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Staff Editorials.

Once more attention is called to the fact that the senior party is to be given next Friday night, and that it is the duty of every senior to be present. A slate has been passed around among the boys, and the committee has taken pains to see that a way is provided for every girl.

The regulations imposed by the faculty upon the ball players are becoming more and more strenuous, and it seems quite probable that next week some of the candidates for positions on the team will quit practice for some time. No one will be allowed to play or go on the trip who did not make twelve hours if in school last semester, and who is not up to date in his present work. This will go pretty hard with some of the men, but the measure is a good one and should be enforced. The men who make pretension of doing something besides playing ball will be given a better chance and the "sluffers" will be left in the background. Let Nebraska set the example of having cleaner and more thoroughly collegiate athletics.

In athletic circles it seems to be the almost universal opinion that Nebraska's late coach developed his own ability more than that of the prospective team during his stay in Lincoln. With the exception of the work he did in bringing out the latent ability in some of the candidates for the pitcher's box, his efforts do not seem to have amounted to much. A great many people seem to think that he was adopting a good method of working out himself, while at the same time drawing a nice salary for his trouble. Now that a coach is needed the most the place is vacant, and the responsibility of picking the team falls on the captain. What Nebraska needs is a coach who will be here the year round and have charge of all athletics.

Registration for the spring term in bench work continued all day Monday, and yesterday the classes were all in good condition and reciting regularly. The prospects for a large registration are better than ever before. Professors will find it hard to demand and receive the same high standard of work for the next two months that characterizes University work during the winter. Many pupils work hard during the cold season in order that they may have a better excuse for sluffing during the spring term. From a student's standpoint this method is all right, but it is evident that many professors look upon the thing differently. Others, realizing the true state of things, make allowance for this natural tendency to have the spring fever and give extra hard work previous to the "lazy season."

Convocation Notes

Program for the Week:

Wednesday—Jas. Manahan: "The Irish Question."
Thursday—Rev. H. C. Swearingen.
Friday—Musical program.
Chaplain for the week—Rev. H. O. Rowlands.

Yesterday's Exercises:

Professor H. R. Smith talked yesterday on "Animal Husbandry," which he declared of importance "If we appreciate finer steak and more of it." Nebraska's only resource is her agriculture. Our mine is our black soil, of which we have a good supply. The black soil brings forth yellow gold. The history of agriculture, in our schools does not date back very far. It is a creation of the last half of the century, and very little has been done until about ten years ago. People have not been ready for intensive agriculture. Hitherto, when the land became poor and exhausted they left it and came west; but that time is now past. The Hatch bill has had most important results. It provided for appropriations to establish experiment stations in the several states; and the work done by these for agriculture cannot be estimated. Within the past six months our own station has issued seven bulletins showing results of special experiments. As a school for instruction the department has been growing steadily and has this year an enrollment of 200 students, which is 10 per cent better than last year. The work is of two kinds: instruction and research. The instruction is along three or four lines, viz.: questions of breeding, Darwinism, history of breeding up to the present date, and compound rations in feeding. The importance of all these cannot be over-estimated. There is a very bad waste on account of injudicious feeding and mixing of food. The losses amount to 25 and 30 per cent. An experiment made recently shows that the balanced ration gives 25 to 30 per cent better results. Stock judging is also of vast importance. The conformation of the animal's body must be studied, and the beef and dairy types developed along their special lines. What interest is already shown by some farmers is seen from a communication recently received: "What is the cheapest way of feeding? Answer by wire at my expense." Farmers are slow to accept new ideas and the best way to convince them is by performing actual experiments and publishing the results. Thus, to show the difference in the results obtained from a corn ration and a compound ration, it was found that 100 pounds of meat from a corn ration cost one dollar more than the same amount of meat from the compound ration of alfalfa leaves and corn. Hence if corn is worth 30 cents a bushel it is a great item if the vast amount of corn in the state can be made to bring 9 cents more per bushel. Furthermore, the splendid grazing lands in western Nebraska produce much stock which may be brought down here and fattened on cheap grain and forage, and by this division of labor the wealth of the state greatly increased.

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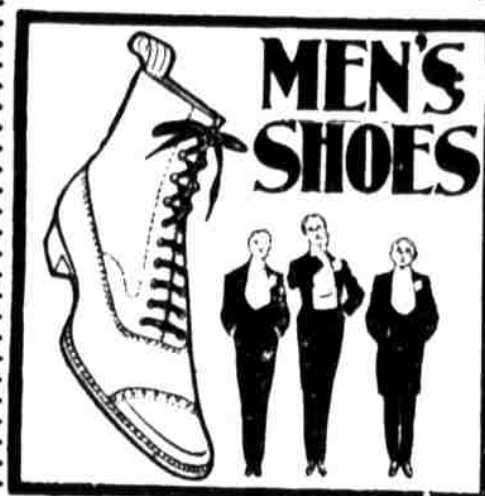
days when their fathers were a proud and sturdy race with villages at every turn of the river for many miles.

Some customs the natives have still from their Alent forefathers in their ways of hunting and fishing and living in villages. Others—as their fidelity to the Greek church, the drinking of tea, and on special occasions the making of a quick brew of yeast to drink—are supposed to come from the Russians. They wear white men's clothes and speak Alent, Russian and, nearly all of them, English. Some can read and write a little. Most of the men work enough at fishing or about the canneries to buy clothes and a little tea, sugar, crackers, tobacco and trinkets at the store. Some go out in the fall and winter still, and bring in a few skins of bear and otter.

Karluk is a village with a school house but no school, its church has no minister save a native priest, excepting for the occasional visits of the Russian priest from a village at the other side of the island. With less than half a dozen exceptions, no white man can truly be said to have his home there. Perhaps five hundred men are brought in every spring, fed, given a place to put their beds, worked through the summer and taken back to San Francisco in the fall. Chinamen, Italians, and largely Scandinavian sailors and fishermen make up a very mixed population. But until men shall find some industries besides simply working by the day or month for the salmon canning companies, and make their homes there, we can hardly hope to see Karluk more than it is now.

Some four miles above the spit the same company which operates the canneries supports a hatchery which I have reason to believe is one of the largest and best equipped salmon hatcheries in the world. It was here that I spent a little more than two years. But when I come to speak of my work there, and the friendships which I formed, it seems that I will be too personal, and I must beg leave to pass this by for the present. No doubt when I shall be in the midst of the sweltering torment of another Nebraska summer I shall think longingly of the Kadiak hills, with their odor of matted mountain blueberries, and their cool brooks murmuring along over moss and rocks and among ferns.

W. T. HORNE, '98.



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