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Editorial Remarks

About 150 men turned out to watch practice and do some yell practice on their own side last evening, but the recently appointed root-leaders failed to show up. Just one more practice before the Grinnell game, and no steps taken toward organizing squads looks bad for Nebraska spirit. The men who want to help the cheering along come out every night, and leaders have been appointed, so why can't we begin the season right and do all we can to help the best team Nebraska ever turned out win every game on the hardest schedule ever played by a western school. Remember, the game Saturday is going to be far different from the one a week ago, for Grinnell is coming down with the best team they have had for years, a team primed for this game, for they realize at the Iowa school that to beat Nebraska will be the biggest feather they can win at football, and they are putting forth every effort to put a kink in the Cornhuskers' tail. It is the duty of every loyal student in the university to bring courage and a megaphone along with him next Saturday, for in this game the team will often need some rooting to gain a first down.

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NEW LAW PROFESSOR.

Short Biography of New Member of Law Faculty.

Among several changes in the university faculty that have taken place this year the second in importance to the return of Dr. Howard, which was noted at length in Tuesday's Nebraskan, is the acquisition of Judge William G. Hastings to the teaching force of the law school, to take the place left vacant by the resignation of Prof. W. W. Cook, last spring. The following article concerning Judge Hastings is taken from the new Morton History of Nebraska, which is attracting so much attention at present. The acquisition of Judge Hastings will be a great aid to the efficiency of the law school, and has already created much favorable comment:

William Granger Hastings, lawyer and jurist, Wilber, Nebraska, was born in Woodstock, McHenry county, Illinois, April 9, 1853. His father, Carlisle Hastings, was a graduate of Suffield (Connecticut) Institute and settled in McHenry county, Illinois in 1838, where he engaged in farming. He was the first school commissioner of that county and organized the common schools, was sheriff of the county in 1852-4, and still lives on the land he bought at government sale in 1838, of which the only conveyance is the United States patent to him.

William Granger Hastings attended the common schools of his native county until the age of fourteen, then attended the graded school in Marengo, Illinois, the two succeeding winter terms. The following winter, at the age of sixteen, he commenced teaching country school, continuing his study meantime. By the spring of 1871 he had attained a fair knowledge of Caesar, Virgil and geometry. About that time he came into possession of a copy of an address by John Stewart Mills, rector of the University of Glasgow, and this inspired him with a desire for college training and made him especially curious as to Greek. In April, 1871, he entered the preparatory department of the Chicago University and remained in that institution as steadily as the necessity of self-support would permit, until his graduation with the B. A. degree in June, 1876. He received the first prize for the sophomore class essay, was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon, and valedictorian of a class of eighteen. He earned his first money dropping seed corn for two men to cover with hoes, his compensation being three shillings per day. He first began the study of law in the office of Graham & Newman in Chicago, and in the summer of 1876 removed to Nebraska, bringing with him a certificate of one year's work in law study and \$85 in money. He entered the office of Hastings & McGintie at Pleasant Hill, Saline county, Nebraska, where he earned his board for the first year. He was then offered \$400 by Hastings & McGintie for his services for the next year, or a percentage of the business done by the office. He accepted the latter proposition and made about \$500. He was admitted to the bar in 1877 and in the spring of 1878, with the change of the county seat to Wilbur, Nebraska, he removed to that point and formed a partnership with E. E. McGintie, which continued until January 1, 1892, when he assumed the judgeship of the Seventh Judicial district, to which he was elected in the fall of 1891. The firm of Hastings & McGintie acquired a large practice in Saline and adjoining counties and were employed upon either one side or the other of most of the important cases brought in Saline county during the time they were in practice. Judge Hastings has always been a democrat in politics, was candidate for congress in 1888 in the old Third district of Nebraska, and made ninety-five speeches for the Mills bill and tariff platform of that year. He was nominated for the state senate in 1884 on the democratic ticket, and elected by a majority of 372, while the republican national ticket carried in the county by over 700. He was one of the five democrats in the state senate in 1885 and procured the passage of the law authorizing the present county commissioner system of the state. In 1890 he was elected county attorney of Saline county, and elected judge of the Seventh judicial district in 1891 and re-elected in 1895. In 1900

he was appointed one of the supreme court commissioners of Nebraska, serving for two years. He has been a member of the school board of Wilber for upwards of twenty years. His military record is limited to three weeks' service in the University Guards, organized under the instruction of General Sheridan, at Chicago, after the great fire, and disbanded by order of General Sheridan under demand of Governor Palmer, after one of the company had, while on guard duty, shot Colonel Grosvenor. Judge Hastings is a member of the Masonic order and of the Blue lodge. He was married October 20, 1880, to Elizabeth Hackley. They have two children, Hellen L., and Laura E.

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