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## DR. LEES TALKS

EXPLAINS ACTION OF FOOTBALL CONFERENCE.

Gives Reasons for Revision of Rules— Tells How Reform Was Accomplished.

Dr. James T. Lees, Nebraska's representative to the National Football Rules Committee of the United States, gave an interesting account of the history and present status of football reform as embodied in the action of the Rules Committee, at Convocation yesterday. After calling for the Nebraska yell as an appropriate introduction for his address, Dr. Lees spoke in part as follows:

At the close of the football season in 1905 a crisis was reached, due to the growing evils arising from strenuous games. Thus the Freshman rule was adopted because of the demand for heavy line men; for if an unusually fine player was found in a small institution inducements were offered to change his college. Such unsportsmanlike tactics had to be stopped. Then, too, a long list of fatalities led many to believe that football was more deadly than a Mauser. But President Hadley of Yale and President Schurman of Cornell valiantly defended this "major sport," which altho a rough game has in it many elements of military discipline and moral training.

The game was ruled out of many universities, and it was then that a conference was planned to which sixty-eight colleges and universities were to send representatives. The conference was held in New York, December 28, and was divided into seven geographical sections: New England, New York, Middle States, Ohio, Middle West, South and West. This conference was a struggle between two teams in a football game of more than thirty-minute halves, and in the end the conservatives scored a touchdown by the adoption of the following resolutions:

First—To communicate with the men of Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Annapolis and Chicago University who had always constituted the committee that had formerly governed football, and propose that the committees formulate rules under which football should be played.

Second—That the seven members elected by this conference should be guided in their action so as to secure the following:

1. An open game.
2. The elimination of rough and brutal playing.
3. The efficient enforcement of rules. Making the rules definite and precise in all respects, such as the definition of brutal playing, holding, tripping and, in general, all infringement of the rules for which penalties are given.

4. The organization of a permanent body of officials.

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At present the members of the committee are doing all possible to cultivate a spirit of fair play and the "square deal." Let us put not only football, but all our college athletics, on a strictly honest, straightforward scholastic basis, and then coming generations of athletes will rise up and call us blessed.

### FORMER CAPTAIN PROMOTED.

Jerome Langer, '01, Made Superintendent of Navy Yards.

James Langer, who has filled the position of chief inspector of the electrical department of the United States navy yard at Brooklyn, N. Y., has been promoted to the superintendency of the test rooms of the navy yards at Newark, Brooklyn and Philadelphia.

Mr. Langer is a graduate of the University, class '01, and was captain of C company in his Senior year. He was also very prominent in University social circles.

### MISS BROWN TO COACH.

Senior Play Committee Selects Successor to Miss Howell.

The Senior play committee has selected Miss Bess Brown to coach the Senior play. Miss Brown has only recently assumed the duties of instructor in Elocution in the University and has taken the place of Miss Howell, who was given a year's leave of absence a short time ago.

Miss Brown is a graduate of Nebraska and of a noted school of oratory in the east and for some time has been the instructor in Elocution and Dramatic Interpretation at Hastings College. She has had extended experience in the production of college plays, having taken the leading role in her own Senior play, and last year was the coach of the Senior play at the University of Colorado.

### The Versatile Stagg.

Coach Stagg of the University of Chicago has seventy-five varieties of plays which he will give the Gophers Saturday.

### PAPER ON SEaweEDS.

Professor Bessey Preparing Scientific Work.

Professor Bessey is preparing a paper on one of the groups of seaweeds known as the Siphonales for publication in the "Transactions of the American Microscopical Society," which is now on the press. These seaweeds include about a dozen families of plants, some of which are found in fresh water, while the majority are marine. This paper is the result of studies begun many years ago and presented from time to time in Dr. Bessey's lectures to advanced classes in Botany, but never yet formally published.

### TEAM TO SEE PLAY.

Omaha Theater Invites Team to See Maxine Elliott.

The managers of the Boyd theater in Omaha have invited Nebraska's football team to attend the play in Omaha next Saturday evening when Maxine Elliott is to appear. Manager Eager has accordingly arranged for a delay in the time for the excursion to start back to Lincoln and all who go up to Omaha will have ample time to attend the play if they so desire.

The excursion will be run over the Burlington and will leave Lincoln at 10 a. m. It is confidently expected that over three hundred students will avail themselves of the opportunity to see Omaha, to go to the game, and then to accompany the team to the theater.

Manager Eager also announces that he has secured a round trip rate of a fare and a third to Lincoln from all points within sixty miles for the Kansas game, a week from Saturday. This rate will include Omaha.

### Cornhuskers Have Schedule Filled.

Professor Higgins, corresponding secretary of the Debating Council, has received a letter from Nebraska declining to consider a Kansas debate this year. The reason given is that their schedule is entirely filled.—The Kansan.

Cameron's Lunch Counter. 123 S. 12.

Omaha and Ret. Saturday, \$1.10

See the Football Game  
then go with the team  
to see Maxine Elliott.

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## UNUSUAL GROWTH

BIBLE STUDY COURSES SHOW A MARKED IMPROVEMENT.

Progress General—Nebraska Coming to the Front—Interest Growing Very Rapidly.

It has often been said in the past that state universities were "Godless institutions." The following facts concerning the study of the Bible, including the life of Christ, the central figure in human history, indicate clearly that the above harsh accusation is groundless.

The following statistics are furnished by the International committee of the Young Men's Christian Association:

Five hundred and sixty institutions of North America reported 33,157 men studying in 3,089 Bible classes.

One hundred and eight institutions having no Bible study the previous year reported classes.

Two thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven men were enrolled in Bible classes in 103 institutions. The previous year 1,909 fraternity men were reported in fifty-three institutions.

Seventy-one college presidents, college professors and prominent alumni, representing forty North American institutions, have become associated with this student Bible movement for purposes of counsel and co-operation.

The eleven universities having the largest Bible study enrollment for last year were:

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| University of Illinois     | 560 |
| University of Toronto      | 518 |
| Ohio State University      | 509 |
| Yale University            | 431 |
| University of Pennsylvania | 400 |
| Princeton University       | 375 |
| University of Minnesota    | 361 |
| University of Iowa         | 300 |
| McGill University          | 291 |
| Harvard University         | 272 |
| University of Nebraska     | 186 |

The following statistics will speak for our own Alma Mater:

Men enrolled in Bible study classes at the University of Nebraska: 1904-5, 77; 1905-6, 186; 1906-7, 325.

The last figures will very probably reach 400 before the end of the school year. So that when next year's figures are published Nebraska will, in this respect, be found where she belongs, near the top. This number includes classes to be started in the Greek letter fraternities. The men meet once a week in small groups from six to fifteen each, at a convenient place, usually some student's room or a rooming house, for three-quarters of an hour's discussion under the leadership of some competent student. The work is entirely voluntary and is very largely in the nature of informal discussion. Mr. C. M. Mayne, secretary of the City Y. M. C. A., leads the normal training class for the group leaders. The courses include studies in "Life of Christ," "Old Testament Characters," and "The Teachings of" (Continued on page 4.)

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