leave the question of championship to the college athletic board; or to the faculty members of the athletic board; or to judges agreed upon by the two contesting classes; or to play the game over.

Whereas, The freshmen have refused to accept any of these terms; and

Whereas, Considerable ill-feeling has arisen as a result of the unsatisfactory outcome of the game; therefore, be it

Resolved by the junior class, That in justice to both classes and in the general interests of interclass contests the game be played over.

J. M. PAUL,
NELLIE ATHEN,
B. A. NEWTON,
Committee.

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Inter-Class Debate.

The freshmen have decided that the men chosen for inter-class debate will not be able to prepare themselves to enter the contest. Consequently there will be no freshman-sophomore debate. The juniors at their class meeting yesterday morning elected J. M. Paul and E. F. Myers to fill the vacancies in the class debating team. The junior and sophomore teams will meet today to decide on a question for the final class championship. Kleckner, Clark and Sawyer will represent the sophomore class in the debate.

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