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A POINT WELL TAKEN.

In a recent issue of the Purdue Exponent, the official student publication of Purdue university, appeared an editorial on the subject of knocking that is so applicable to conditions at Nebraska at the present time that part of it is quoted below. The editorial is as follows:

"So much is being said in the papers of the various colleges about the spirit of knocking that we cannot pass the theme without some statement, especially now, as there seems to be a good deal of harmful criticism going the rounds. There is a difference between the knock and the criticism. The knock is always against the subject being treated; criticism may not be adverse. The knock is destructive, the criticism is constructive to the sentiment. The knocker usually gives forth his wrath after the possibility for remedy has passed; the man who criticises has what he has to say ready in time for the good of the cause, which he represents. In other words, the knock is nothing more than a tirade upon some custom, upon some past event, or upon some individual. It has nothing in view at the time of its expression, for it is given by one who does not care one way or another, seeing that all the things which he desired are not being carried out. Healthy criticism is wanted at all

cient to prevent Nebraska from taking her place among the most progressive schools of the country.

There is no use denying the fact that things at Nebraska are not what they should be. There is no use closing our eyes to the fact that it is a disgrace and shame that we have not an athletic field of our own. There is nothing gained by refusing to admit that our campus is cramped for room and poorly kept. It is evident to all that the buildings of the university are not adequate to fulfill the needs of the university either in quality or quantity.

Now then, if conditions are thus at Nebraska, what does this mean? Because our college is in need of all the help that she can obtain does not give us license to throw our influence on the side of obstruction and failure. The fact that our college is not what it ought to be is a trumpet call to every student to do his part to maintain her prosperity and preserve her standing as a leader among western colleges.

It is not wealth that makes a college great. It is the little things that constitute college life that tell whether a college has attained its highest possibilities and is accomplishing in the fullest degree the work laid out for it to do. These are the things that it is possible for the student to change. The fact that Nebraska has not a fine campus and a great athletic field are things which lie beyond the regulation of the average student. The fact that the highest standard of honesty is not maintained in scholarship, the fact that there is no real, deep, unity of feeling among the students at Nebraska, the fact that the rooters are found willing to lay down when we are being beaten in a football game, the fact that the students will not turn out in earnest support of university functions, these things are matters for which the students are solely responsible, and things which will keep Nebraska from really being a great school no matter how fine buildings she may possess and how great an athletic field she may have.

Now, it is up to the students at Nebraska to think of these things. When we have done our duty, when we have solved our part of the problem, then and not until then are we justified in demanding that the people of the state do their part.

PLACE TABOO ON USE OF "MUH"

Certain Frat Men Organize Against Nerve Racking Slang.

"It certainly looks good to 'muh.'" "What have you got for 'muh?'" "Come on with 'muh.'" Several fraternity men agreed

WHAT ECKERSALL SAW

FORMER CHICAGO STAR WRITES OF CARLISLE GAME.

PICKS THE CORNHUSKER STARS

Says Captain Harvey, Cooke and Kroger Were Leaders for Nebraska, and Thorpe, Balenti and Hauser for Indians.

The following article on the Nebraska-Carlisle football game was written for the Chicago Tribune by Walter H. Eckersall, who was umpire at the contest:

"The Carlisle Indian football team decisively defeated the Nebraska eleven at Antelope park this afternoon 37 to 6. The weather was ideal for the players, but too cold for the spectators, who turned out in small numbers to witness the contest.

"The Cornhusker's downfall was due to poor tackling and handling of punts. They invariably tackled high and were brushed off or carried several extra yards by the concentrated attacks of the red men. The Indians kept their feet in grand style and the Nebraska players could not cope with their offense at critical times. The pleasing feature of the game was the clean and sportsmanlike play of the entire Carlisle eleven. Not a single red skin played dirty football.

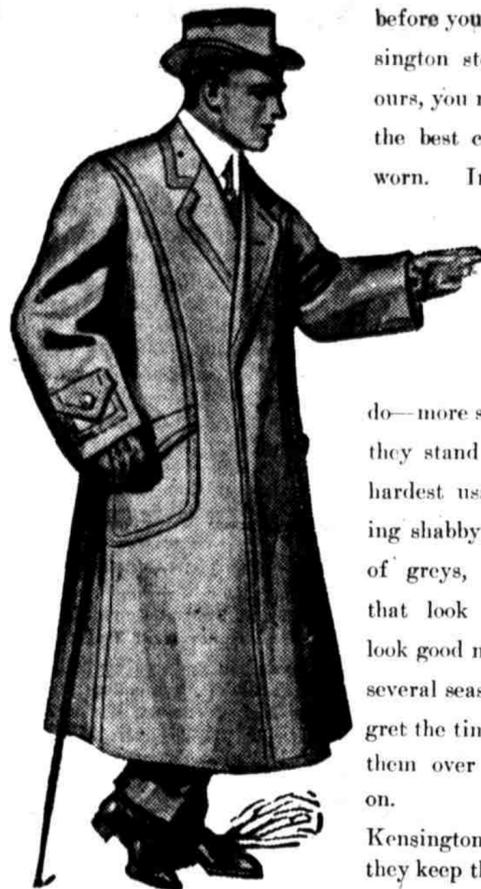
"Little new style football was attempted by either team. Both elevens relied on line plunges and swinging end runs for their gains, while most of the attempts at forward passes and inside kicks failed. Once the Indians worked a forward pass for a touchdown when on Nebraska's 10-yard line, and this was practically the only play of the new game that was successfully executed.

"Nebraska's touchdown resulted from an Indian punt which did not cross the line of scrimmage and gave the Cornhuskers the ball on the Indians' 10-yard line. Three concentrated drives off the tackles placed the oval over the line for the locals' only score.

"Thorpe, Balenti and Houser played grand football for the Indians, while Capt. Harvey, Cooke and Kroger starred for the locals. The Indians left tonight to meet Denver university at Denver next Saturday in the last game of their hard schedule."

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Michigan's return to the "big eight" fold, football possibility much desired by an influential body of wolverine alumni, but as yet halled with no enthusiasm by the Ann Arbor athletic powers, has been shoved into the rear again. The question of the wolverine re-entry into conference competition will not come before the "big eight" in any shape this winter, as the contemplated Jan-

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times everywhere, but the spirit of the ranten is to be despised upon the campus as well as out in the world." If the truth stated in this editorial were lived up to by the students of this university we would have a school vastly different from the Nebraska that we know. If every student used his powers of criticism merely as a means to make what we have better instead of as a means of tearing down then no power on earth would be suf-

among themselves yesterday afternoon to put a ban on the use of these foregoing expressions or any others that contain 'muh.' That word to them is the most odious and offensive one in the slang vocabulary and they are determined to exterminate it before many weeks have gone by.

"Muh" has become so prevalent in the conversation of some students that their talk sounds like the jargon of two cheap vaudeville black face comedians. Seldom does this set of students utter over ten words without bringing in "muh."

The word has been used so extensively during the past two weeks that it now grates on the sensitiveness of certain students, who have become allied against it. These frat men who formed a clique to beat down the use of the word have not decided upon what methods they will use in working out their task. This much has been determined, however. At first some mild means will be used in an effort to kill off the word. If those do not serve the purpose, sterner methods will be adopted and these will be pretty severe on the students who persist in using the despicable word "muh."

The students to show this contempt for the users of "muh" concocted the following little rhyme yesterday: "The man who uses slang on any day had enough in his meaty way. But he who hands out the poor old 'muh' is disgusting as those who say 'dear subh.'"

uary meeting of the conference will not take place.

Coach Stagg of the University of Chicago announced yesterday that the January meeting would be unnecessary, as no objections will be offered by any of the "big eight" schools to the minor actions taken at the recent session. This will make it impossible to bring up the question of Michigan's position even should the wolverines decide to arbitrate.

With the decision to drop the discussion of conference affairs until next June, the Michigan problem seems to be ended at least until after next football season. While a special session of the "big eight" could be called, Coach Stagg thinks it practically certain that this will not be resorted to.

"It is now certain that there will be no more conference meetings until next June," said Coach Stagg. "While there has been a good deal of talk about Michigan coming back, there will not be any opportunity to talk it over until too late in the year to schedule games, I am satisfied that the matter is ended."

Captain Walter Steffen of the 1908 championship maroons, who has received an offer to coach the Wabash eleven next fall, said yesterday that he would not decide as to his football plans until later. He has several offers, and is considering at least two of them. Schommer, who has been suggested as coach of the Illinois basketball team, intends to remain at the Midway and play with the maroon five this winter.

Michigan. ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 2.—Cap- (Continued on Page 4)

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