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FIRST GUN IS FIRED

The Campaign for an Appropriation Has begun.

ATTENDANCE TO BE CUT TO 800

Every Student Asked to Aid in Averting this Calamity—Everybody Get to Work!

To the Editor of the Nebraskan:

In the last number of your paper there was a very pleasant and unexpected reference to the offer which I received last summer from the University of Ohio, and to my determination to remain in Nebraska. The paragraph closed with the suggestion that the students should see that there was some formal expression of their appreciation of what you are kind enough to call my loyalty to the University.

While I appreciate very keenly the kindness of this suggestion, I beg leave to say that testimonials of any kind have always been burdensome to me. That the students as a body are satisfied with the general conduct of University affairs, is all the reward that an executive can possibly ask or expect. Their interest in the university and their confidence in its management is shown by their return in such unprecedented numbers to the work of the current academic year. If it cost anything to decline the offer, I am already more than repaid.

There is a work, however, which the students of this University can undertake if they will, and can carry forward to a successful issue. Whatever the motive for such effort may be, the results would certainly be such as would kindle the pride of every Nebraskan, and especially of all who are interested in the success of the great scheme of free state education. Every student has every hour and every day an object lesson as to the demands of this University, and its legitimate demands, upon the consideration of the next legislature.

WILL REDUCE THE ATTENDANCE.

The present crowded condition of our rooms and halls is unprecedented in the history of education. In most states time and money and energy are expended in placing information before the people and in offering inducements to attend the State University. But we are actually under the necessity of reducing our attendance fully one-half unless the next legislature is wise enough to give us such appropriations as will permit the completion of the library building and the enlargement in some form or other of recitation and lecture room facilities by at least ten or fifteen rooms. The legislature can do no less than this without compelling us to determine by some artificial method—which must necessarily carry with it hardship as well as some injustice—just how to limit the attendance of the University to not more than eight hundred. Three years ago we had not to exceed four hundred and fifty students at any one time upon the campus. At present there must be at least thirteen hundred students engaged in daily work. Yet our revenues have increased less than a thousand dollars a year during this period, and we have not a single square foot more of lecture room or recitation-room space than we had in 1891. We have endured this strain as patiently as may be

during the last year. It has now reached its limit. We have endured it because we felt that it was a strange thing that the state government should not keep pace with the demands of its own people for higher education; and we therefore felt sure that if we could tide over the period between the two legislatures we should find relief next spring.

NOT A POLITICAL QUESTION.

To secure this relief I am sure it is only necessary that the actual facts should be made known to the people of this state. So few of them have visited the University, and so few of them really know anything about its condition, that the matter of getting information to the people in such a way as to carry with it a conviction of the necessity of action is now the most important matter before the University authorities. This whole matter is not a question of political parties or platforms; it is not a question as to what the political complexion of the next legislature shall be. The University stands for all the people and for all shades of creeds and political beliefs. It is not above any political party, in the sense of being greater than a political party; but it stands outside of all parties as ministering to all and to all alike. The single statement to be placed before the people is that the University is carrying nearly twice the number of students which it can carry strongly and successfully in the highest sense of the words, with its present facilities. The single question to be placed before the people is: shall the next legislature, as representing the people, make such appropriations as will give the proper facilities for all who wish to attend the University; or shall the University go backwards, cut its attendance in two, and thus deprive a thousand students a year of opportunities which they would otherwise enjoy.

EVERYBODY WRITE.

If every student in the university will write at least two letters a week, every week until the opening of the legislature; sending these letters to parents, friends, the county press, and influential men with whom they may be acquainted, I have no fear as to the results. Such work calls for a little study of the conditions, a careful preparation of facts, the compilation of statistics, and above all the manifestation of earnestness and downright sincerity on the part of the writers. All this is possible and easily possible to the students of the university. I doubt whether in all their after lives there will come a more remarkable opportunity for rendering really great public service to the entire people of the state than the opportunity which lies before them this fall.

Now if the students will undertake this matter on no higher ground even than because of a suggestion from the executive, and because of the willingness to thus show their appreciation of his efforts as an executive, it will be one of the greatest and most satisfactory testimonials ever offered by a student body. That its results will bring him intense satisfaction, gratitude, and pride, goes without saying.

Very cordially,

JAMES H. CANFIELD.

Mr. G. C. Menzendorf, who for a number of years has been connected with the University as instructor of music, wishes to announce that he has severed his connection with the institution, and will hereafter give private lessons in piano, violin, viola, cello, harmony, and theory, at his residence, 1512 R street. The best and most thorough instruction at a moderate price. Only three blocks from the University.

ELECT A PRESIDENT

White to Preside Over the Athletic Association.

LARGE ATTENDANCE PRESENT

Much Interest was Shown and a Goodly Number Enrolled—Result of the Election.

The regular annual meeting of the athletic association was held last Saturday in the chapel and was largely attended. Eighty-four names were placed on the roll and forty-two dollars in the treasury, a sum that will help out considerably.

There was the usual amount of wire pulling and political engineering carried on, both by the barbs and frats, but the influence of the latter seemed to predominate. The two tickets had been carefully arranged by the opposing factions, and when President Gerard called the meeting to order, each side had its part of the program fully prepared.

The election of a president was first in order. A. J. Weaver in a neat speech nominated Sid White, a man he said, who had contributed more financially to the foot ball team than any one else in the institution, and who was a foot ball enthusiast and would look out for the best interests of the association. Ned Abbot nominated J. P. Cameron, saying he was one who excelled in his studies, was an athlete and had formerly very creditably acquitted himself as manager of the field day exercises. The first twelve votes cast gave six apiece, but after this everything favored White, and the tellers announced the result, 54 to 26 in his favor.

For the board of directors, the first ticket in the field consisted of Whipple, Barnes, Packard, and Jones. Cheney, Pollard, Stroman and Heald was the ticket put up by the others, but Stroman later withdrew. In placing Whipple in nomination, Mr. Oury spoke of him as one who had fought, bled, and died a couple of times upon the gridiron field. Whipple received an almost unanimous vote, there being only two men who did not vote for him. The result of the ballot was as follows: Whipple 71, Barnes 56, Packard 58, Jones 57, Cheney 28, Pollard 16, Heald 17. When Cameron was nominated for vice president he withdrew, and Bert Wilson was elected by acclamation. For secretary, Ralph Johnson defeated E. Y. Porter 50 to 13. John Barnes was elected by acclamation to the office of custodian.

The following resolution introduced by Sweeney was adopted after a little discussion:

RESOLVED, That in the future only such foot ball players as shall have actually played in some match game, upon the university eleven that season, shall be allowed to vote for the captain of the foot ball team.

On motion of Ralph Johnson, a committee of three was appointed who are to make all necessary arrangements for a students' excursion to Omaha when the scheduled game with the University of Iowa is played. The chair appointed Johnson, Weaver, and Forbes. On motion of John Barnes, an adjournment was taken sine die.

The following list of names shows who the students are who take enough interest in university matters to join the athletic association.

W. K. Forsyth, C. E. Teft, Geo. Dern, W. G. Dungan, L. W. Sherman, Paul Pizey, O. Chambers, H. J. Lehnhoff, Summers, Steen, J. H. McDuffy, H. V. Miner, N. J. Shreve, L. J. Abbott, N. C. Abbott, L. D. Martin, Manst, Charles Davis, L. N. Weaver, N. Pollard, R. C. Johnson, Milt Crowell, Kerfer, H. C. Parmelee,

Stoltz, Bridendahl, B. W. Wilson, E. Y. Porter, H. C. Laughlin, W. McKay, Sid White, G. N. Porter, A. J. Weaver, H. K. Wheeler, V. McLucas, E. C. Ames, Duff, V. P. Sheldon, C. C. Norris, R. H. Fair, Hayward, F. W. Sweeney, Geo. Ashford, E. M. Mayer, J. P. Sedgwick, Ed Adams, Lehman, J. Farwell, F. Hall, L. P. Sawyer, C. R. Welden, J. P. Cameron, A. B. Lyon, W. W. Woods, E. W. Brown, Bert Forbes, R. F. Andrews, E. C. Ewing, F. C. Cooley, Crook, G. A. Mapes, L. G. Thayer, C. C. Young, P. A. Powers, A. C. Fling, J. E. Shafer, J. B. Barnes, R. P. Teele, C. R. Spooner, H. Oury, L. H. Robbins, F. T. Riley, McDowell, R. S. Mueller, F. R. Hoagland, Bud Jones, A. E. Carter, B. Marine, E. B. Sawyer, Harry Frank, R. Strausman, Packard, O. G. Whipple, and John Charley Jones.

Saturday's Game.

The game played last Saturday between the Uni and High School teams, while not very interesting to the spectator, showed the weak points of our team and where it can be strengthened. Of course we won easily, the score resulting 8 to 0. The High School team is in pretty good shape and will probably secure its share of the games with the other high schools of the state. Fair, the new man from Kansas, made both the touch downs. It is evident that the boys must indulge in some good, hard practice before the first scheduled game is played, but judging from the manner they worked Tuesday night, some of the other teams which have more means at their disposal will have a hard tussle to beat us. It was really the Second eleven which played Saturday, as only three members of the regular team were out.

Crawford Will Coach.

Manager Teele has secured the services of Frank Crawford to coach the team for a little while this year. There seems to have been much doubt as to whether King or Crawford should coach us. Crawford came down Wednesday noon and after much discussion at a meeting of the board of directors of the athletic association, the matter was not entirely settled, but before Crawford left for Omaha, the arrangements were completed. He will get to Lincoln sometime to-day and begin on the team as soon as possible.

While there has been much doubt expressed as to who was the better man, the selection of Crawford seems to give satisfaction. One objection to him is that he will probably not have any new plays which he can teach the boys, while King who played on the Iowa team last year seems to be well supplied with a stock of ideas, new to the university team.

Athletic Notes.

Fair is a new man from Kansas who will probably play tackle. King has decided not to play and Dern will take his place as half back.

Whipple will probably play in at least one game this season. This is what he says but Dr. Clark says "nay."

There are two or three of the old players who are not coming out to practice regularly and who will expect to take their old places on the team. This is not fair to those who are working hard every night in the hope of getting a position on the eleven.

Packard and Frank are having a merry tussle for the position of quarter back with favors about even. Frank has the advantage of having played upon the team last year but Packard is showing up in fine shape.

LAW COLLEGE OPEN

W. H. Thompson delivers a Pleasing Address.

ENROLLMENT OF 100 EXPECTED

New Quarters Have Been Selected—Faculty Enlarged—Law College Notes.

The College of Law, of the University of Nebraska, has thrown open its doors for the fourth year's work in that department. Though still young in years, the high standard of the college is fast making it known both within and without the state.

This year the college, located pleasantly on the second floor of University Hall, can offer many advantages that were not supplied last year. The faculty is enlarged and several new branches of the law have been added to the courses of instruction. The enrollment is larger than ever before.

On Monday evening, October 8th, the law students with their friends, and many students of the other colleges of the Uni, assembled in the chapel for the opening exercises of the College of Law.

Introduced by Chancellor Canfield, Judges Stark and Wilson spoke briefly, after which the opening address was made by the orator of the evening, Mr. W. H. Thompson, of Grand Island. Mr. Thompson spoke at length and impressed all by the directness of his speech and the soundness of his advice to the young students of law.

McAllister, formerly '95, is studying law in the city. Cram, of the same class, is studying in his father's office.

Several of the law students have announced their intention to take part in the Kansas-Nebraska debate.

Apparatus for the Gym.

The bill for some new gymnasium apparatus has been received and the goods arrived yesterday from Ohio. There is a spring-board, which can be used to great advantage with either horse, buck, parallels, jump standards or mats. A buck will add largely to the range of class work.

Two inclined planks will make easy approaches to the ends of the parallels. Two ten foot and one twelve foot pole and a vaulting board into which said poles may be stuck will make indoor pole vaulting possible through the winter. It is hoped that some way may be found of lighting the gymnasium so that an evening class in athletics may be formed.

There will also be a dozen new bar-bells. Nor have the ladies been forgotten. Three long poles will be suspended from the beams overhead for their special benefit. Young men's classes will begin in the gymnasium Monday, October 15th at 8:00, 8:30, 11:00 and 11:30. All who do not see Dr. Clark in class before that time are requested to report to him and be assigned to divisions.

To Distinguish Themselves.

The senior class held an interesting meeting Tuesday evening. Nearly all the members of the class were present. Everyone seemed to have a different opinion as to what the class should wear to distinguish itself from the "common herd." Some wanted pins; others caps and gowns, for both ladies and gentlemen; still others, pins and canes. After numerous speeches and much balloting, it was decided that the ladies wear caps and gowns, and the gentlemen hats and canes.