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Editorial Remarks

Only a week now remains before the great and final game of the season. Illinois has suffered a number of defeats this season, in light of which our chances seem brighter. But it is not always a safe plan to draw conclusions as to one's own strength from the showing made by an opponent against some rival. With a heavy team like Illinois good coaching can do wonders in a remarkably short space of time. And then it would hardly be to her taste to suffer defeat at the hands of Nebraska, in view of the ill success that has recently crowned her efforts.

We can not deny that there is strength and weight in the Illinois line-up. In fact our team is out-weighted considerably. But weight, although it has an important bearing, is not always a deciding factor. In fact when our team plays up to her best form we have no doubt of its ability to defeat many much heavier teams than itself.

Nebraska has a splendid record behind her, and will strive to maintain it in this game to come. Her hardest fought battles have all occurred away from home, and from none has she failed to return victorious.

A week's hard practice should put our team on edge again, so that it will play up to its best standard, and continue the fine showing that it has made in all the games played here. Yet for all that, it is not safe to attempt to forecast the result of this game, although we have every confidence that our team will play strong and make their opponents earn by tremendous efforts every point of vantage gained.

Whenever a team from a rival institution plays on our athletic field and goes away impressed with the courteous treatment extended to it, we have a strong point in our favor. And at the same time we can appreciate a generous and out-spoken recognition of such treatment, such as has been forthcoming from Knox. They not only speak well of the way they were received, but they praise our team as well. Our brief relations with Knox have been pleasant, and whenever they are included on our schedule, we can always look forward to a good game and to a meeting with a gentlemanly lot of players. Such a spirit as the Knox men have shown is for the best interests of athletics and is well appreciated here.

Activity in debating circles is becoming more and more pronounced, as the season for the preparation of the preliminary contests approaches. Kansas we will meet at least once more, unless present arrangements fall through, in

the whirlwind of intellectual battle. The past two years has recorded victories over Kansas in debate, and it is our aim and intention to keep up this record by making it three straight. So next spring, if nothing unforeseen happens we shall meet in Memorial Hall once more, and about this contest much interest will certainly be centered.

Engineering Notes.

Those students who were able to visit the engineering department at Kansas are still satisfied with their own school.

Although Kansas has a large and commodious building for their laboratories, they are not so well equipped with the necessary apparatus.

The power plant is in connection with the shops. It consists of two large boilers, two good engines, two dynamos, a 125-lb. pressure fire pump, a boiler pump and a feed water heater. The Senior civils are equipped with a Riehle testing machine and also some hydraulic testing machinery, while the electricals are confined to a few small motors and the mechanicals to a gas engine, and a lubricating machine.

It seems that the Sophomore and Junior years are spent in the machine shops. This department is well arranged and shows that it is well looked after. They already have two large drilling machines and a power lathe in working order, which have been made by the students.

The forge shop will barely serve as a definition of the name. The wood shop is of the future and the foundry is a negative quantity.

At first one is well impressed with the large and well-lighted rooms, but when we come to enumerate our own apparatus we see that our department is still in the lead, although crowded into small rooms, which are scattered all over the campus.

The civil engineering laboratory tested some new kind of brick yesterday. They were received from W. Ayer, construction quartermaster U. S. A., Whipple Barracks, Ariz. Being composed of lime and sand, and being unbaked, they have the appearance of pressed mortar. Though the process is patented tests did not result very favorably, and it is probable they will be valuable only in a dry climate.

A complete test of the new Edison storage battery will be undertaken by Noys and Bliss, electrical engineering '04. This battery is the outcome of Mr. Edison's recent inventions. None have as yet been tried for commercial or experimental purposes, therefore the results of Noys' and Bliss' investigations should be of great interest.

The cold snap compelled the abandonment of the field work in civil engineering yesterday. That the time should not be lost the class in bridges was routed out of the drawing room and studied the planimeter and slide rule.

Several new tanks have been added to the equipment of the civil engineering laboratory. They are necessary for water testing the briquettes in cement tests.

Hugh Cook was a visitor in the civil engineering department last week. He has been engaged on an inter-urban electric line in Ohio for the past two years.

The laboratory class in electrical engineering 9 is getting on well, except that they have disabled a few instruments.

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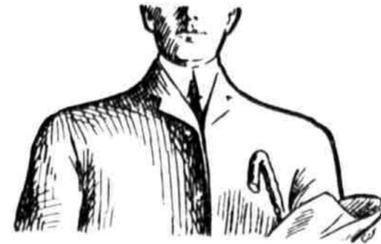
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