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With the prospects of an interesting field day exhibition, some good baseball matches, and, above all, the football games next fall, it is desirable that the university of Nebraska should possess some sort of an athletic field. Steps should be taken immediately to secure one. In view of our present financial condition such a proposition looks like a dream, but it is possible. We could buy a field with the money we had to pay for the use of one last fall. It would not be long before the expense would pay for itself. It would be an easy matter to lease a piece of ground for four or five years at a low price. In a California university the students graded their own campus. Plowing is an art not unknown to many of us. A few days (or nights) of such labor would put any ground in proper condition. Anyone who has not money to donate would give some time and work. A mass meeting of the students and professors should be held and definite steps taken. Come on—let's have an athletic field.

The course in daily theme writing is among the most valuable courses offered to the student during his college training. The student who understands the primary elements of English composition may take up daily work in preparing themes and receive the aid of careful criticism and comment from the instructor. The study of the text book and the suggestions given in class enable the student to form a correct idea of what a pure, simple, clear English style is. The significance of conciseness, clearness, ease and unity in writing is soon apparent. The choice made of expression is at once pointed out and timely suggestions are made as to the proper way to avoid objectionable habits. The use of high-sounding words, trite sayings, "fine writing" and a heavy style are clearly shown to be unnecessary for the expression of one's thoughts.

It is safe to say that students before taking daily themes have a crude understanding of what method and style in writing mean. Important as is the power of written expression, few students fail to see the knowledge and training that comes from this daily exercise. Under painstaking instruction and searching criticism a steady improvement in quality and style among the faithful students is quite noticeable.

It is rumored the senior class is contemplating a permanent class organization, to meet so often, say every five years. To be sure, this is a timely movement, and should not fail of realization. There are certainly no good reasons why the classes should not continue their organization after college days are over. Class associates who have worked side by side in college may keep in close touch with each other. Reminiscences and experiences in the business could be talked over and former ties of friendship renewed. Students upon finishing their college course take up their special callings in different sections of the country. Different vocations and interests separate them. In perfecting such an organization there would not be that general character which makes the alumni association. A history of the class may be kept, showing what each member is doing for himself and for the world. When there is a general reunion of the class preparations will be made to attend. For one takes delight in coming back to his alma mater, especially when he may meet old school chums. This is a step that would be fruitful of good results, both in a social and educational

way. If favorable action is taken by the present senior class it would commend itself to all graduating classes as a timely precedent.

The illustrated article in last week's Nebraskan was from "Physical Education," not from the "Physical Educator," by the courtesy of Dr. Luther Gulick of Springfield, Mass.

OUR SPRING VACATION.

The question of vacation is very close to a student's heart. The great anxiety is generally over the length of it. It has been announced that the students will be given a vacation for the generous period of three days. If it were not for the fact that we have grown accustomed to the kind and noble deeds of the faculty, we should undoubtedly feel a small surprise at hearing such joyful news.

It used to be the custom to grant the students a week vacation in the spring, and according to all accounts no student ever raised an objection that it was too long. Of late, however, we have only been getting a half of that time. The faculty decided that a week was too long to tear a student from the pleasant company of his instructors, so chiefly out of regard for the students they shortened the length of the vacation. Perhaps the students might have thought a few things about the question themselves if they were given the opportunity, which they were not.

This meagre recess—it should not be dignified by the name "vacation"—is what students look forward to with joy and expectation from January to April, and after April they have the final examinations to look forward to. There is one great trouble about the shortness of the time that possibly the faculty overlooks. If you happen to be very tired when you go to bed, you are quite likely to sleep through the whole vacation without knowing it. This is the most discouraging phase of the three days' intermission between classes.

A plan quite prevalent among a certain number is to add a couple of days to the recess on their own authority. This scheme seems to have strong recommendations, but unfortunately few students feel that their class average can stand the inevitable zero bestowed by the several professors.

HAL STARRET.

AMONG THE PROFESSORS.

Professor Caldwell's class in American history smashed any university record this week. When they assembled the other day the professor failed to show up, but the class were not to be balked. They chose one of their number as acting instructor and went on with the ceremonies.

Professor Bates will take up his work on the Cincinnati Enquirer about the first of April.

They are telling a good thing on one of the younger members of the faculty, who entered this institution this year. He approached a fellow professor one day and said:

"Ah, my dear fellow, you ought to take a few years somewhere else, you know. It gives one a culture and polish you don't find in—ah—Nebraska."

"Is that so?" said the other. Where would you advise me to go?"

"Well, Harvard's about as good as any. I don't suppose you've ever been in the east?"

"No," the friend replied, "I never was in the east, but I spent three years at Leipzig and two at Paris. Perhaps I missed the culture and polish, though, by not going to Harvard."

Chancellor MacLean delivered an address at Harvard Saturday evening.

Professor Barber has the "wheel craze," too. He is making rapid progress and now rides down the stone walk with comparatively little danger to the passers-by.

Professor Nicholson recently made quite a hit in an address before the Commercial club of Minneapolis on the best sugar industry.

We warrant that President Canfield, as they call him there, will make things hum about the university with that \$350,000 appropriation.

Professor Barbour and Captain Guilfoyle are still making strenuous efforts to secure the armory for university

dances. They have the majority of the students in sympathy with them, who wish them an early success.

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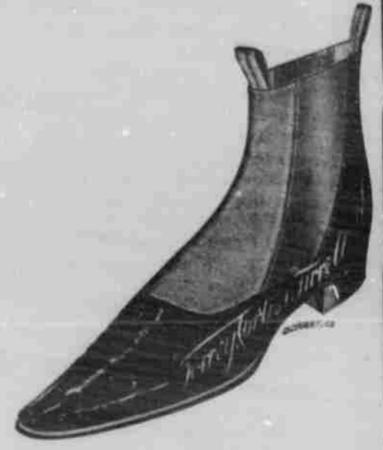
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