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The university is indeed fortunate in securing Miss Melick as instructor in English to fill the vacancy caused by Professor Bates' resignation. She has specialized in that department, has taken all its courses and has been employed as assistant for the past two years. She is well acquainted with the methods of the department and is able to take classes through the rest of the semester without friction being caused by the change. We welcome her as instructor in the university of Nebraska.

Basket ball is becoming a very favorite game in eastern colleges. Steps should be taken to introduce it here. It is not so vigorous a game as football and is received with much more favor. It is an indoor sport and is especially adapted for this time of the year. It does not require much time for practice and is easily and quickly learned. Proficiency of course comes from practice, but it is of a different sort from that of football. Some good class contests could be easily arranged if it were introduced here.

It is well that much interest be manifested in field day exercises. Training from now until the contest should be rigorous and thorough. There are certainly no reasons why our athletes may not make as creditable if not a better showing than the eastern colleges. We have the material. All that is needed is some push, vim and perseverance. Practice and gymnastic exercises must not be neglected. The good records made in the recent gymnasium entertainment show the earnestness with which the work is done. If a like interest is taken in preparing for the field day exercises, a good contest is assured. Let every one who takes pride in his athletic ability or who thinks he may do something worth trying take an active interest. It is only by untiring zeal and vigor that the athletic association can make the field day exercises the splendid success promised. Do good work boys, and the students will turn out on field day en masse to cheer and encourage.

It is to be regretted that supposed friends of the university take occasion to reflect seriously on the policy of the student body without a due appreciation of the facts or a least regard for the truth. The recent public utterances of a citizen of this city concerning slight infractions of the law and the political attitude of the students are false in toto. Every student is keenly sensible of his duty towards his alma mater. No less emphasis is given in the exercise of political rights. The attitude of the students towards a clean, honest and upright administration of municipal affairs has been so plainly and emphatically spoken that reiteration is certainly unnecessary. Why then stigmatize the political clubs without a cause? It conveys a bad impression and perhaps possible misapprehension. Further, it comes from decidedly poor grace. So long as no barrier is placed in the way of ascertaining the truth, no one should speak indiscreetly or without precaution.

Whenever there is slight indecorum or the least outbreak of youthful exuberance, newspaper reporters and talkers for notoriety's sake, treat the matter as if it were of international importance. Students and college authorities hear with surprise reports which are practically as fresh and novel to them as to others. The normal life of the university, the work it is doing, the development of healthy manhood and culture are overlooked, to give voice to some petty matter. It is all well

enough to speak candidly of the abnormal, but not at the expense of that which is addressed to the sobriety and the intelligence of men. A sense of relative value must be given to college events. News from educational circles is not to satisfy the curiosity and meanest tastes of the public. It has a broader and nobler sphere. All we ask is a fair, candid, conscientious and truthful consideration of college events from the hands of the public; and by so doing, possible unpleasantness and misunderstanding may be avoided.

AT THE UNI.

(To one who howls the lack of higher culture in the university).
We're provincial that's a fact.

At the Uni.
We know hardly how to act

At the Uni.
We've not learned to twirl the cane.
Oxford alms we try in vain,
Harvard smirks bring us to pain.

At the Uni.
We don't worship circumstance,
At the Uni.
We don't get our fads from France.

At the Uni.
Have some thoughts that are our own.
Never ape the English throne,
Call the plutocrat a drone—

At the Uni.
Some of us were bred to toil
Round the Uni.
Reared upon the vulgar soil.

Round the Uni.;
Taught that labor is not base,
Taught to never feel disgrace,
Though its sweat should stain the face.

Round the Uni.
We're no doubt behind the times
At the Uni.
Don't keep pace with other climes.

At the Uni.
Higher culture, so you say,
Has not reached us and we pray,
"God forbid it ever may."

At the Uni.
We are boish, that is true,
At the Uni.
Don't do as you cultured do.

At the Uni.
We don't meet where wines go round,
Haunt where patrid jests rebound,
Steep our life in vice profound.

At the Uni.
We will never limp the east,
At the Uni.
But her fops and foibles least.

At the Uni.
We've no castles of wealth immense,
We've no social villainess dense—
We have wondrous common sense.

At the Uni.
J. F. B.

The following is clipped from an exchange for the benefit of the freshmen English classes studying alliteration:
Mac Madeline, Mac Madeline,
Mark my melodious midnight moans,
Much may my melting music mean,
My modulated monotonies,
My mandolin's mild ministrance,
My mental music magazine,
My mouth, my mind, my memory
Must memorize my Madeline.

FUNKE OPERA HOUSE.

The coming of the Tavery Grand English opera company to the Funke opera house next Thursday, April 9, is the one topic of discussion in the local world. The appearance of Madame Tavery in this city has been awaited with considerable interest. She is said to be surrounded this season by a strong grand English opera organization. This celebrated singer has been the recipient of nightly ovations everywhere, and the press and public are enthusiastic in pronouncing the company the strongest ever heard in America. The sale of seats commences Tuesday, April 7.

The repertoire consists of operas that are always received with pleasure in this city. The comedy is composed of the best singers obtainable and carries its own orchestra, and as a whole is composed of over eighty people. They will produce the beautiful and romantic opera of "Carmen."

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Sage Reasoning.

Miss Goodleigh—Do you believe there will be any marriages in heaven?
Miss Uptodate—No. The Bible says there will be no "giving in marriage" there, and where there are no wedding presents you bet there won't be many weddings.

Justified.

Hill—You have a black eye this morning.
Hill—Yes. A man hit me for a dollar.
Hill—Did you hit back?
Hill—No. He was in the right. It was his dollar, you see.

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Teacher—As the twig is bent the tree is inclined. Do you understand that?
Boy—Yes'm. W'en bicycle boys grow up they'll walk with a stoop.

An Important Post.

Store Boy—Can't get off to-day. We're takin' an inventory of stock. Awful busy.
Chum—Wot good are you in takin' inventories?
Store Boy—Good? I'm more important than the head bookkeeper. I wash the fly specks off of last year's goods.

After the Theatricals.

"What on earth made you tell that appalling little cad that he ought to have trod the boards of ancient Greece? You surely don't really admire his acting?"
"Oh, no! But, you know, the Greek actors used to wear masks."—London Punch.

Resentment.

Brown—Did you hear of the case of that dramatic critic who was shot by a burlesque actress yesterday?
Jones—No. What was the trouble?
Brown—He alluded to the company as "old favorites."—Puck.

Oh! ever wet and watery sea:
If I could just write poetry,
I'd rattle off a ode to thee,
Oh! hully gee!

—Truth.

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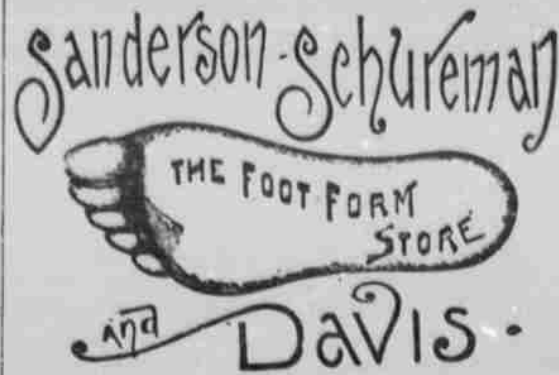
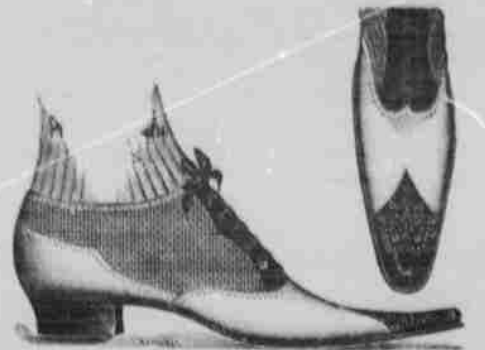
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