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CADET PROMOTIONS

They are Read off Before An Anxious Audience.

NAMES OF THE LUCKY ONES

The Deserving are Honored But Some Disappointed—An Artillery Company to be Formed.

Although Lieutenant Pershing has prepared the list of promotions for the members of the battalion this year a little earlier than usual, still the time has dragged by like an age to the anxious cadets. They ceased scraping together all the credits attainable some time ago, then they busied themselves thinking of the possible changes that would be made in the stripes on their sleeves, and calculated their chances for the next year. It was whispered about Saturday that the "Lieut." was closeted with Joe Beardsley and that all the appointments had been decided upon. Then when the commandant visited the office of the registrar Tuesday evening, now and again a uniformed student would pass through one door of the stewards' office and out the other, without any apparent aim in view, but his eyes would turn anxiously toward the registrar's desk which was covered with the cards that were to decide his fate.

When it was announced to-day that the appointments would be read at drill to-night, every cadet made it his business to be there, and at 5 o'clock the armory was filled with a crowd of anxious faces, some hopeful, some down-cast by doubt. After the assembly had sounded, Acting Adjutant, I. C. Bently, stepped to the front and commanded "Battalion, attention!" Then beginning with the names of the captains and passing down through the lieutenants, sergeant to the corporals, he read the names of the fortunate ones. Then an all-round handshaking began, and congratulations poured in upon the honored ones. Of course there were some disappointments; there always are. But on the whole the selections gave general satisfaction. The assignments and promotions are as follows:

STAFF.

Adjutant I. C. Bently; Quarter-Master Durrell, Sgt. Major Johnston, Quarter Master Sgt. Almy

BAND.

Harvey Heald, Drum Major; Pancoast, Sergeant; Packard, Hagar, Corporals.

COMPANY "A."

Captain, Otis Weeks; Lieutenants, Forbes, Holmes, Flikkema; First Sergeant, N. L. Pollard; Sergeants, Sedgwick, Dungan, Wiggins, Tuffts, Saville.

CORPORALS.

Cooley, Westerman, Lenhoff, Parmelee, Sawyer, Shedd, Grant, Young.

COMPANY "B."

Captain, C. A. Elliott; Lieutenants, Hinds, Weaver; First Sergeant, Schwartz.

SERGEANTS.

Adams, Barnes, Wilson W., Bessey, Philpott, Teele.

CORPORALS.

Saxton, Wilson H., Dales Cutter, Jones, Culver, Regan, Cameron.

COMPANY "C."

Captain, Beardsley; Lieutenants, Elliott E. C., Powers; First Sergeant Pulis.

SERGEANTS.

McCarthy, Almy B. J., Turrell, Reitz, Quaintance.

CORPORALS.

Wilson B. W., Hedge, Babock, Korsmeyer, Barber, Kring, Sherman, Warren.

COMPANY "D."
Captain, Cheney; Lieutenants, Oberlies, Hildreth; First Sergeant, Reed.

SERGEANTS.

Benjamin, Rhodes, Randolph, Bradt, Ames.

CORPORALS.

McLucas, Oury, Crownover, Thatcher, Emerson, Payne, Rich, Doubrava.

BATTALION NEWS.

By noon Thursday 411 had registered for drill. This means a battalion of between three hundred and fifty and sixty. How these are to be accommodated is a matter that is troubling the "Lieut's" mind. The members of the special artillery company will save the use of so many guns and belts. There are two hundred and seventy-five equipments, so the artillery company necessarily must be a large one.

Another problem difficult to solve, is how to line up the boys in the armory. The only way it can be done is to form the companies as they were last year, but one must be behind the other as each one will contain about eighty men and will reach the entire length of the hall.

The two outside companies will be necessitated to turn their faces toward the wall. The two inner companies will face the same way as last year. It has about been decided to abolish the custom of calling the roll as was done last year. The time required to do this would be nearly twenty minutes during the first four or five weeks. Extra work will devolve upon the first sergeants on account of this, as they will have to keep track of all absent ones.

Concerning the advisability of organizing a new company the lieutenant says that if this can possibly be avoided it will be. There would be some difficulty in getting the officers from the present class of seniors, besides other reasons which are apparent. At the present time it is impossible to tell how many of those who have registered will take drill, and if it is found that there are not enough equipments to supply the increased number an artillery company will be formed of old cadets, the members of which will be excused from the ordinary drill until spring. This will expedite matters somewhat, and it is not at all doubtful but what this department will be able to run as smoothly as any in the university.

A movement is on foot to organize a cavalry troop in the battalion. There are plenty of cadets who have or can obtain horses, and a good sized troop could be formed. The Lieutenant would be very glad to help get such a troop started, as he is a cavalry-man, and especially as he is going back to his regiment next year. Such a troop would be an honor to the Uni if rightly gotten up, and would be of actual service in case of trouble.

No Annual for '96.

The class of '96 held a session at 1:30 this afternoon. The installment of officers and the discussion of the "Annual" project were the points of business. The report of the Annual board of editors showed how the discouraging times had effected that worthy body, and the class decision was that the matter should be dropped, and the Annual project abandoned. Now since this burden is taken off of the class' shoulders, it is the duty of that class to the university to make the Junior "Prom" a "thing of beauty and a joy forever."

THE 'VARSITY RIFLES

Preliminary Arrangements are About Completed.

A CRACK COMPANY ORGANIZED

The Members Have Been Selected With the Greatest Care—The First Meeting Held.

Since the time when "Company A" won the Omaha cup in the National Competitive Drills, there has always been a considerable amount of enthusiasm in the university on the subject of "crack companies." This enthusiasm has manifested itself in several ineffectual attempts to establish such an organization on a practicable basis. All the upper classmen remember what an enthusiastic lot of cadets attended the banquet given by the Chancellor to "Company A" a year or so ago, and what spirited plans were laid for the early reorganization of the company. But these cherished designs came to naught. The members of the original company were scattered to the four winds, and an attempt to bring together even enough of them to form the nucleus of a new company proved abortive. Very similar has been the history of like attempts since. Failure has ever thrust her clammy hand upon all endeavors in this direction and many have been led to believe that no "crack organization" consisting of members or ex-members of the battalion would ever be perfected.

The "Varsity Rifles" is perhaps the outcome of the old "esprit de corps" so characteristic of "Company A." Three alumni members of the "crack company" met casually during the past summer, and in the course of their talk, the conversation turned upon the old days in the battalion, and especially upon that glorious equipment at Omaha. Each felt that graduation had closed his military career, perhaps forever, and each rebelled at the thought. But there seemed to be no alternative. Suddenly each man exclaimed, "Let's have a 'crack company.'" That settled it. Each one was so taken with his own suggestion that a rough outline of the "plan of attack" was immediately sketched, and assented to by all. The rest of the summer was spent in making out a list of picked men, securing their allegiance, and in formulating a tentative organization.

It was absolutely essential that a few points be irrevocably determined upon at the beginning. In the first place, it was thought best to restrict membership to students residing in Lincoln. This was found necessary from the fact that the greater part of the exhibition and competitive drills must take place during the summer. Again, it was deemed advisable to avoid all future discussion on the score of a name by selecting one while there were but three persons to decide instead of forty. After canvassing nearly every possibility in the category of names, "Varsity Rifles" was determined upon. Owing to a belief that a company of graduates would stand for what is highest and best in cadet organization, it was at first thought advisable to limit membership to post graduates and alumni, but this was found to be impracticable for the present, at least.

The purpose of the organization is two-fold. Its object above all else is to keep the graduates of the military department in touch with that department and with the university. Every alumnus knows that the saddest thought at graduation, is, that he is leaving the four or six happiest years of his life behind him, that he is passing forever out of university life and thinks

that "his place shall know him no more." He looks about him in vain for something that shall keep him in touch with her alma mater, that will give him a part in her active life. Sorrowfully he realizes that the past has forever closed behind him, and that the future which opens before him holds nothing like it.

It is primarily, to lessen such feelings as these that this project has been conceived. But by the side of the thoughts of military and social honor stands more prominently than either of these, the thought of the credit which it is hoped will redound upon our alma mater and those who direct her affairs. It is the fondest hope of the projectors that the "Varsity Rifles" shall ever be found first in loyal support of the University and shall ever stand strongly and unanimously for her best interests.

THEIR NAMES.

The company is composed of the following men: I. M. Bently, W. P. Bross, E. W. Brown, V. C. Barber, R. O. Babcock, J. V. Beachly, Harry Barber, F. C. Cooley, L. S. Cutter, Fred Clements, A. R. Champion, Benton Dales, H. H. Everett, C. E. Fritts, Allan Fling, J. Cecil Graham, H. C. Helms, C. R. Haggard, R. U. Haggard, E. H. Houghton, U. V. Hedge, H. H. Harley, R. S. Hiltner, J. C. Jones, G. A. Johnston, F. A. Korsmeyer, L. H. Robbins, W. D. Reed, A. M. Randolph, G. H. Ricketts, C. S. Schwartz, E. B. Sawyer, G. L. Town, V. C. Wallingford, G. A. Cullen, J. A. Canfield, W. H. Raymond, E. Y. Porter, and L. A. Westerman.

The first meeting was held Tuesday evening in the armory. Temporary officers were elected as follows until a constitution could be drawn up:—Dick Reed, president, Benton Dales, secretary, Bently, treasurer.

Everyone present showed his interest in the success of the undertaking and all entered into it with earnest enthusiasm. The commandant was present and gave an earnest talk which was heartily appreciated by all. This company is really the outgrowth of the commandants work in the university and it is to be hoped that it will do justice to his training. The company will meet for the first drill next Monday at eight o'clock in the armory. Lieutenant Pershing has consented to act as drill master for the time being.

A Phi Reception.

The young men of Phi Delta Theta fraternity were "at home" to a few of their friends in their refitted quarters in the State block Saturday evening. An informal reception occupied the early part of the evening and music and dancing the latter. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Westerman and Prof. and Mrs. W. G. Taylor. The music was furnished by Irvine's orchestra. Those present were Misses Jones, Tuttle, Gregory, Winger, Whedon, Camp, Sewell, Sencrest, Gere, Ames, Roberts, Raymond, Maitland, Sham, Kelley, Harwood, Whiting, Groh, Broady, Griggs, Elliott and Ricketts, Messrs. Mueller, Spooner, Russell, Stone, Williams, Canfield, Fling, Wring, Welsh, A. Haggard, W. Westerman, Jones, R. Haggard, Pillsbury, L. Westerman, Oury, C. Haggard, Hayward, M. Westerman, McCreery, Wheeler, T. Westerman, Wolcott, Lyman, Elliott.

The Lincoln High School foot ball team will play with the 'varsity eleven Saturday.

W. A. Seery will be numbered with Lincoln's noble four hundred. He was the four hundredth man to register for drill.

DOING THEIR BEST

Members of the Foot Ball Team Hard at Work.

HOW THE BOYS WILL LINE UP

Many Old Men to Fill Their Former Positions—Need of a Strong Eleven to Practice Against.

With no coach, no body to practice against and their clothes in rags, the members of the university foot ball team are doing their best to get in some good solid practice while the fine weather lasts. Compared with the means at their disposal last year, the boys are in a hard row of stumps at the present time. There is one consolation that they have, however. If they come out victorious, it will be a well earned reward, if they fail, they have nothing to lose. The greatest fear the boys have, is that their team work will not be as perfect and the plays executed in such unison as they should be. If there was a strong second eleven to practice against, and a coach to direct them, this fear would be greatly less.

If all those who have a liking for a moderately rough game should come out and practice with them, besides getting a good deal of enjoyment out of it, they would receive much credit for their efforts, and have the satisfaction of knowing that they were instrumental in strengthening the team in a weak spot.

Were the proper facilities at hand, the best team yet produced by the Uni could be turned loose upon the gridiron field this year, as many of the old men are in the places they occupied last year.

From present indications the line will be made up in this way; Wilson center, who played guard last year. He has not returned yet, but is expected soon. Bud Jones, who played guard two years ago, will hold down the same position this year, with probably a new man, as the other one. Dern, and Oury will perhaps play right and left tackles, with Wiggins as one end and a new man on the other.

Behind the line there is Harry Frank for quarter, Flippin and King for halves and Sweeney and Hayward trying for full back. The above is the probable positions of the players, but this may be changed though not materially. King who captained the Grinnel team last year, is one of the best half backs in the west, and is well stocked with some new ideas of the game, which will greatly benefit the team. The first game to be played is with Grinnel two weeks from next Saturday, though there is some talk of meeting the High school and Ashland teams before that time.

Whipple's Injury.

Last Thursday week, Otis Whipple, who played right tackle on the team last year was injured in a practice game. While it is not likely to result seriously, the injury is a painful one and will confine him to his room for a week yet. The cords about the knee cap were strained and what is known as "water on the knee" resulted. Dr. Clark the physical director is attending him, and says that he will not be able to stand any more rough work until after the foot ball season is over. It is hard to tell just how he happened to get hurt but it seems that in tackling Dern, he got down too low with his knee on the ground and the whole mass piled upon him, while his knee was bent under him. The doctor reports that he is doing nicely.