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A DANGEROUS DEMONSTRATION.

The action of the rooters at last Saturday's basketball game was, to say the least, far from commendable. The mere fact that Referee Teuton did not interpret the Missouri Valley conference rules according to the opinions of the multitude, resulted in a carnival of hissing and taunts.

For a university of the standing of Nebraska such a demonstration is nothing short of a catastrophe; it is detrimental to the inter-collegiate standing of any school, but to that of a university which holds two Missouri Valley championships, which has in the past few years established an enviable record for fine spirit, and clean athletics, it is disgraceful. Such actions as these have ruined the reputations of more than one of our universities; in fact, several of the Valley schools are still at a great disadvantage owing to some previous "unsportsmanlike" demonstration.

The point at issue does not concern the question as to whether the referee was absolutely right or wrong, but rather the impression that is bound to go out to other schools, that the treatment received at our hands is not of the best. Possibly Referee Teuton was wrong in several of his decisions; but the fact remains that he was engaged by the conference authorities, and that he deserved just treatment. Not only will an official thus received carry away with him a poor opinion of conditions here, but also the visiting team, whose influence in their Alma Mater is bound to be wide, and, therefore, dangerous.

One such exhibition of ruffled spirits may have no serious consequences, but a repetition would be apt to lower the enviable reputation which Nebraska now holds.

A WINTER SPORT.

The "Rag" office is being flooded not only with news, subscription payments, and complaints, but also real water. The reporter who is obliged to make several visits daily to the office takes his life in his hands as many times.

A thick coating of ice on the two lower steps, combined with a down-pour of cold water from the eaves, which rivals the rush of Niagara Falls, makes the entrance to our cozy abode exhilarating, if not dangerous. The ensuing dampening of spirits to the unfortunate individual who "slips in" upon us can only be dispelled by the rush of hot air which makes the interior so pleasant.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT

Searle F. Holmes, Editor.

BILL WRITES HOME.

Dear Dad:

Your last epistle sure did make me sit up. I'd like to know what they have been handing you. Of course my fees of registration week were only eight dollars, but that fifty went in a good cause. Enclosed is my account. You can see by it how high living expenses are here. I was stung seven dollars for a week's board Saturday; but a fellow has to eat. Had three teeth filled, and think I'll have to have the rest filled soon. Then I had my lungs examined last week; think there must be something wrong with them, as the air is very bad here; tell mother not to worry, though—I'll probably pull through all right. Renewed my subscription to the "Rag," and of course that took a lot, but a fellow has to show school spirit some way. Joined the Y. M. C. A., as you told me to, but I haven't paid all the dues yet. Awfully expensive, but still I think it does a fellow a lot of good to belong.

And, say, some of the professors have asked me to join the Latin club, and the Deutsche Verein, but I said "no"—I thought it was too expensive, but I will yet if you think I'd better. They're awfully instructive, these clubs, and you can have a good time on the side; seems to me that every fellow ought to improve his opportunities while he's here.

Tell mother I'm sorry she's worried about my cold, but I'm getting better. Think I ought to buy some rubbers or overshoes, or something. The reason that I haven't been writing home so often lately is that I didn't have any stamps.

As you said, Dad, times have changed since you were here. Friday nights you took mother to the Palladian, and had a good time, and that's all there was to it, but nothing's doing now but hops and formals, and they've begun using cabs again, dern it. And, Dad, I think it would be mere economical in the long run if I had a dress suit; believe I could get one cheap now, as some of the fellows want to sell.

Guess I'd better stop now, as it's nine o'clock, and I like to get to bed early. I think every fellow ought to look out for his health. Tell mother that I'll write soon and that I'm getting along all right.

As ever, yours,

BILL.

P. S.—The museum burned down last Wednesday morning and some of us fellows thought it would be a good plan to raise a subscription for it. Just send me a tenner this time, Dad, if you can't spare any more.—Bill.

WINIFRED SEEGER.

WYOMING CLUB FORMED.

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realize the relationship of the two states.

It was finally settled what the club was to be, and organized for, after which the election of officers was in order. They are as follows: President, Burton S. Hill; vice president, W. F. Goodman; secretary, Miss Francis. A committee, consisting of Cloyd Stewart, S. O. Cotner, S. A. McCannless and Miss May, was appointed to draw up a set of by-laws and a constitution, which will be considered at the next meeting of the club, March 28.

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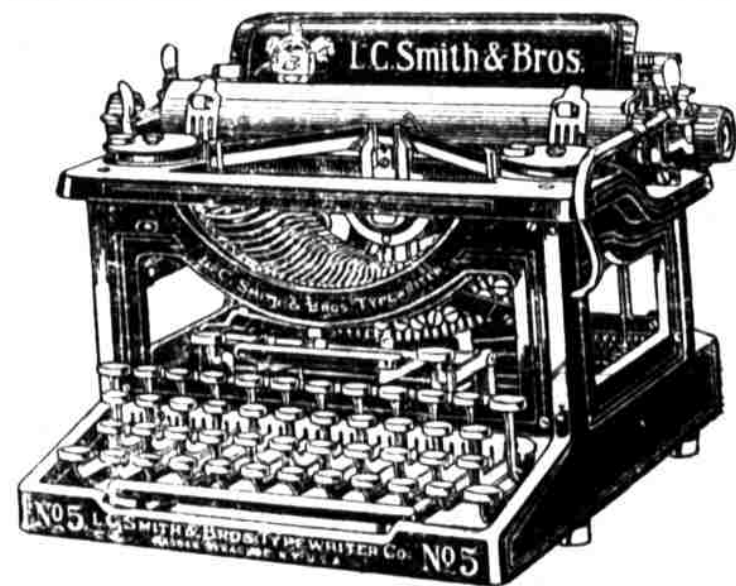
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