

## BUILDING OF NEW MEMORIAL STADIUM WAS SERIOUS TASK

### Large Labor Force and Much Material Used in Construction

The building of the stadium was a far bigger task than is generally realized. In the first place, the architects, John Latenser and Son, of Omaha, and Ellery Davis of Lincoln, spent considerable time in planning it. A trip was made to neighboring stadiums, particular attention being paid to the one at Ohio State. Our stadium resembles the latter more than any other.

Certain requisites of our stadium, especially the fact that all seats were to be close to the field and that a track 2100 feet long had to be included inside the stands, made certain changes necessary. Overhanging balconies, from which the track cannot be seen, reduced the necessary height of the stadium to 70 feet and thus the situation was met.

The contract for building the stadium was let the Parsons Construction Company of Omaha on May 2, and the contractors agreed to complete it so that it could be used for the 1923 football season. This contract gave the contractors eighty-nine working days to do the work and thirty-one of these were totally or partially lost on account of the weather.

The grading done kept forty men and fifty horses as well as two caterpillar tractors hauling four wagon trains, busy hauling dirt away. A giant shovel, moving 700 cubic yards of dirt a day, was used. Sixty-six thousand cubic yards of dirt were moved in the grading work. The playing field was made eight feet below the old one.

#### Materials Used

The material used in the construction of the stadium was concrete and steel. 16,000 cubic yards of concrete were used, 6,000 for the four towers and 1,000 for each of the ten seating sections. 200 cubic yds of concrete a day were poured when the forms were ready. 600 carloads of sand were used in the concrete, each carload weighing 120,000 lbs, making 72,000,000 pounds in all 128,000 gallons of water were also used in the concrete. 350,000 feet of lumber was used in making forms, seats, etc. 660 tons of steel were used in reinforcing the concrete. In the steel construction, a carload of bolts was used.

In making the seats, 16,500 seat blocks were used which were held in place by 78,500 screws. In the guide rails on the box seats three carloads of galvanized pipe railing were necessary. The weekly pay-roll of the Parsons Construction Company while construction was in full swing, was \$5,500 a week.

The playing field has two feet of black dirt under the sawdust in order to give the best kind of surface. The drainage system consists of a 27 inch pipe around the field to the north end where it empties into a storm sewer.

At intervals of 50 feet along the sides of the field, catch basins are placed. This system has proven its worth several times all ready.

#### Uses of Field

The stadium is being built in order to accommodate all branches of athletics. Besides the football field and outdoor running track, the stadium contains space for an indoor running track and indoor basketball, handball, and tennis courts.

The indoor running track, when it is completed, will be inside the stands, under the passage leading from the main concourse to the ramps. It will be 430 feet long under the stands, twenty feet high, and ten feet wide.

The huge room which will contain the indoor courts will also be under the stands, and is to be 430 feet long, forty feet wide, and eighteen feet high. In this room spaces will be marked off for basketball, handball, and tennis courts.

## OCTOBER ISSUE OF JOURNAL APPEARS

### Alumni Publication Features Spirit of '27 and Dedication of Stadium

The October issue of the University Journal, monthly alumni publication edited by Wilbur Peterson was issued this week by the Alumni Association of the University of Nebraska. The second issue of the school year featured the Spirit of '27 and the dedication of the new Memorial Stadium.

The Journal is published for the purpose of keeping the alumni of the institution in closer touch with student and alumni activities.

Of the nine sections concerned with different phases of school life the dedication of the new Memorial Stadium and the Spirit of the Class of '27 are foremost. Alumni were urged to attend the dedication exercises and plans for the Homecoming and Dedication were announced in detail in the stadium article.

"Campus News" deals with the Fraternity Scholarship report together with the financial report of institution. Prospects for the coming grid season were discussed in the section devoted to athletics while alumni clubs and various types of news concerning Nebraska graduates completed the publication.

The annual freshmen convocation attendance was illustrated together with the "long remembered sky-line" of the University of Nebraska.

### Harvard Dean Visits Two Departments of Nebraska University

Dean Gay of Harvard and Secretary of Committee on Religious Instruction in American Universities, is at present visiting the University. His visit is for the purpose of surveying the facilities of the department of philosophy and history. He will probably spend at least a week in his work of inspecting these departments.

## Uncle Jimmy Husker Discusses Nebraska's Football Schedule

"Don't you think it was a mistake to meet Illinois in the first game of the season?" asked the Cub Reporter.

"Well, I've been thinking about that," said Uncle Jimmy. "All last week I kept wondering about that very question. My friend the barber who was sure way last spring, so he says, that we'd lose the game gave me a rather wise look. The man on the corner who bet three and a half on Illinois claims that it was all right to play then. A graduate—well not really a graduate—but a chap who once started going to Nebraska is positive that a mistake was made in meeting Illini this year. He claims we should wait until we have a really big team before we tackle such a strong aggregation. (He's strong for the Chicago American system of learning to swim on dry land.) Even the old varsity man shook his head doubtfully concerning this early season game with Illinois."

"Yes, sir, last week I rather felt that a mistake had been made. Some-

how you see I remember the great old years of the past when we were in the habit of beating 'em all. Why I can remember when we used to win practically every game on the schedule. There were years and years when we went absolutely undefeated against such teams as Colorado, So. Dakota, Wesleyan, Doane, Central College, Grand Island and a scattering of other teams of rank including Lincoln High. Those were the happy days. No worry at all about the games. We'd just ease ourselves into our seats and prepare for victory and we rarely ever had cause for complaint. To be sure there were always a few men who might be heard loudly voicing their dissatisfaction with the scores we made. But then you can't expect to please everyone."

"The coaching staff may be all right but somebody is a mighty poor schedule picker. In fact schedule making isn't what it used to be. In the good old days you'd pick the teams that you were sure to lick. Those old schedule makers taught the

world a valuable lesson too. Why it was only through an intensive study of some of the old masters in football schedule making that the world has been able to produce such master artists as Kearns and Rickard and the other great set-up builders of the modern wrestling and boxing world. Yes sir, the next addition to the athletic staff at least in an advisory capacity should be that wily modern schedule picker old Tex Rickard. He'd put us over big. He'd nose around and the minute he'd find a big western conference institution slated for a lean year on the gridiron he'd quietly slip 'em the tip that Nebraska University could let 'em have a game the while he'd assure them that the Huskers would be a mere push over. He'd get them all signed up on the dotted line and then hustle around and establish a big slush fund and have a real team. Yes sir, Rickard's the man we need."

"Of course Rickard might have a little trouble persuading a western conference to meet Nebraska. It's barely possible that the "Big Ten" schools feel about the matter as they have in past years. It is barely possible that they figure Nebraska too hard for anything but a major game and find enough major games in their own group. But even at that it's

apparent that such a smooth picker as Rickard would find enough set-ups to satisfy the sure-thing, push-over advocates."

"That's how I felt about it all last week, but since Saturday's game I've been wavering a bit. It looked to me as if our fighting Huskers must have gotten something really big from their battle with the Illini. Old-head Owens seemed to come to that same conclusion after he watched the hard-smashing Huskers take all the breaks away from his Sooner veterans and lick them in startling fashion. Bennie saw the Illinois game and until Saturday afternoon about 3:30 he felt rather certain that his boys from the Klu Klux state were slated to wipe out some rather ungentle scores of past years. But between one Saturday afternoon and the next it seemed that much of the green fuzz had been rubbed off and the Huskers were all there and over."

"But don't you think that the schedule this season is pretty heavy?" insisted the Cub Reporter. "Well, maybe," agreed Uncle Jimmy "but I'm beginning to think that Nebraskans would rather fight it out with a few big Muskies even if occasionally one of 'em snaps the line, than to catch a whole pail full of perch and bullheads."



Society Brand Clothes

## The cut makes them different.

It's the cut that makes an overcoat, no less than a suit. Here are two models very different in effect, yet each is smart because of its cut. The Hampton [at the left]—a half-belted semi-ulster with patch pockets. Barrymore—a double breasted box coat with regular pockets.

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