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Editorial Remarks

There are two ways of making your career in college a success. One is to do consistent work and the other is still to be found out.

The exercise of a little courtesy is seldom amiss. A boisterous Freshman in an eastern college recently jostled what he took to be a fellow student off the sidewalk, and found himself called up the next day to explain his unaccountable conduct toward the head of the institution. Failing to give a satisfactory explanation he was excused from further attendance in that college, taking with him a lesson that he will doubtless never forget.

A person who will write a facetious reply to a legitimate business proposition gives an excellent index to his own character. We recently received a communication of this character from a prominent member of the faculty, and were we not inclined to show more respect in this matter than has been shown to us, we would publish the letter in full. If he had told us that he was too poor or too tight, whichever the case might be, that would be a different matter. But to openly venture an insult without reason or provocation is something that few people would do and which in this instance shows a deplorable lack of interest in the welfare of University enterprises.

Nebraska will be unable to enter the Mississippi Valley Oratorical association, although she has received a very pressing invitation to do so. There is at present no department here that covers instruction in oratory, and an unwarranted amount of difficulty would be caused if attempts should be made to train candidates for the contests that will be held. The greater interest here is centered in debating, and it is felt that if we are to retain our supremacy in this line no influences from without should be allowed to enter in, no matter how tempting an inducement they may hold out. While we are great in this line it is useless to attempt to branch off onto another of a kindred nature, as part of the concentrated attention would be removed from the one to make the other a success. The introduction of courses giving instruction in oratory alone would permit this branch to attain a full development, without detracting from others of equal or surpassing importance.

Our team left Thursday for Iowa City to lift aloft again the Scarlet and Cream which Iowa lowered in 1899 and there were three University students at the train to give the boys a send-off. If the team comes back defeated we have only ourselves to blame to a great

extent. Two years ago when the boys went up to Minnesota and defeated the Gophers so decisively what helped? Why, the magnificent send-off we gave them. Though far away those cheers of faith and hearty support rang in their ears and a glorious victory was ours.

Contrast this with Thursday afternoon. The University let her football team go forth to a battle which has always been one of the utmost fierceness and with success not always with Nebraska without a single cheer or word of encouragement.

Of course we will win, but such a victory is an eleven men affair and the victory is not one of the student body. Had there been a crowd on hand to see the team off for Iowa the score would have been materially larger and our share in the victory infinitely greater.

While some professors maintain that hard work in their specialty is a blessing in disguise, they should not aim to make the disguise so perfect that no one can penetrate it.

New Laboratory Manual.

Professor Goodwin D. Sweezy of the department of astronomy, has completed his work on "Practical Exercises in Astronomy," which is soon to be published by D. Appleton & Co., of New York. The book will contain about 125 pages, some 40 illustrations and about 20 full page charts, embracing star maps and orbit charts.

The manual is essentially that which Prof. Sweezy has been using in his classes for the last few years, with revisions and improvements to suit the most modern texts supplemented by his own observations in the needs of beginners in astronomy, and furnishing such practical exercises as will best help the student to grasp the principle in question.

Heretofore most of our schools and colleges have taught astronomy from text books rather than in the laboratory, principally because there has been no satisfactory method developed for the use of simple instruments. In his Laboratory Manual Prof. Sweezy gives a special topic to the construction and use of instruments and furnishes exercises which can be used by any school no matter how poorly equipped. The manuscript is already in print, and Professor Sweezy is working over the proof sheets.

Back From the Encampment.

Our representatives at the encampment at Ft. Riley, Kan., are back, and each has tales to tell of remarkable interest. Among the names they mention we hear many that sound familiar. Major Hull, '03, was there as a member of the signal corps of the Fremont company. Others of our alumni were Jacob Kanzler, Kearney; Merle S. Mather, 1st sergeant Co. H, Aurora, and Byron G. Smiley, drum major of the Second regiment band. Of the active members of our University attending were A. A. Severin, B. J. Richards and A. F. Beckman. The former two served as war correspondents. Mr. Severin served in that capacity for the Star and Mr. Richards for the News. Leon Hertz, captain of last year's company C, and E. Walton were there, serving in the ranks of the Lincoln Light infantry. During the encampment Commander Chase visited the scene of action, being a guest of Governor Mickey.

Junior Class Committees.

President Brown of the Junior class has appointed the following committees: Interclass athletic board, Driscoll, Beers, Chessington. Class cap committee: Messrs. Ramsey, Hanlon; Misses Vandever, Thomas, Neilson. Football, O. A. Mather, captain; Frank Beers, manager.

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