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Editorial Remarks

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ing semester to all present subscribers.

The action of the Board of Regents in decreeing that no student may be excused from military work the second semester has called for a popular cry of protest. The inevitable result of such a ruling going into effect would be to cripple our track team and baseball interests beyond measure. In the cadet battalion a large number of our best athletes are enrolled, without whom any organization purporting to be representative of our University as a baseball or track team would certainly make a poor showing. At these two branches of athletics a severe blow will have been struck, unless its force is mitigated and some concessions made to their interests.

We do not object to drill as a principle, but in this connection it seems that some concession ought to be made to athletics, in order that this department may not be crippled. The process of developing a fast baseball or track team taxes the skill and ability of the trainers to the utmost even when they have the whole University to pick from, but if the field is to be limited to such an extent as is impending their task will be a hopeless one. An athlete can not stand two different systems of training for different purposes at the same time, and develop the best that is in him. He must concentrate on one kind of work alone if he hopes to attain success. Such being the case he can not drill and practice outdoor athletics at the same time, if he were so inclined. If the men are obliged to drill a number of our best athletes will be rendered unavailable and it is doubtful if Nebraska could undertake to meet a rival institution, being thus crippled.

Athletics are representative of the institution, and the teams that have in the past achieved success on the track and diamond have been a source of pride to us all. No true Nebraska student can bide the thought of every rival institution flaunting their colors in our face and daring us to a contest which means defeat to us. Yet we must certainly take a subordinate position in baseball and track work to institutions whose resources in these departments cannot compare with our own, but where every concession is made to athletics. With our best athletes tied up in a position from which they can not release themselves, our chances for making a respectable showing if we try at all, are very limited. It would indeed be a pity if Nebraska should be obliged to retire from the race or suffer the humiliation of bringing up the rear, when she has so much good material that is rendered unavailable by the action of her own officers.

Athletics is the life of an institution. Our University has gained in prestige

because of the excellent record she has made in athletics. Any stringent abridgement of a custom that has long prevailed in connection with this branch is to be regretted when we realize the results that will be entailed. The ruling of the Regents will have a most detrimental effect if allowed to stand. In making this statement we have in mind the popular sentiment prevailing in the University, and at heart the best interests of athletics. Hence we have tried to present an unprejudiced and representative view of the matter, and sincerely hope that some means may be found to adjust matters satisfactorily to all concerned.

Our debaters are lining up for the preliminaries and soon the fight for places will be on. The large number of men registered and the enthusiasm with which they are going into the work portend good results. The example of men who have earned victories in debates for this institution is instilling inspiration in them. The readiness with which such a comparatively large number are willing to undertake the vast amount of work involved speaks much to the credit of our student body. The honor of representing the University in one of the interstate contests is appreciated, considering the amount of effort and ability necessary to achieve it. Such a spirit is a healthy one and will serve to substantially promote debating interests here.

RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

Dr. Fling Expresses Views on the Clash in the Orient.

Dr. Fling analyzed quite thoroughly the different phases of the Russo-Japanese war at chapel yesterday morning. He said in part:

"The eyes of the whole world are turned toward the struggle in the orient and are stupefied with surprise at the decisive blows inflicted on the northern Bear. This interest shown in the conflict may be because of our attitude toward Japan, her cause of justice and the land grabbing greed of Russia."

This war he contended would turn our attention to a different line of history. We have been studying the histories of western Europe and the history of Russia and Japan has been left idle.

He spoke of Russia's rapid strides in the east, and her shrewd diplomatic territorial acquisitions and as England had steadily pushed on and acquired possession of the new world, so Russia has gradually wedged herself into the central position of the eastern continent. In this France and Germany have been urging Russia on, while England stood quietly by and watched her eastern policy trampled upon by the Slav.

Japan, on the other hand, is the sponsor of the Mongolian races and will make an unparalleled attempt to remain the master of the eastern kingdom, and her defeat would mean the world spread government and customs of the Caucasian race.

Dr. Fling traced the history of the conflict between these powers from its earliest date so that one could see the growing spirit of antagonism and rivalry until the climax of the present struggle was reached.

He spoke of the different nations and their views on the eastern policy in which he said that the Russian believed in seclusion and exclusion while the United States and England believed in the open door policy.

"It is hard to tell," he said, "who will come out victorious, and also hard to determine which would be the better victor, but we will await the result."

The subject was very ably discussed, and many bright lights were thrown upon the subject, which cleared the obstructed vision of many who are trying to familiarize themselves with the true situation of the contest.

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