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THE BAND AND FOOTBALL

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In time of war the driver of the ammunition wagon is often nearly equal in importance to the private fighting in the ranks.

It is true he is not as directly necessary as the man behind the gun, but it must be conceded that he is needed all the time. This, it seems to me, is the relation which exists between the men in moleskins and their immediate supporters and rooters—the men who cheer the fighters on to do their utmost.

Among these supporters and backers of the Nebraska machine no body of students has been more loyal in the season now passing into history than the university regimental band.

At the start of the school year it was brought home to those in charge that Nebraska had one of the best bands in loyalty and spirit as well as musical ability that had been produced in years and with this knowledge an effort was made to obtain recognition from the athletic authorities as well as the general public.

That the effort has been successful is attested by the fact that the band, for the first time in the history of the university, accompanied the team in all excursions into foreign territory.

The first real test of the band came when Nebraska met Minnesota on Northrup field. Not only were they compelled to meet a larger band on their own field, but were forced, with the help of a handful of rooters, to answer several thousand Minnesota supporters. That they acquitted themselves creditably will be admitted by all present. Since honors were even at the close of the first half it was arranged that the two bands make a joint demonstration, which they did by marching about the field as one organization to the strains of 'Alexander's Rag Time Band.'

The next excursion was the one to Ames. Here also a rival organization was met and overcome. Though the band, as well as the rest of the Nebraskans present, was treated to a number of uncomplimentary remarks from the stands, they succeeded in restraining themselves and kept rooting the harder. However, though not treated as well as they deserved at Ames, the band was entertained at the Berschel theater in Des Moines, complimentary tickets being given them by the manager upon their serenading the theater. The attraction was "The Red Rose," and between acts the band entertained the audience with some of the Nebraska songs and yells.

It was noticeable on the journey home the next day that the band spirit was still in the ascendancy, the band giving a concert at the C. R. I. & P. station in Des Moines and also playing for the delectation of the passengers on the way home.

The last trip taken by the band was the one to the Jay-

hawker country. In Lawrence good feeling was the rule between the band and Kansans from the time the band met the Nebraska team at the station until they left town.

Before the game, when the band played before the Kansas bleachers the crowd demanded that the band play "Boola," and encored it when played. Between halves the band again marched around the field and rendered "Boola" for the K. U. rooters. After the game they led the triumphant procession from the campus to the hotel. Refusing to be tired or worn out, the band marched to Thirteenth and O streets upon their arrival in Lincoln the next morning and gave a half-hour concert for the benefit of early church-goers.

However, it was not alone in the enemy's country that the band did good work. At the home games they were always present early and in large numbers helping the rooters and being the first to welcome the team.

It is not necessary to remind the reader how well the band has lived up to its reputation on the home field, soever, as that is well known by every loyal Nebraskan.

In fact the band has proved so worthy of the trust imposed upon it that for the first time in the history of the University the band has been delegated the honor of furnishing the music for the Cornhusker banquet. It is to be hoped that the precedent, established the past season, of having the band accompany the football team on the trips, will be followed in all ensuing years.

THE FAMOUS "PONY" BACKFIELD

Although not classed among the "regulars," the men who have made up Nebraska's famous "pony" backfield have played an important part in our long string of victories this year, and there is not a man of the four but would have been a regular with ease in any year but this.

It is hard to find a better substitute set of backs than these men—if substitutes they must be called at all.

Under Coach Stiehm's system the four regular backs are started in a game to wear down the opposing line by heavy playing, and then the light fast men are sent in to roll up the score. The high totals made by the team this year are chargeable mainly to the work of these men.

Racely, right half, has a record for four touchdowns in six times carrying the ball. This was made in the Kansas Aggie game, and the little sprinter was dubbed by Referee Masker at that time, the best open field runner in the valley.

Potter, quarterback, is so good that no school in the valley