

**Those of Other Days**

A friend has placed in our hands a communication from A. W. Jaynes, ex-'05, who is now located at Lead, S. D., with the Northwestern. We make a few extracts from the letter, which are as follows:

"I am receiving the Daily Nebraskan—which I must say is unusually strong this year, and is, I think, doing more for the 'N' than any other one source—and so with the letters I receive I manage to keep pretty well posted.

"I like my work up her, as inspector for the Western Railway Weighing Association, and Inspection Bureau, and I like the country. I have met a number of fraternity men from colleges all over the United States, who have come here for practical experience in the mines. There are numerous large mines around Lead, among them the great Homestake, which employs over 2,200 men, and which is the biggest gold mine in the world. The greatest part of my work consists in the inspection of car loads, and less than car loads, of mining machinery and merchandise which come in here consigned to the mines or merchants, to see that the proper classification, rates and weights are applied. Inspectors are placed at all places of importance by the association, where the railroads belong to the association."

Mr. Jaynes expects to be in Lincoln to attend the Phi Psi party the 25th of the present month.

The following letter is from Chas. M. Root, M. D., '00, who is now practicing at Newport, Neb., and we are permitted to publish it through the courtesy of the friend to whom it was addressed:

"Dear Old Rock Pounder:

"I thought that I wrote you after I arrived in this place, but it seems otherwise. When I got your last letter I was so infernally busy that I couldn't get time to answer, but now there is a lull in the storm so I can sit down and tell you all about it.

"After seeing you in Lincoln I went to Omaha on a prospecting expedition, and hearing of this place, I came up, and while the country was not particularly pleasing to the eye, it was to the dough pile, so I returned to Ulysses and packed up.

"This is a great hay country, with a little farming to the north and a ranch country to the south, but hay is the main thing. Drouth never affects the hay valleys here at the head waters of the Elkhorn. And talk about shooting! The country is fairly alive with chickens and ducks in their season. Thousands of musk rats are annually trapped in the low marshy ground around here. But to return to my text, business has prospered for me since coming here. Last month I booked over \$400, so you see I do some business.

"I am thinking of taking in commencement week in Lincoln next June. Must close now, hoping to hear from you soon. Truly,

"CHAS. H. ROOT."

A pamphlet has been placed in our hands, entitled, "Some Volcanic Ash Beds of Montana," by Jesse Perry Rowe, A. M., professor of physics and geology in the University of Montana. Mr. Rowe graduated here in '98. The book has a concise and comprehensive introduction treating the geology in general, mineral resources and the extinct volcanoes of Montana. The author discusses the origin of volcanoes and the extent of the spread of vol-

cano ash beds in different parts of the world. The physical and chemical properties and composition of volcanic ash, its economic importance, and the beds in Montana are exhaustively treated.

The Missouri Independent publishes the following concerning Dr. Hill, formerly of our philosophy department and now of the University of Missouri:

"President MacLean of Iowa University says that Dr. Hill is 'the best available man in America' for such a position. The opinion of students who have done work with him here is that MacLean is right. Several have told me that he is the best teacher they have ever seen.

"It will be interesting to know that this is the second college of its kind in the United States. The other is the Teachers' College of Columbia University, New York. We have a right, therefore, to feel that in this respect we are quite metropolitan."

Del C. Reddell, who graduated here several years ago, is assistant chemist in the School of Mines at Socoro, Ariz.

J. P. Roe, '97, is now professor of physics and geology in the state university at Missoula, Mont. Recently he wrote a valuable paper for the American geologist on "The Coal Banks of Montana," for the American Geologist.

Mr. Cooley, '98, who is connected with a wholesale drug company of Chicago, visited the geology department recently. He was on his return from a trip through southern and western states.

C. A. Fisher, '99, is in the employ of the U. S. Geological Survey. Mr. Fisher and Mrs. Fisher—nee Evangeline Hazelwood, are now at Pueblo, Colo., but leave in a few days for southern Arizona. Mr. Fisher's next summer's work will be in the Big Horn basin, Wyoming.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL.**

**Team Getting Ready for its Game with Minnesota.**

The chief question of interest in girls' basket-ball just now is, Can the varsity team get into form in two weeks for its two matches at Minneapolis? In the absence of important matches scheduled for the year, the team has never really organized. In fact, but once this school year, and that in December, has the full first team practised together. Some of the members have come together an occasional once a week on Thursday at one o'clock, but practiced then, if they practiced at all, without officers, without supervision and often with no opposing players, so that there could be no real team developed.

In the two weeks before the team starts, the armory is to be had at no regular time for playing, and it is not certain how strong a team can be organized in the odd hours possible for team practice. Another problem concerns the position of guard. Miss Alice Towne of last year's team is not considered eligible this year because of her connection with the assistants' staff of the gymnasium; and Miss Ida Taylor, captain, and brilliant guard, has been called from school by the illness of her father. The equal of these in experience and form and speed could not easily be developed in a few practice games. It is admitted that there are strong players on the team, but there is not a little difference between strong individual players and a strong team, whose members can "find each other in the game," are familiar with each other's styles of play, and know how to cooperate. Those at present on the team are Misses Jansa, Shinbur, Scott, Gittings and Sly. Miss Scott has been elected captain to succeed Miss Taylor.

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