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**SOUVENIR NEBRASKANS.**

The souvenir Football number of the  
Daily Nebraskan has been taken off  
sale at the book stores, but there are  
a few copies at the office of the Ne-  
braskan which may be had at the regu-  
lar price, ten cents.

**DR. BESSEY ON FOOTBALL.**

Asked about football, Professor Bes-  
sey said: "I have been thinking for  
some time that there should be a  
handicap placed upon the heavier  
team, just as in yacht racing there is  
a handicap upon the larger boat. I  
talked to a few people about this mat-  
ter before the Thanksgiving recess,  
but being very busy at that time, did  
not do anything about it. On my way  
back from the east last week I no-  
ticed an item in one of the Chicago  
papers to the effect that the same sug-  
gestion had been made by some one  
in the University of Illinois. The  
more I think over the matter the more  
I am impressed with the value of the  
suggestion, which no doubt has often  
been made before. Why it has not  
been adopted is not hard to surmise.  
The heavy team does not want a handi-  
cap, and the lighter one is too proud  
to ask any odds. So the game has  
come to be a contest of weights rather  
than of skill alone. Of course I do  
not suggest that there is not a great  
deal of skill in the present game, but  
as shown at Ann Arbor, all the skill  
of our lighter team could not over-  
come the avoirdupois of the opposing  
team. I should like to place so heavy  
a handicap upon the heavy teams that  
coaches would find it far more profit-  
able to develop great skill in light  
teams, rather than to collect all the  
weight possible. Suppose we were to  
get up two teams in the faculty, one  
of such big men as Professor Ross,  
Dr. Condra, Professor Fossler and so  
on, and the other of men like Profes-  
sor Caldwell, Dr. Heald and Dr. Waite.  
It would not be at all fair to have them  
play against one another without some  
allowance for the greater weight of  
the one team as compared with the  
other. The game should put a pre-  
mium upon pluck, endurance and skill,  
and not upon physical size and weight.  
A handicap such as I speak of would  
stop the increasing anxiety of colleges  
to get bigger and bigger men on the  
teams."

Seniors should have pictures taken  
at Kennedy's, South Twelfth street,  
for the Senior book.

**Football Reform.**

The football situation is now coming  
to a head and in the course of a few  
weeks the fate of football will be de-  
cided.

Saturday, at Philadelphia, the foot-  
ball rules committee met and immedi-  
ately passed the following resolution:  
"This committee is in favor of action  
leading toward the opening of the  
game, the lessening of the brutality,  
the placing of officers in a central body  
and rendering the evasion of rules un-  
popular."

After a thorough deliberation the  
following suggestions were recorded:

"First—The rules should distinguish  
between unnecessary roughness and  
brutality. The latter, viz., 'brutality,'  
should include 'slugging' and 'knee-  
ing.' The penalty for these offenses  
should be disqualification of the guilty  
player until the end of the half, no  
substitute being permitted to take his  
place; two such disqualifications in  
the season to operate as a bar to such  
player's further participation in any  
intercollegiate games during that sea-  
son.

"The former, 'unnecessary rough-  
ness,' should include the use of the  
'straight arm' and elbow in defense,  
'piling up' and other acts of similar  
character.

"Second—To bring more open play  
the following changes are recom-  
mended:

"(a) Forward pass permissible back  
of the line of scrimmage.

"(b) On the defense there shall not  
be more than six players on the line  
of scrimmage; of the players back of  
the line of scrimmage three of them  
must be at least five yards from the  
line; the remaining players back of  
the line of scrimmage, if within five  
yards thereof, must be inside of the  
position of the two players on the end  
of the line of scrimmage.

"(c) On the offense, the side having  
the ball must gain ten yards on three  
downs or forfeit the same to the other  
side.

"(d) There should be an official  
board of umpires and referees chosen  
in advance of the football season and  
assigned to the respective games by  
some duly constituted authority."

In New York city, on Friday, in re-  
sponse to the invitation of Chancellor  
McCracken of New York University,  
thirteen colleges and universities held  
a joint meeting at which two men  
represented each institution. Chan-  
cellor McCracken presented a resolu-  
tion that football be done away with  
entirely. Lieutenant-Colonel Robert  
Howse of the Military Academy at  
West Point, amended the original resolu-  
tion so that football should be re-  
formed, but not done away with. The  
amendment was carried by a vote of  
15-3. The most prominent schools  
took side as follows: Harvard, Rut-  
gers, Wesleyan, West Point, Syracuse,  
Swathmore, Fordham and Rochester  
(1), for reform. Columbia, New York  
Union, Stevens and Rochester (1), for  
the abolishment of football.

A committee composed of represen-  
tatives from Columbia, New York and  
West Point submitted three different  
propositions which were merged into  
the following:

"Resolved, That this conference fav-  
ors the appointment of a rules com-  
mittee to govern football, to be ap-  
pointed by these institutions annually  
and to be responsible to the appoint-  
ing bodies.

"Resolved, That an invitation be  
sent to the colleges and universities  
that are active in football to appoint  
annually delegates, one from each in-  
stitution, who shall elect each year a  
committee of eleven members to for-

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mulate rules for the government of  
the game.

"Resolved, That no one shall be el-  
ligible as a delegate to the conference  
who has received compensation by  
reason of his connection with athletics,  
whether as a player, coach, umpire,  
referee, director, committeeman or in  
any other capacity except a member  
of a faculty of a college and regularly  
enrolled in the catalog."

An invitation was extended to have  
such a body meet in New York, De-  
cember 28, '05.

The date of the final contest for the  
class football championship of the  
University has not as yet been set.  
Both managers want the game to be  
played this week in order to get it  
played off before the Christmas vaca-  
tion, but they have been unable so far  
to get together on the exact day of the  
game. The Sophomores desire more  
time to get over the "sore spots" re-  
ceived in the game last Friday, while  
the Juniors urge that the game be  
played as soon as possible in order to  
take advantage of the excellent  
weather.

**Meeting of Latin Club.**

The Latin Club will meet this even-  
ing at the home of Miss Hunter, 1448  
R street. The following program will  
be given:

- Book Reviews, Miss McClucas.
  - Periodicals, Miss Long.
  - Paper, Miss Bunt.
  - Current Events, Miss Stebbins.
  - Latin Conversation, led by Dr. John-  
son.
  - Latin Songs.
- All members are urgently requested  
to be present.

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