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Editorial Remarks

The Pershing Rifle Hop is attracting a great deal of interest just now, and it promises to be one of the leading events in University society of the year. The fact that this event will be entirely free from some of the objectionable impositions that have distinguished many social functions here in the past, is having an influential effect. A clean and honorably conducted affair such as this promises to be can not fail to be popular and reflect credit upon those in charge.

The classes are beginning to take an active interest in basket ball, and soon the contests between the different representative teams will be on. The Sophomores have already organized and are the first in the field. The other classes will shortly follow suit, and some excitement is promised as soon as the rival teams clash to settle this question of supremacy. Last year much interest was centered in the struggle for the inter-class championship, and there is little doubt but the contests this year will be equally attractive. Basket ball has served as a stimulus to class spirit and has aroused a feeling of rivalry which being confined within moderate limits, has taken the place of undesirable demonstrations of the past. This is along the line that class spirit may be built up, as such attraction serve to rouse the interest of the students and bring out a strong expression of sentiment. Each of the classes have many good players, and if they can all be made to come out and practice the standard of class basket ball will be greatly elevated.

The Seniors and the Freshmen are still undecided as to the merits of their respective teams, and another gridiron battle has been scheduled for next Wednesday to settle the question of supremacy. Although the time is rather late for such a game, there are many who wish to see this much disputed point settled in a definite manner. Such a healthy spirit of rivalry as was engendered over the last contest is pleasing to behold, and in this way the dormant interest of the classes is awakened and made to flash forth spontaneously in enthusiastic demonstration. The rallying cries of "Eat 'em up, Seniors!" and "Stonewall, Freshies!" ringing out bold and strong, seem musical to those who have a desire to see a manifestation of class spirit once in a while. Both the Seniors and the Freshmen feel that a loss would be sustained by them, if their team should be defeated, and from the fact that each is determined to win, a hard fought game may be expected. Next Wednesday after-

noon the members of the classes whose teams are to play, should be out in full force to support their representatives.

The first number of the Lincoln Academy News has come to our desk. The editors-in-chief are Misses Nellie L. Dean and Adele Lathrop, and to support them in their work a large and efficient staff of assistant editors and reporters has been provided. The paper is a neat folio and represents the Academy in a very creditable manner. The spirit and enthusiasm that are evident in this, the initial number, betokens a successful career and its ability to occupy a useful place in its own field of activity.

Another Stolen Oration.

To another gross case of plagiarism the attention of the college world has been called. Last summer and early in the fall the secular and college press was commenting on the proved guilt of the leader of the class of 1903 at Brown, who plagiarized his prize commencement oration. And now comes the case of another aspiring student attending Drake university, Des Moines, who won the state college oratorical contest last week. He has been accused of plagiarism and has admitted the charge. He advances the novel defense that thought is a common product and he therefore had the right to it. His oration was entitled: "The Sublimity of Great Convictions," and was largely a reproduction from a chapter in "Patriots and Principles," called "The Value of Decision." The plagiarism was discovered by a girl in the Sophomore class.

An Interesting Photograph.

The Historical society has just received a photograph of Logan Fontanelle, a late chief of the Omaha Indians. The society has been endeavoring to secure one but found it quite difficult to secure. Through the courtesy of Judge John Q. Goss, of Bellevue, this one was secured. The photograph will be copied in crayon. The picture will be used in the life of J. Sterling Morton.

Logan Fontanelle was the son of a French trader. His mother was an Omaha Indian woman. Chief Logan took an important part in Indian affairs in the state.

An Invitation.

The University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Chancellor's Office, December 3, 1903. Dear Sir: You, your family and your friends are invited to attend a lecture in Memorial Hall, University of Nebraska, by the distinguished Professor Stephen Panaretoff, of Robert College, Constantinople, next Monday evening, December 7th, at 8 p. m., on the thrilling political struggle now going on in the Balkan peninsula. Mr. Panaretoff is a first-hand authority on the subject, and a fine speaker. The lecture is free to all.

E. BENJAMIN ANDREWS, Chancellor.

The books on plant physiology are to be moved from Dr. Bessey's office to the room occupied by Professor Heald, where they will be much more accessible to students of this phase of botany. In the near future it is hoped that the books on forestry can be changed to a more convenient place also. The greatly over-crowded condition of the botanical rooms has never been more apparent than at the present time.

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