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NEW MEDAL FOR PERSHING

FOUNDER OF CRACK DRILL TEAM HAS NOBLE OBJECT.

FOR THE BEST ALL-ROUND MAN

GENERAL PERSHING WRITES LETTER FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

Chancellor Avery Receives First Notice by Mail Yesterday—Award to Be Made by Committee.

An announcement has been definitely published to university students that a medal will be awarded to the cadet who, in competitive drill, will demonstrate his superior qualities as a soldier, including all the requisites of general military efficiency.

The general order, No. 8, is issued by Capt. H. E. Yates to the cadet battalions last evening is as follows:

"Brigadier General John J. Pershing, U. S. Army, has offered a medal to be awarded each year during the commencement week to the best all-round soldier student.

"The selection for the purpose of this award shall be made on the basis of: first, military standing, to be determined by soldier bearing, attention to discipline, and general military efficiency; second, general standing as a university student—each to be given equal weight. Those eligible to compete shall be members of the Pershing Rifles, and members of the senior or junior class. No person shall receive the medal more than once.

"The award will be made by a committee consisting of a dean of the faculty, the commandant of cadets, and a third member chosen by a vote of the active members of the Pershing Rifles."

Purpose of the Medal.

Brigadier General John J. Pershing, who was at one time commandant of the cadet battalion, has just made an offer to give a medal each year to the best all-round soldier and student in the membership of the Pershing Rifles. The letter from General Pershing was received by Chancellor Avery yesterday. It was written from the army post in the Philippines where General Pershing is stationed. He desires to cultivate not only military excellence among the students, but also encourage the more all-round development in all class work as well.

General Pershing was the founder of the crack drill team which now bears his name. He was one of the early commandants at the university. He was stationed at this post in the fall of 1891 and remained for four years. He succeeded Lieutenant Griffith as commandant. He is remembered by many members of the faculty and a great many more citizens of Lincoln as one of the most progressive and energetic of the Nebraska military officers. The respect of the university for him did not wane when he left for his new post.

Letter from the Philippines.

The following letter from Brigadier General Pershing explains the method of deciding which student shall receive the medal:

Headquarters Department of Mindanao Zamboanga, Philippines. December 19, 1910.

The Chancellor, State University.

Dear Sir:

To encourage among the young men of the University of Nebraska the cul-

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND SIX MEN FOR ALL-YEAR COACHSHIP

The committee, consisting of S. V. Shonka, H. K. Wolfe and R. G. Clapp, appointed to investigate applicants for the all-year coachship reported the names of six men to the board last night. Neither of the six was actually recommended for election, but as Dr. Clapp, secretary of the board, said, "They were recommended for most serious consideration after sifting down from the thirty-eight applicants. Neither man has been actually recommended for election.

The report of the committee in part was as follows:

Your committee on all-year coach begs to submit the following report:

Thirty-eight men have applied for this position or have been recommended by others to your committee for your consideration. We have conducted a very extensive correspondence with these candidates and have investigated their preparation and experience as fully as possible. After some personal interviews and very careful consideration of the matter, we recommend careful consideration of the following men by the athletic board:

C. C. Childs, Yale university.

Z. D. Clevenger, University of Indiana, now director of athletics Nebraska Wesleyan university.

Edward L. Greene, University of Pennsylvania, New Haven, Conn.

John Marks, Dartmouth college, Minneapolis, Minn.

S. S. Metzger, University of Wisconsin, now director of athletics, Ripon college, Ripon, Wis.

Report Accepted.

The board accepted the report of its committee and referred it to the board of regents for final determination. The board of regents will select one of the six men.

It is generally expressed by students, in their campus gossip, that Childs has the best chance, and it is understood that he will probably be in Lincoln soon to meet the chancellor and mem-

bers of the board of regents. The board, however, has not officially announced anything regarding such a visit by Mr. Childs.

No Baseball.

The athletic board last night knocked intercollegiate baseball in the head, and killed it "deader'n a door nail"—at least so far as the coming season is concerned. The action was decisive. Nebraska will not play any baseball games with other colleges during the spring of 1911.

The action of the board in abolishing intercollegiate baseball does not in any way do away with the sport as a pleasure at Nebraska. Interfraternity baseball will be as lively as ever, and all sorts of other local leagues will be organized. Intercompany, interbattalion, interclass baseball games will be played and cups will be given by the athletic board. It is hoped that the baseball fever will be catching at Nebraska, although the intercollegiate games are out of the question.

Michigan Scheduled.

The football game with Michigan, which had been tentatively set for November 25, was approved by the board and the contract ordered closed. The Kansas game has been transferred and will be played on November 18 at Lawrence. Either Ames or Missouri will be played on the home field. The schedule of big games, which have so far been arranged, is as follows:

Oct. 21, Minnesota at Minneapolis; Oct. 28, Missouri; Nov. 4, Ames; Nov. 11, pen date; Nov. 18, Kansas at Lawrence; Nov. 25, Michigan at Lincoln.

Track Coach Doubtful.

No track coach has yet been selected for this spring. "The whole track coach matter is up in the air," is the way Dr. Clapp put it last night.

The state high school basketball championship tournament will be held in the armory, March 9, 10 and 11, under the auspices of the university athletic board.

SMITH RETURNS.

Delivers Lecture Before American Breeders' Association.

Prof. H. R. Smith, head of the department of animal husbandry, returned Monday from Columbus, O., where he attended the annual meeting of the American Breeders' association. This association is composed of the leading plant and animal breeders of the country. On Thursday evening Professor Smith addressed the association on "The Relation of Animal Confirmation to Gaining Capacity," his remarks being based on his experiments at the university farm. Professor Smith was made chairman of one of the association's important committees, the one on meat production.

* NEBRASKA DEFEATS AMES *
* (Special to the Nebraskan) *
* Ames, Feb. 7.—In a closely *
* contested game of basketball *
* here tonight Nebraska succeed- *
* ed in defeating Ames 22 to 19. *

tivation of those qualities that make for character, I shall offer each year a suitable medal to be awarded to the member of the Pershing Rifles found to be the best all around soldier-student.

The selection for purposes of this award shall be made on the basis of, (1) military standing, to be determined by soldierly bearing, attention to discipline and general military efficiency, and (2) general standing as a university student, each to be given equal weight. Any young man selected must be a member of either the senior or junior class, and shall not be eligible to receive the medal more than once.

It is my desire that the award be made each year by a committee consisting of the dean of the faculty, the commandant of cadets, and a third member, to be chosen by a vote of the active members of the Pershing Rifles. I should also be gratified to see the custom inaugurated of having the chancellor of the university present this medal during commencement.

Very respectfully,

JOHN J. PERSHING.

At Wisconsin the university gives a series of Friday night dances during the summer session, which have proved very popular.

THE MELTING POT CRITICISED

ITS PLACE IN DRAMATICS TAKEN UP AT CONVOCATION.

DOES NOT SOLVE RACE PROBLEM

PROF. BUCK DECLARES IT LEAVES NO GREAT IMPRESSION.

Author Resorts to Types Rather than to Characters—Falls Short of Realization of a National Drama.

A large audience listened with great interest to Prof. P. M. Buck's address on "The Melting Pot" at convocation yesterday morning. At the beginning of his talk, Professor Buck spoke of the lack, so far, of an American national drama. "The Melting Pot" is strictly an American play, but does not fulfill the conditions of a national drama. A few other American plays and playwrights were mentioned, among them the works of Percy MacKay and William Vaughn Moody, which are among the best.

Isreal Zangwill, the author of "The Melting Pot," took a place among the new generation of American playwrights when he published this play about two years ago. The play is meant to be a concrete illustration of the great problem we are striving with today in America—the fusion into one homogeneous mass the ingredients that are daily poured into its crucible. The speaker gave a brief outline of the plot.

The Plot.

A young Jewish musician, whose parents, brothers, sisters and friends have been massacred at Kischinef, escapes with a wound in the shoulder and emigrates to this country. Carried away by the grandeur of his ideal of this country, he conceives a magnificent symphony, symbolical of this goal of all oppressed people, their foregathering from all parts of the earth and their fusion into one mighty race, the race of the future. He falls in love with a young Russian refugee, daughter of the nobleman who directed the Kischinef tragedy. This love beats down his Jewish prejudice and brings him back to his ideal and his mission.

The author resorts to types rather than characters in his play. One great fault of the play lies in its being too ideally optimistic. This country has never shown itself particularly anxious over the welfare of its new citizens. The play emphasizes, however, the rapid loss of national characteristics by the foreigners coming in, and particularly the Jews. But the characters lack reality and it is a question if the Jew is capable of the stately outlook on things exterior which the author gives him.

Attempt of Author.

The play, however, is an effort at a distinct advance in the American drama. Although weak in characters, construction and though degenerating into a sweet little love story, it has a national theme of interest. Mr. Zangwill tries to show American optimism, unbounded hope of future and love of freedom. In spirit the play is essentially American, not in the widest sense, perhaps, but in having all those entering our ports, come in on a common footing. While "The Melting Pot" can not be called the greatest American play, it is a distinct contribution to our devoutly prayed for national drama.