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It is to be hoped there will be a good number register for the preliminary debates. The time for making arrangements to put up a creditable series of debates is now at hand. Everyone who believes he possesses the qualities of a debater should not fail to enlist as a contestant for a place on the Kansas-Nebraska debate. Remember it is no slight honor to represent this university in a friendly forensic rivalry with Kansas. And it should be the wish of every loyal student to see that our preliminary debates are not lacking of enthusiasm. If all of us cannot make a creditable showing as debaters, we can urge and arouse the interest of those who can. It is in every sense very desirable that our ablest debaters be chosen this year to go to Kansas, as the honors between the two universities have been equally divided. It should be our sole aim to pick again the laurel of victory. We can do it if we do our duty and do it earnestly. Let no one be backward in taking a part in these discussions. If you are not the successful competitor, the practice received will be invaluable. By all means let the preliminary debates be well attended. Do not permit studies to stand in the way of giving the debaters a good audience. It will be an inspiration to them, and enable them to do the best they are capable. This is a university undertaking and both students and professors alike should lend every effort to make it a royal success.

This is evidently a political year. Everybody is a politician, and we trust in the noblest sense of the word. Desirable as it is that every student should study the political issues with care and with intelligence, yet our enthusiasm for party should not stand in the way of university work. Remember there is plenty of time for us to take part in politics. Let us devote our college days to earnest and energetic work with our books, and when it comes time to enter the political arena, we will be better fitted to reflect credit upon our Alma Mater. Student rallies are all right in their nature. But we should not allow them to interfere with an impartial and earnest search for truth on political and economic questions. To find the truth should be the ultimate aim of our college work. It matters not what conclusions we may be led to by our studies, nor how they may differ from our previous opinions, the fair-minded must recognize them as wise and just. Partisanship must be discarded by the seekers after truth. Nowhere is this more important than in our colleges. Let us not place party above country, but strive to do that which is for our own good and for the good of humanity.

Every heart was made glad Monday morning when the result of the football subscription was announced. There is cause to rejoice. What we needed to start a successful year was accomplished, and the students of this university need have no fear but that now our financial needs are bridged over. While the collection was large and generous, still it was not more than ought to be expected from a university the size of ours. We cannot feel that we have done a good deed and therefore that we can now let the matter have no thought. We cannot sit down with our hands folded and say "We have done our full duty." There is much more to be done yet. A promising field is among the students who were not at that mass-meeting. We hope there is not a student in our midst, who would have contributed his mite had he been there, and now refuses to come forward and hand it in. Of course the chapel was filled Monday, but there were many who were not there. How would it be to have a mass-meeting of those who were absent, and see what they could do in the same line?

The university of Nebraska nearly approached a period in her career when she might have been taken for a genuine college with students, last Monday. The

surroundings of our institution are not emphatically conducive to arouse college spirit. But once in a while we can see the outcroppings of that air of college life, that goes down in one's memory and ever recurs with the pleasantest sensations in after life. We cannot afford to be too prosaic. It is not absolutely necessary to make a business process of attending college. If a little charm of emotion enters into our life here, it is not to be thrust out as unmanly. So there is no need to be ashamed of yourself if you are found on the campus yelling or giving away to your enthusiasm. We say keep it up. Enter into the spirit of university affairs as they deserve, not as you perhaps think they ought to be.

There has been more or less complaint in our midst from time to time about the low scholarly standing of our football players. Taking all things into consideration, it seems that even our faculty ought to shoulder a little of the blame for this state of affairs, it is a notorious fact that our students are required, or at least do work harder, than students of other institutions of like nature. On the other hand, members of the faculty are emphatic in their advice to students—don't take too much work. However it is often that they themselves start the bad example by their requirements. We think that the complaint could be adjusted more readily by compromising from both sides. If the board of athletics has formulated a code of rules to govern the student life of the football player, we call upon the members of that board to enforce them. On the other hand it is but proper that the authorities should see that the ball player does not register for more work than he can conveniently carry.

The Nebraskan makes another plea for "copy" this year. Though it may not have been noticed, the paper is printed in type which is a size smaller than that used last year. With this change comes the uncomfortable feeling among the editors, that this difference must be made up by extra work. We are in most need of locals, and if there is anyone who is thirsting for the doubtful glory of officiating in this capacity, we are willing to supply this if he supplies the much needed news items. If you "know anything" you will confer a favor on us if you whisper it in the ear of one of the editors. We want it if it is the most insignificant matter. We won't guarantee to publish everything that is handed in, but what is worth it will go into our columns.

Coach Robinson has been quite encouraged during the past week by the interest that has been aroused in football affairs. He assures us that this year Nebraska will have a team of eleven trained men, in spite of everything. Everyone is with Coach Robinson on this point. We are to be congratulated on the fact that this year we have secured a coach who so thoroughly understands his business. Mr. Robinson represents the best type of the eastern football player. We hope he will use all the authority vested in him as a coach.

The usual amount of discontent about the cadet promotions has begun to be manifested. It seems that members of the band are among the most disappointed ones. But cadet promotions are the most unsatisfactory of things to guess at, or speculate upon. But no one can doubt but that all was done in an absolute spirit of fairness, and like the elections to Phi Beta Kappa, there is apt to be more or less unfavorable comment about them.

The efficiency of a mass-meeting has been satisfactorily demonstrated. It will not be a gross error on our part if we employ a few more of them to facilitate matters once in a while. We hope the Chancellor spoke advisedly when he said that this one was to be the first of a series of them. They will be beneficial to the welfare of the university and they are a strong factor in arousing enthusiasm.

**THE PREP.**  
With books in hand, the callow prep Scruts up the Uni walk.  
You'd think he knew a great big lot  
To hear the fellow talk.

At home you know his mother thought  
That he was awful smart,  
Because he knew some Latin words  
That he could say by heart.

They all looked up to Johnny with  
Deep reverence in their eyes,  
And his poor head kept swelling till  
It reached enormous size.

But soon the prof got in his work  
To test the prep's brain,  
And then you saw across his face  
There shot a look of pain.

One hour of mortal agony  
The youthful student spent,  
A sadder but a wiser youth  
When out the door he went.

With books in hand the trembling prep  
Came meekly down the walk,  
You'd think he did not know a thing  
To hear the prep's talk.

**FOOTBALL AT MISSOURI.**  
Active training began September 11, the day of the arrival of Coach Patterson of Yale, when eleven men showed up at the field. The team will present a number of new faces this year. A number of new faces this year. A lost by graduation, and among them are some of the best players that have ever been on the field. Those who will be sorely missed are Ben Thompson, Captain Young and Gibson at end. The team is yet without a captain. Price, who was elected to that position, has not been heard from, but will probably not play this year. Gibson was sub-captain, but he will not return.

Those of the old players who will be seen again enclosed in figure stripes are Sinnett and Dowdall, ends, Conley and McAllister, tackles, Hill, guard and Evans, quarterback. Among the new men who are candidates for places on the team there is some very promising material. White who played guard on the Sedalia Athletic club team for several seasons, is trying for the same position here. He weighs 190, has a thorough knowledge of the game and gets all over the field. W. Hill is a promising candidate for center. He played that position on the University academy team last year under the coaching of Ben Thompson. Ben will probably be back for a week or two to give further coaching to the center and guards. J. Hill is a candidate for a place in the line. Among the most promising candidates for end are Kirke and Williams. Kirke has played on the Kansas City high school team for several years and is well up in the game. He was coached for his position by Tom Mastin of Harvard, who was assistant coach for the Tigers in '25. Williams is a new man to football but his play during the last few days has shown such rapid improvement the something is to be expected of him. Behind the line, Hall, a Sedalia boy and an athlete, "Sandy" Bass, a gritty and plucky player from the University academy team, Mott, of Fleet's academy, and Shepherd, of Marmaduke, are playing the best. The last named particularly is playing a fast game, and hit the line with a vim that reminds one of Albee, full-back of last year's team. George Evans, quarter-back of last year, was out Wednesday for the first time and resumed his old position. It is to be hoped that he will soon regain his old-time form. George Pauley, the veteran tackle, was out this week in a uniform and played with the "scrubs." He will assist in instructing the candidates for tackle.

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