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Editorial Remarks

Owing to the unexpected extension of the Easter vacation, The Nebraskan will be unable to get out its usual eight-page edition for this week, and will also be compelled to postpone its "Knockers' Edition" to the 27th of the month, instead of the 18th. Today's will be the last number until Thursday morning week, the 16th. Meantime, we shall be glad to have matter accumulating in The Nebraskan mail box for the special edition above mentioned. Don't put off your contribution until too late, or it may be lost in the last-day rush.

The small boy still continues to make himself numerous on the ball grounds. A person visiting the athletic field for the first time cannot help noticing the large numbers of youngsters from five to twelve years of age who are ever present, some to admire and serve their heroes, others merely to stand around and get in the way. Some of these are street urchins, but the larger number seem to be kindergarten scholars who are released early in the afternoon and straightway proceed to the ball grounds. The University campus is primarily not a place for children and measures should be taken to keep them off the athletic field at least. Aside from other reasons, there is the constant danger of some of them getting hurt by passing balls or by the batters. They crowd along the side lines, behind the batter, and in fact everywhere there is any danger.

Now that the new table has been placed in the current literature alcove of the library, it is already being used by students as a study table. The object in putting in this table was to provide better and more efficient accommodations for those who wish to read the daily papers and the magazines. Formerly, when there were only two small tables available, it was often found necessary for those who used the literature to take it away and scatter it through the library. With the advent of the reading table this was made unnecessary, and if it is used for the purpose for which it was originally intended, much inconvenience will be avoided.

Students are loud in their praise of the generosity of the chancellor and the deans in granting the two extra days of vacation. Their liberality should be repaid in the same way, and those who customarily go home a day or so before vacation begins, and come back a day late, should try and govern themselves so that this will be unnecessary this time. Six days should be a long enough time for anyone

and it is entirely unnecessary to skip a couple extra days. Although you may think that you can afford it yourself, it causes a great deal of inconvenience and trouble to the instructors, whose wishes should be considered occasionally, at least.

The pan-hellenic congress has decided that all first team shall be eliminated from the inter-fraternity league. While this seems a little unjust to some, it is generally looked upon as the best and most judicious thing to do. The men who expect to make the first team are, however, loud in their denunciation of the congress, and think that since this is purely an inter-fraternity matter, the question of whether or not a man plays with the 'varsity should not be considered. As the matter stands now, two or three fraternities are struck pretty hard.

Eat at Don's Cafe.

Hairdressing and manicuring at the Famous.

Convocation Notes

Program for the Week:

Wednesday—Mrs. Southwick.
Chaplain—Rev. H. C. Swearingen.

Yesterday's Exercises:

Prof. T. L. Lyon spoke at convocation yesterday on the work of the agricultural experiment station. The work of the department is instruction and experiment, and as less is known about the experimental work, Professor Lyon confined his remarks to that phase. The work is directed towards increasing crop production and value. Experiments are carried on regarding soil tillage, fertilization, and the breeding of crops. In Nebraska, two million acres are devoted to the raising of wheat, six million to corn, and one and a half to oats. If our yearly crop should be increased one bushel per acre, the income of the state would be increased from \$400,000 to \$3,000,000.

The most experiments have probably been carried on with winter wheat, and one hundred and fifty varieties have been tested to find the greatest hardiness and production. Of these, Turkish Red and Big Fame have been found productive of the best results. Seeds from these varieties have been sent out to four hundred farmers throughout the state, and of all the seed planted only ten per cent has been winter killed. Hardy Russian wheats have also been imported from severe climates and sent out over the state. These are hardy enough for our climate but their late maturing lessens their value, because of our hot dry summer weather. Work has also been carried on in crossing these varieties with our own native wheats, and in the resulting grain is obtained possibilities for any number of varieties of plants from which it is possible to select the ones with the desired characteristics. In this work the individuals must be considered alone, and a record must be kept of the individual plants and their progeny for several generations. The improvement of the quality of wheat for bread making purposes has also been tried. The bread making quality of wheat depends upon the amount of gluten in the grain, and also upon the quality of the gluten, and for this reason it is expedient to use grain having a high per cent of nitrogen. In order to conduct these experiments it is necessary to handle a large number of plants and several thousand are now being grown for this work.

With corn it is the desire to increase its feeding quality by having a large per cent of nitrogen and fats. The manufacturers of starch and glucose desire just the opposite, and experiments have also been tried to provide for their needs. It has also been attempted to find the type best suited to state localities. Some twenty varieties, each of different type, have been distributed for the sake of experiment

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among farmers in different parts of the state. A test is made of the yield of corn, height of stalks, proportion of grain to cob, etc. By continued experiments it will be possible to tell which type is best adapted to each part of the state.

With oats, the selection has been for the sake of greater productiveness and higher protein content. Russian varieties have proved particularly well adapted to our use. One variety, the Kherson, has proved especially well adapted to our conditions and in central Nebraska has given a yield of from 5 to 10 bushels better per acre than any other variety.

The station is on the eve of finding varieties well adapted to the state and it is rapidly becoming possible to increase the crop production.

Townsend's colts took advantage of the fine weather yesterday and played a six-inning practice game. In the absence of Captain Townsend, Bender acted as captain. Wilson, Shelmer, and Gore also failed to appear. Tobey, of the Nebraska Indian team, was on the grounds for a while and played center field. Under the force of the pitching of Morris and Reubinsky, the men went out in one, two, three order

until the fifth inning, when Rheubinsky sent a fast ball into right field, and Cook failed to connect with it, the batter made a home run and brought in three other men. Carson for the 'varsity made a home run on a passed ball, and Bender, Chase and Steen scored later in the game. The work was fair in the field, but the men proved sadly deficient in batting. Practice during vacation means much to the men, and there should be a marked improvement by the time school work is resumed.

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