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Editorial Remarks

The reports of absences sent by the various departments to the registrar during the first week this system was tried disclosed the fact that there had been fourteen hundred and some odd cases of absence. The second week only about four hundred absences were reported. Evidently the scheme of daily absence reports is working in the right direction. On the face of it four hundred absences a week seems a large number, but when the fact that this means only about one absence from recitation per week to every six students, or one-sixth of an absence per, this does not seem so astonishing. Even four hundred, however, is much larger than it should be.

A man who cheats in examination works injury only to himself. By cheating he may, once or twice, or three times, attain a high mark, or a passing grade, and may deceive his instructors for a time, but not for long. Every man must stand fairly and squarely on his own feet in the struggle for existence and by employing underhand methods in school he simply sets a snare for his own future downfall and disgrace. A cheater never prospers, his underhand schemes and doubtful dealings invariably react on the doer and the result is exposure. Expulsion from the University should rightfully be the reward of the cheater, but the remedy suggested by the Chancellor that "honest students, the vast majority, will use their influence against it" is by far the most potent. Ostracism by the student body will keep the cheater out of our midst quicker and more effectively than any other remedy.

There seems to be a general feeling of apathy among the different class organizations of the University that is causing no small amount of alarm for the leaders of the various classes. This dirth of class spirit which gives use to gross indifference impedes their best interests and will thereby characterize a large decrease in accomplishments. It seems that every one of the class or-

ganizations have squared up to the same obstacle—how to raise sufficient finances to carry out their small financial undertakings. This is a condition that should not exist. The financial obligations of any of the classes, with the possible exception of the Seniors, for the whole year, will not exceed a tax of twenty-five cents per capita, which sum, it would seem, the student who is able to attend the University could easily expend for the benefits he receives from class organization. But it seems despite the repeated attempts of financial committees to collect a small ten cent levy that they always return with the empty bag. Such things should not prevail in the University. Every student should have sufficient class spirit to at least help support the organization by a ten cent payment.

Academy Notes.

Arthur Kling has been compelled to discontinue his studies on account of an attack of rheumatism.

Two students were suspended last week because of continued cutting of classes. The principal is determined that the students shall discontinue this kind of work.

The Academy girls basketball team will play the girls five of Tecumseh high school in Tecumseh Jan. 20. Miss Mitchell has not decided yet who will represent the Academy and the girls are all working hard in regular practice.

Mr. C. F. Coats, a man of culture and training, who is on a leave of absence from service under the British government in India, entered the Academy last week. Mr. Coats is suffering from poor health and has decided to study medicine. He entered the Academy with this in view and is taking the preparatory medical course.

The principal had fully planned to leave last Monday on a long tour of inspection through the western part of the state, but has been seriously delayed by the non-arrival of railroad transportation. Professor Hodgman states that an unusually large number of schools in that part of the state are applying for accreditation.

When asked to give a short description of the work which he is about to take up the professor said:

"It is a tedious process requiring careful refining of the courses of study, an examination of the schools statistics, the equipment, the library, the professional training of the teacher, etc. Finally a careful visit of inspection, and a seance with the school board. Very often much careful and politic work is necessary in order to heal factionalism and secure concerted action. Editors must be seen and coached on the needs of the school. Local pride must be touched and influential men made insistent for reforms. Last of all the inspector finds it necessary in each school to make the speech of his life to the students, seeking to arouse in them a desire for the joys and opportunities of a higher education."

The opening meeting of the annual session of the State Historical Society was held in the armory last evening and despite the uncertainty of the elements outside there was a fair number in attendance.

The speech by the president, Ex-Gov. Furnas, was a remarkably strong exposition of the conditions surrounding the "Market Square" controversy in Nebraska history and an able citation of facts to prove that fraudulent methods were rife in the transaction that deprived the State Historical Society of this valuable property.

The remainder of the program was equally good and the general sentiment expressed after the meeting seems to flatter the prospects of an excellent program throughout the whole of these meetings.

The various class basketball teams will practice in the gymnasium from 2 to 4 Saturday afternoons. In these class teams varsity material is often developed and it is desired that as many men turn out as can possibly do so. There are always experienced players on the floor and this is a good opportunity to learn the fine points of the game.

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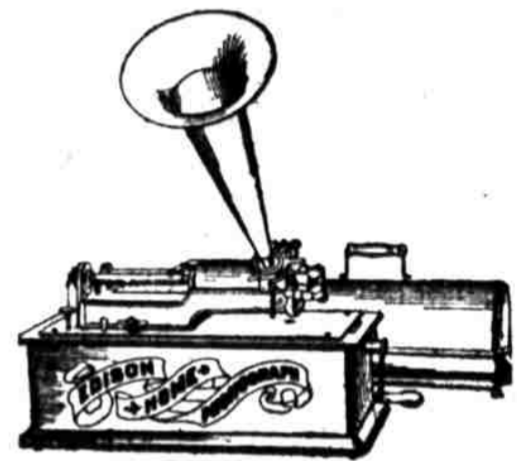
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