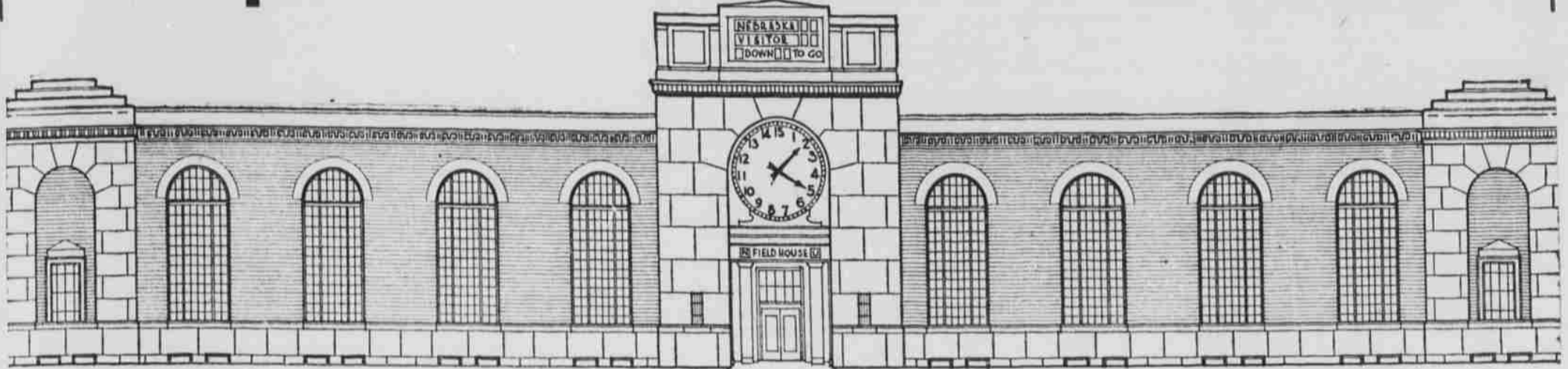


Present Steel Shortage Hinders Completion of New Field House



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Present steel shortage will hinder the completion of the university field house until after the present war according to John K. Selleck, business agent for athletics.

The south half is hoped to be finished for use this fall, but the arena can not be completed until after this war," Selleck remarked. The arena will be a large area inside of the field house that will be used for in-

door football and baseball practice ground.

Original Plans Dropped.

Because of the uncertainty of the weather during spring football practice most of the time is spent indoors. Selleck said, "The arena was to be completed first so that spring practice would not be held up because of unfavorable weather. But because of steel shortage this part of the building had to be abandoned."

The south half of the field house where football and baseball equipment rooms are to be located is progressing exceptionally well under the present weather conditions. The basement of the south half is finished according to Selleck, and the first and second floors are nearly done.

Nine Handball Courts.

In the second floor of the field house nine full-size handball courts will be housed. All of the out-

door sports will be in the new building and the locker rooms, equipment rooms and training rooms will be moved from the east stadium to the new field house.

A large football clock will be put over the main doorway leading into the field house and at the top of the structure a electrical operated scoreboard will be placed.

In building the field house, 135 tons of structural steel will be

used. Six carloads of glazed tile have been ordered and 80 percent of it has been already put in the building.

When the weather is favorable a crew from 60 to 65 men are employed. Up to the present the WPA have been doing the work on the field house but in a few months they will have finished their part, and private contractors will complete the building.

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