

Chancellor's Column.

"FUN."

Something more than a year ago, a few words were said in the columns of the University press about so-called "fun" in University life; and the hope was then expressed, and heartily shared by the great mass of our students, that we had seen the last of this. But whispers in the halls, one or two heads cropped rather closely for this season of the year, and finally the newspaper paragraph—often exaggerated, generally misunderstood, always misquoted, and inevitably misused by the few remaining enemies to public education in general, and of the University in particular—remind us that our hopes are not fully realized.

The industry, earnestness, loyalty, truthfulness, and unusual sobriety of the student body this fall gave promise of better things, and have called forth the highest encomiums from citizens, the city and state press, and from the faculty. Nor has this high praise been unworthily bestowed. It is a great pity that this most excellent record should be broken or even marred by the folly of a few heedless youngsters, or by the thoughtlessness of some of possibly more mature years. Of course, no one with any sense of observation in such matters would speak of such pranks as vicious, or as originating in evil intent. But some one has well said that a political or administrative blunder may be worse than a crime. In the same sense, and in the same way, such obtuseness to the eternal fitness of things, such a substitution of brute force for wit, and violence for humor, and bovine gamboling for sportiveness, and range-life in general for that finer existence possible under the conditions of modern civilization—all this in its final outcome may become thoroughly vicious and evil.

The time will come when the great mass of our students will promptly send to Coventry any one who as clearly proves that he does not know, or knowing does not respect, the common and most elementary requirements of good breeding and gentility. Meanwhile, the University authorities will see that any who are known to be guilty of such folly do not have more than one opportunity to show their disloyalty to the institution and their unworthiness of the generosity of the state. And, meanwhile, also, both faculty and

students must carry the burden of reproach as patiently as may be; but giving free and strong expression to the natural feeling of resentment with such reprehensible action always calls forth.

JAMES H. CANFIELD.

Local.

Miss Fanny Hershey, a former student of the University, spent a few days with Miss Nellie Griggs last week. Miss Hershey's friends were glad to again welcome her among them.

George Palmer of Omaha and A. E. Guilmette, '93, of Hastings, were in the city Saturday to attend the foot ball game in the afternoon and the party given by Phi Delta Theta in the evening.

Uniforms will probably be here about December 1. Some new guns are expected about the same time. When these arrive the setting up exercises will be abandoned and drill in the manual taken up.

"It has been suggested that all persons going to Omaha should meet here at 8 a. m. Thanksgiving morning, and parade the streets with the band, and that all cadets should wear their uniforms with plenty of colors."

The Union society program for November 24 was postponed for one week, owing to the death of B. G. Mosher, '96. Resolutions of condolence were passed by the society, and by the class of '96, at a special meeting.

A movement has already been inaugurated to establish a permanent lecture course in the University under the auspices of the Literary Society. This is a wise measure and, it is hoped, will soon be successfully consummated.

A movement is on foot to better equip and organize the second foot ball eleven. A game is to be arranged with the high school team of Ashland, who claim that the first Varsity eleven is the only thing in Nebraska that can stop them.

The Glee club has at last got under good headway. At a meeting called by H. A. Reese, formerly of the Ann Arbor Glee club, there were thirty-five applicants for admission to the new organization. Of that number sixteen will be chosen whose voices are best adapted to each other. Those who care to take the entrance examination can do so at any time. A tour of the state will undoubtedly be arranged in connection with the mandolin and guitar club.

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