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FOOTBALL AGAIN.

The football situation at Nebraska still holds the public eye. The atmosphere can be cleared up, however, in the matter of the selection of a football captain for 1925.

Members of the board of control of Nebraska athletics did not make a hasty decision in a few hours. They investigated the problem from all sides, studied the matter from the viewpoint of every faction, and ran every rumor to earth.

Football men who were interviewed by the board were assured that they could speak freely and nothing of what they said would go out of the room. With this guarantee from the board its members were able to get from the players, they are sure, the truth. The great mass of information which the board gained in different directions covered a considerable period of Cornhusker athletics. No allegation was neglected—everyone was given a hearing.

After the facts had been ascertained the board considered every possible solution of the problem. Almost without exception the letter men themselves were in favor of the selection of an all-year captain, and this, naturally, had some effect on the board's decision.

With their minds cleared of all doubt of just what had occurred, the board of control then decided the matter with complete detachment and impartiality, in an honest endeavor to do the best thing possible for Nebraska athletics.

There is no doubt that their settlement of the affair was just. Neither is there any doubt but that further agitation in the field of athletics at Nebraska at present will create antagonisms that will injure irreparably the University and its football team.

AN APOLOGY.

In The Daily Nebraskan for Tuesday, November 25, comment was made upon an incident that was reported to have occurred at Stanford University. The press dispatch on which the Nebraskan based its views came from a bureau that is widely known as reliable and so the facts in that dispatch were not questioned. A letter from the office of the president of Stanford, however, denies the report. To quote:

"As a matter of fact we did have a regrettable incident in which a student was tied to a tree for a few moments in front of the Post Office by a dozen or so students. He was almost immediately released. This student had written communications to one of the San Francisco papers making a general attack upon certain alleged conditions at Stanford. All of the facts were available to him if he had taken up the question with the university authorities. The students were licensed to have one of their own number bring up unsubstantiated charges in the San Francisco papers. The whole affair is one of those difficult situations where mistakes have been made by everybody concerned. As a matter of fact a public apology was signed by those taking part in the affair, including Collins, although Collins later withdrew his signature."

That senior, according to the daily press, was handcuffed and chained to a tree for an hour while hundreds of students crowded around hurling taunts at him. A card was pinned to his coat, the story ran, with the words "A Traitor to Stanford." This, it was said, was because he had written a letter to the student daily criticizing some conditions at Stanford. And was denounced by athletic authorities as well as students.

If we take the letter from the office of the president of Stanford as giving the truth of the affair, then it seems that the Daily Nebraskan has helped to spread a vicious perversion of the truth. Exaggerations just as great have since appeared in the press after unusual happenings at the University of Nebraska, so it is not hard to believe that the press

report of the Stanford affair was untrue.

There seems to be a well-defined tendency in even the most reputable press agencies to distort and garble news reports from colleges and universities. The public seems ready to believe anything of students. It is unfortunate that a college paper should have helped along one of these attempts to discredit a university.

"-IN ENGLISH 36"

Not long ago two students were discussing a novel of more than ordinary merit. Another student, who had listened to the conversation, asked, "What course did you read that in?"

It seems incredible that the average student should be so narrow; that he should be unable to understand why a book should be read for pleasure and improvement, and not for credit.

But this is the condition that is present. There are few students on this campus who are familiar with the works of the greater authors—unless, perchance, they have read them at the command of an instructor in English.

University education is not intended to give the student a complete survey of the cultural world; it is intended only to open for him new avenues which he may follow further at his greater leisure. He is given a glance at each vista, that he may know something of what it contains.

Until students realize this, and cease thinking that the smattering of knowledge they gain in school is education, they can never be educated.

Education is a matter of lifetime study. But the average student, who believes that he has learned enough when he has accumulated a few facts never realizes it.

His idea of a discussion of literature is to think back to the days of his "education" at dear old Blank and mutter, "Oh, yes, I read that when I took English 36."

The College Press

THINKING AS A SPORT.

Athletics as it is run in universities has been severely criticised because it provides active participation for so few students. Thousands sit on the sidelines and yell themselves hoarse while eleven men engage in competition with the same number from another school. It has been pointed out that the method is essentially wrong and that it would be much better if athletics were not so specialized but more general in nature.

Athletics, however, is not the only activity in which a few strong persons participate to the consequent disadvantage of countless others. The field of thought is occupied by a few giants and the rest of us sit on the bleachers cheering wildly but neglecting through either carelessness or lack of interest to do our own bit of free thinking.

There is no excuse for it. The field of thought is wide. No certain number is required to make up a team of intelligent and deliberate thinkers. No strict rules bind the

players. Superiority of technique is not required; each is allowed to play the game according to his potentialities.

Life would be enriched if more people would enroll in the sport of free thinking. Accepting at face value the opinions of others has a deadening effect upon society; new opinions are invigorating and live the daily task. If more people realized this the world would be a more interesting place in which to live.—The University Daily Kansan.

CHILD LABOR.

Organized opposition to the twentieth (child labor) amendment to the federal constitution comes from two sources, manufacturers and farmers. Of these two groups, one, the agricultural, is under a misapprehension as to the purpose of the proposed legislation. Their belief is that laws passed under the new amendment will prevent a farmer's children from helping in any way with the farm work. The manufacturers, on the contrary, see exactly what is intended, and are fighting to keep their supply of cheap child labor.

The two principal arguments used by opponents of the amendments are, first, that it gives the federal government power which should be exercised by the states and, second, that it is "the imposition of idleness by law."

The limitation of federal power is a Democratic party principle of long standing. If the legislature of the state of Arkansas, representative of the Solid South and the old time Democracy, had believed the proposed measure to be an infringement of the rights of the states, would they have passed the measure as readily as they did? It is doubtful.

As for the "idleness" argument, that is best met by pointing to the child labor laws of the various states which now have them. In these states one does not see children prevented from helping dad on the farm after school or from helping mother with the housework.

Kansas already has a child labor law as stringent as any which the federal congress is likely to pass. In the state of Kansas one does not see the terrible effects of idleness which are predicted by the foes of a federal child labor law. It is just as unlikely that such effects will be produced by any probable federal legislation. These shouters of the "idleness" shibboleth confuse the probable with the possible; if they were consistent, they would paint the terrible effects of a federal law prohibiting children under 18 from putting on their clothes in the morning or from the manual labor involved in the use of knife, fork, and spoon in eating.—The University Daily Kansan.

Twenty Years Ago

Statistics had been compiled by the registrar showing the states and counties from which the total registration of 2,563 students were drawn, 2,289 students were from Nebraska, Iowa was second with ninety-nine, while South Dakota was third with twenty-six. Foreign students were from Canada, Japan, and Turkey. Lancaster county as the best represented county, having 865, Douglas county second with 171, and Cass county third with fifty-eight.

A big "Corn Special" was to be run by the Burlington for an extended trip over the state. The train was to be in charge of three professors from the College of Agriculture and was to visit some sixty points in its week's trip over the state. A new eighty foot special car had been made in which the lectures were to be given. The object of the whole trip was the general improvement in the raising of corn.

Ten Years Ago

In the final game of the inter-class football series, the seniors defeated the freshmen 14 to 0. The game was played on a field that had six inches of frozen slush, with the temperature at zero.

A special eight page Agriculture edition had been put out. Four pages were devoted to a consideration of the College of Agriculture campus, pictures of the buildings, faculty and prize cattle.

Thirteen "N" fobs were to be given to the members of the dairy stock judging team that had been entered in the National Dairy Show where they had competed with representatives of fifteen other schools. Foot and mouth disease had caused the meet to be canceled before any decisions were reached.

Notices

Iron Sphinx.
Meeting tonight at 7:15, in front of the Armory. Bring cars if possible.

P. E. O.
The campus P. E. O. will meet at the home of Mrs. C. O. Bruce, 3008 O Street, Thursday from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Silver Serpents.
A meeting of Silver Serpents will be held Thursday at 7:15.

Theta Sigma Phi
Theta Sigma Phi will meet at 7 o'clock Thursday in Ellen Smith Hall.

Notice.
Dean Sealock, Director of the Bureau for Recommendation of Teach-

ers desires to meet prospective teachers of 1925-1926. Will those of all Colleges other than the Teachers College kindly report in Room 200 T. C. at 5 o'clock, Tuesday, December 9th. Those of Teachers College, Wednesday, December 10th.

Junior League of Women Voters.
Junior League of Women Voters, council meeting at Ellen Smith Hall, Wednesday at 5 o'clock.

Meeting of the Junior League of Women Voters in Faculty Hall of the Temple, Thursday at 5 o'clock.

Scabard and Blade.
Important meeting of the Scabard and Blade, Thursday at 7:30 in Nebraska Hall.

University Commercial Club.
A business meeting of the University Commercial club will be held Thursday at 11 o'clock in Social Science 303. Plans for the Bizad convocation are to be announced.

Vesper Choir.
Vesper choir practice will be held Thursday at 5 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall. All members are requested to come.

Pershing Rifles.
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