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NEW NEBRASKA FIELD

NEW ATHLETIC PLAYGROUND
MAY BE BUILT NEXT YEAR.

CORNHUSKERS FAR IN THE REAR

Other Colleges, State and Private,
East and West, Have Provided for
Physical Development of
the Students.

Something slightly less than \$20,000 will be needed for the purchase of ground north of the present campus before the University of Nebraska can begin the construction of an athletic field worthy of the Cornhusker institution. An additional \$20,000 will be needed to fully equip the field for the work to which it will be dedicated, although this amount need not all be immediately available.

With these figures in mind, enthusiastic supporters of athletics at Nebraska seem still willing to insist that the Cornhusker teams of next fall will play on a field of their own. The belief of these men in their ability to concumate the deal whereby Nebraska will become possessed of at least an apology for a decent field found expression at the recent Cornhusker banquet and it has since been re-stated in private conversation.

Already Have Something.

Already the regents and the athletic board own a part of the ground where it is proposed to lay out the field. These two bodies now own lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and part of 12 in block 11, which is just north of the campus between Tenth and Eleventh streets. The other lots in the block when last sold brought approximately \$22,500. They are now assessed at \$25,000. It seems to be the sentiment of those connected with the purchase movement that they could be bought by condemnation proceedings for about \$20,000. If anything, the amount would likely be a little less than that.

Lot 12, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, which it would be the intention of the owners of block 11 to purchase in the future, could not be obtained for less than \$30,000. However, block 11 would be enough to start the field with.

After the land is purchased the block must be graded off, filled in, and then equipped with grandstands, sodded gridiron, and other conveniences. The amount which would be necessary to complete these arrangements would be about \$20,000. For the first year it would perhaps be possible to get along with but part of this amount. It would take this amount, however, to put the field in condition fit for use. Additional capital could be used to excellent advantage and there is almost no limit on the amount that might be spent in giving Nebraska university a good place for athletic practice and contests.

In Other Schools.

There is probably not another university or college in the country anywhere near Nebraska's class which has not a good athletic field. Almost invariably, too, the land has been provided by the university authorities and in many cases the same body has fitted up the field.

Kansas university has an old field that is fairly good. It has good track and baseball facilities, a gridiron about like that at Antelope park, and poor seating arrangements. The regents of the school have recently purchased land near the campus and the work of grading up a new field is going on rapidly. When the present plans are completed Kansas will have a fine athletic playground. It is possible that the university will retain the old field and use both places.

The University of Missouri has a very nice field, paid for by the university regents. The athletic coaches

in this institution are all paid by the regents and as regular members of the faculty they maintain their residence in Columbia for the entire school year. Thus the teams may be in practice all the time.

Iowa has a good turf gridiron and track on land owned by the university. The university has just begun at a considerable cost the construction of new concrete grandstands which will vastly better the seating facilities. Northrop Field Great.

The University of Minnesota has an ideal field for an institution of its size which was largely subscribed for by private subscription. The wall about this field alone cost over \$20,000. The gridiron is sodded and so padded with cinders and sand that the danger of serious injury is reduced to a minimum.

The Harvard stadium is one of the best, if not the best, athletic fields in the country. It has concrete seats for 40,000 spectators and is magnificently equipped for every branch of athletics. Yale has a field not so well fitted out but with room for two or three gridirons, a couple of baseball fields, a track or two, and numerous other conveniences. The University of Cornell is planning to expend a total of \$450,000 in equipping a field donated by the trustees. The money will be raised largely by alumni subscription.

The following tables show what has been done at some of the eastern schools. In no case is the cost of the ground included in the figures given. The amounts for Cornell do not include the extensive work now being carried out, but are for the old field:

	Number of Students.	Area of Field, Acres.	Cost of Field.
Harvard	4,000	65	\$410,000
Michigan	4,500	38	100,000
Pennsylvania	3,500	12	160,000
Princeton	1,500	30	150,000
Yale	3,000	30	150,000
Cornell	3,000	66	48,000

	Cost of Gymnasium.	Total cost Equipment.
Harvard	\$130,000	\$540,000
Michigan	155,000	255,000
Pennsylvania	300,000	460,000
Princeton	300,000	450,000
Yale	235,000	385,000
Cornell	64,000	112,000

REGENTS' MEETING IN OMAHA.

Selection of Successor to Chancellor Andrews May Be Made.

The Nebraska board of regents will meet in Omaha Friday afternoon. At this time it is probable that the selection of a successor to Chancellor Andrews will be considered. It is not likely that any definite action will be taken on this matter until a later meeting. It is possible, though, that the choice of a new chancellor may be made Friday.

Regents F. H. Abbott, V. G. Lyford, W. G. Whitmore, C. B. Anderson and George Copeland arrived in Lincoln yesterday. They held a joint meeting with the state board of education last night. During the next three days the regents will probably discuss privately and informally the possibilities for the chancellorship that definite action may be taken at the Friday meeting in Omaha if necessary.

NOTICE TO FACULTY.

A large section of seats in the front of the hall have been reserved for the faculty at the debate next Friday night. For the convenience of the faculty these seats have been placed in the hands of the registrar and can be procured there. It is especially desired by the management of the debate that the faculty secure the seats as soon as possible in order that it may be possible to provide seats for all that wish to attend.

Lathrop Taylor, a prominent Nebraska student of twenty years ago, is now editor of the Colorado Agricultural News, a sheet published by the University of Colorado. It is a sheet filled with concise information for the use of the press throughout the state.

DEBATE NEXT FRIDAY

SEATS GO ON SALE AT PORTER'S
MONDAY MORNING.

DEBATERS ROUNDING INTO FORM

Finishing Touches to Arguments Now
Being Given by Members of Two
Teams Who Will Represent
Nebraska Students.

On Monday morning the reservation of seats for the debate with Illinois commenced at Porter's and will continue increasing rapidly until the evening of the debate. A number of university students are now spending part of their time in disposing of tickets and it is expected that the debate will be one of the best attended of any that has been held at Nebraska.

Various departments of the school have already been canvassed by men connected with the rhetoric department and the result is that a large amount of interest has been displayed among the student body over the coming contest. At the state farm last Friday evening there was a large attendance at a meeting where the debate was referred to the literary societies of the agricultural department of the university voted to suspend their regular meeting in order that all might come to the debate in a body. Seats will be reserved for the farm students in a body and their representation will undoubtedly be a large one.

A Big Attraction.

At the home debate last year between Nebraska and Iowa there was an unusually large attendance. The question argued at that time was government ownership of railroads, and the pertinence of the question brought forth a large audience. W. J. Bryan presided and his personal popularity aided in drawing a crowd.

This year the question for debate is one of equal interest to the people. It has to do with the commission form of government, the exact proposition being, "Resolved, That American cities should adopt the commission form of government." This subject is one which is of interest especially to residents of Lincoln and other large cities. It was voted upon at the last Lincoln city election and a proposal for a commission system of city government in part was passed. To university students in general the matter should be attractive inasmuch as the question of proper municipal government is one of the greatest civic problems with which America has to deal with today. James Bryce, the great English statesman, has said that the one conspicuous failure of American government is its municipal system.

Additional drawing power is given the debate by the fact that Governor George L. Sheldon will preside. Governor Sheldon is an interesting man to Nebraska people and his presence is doubly to the point in view of the fact that he has always taken a stand in favor of progress in government, be it national, state or municipal. Governor Sheldon is an alumnus of the university, but his appearance Friday night will be the first time in a long period that he has been before a university audience.

Plan Biggest Ever.

With these facts in mind, the management of the debate anticipates the largest audience that has ever greeted a Nebraska debating team at the home contest. The capacity of the hall necessarily limits the crowd, and it is believed that this limit will be reached Friday evening.

The six men who compose the speaking teams representing Nebraska are hard at work putting the finishing touches on their arguments. Last week the work was kept up incessantly and

the results at the end of the week were extremely pleasing to the instructors and others who were able to judge of the progress made. This week is being devoted to the final preparations. The different debaters are polishing their speeches and fixing upon the minor points and tactics which they shall pursue.

LAW COLLEGE PRACTICE COURTS

Proceedings Started in Earnest Saturday Morning.

The first serious business of the law college practice courts was begun Saturday. A few cases had been taken up before that date in the two justice courts, and a good deal of filing and brief work had taken place, but the real proceedings were not started until 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

At that time continuances were granted in both of the justice courts. In Justice Taylor's court this action was taken on the case of Goumore vs. Matteson, and in Justice Aylesworth's court on the case of Green vs. Mutz.

In the district court, presided over by Judge Roy Carlbery, an equity case entitled Preston vs. Stasenka, was taken up, but little interest was displayed in it on account of the jury case which was holding the attention of the students in the other district court.

The principal event of the day's work was the case of Collins and Troub vs. Marconnet. This was the first jury case of the year in the practice court. It was largely attended and its proceedings faithfully carried out. Arthur Bouton presided as judge. H. J. Crites was leading counsel for the plaintiff and Attorney Aston led for the defense.

A large number of freshmen law students were taken before the court and after a few minutes of interesting proceedings twelve unfortunate first-year men were condemned to serve for several hours in the jury box. The jury sitting in the case returned a verdict at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon finding in favor of the plaintiff \$70 and costs.

The work of the law courts will be carried on rapidly from now until the close of the semester.

FRESHMAN LAW DANCE FRIDAY.

Will Be Second Annual Hop of First Year Law Men.

The second annual freshman law hop will be given by the freshmen of the law college in Fraternity hall Friday evening, the night of the annual debate between Nebraska and Illinois in Memorial hall. Last season the initial law hop was a success in every way and the management of this year's dance looks for the function to be a repetition of the first one. The committee says that the full number of eighty tickets must be sold or else the dance will be a "loser." Music will be furnished by Abbott's full orchestra. The price of tickets is \$1. Only eighty tickets will be sold and these may be secured from any member of the hop committee. The members of this committee are Fred Marconnet, Jake Wangerlen, D. D. Bell, Guy Matteson, S. P. Dobbs and S. G. Carney.

FACULTY DINNER TO ANDREWS.

Will Be Given at Lincoln Hotel This Evening.

The faculty of the university will give a dinner in honor of Chancellor Andrews at 6 o'clock this evening at the Lincoln hotel. About 200 invited guests, including many people from out in the state, will be present. Governor Sheldon will be one of the speakers on the toast list.

Pies like mother tried to make. Baked fresh every day by an expert woman pie baker at The Boston Lunch.

THINKING ABOUT IT

PROBLEM OF DANCE DEFICITS IS
RECEIVING ATTENTION.

TWO HOPS FAIL TO PAY OUT

Sophomores Will Nevertheless Make
the Third Attempt This Year to
Hold \$1.25 Dance in the New
Lincoln Annex.

With both the freshmen and the officers' hops financial failures, considerable discussion has arisen as to whether class dances can be given at the Lincoln hotel without an increase in the cost of tickets. While outside attractions tended to a certain degree to keep the attendance at these functions, yet it was apparent that under the most favorable conditions the dances would have been financially failures.

The officers' hop, given at the Lincoln on Friday evening, was attended by about sixty couple. The deficit is reported to be close to \$30. This amount the committee who were in charge of the dance will have to make good. The freshmen hop, although more largely attended, is said to be almost as badly in debt. Both of these affairs were \$1.25 dances and it was thought by those in charge that an opportunity to attend a dance in the beautiful new hall of the Lincoln would result in a large enough attendance to make the ventures pay at this price. Such, however, proved not to be the case. The chairmen of the dances sold with difficulty the number of tickets which were actually disposed of.

Chairmen Work Hard.

A. F. Crites, chairman of the officers' hop, devoted much of his time to making the dance a financial success, and it was due to his efforts largely that the dance proved to be so enjoyable. Backed by an able committee, who made a thorough canvass among those students in school who are in the habit of attending such university affairs, it is a matter of much comment that the dance should not make good from a money standpoint.

Fred Tighe, who was in charge of the freshmen dance, also spent much in preparing for the hop. This affair is ordinarily one of the most popular of all the dances given in the course of the university year and the fact that it did not pay out goes a long way toward supporting the contentions of the students who argue that a dance at the Lincoln cannot pay at the price named for these two functions.

Sophs Will Try It.

Despite the fact of these failures, the sophomore class will attempt to give a \$1.25 dance at the Lincoln January 8. A committee of seven will devote every effort to make the affair a paying proposition as well as an evening of enjoyment. Walter Weiss is chairman of the hop and with his experience in affairs of this nature, it is hoped that the "hoodoo" which has been pursuing university functions so far this year will be broken. If it is not, then the class dances at the Lincoln are a matter of history.

Sufficient developments have come to light to prove to the most skeptical that the dancing affairs of the university have been scheduled too freely. With dances on every Friday and Saturday night clear up almost to the close of school next spring, chairman of these hops are now facing the proposition of conflicts and consequent loss.

The botany department has received a copy of a four volume work by Johnstons and Croall on British seaweed. The feature of the work is the magnificent cuts which it contains of red, brown and green seaweed.