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## Editorial.

It is rather late in the season for a new fall suit, and the time for spring wearing apparel is so far distant that some explanation of our change of dress may be necessary. Well, the fact is that we have, so to speak, donned our working clothes. After a short experience we decided that a bi-weekly newspaper was a decidedly anomalous thing. A monthly college magazine is, with us, at least, an impossibility and a daily paper would be a farce. As a compromise between the two a bi-weekly is by no means satisfactory. It is neither fish, flesh, nor good red herring. It is too "frequent" for a magazine and too "seldom" for a newspaper. The so-called news items are often better fitted for the Department of Ancient History or the Museum than for the local columns of a college paper.

A weekly, we think and hope, will prove the golden mean between two extremes. A monthly should devote itself exclusively to the thought of that portion of mankind, great or small, which it represents. A daily, exclusively to the news. In a weekly paper we hope to give the news of the University while it is yet news, and at the same time to give it in a thoughtful way. We shall endeavor to show the trend of student opinion on subjects of college interest, moulding that opinion whenever possible to what is best, according to our ideas, for the U. of N. and its constantly increasing family.

The University of Nebraska has heretofore been alone among the larger schools of the west in not supporting a weekly paper. Of course what is done in other places is no criterion for us. Nevertheless outsiders will persist in making invidious comparisons. We think that we deserve, and are reasonably sure that we shall receive, the hearty support of the Uni. in our new effort.

Dr. Briggs and Henry Preserved Smith may deny that Solomon was inspired, but they have to admit that he knew a thing or two. Even if they denied that we should still firmly

believe, particularly at this moment, in the truth of his remark to the effect that pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. Three weeks ago we were trying to decide whether the chapel or the armory was the better place to keep the foot ball pennant when we received it. Today we are wondering whether we will be last in the race or only next to last. We have decided that Nebraska air would spoil the luster of that silken rag and that the zephyrs of Kansas had best toy with it for another year. Two decisive defeats at the hands of those whom we had counted as our victims was the cause of this change of opinion. What was the cause of the defeats? With as good material as we ever had and with the best coach in the league, it seemed as if we ought to have won if we ever were going to. The game with Missouri was played under difficult circumstances, but the Kansas game was not. Something must be radically wrong. The fault was not with the players entirely and not at all with the coach. Politics must be blamed for this failure as for many others in the U. of N. Politics and athletics are like oil and water. Trying to mix them spoils the quality of both. No matter which side was right, the unfortunate dissensions in the team have been almost entirely responsible for our failure to improve the opportunity we had this year of winning the pennant. The sole object of every man connected with the Athletic Association should be to get out the eleven men who can play the best game and to get them to play the best game they possibly can. It should make no difference whether a man is a frat or a barb, whether his name is Smith or Jones. If we must disgrace ourselves and the University by an indecent scramble for office, let us confine ourselves to class and society fights and to keep politics out of those affairs in which we have to compete with other schools who have not this Old Man of the Sea to carry.

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