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There is a growing demand for the opening of the library on Saturday evening, which is becoming more and more emphatic each week. To be sure, it is open nearly all day Saturday but there are many who have outside work during the day-time, and who can not enjoy this advantage. When each one of a history class of over one hundred must spend on an average five hours a week reading certain books contained in the library, surely these volumes should be accessible to the student at every moment possible.

The only reason given why the library is not opened Saturday evening is the shortage of funds. The present force has all it can attend to at present, but the cost of keeping a monitor for four hours longer is certainly very trifling when compared to the amount of good to be obtained from the use of the library for this time. We do not possess so very many additional books, but what we have should not be allowed to stand idle. Its the same old cry of "appropriation" but it seems we ought to have this, without going to the state government for it.

Why should not the university formally adopt a pin or emblem of some kind? Some of the students are wearing one kind of badge, some another, and a large number none at all. Nearly all the western universities are adopting emblems. Kansas, Iowa, and Wisconsin are following this custom and already have committees at work. Why should the University of Nebraska be behind? In Iowa a committee of the senior class was appointed to meet with like committees from the other classes and form a committee of the whole for the purpose of adopting a university emblem. This is one way to secure it. A mass meeting of the whole student-body might be held and the subject discussed. If it were deemed advisable to adopt some plan of this kind, a committee could be appointed to get designs, obtain prices and report at another mass meeting. There is no reason why this subject should not, at least, be considered.

The NEBRASKAN hastens to correct a mistake that was made in our last issue in the report of the foot ball game. Spooner did not fumble the ball, but fell on it when it was fumbled by a Missouri player. We are sorry the mistake occurred, as it places Mr. Spooner in a rather bad light. This was his first game with the regular eleven, and his work at quarter was of the best sort and his playing has not yet been equaled by anyone who has played that position on the team with the exception of the coach.

In the fall of '91 when interest in athletics was much less than it is now, a series of class games in foot-ball was instituted. A great deal of interest was taken in these games, and after several very interesting contests the Seniors won the pennant. What has since become of that pennant we have not learned; but foot ball contests between the classes have not since made their appearance. This should not be, class-games are played in nearly all the large colleges. They increase the interest in foot ball and help bring out the material there is in the school. Although it is too late to commence these games this year, they should be encouraged and started early next fall.

Now look-a-here fellows, we're going to hold over again next week and get a report of the Kansas game. We did all right last time, but the experience will probably help us some, so that by 7 o'clock you can have your paper with about a column and a half or two columns about the game. Now you know it takes a whole lot of love and something else to do this, but we're here to see that everything is done right. Now see that you help us out a little. It's a little bit harder on us, if we do not win, than on anybody else. You'd better come down to the Uni a week from to-morrow evening anyway, prepared to do some tall shouting.

The sophomores are politely requested to get up and do something. You have decided to hold a social, see that it is a success. The mere handful that was present at the class meeting, held some time ago, is not at all encouraging to those who have a little class spirit, and when they determine to do anything, do it with a vim and energy which carries success with it. If a member of the committee asks you to take part in the program don't refuse by giving some trifling excuse, but surprise somebody by coming out and show what you can do. Let all sophomores bend their energies toward making the coming entertainment a success.

The enterprise of THE NEBRASKAN surprised the oldest inhabitants last Saturday evening, when they read a detailed account of the football game before 8 o'clock. Heretofore, it has been the custom of some one, to get a private telegram at night rate, some where in the neighborhood of 9 o'clock. This is very unsatisfactory to say the least. Now to show that our enterprise is appreciated let every one do the right thing—you know what that means.

A meeting of the freshman class is called for this afternoon at half-past one o'clock. Let every one of the class of '98 be present. There is no excuse for any one not attending his class meetings. Yet it's dollars to doughnuts that it is the one who never attends his class meeting, who does all the kicking because certain resolutions are passed and officers elected. Let this one be present, and he will have a voice in influencing these things.

Now that election is over and political rallies out of the way let us settle down to good hard work. Free-silver and the tariff should be laid upon the shelf and a few text books taken down. Politics should be ruled out of debates and public speaking and everybody will be relieved.

Heloderma Horridum.

The geological department has just received from Arizona a box having "danger" printed all over it. It was enclosed in two thicknesses of wire netting for additional safety. Then to protect the express agents from danger of the poisonous reptile within, a rude pole was attached across the box to upright supports by which the box could be handled with safety. When the wire was removed and the box opened it was found to contain a specimen of the deadly gilla monster, or Heloderma Horridum. This is the largest lizard found in the United States. Its teeth are grooved like the poisonous fangs of the rattle-snake. Its color like that of most animals is very marked and brilliant, so that its prey may be apprised of its deadly approach. Like the Princeton football fiend its coat is orange and black. It is studded with bony ossicles which render it almost invulnerable.

The native Indians dread this lizard above all the venomous reptiles of their region. They believe it capable of poisoning the air. This belief arises from the fact that the gilla monster, wishing to alarm an approaching foe, blows violently in the dust, raising a little cloud around it which alarms four-footed beasts and man alike. Professor Shuefeldt, of Washington, in experimenting with this reptile, was bitten. According to his description of the venomous nature, it is only by skilled medical assistance the unfortunate can be saved. At the time of his accident, though bitten simply on the finger, before he could reach a neighboring office in the National museum reeled and fell, under the venomous influence. He was secured by a doctor occupying an adjoining office.

An effort is being made to keep this lizard alive. It is fed on boiled eggs. It seizes the egg exactly as if it were a live thing, shakes it, gulps it part way, then shakes it again, to make sure the prey has been overcome.

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