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NOTICE—All subscriptions should now be paid and collection will be commenced accordingly. Any one wishing to avoid the inconvenience of being "dunned", should notify the business manager before January 15.

The awkwardness of the present plan of appropriating university funds should be called to the attention of the members of the legislature. All funds received by the regents for university purposes, except moneys accruing under the provisions of the Morrill and Hatch bills, must first be turned into the state treasury and then be appropriated by the legislature before they can be used. All proceeds from the endowment fund; all incomes from university and agricultural college lands; all taxes levied by the state for university purposes; and all matriculation, diploma and laboratory fees go into the state treasury and cannot be used by the regents until the legislature appropriates them.

Why should such a system be maintained? It places the university in a peculiar position. Money that has been raised especially for the university, and cannot be used for any other purpose, must wait for the sanction of the legislature before it can be used. The statutes of the state prescribe that all matriculation fees "shall be held as a library fund." This fund cannot be used for any thing else, but before any books can be bought it must be appropriated by the legislature. Why should the legislature be burdened with this unnecessary registration? The plan of appropriation should be simplified. All of these funds should pass directly into the hands of the regents and be appropriated by them. The regents know where they are needed, they are acquainted with the conditions of the institution, and the regents ought to be free to invest these funds at the time and in the place where they are really necessary.

The university authorities are to be commended for their action in establishing check rooms for students' clothing. Although it comes rather late, and as a necessity, still from present indications, warm and costly clothing will be worn for some weeks yet. The fortunate ones who yet have overcoats left, can go to classes and recite without worrying and wondering whether they will have to go back to their rooms with nothing on their backs. Now that the rooms have been put in working order, they should be patronized liberally, as every time a coat is stolen, it does not advertise the university favorably. Now, what such an event is made impossible if the proper care is taken, students should see that it does not happen. Anyone who is too lazy to walk to the basement for the purpose of security to his wearing apparel, deserves to suffer by loss.

Everybody should soon be ready to lend their support and enthusiasm to baseball. Nebraska promises to show up well in this branch of athletics this year, nearly everyone of the old players are back, and with the promise of having an efficient coach, our boys ought to lead the other neighboring colleges a hard race for first place. It will take good patronage at all the home games to meet expenses. This sport has more sanction from those outside of the university, than has football, and the students owe it to the university to see that it is properly supported.

No one can complain of the way the football finances were managed this year. In

comparison with the other teams of the league Nebraska is ahead, as the deficit incurred is by far the smallest of either Iowa, Kansas or Missouri. With such unfortunate weather as Nebraska met at the Omaha game, it is to be expected that the season would be closed a little behind. But the other teams were more fortunate in this respect, and it looks as if mismanagement, more than anything was the cause of the deficit.

Now that the indoor training class is being organized for the coming indoor contest, every one who desires to compete should register with the physical director at once for this work. The tablets that were engraved for the winners last year ought to lend a spirit of emulation to the contest this year, which should make it the most interesting one that the university has yet given.

There is not a student in the university to our knowledge, who is displeased in the selection of the team made for captain next season. Mr. Shedd has the goodwill of every one, and his conscientious work during the past two seasons has been fittingly rewarded. We are confident that our right half back will lead us on to victory in the season of 1907.

A university cadet: when attired in his uniform is a noticeable representative of the university. If he is seen in places which do not reflect credit upon himself or the university, or dresses in a slouchy way with half his uniform, he is not conducting himself properly toward his alma mater.

It takes some people a long while to learn. The little signs, "out" and "in" which adorn the storm doors are meant to guide those who do not know right from left. The person who objects to having some one slam a door in his face as he starts to go out the wrong one, gets his proper deserts.

The advertisements which are to be found in the columns of the Nebraskan are to our personal knowledge, reliable. This year we have solicited from none but the best. Though they may be few everyone who gives them patronage can feel that they will be squarely dealt with.

Whatever the position Iowa has taken, it is quite certain that our annual game at Omaha will take place as usual. Much of the former interest will be lacking however if it is not a battle for the championship and pennant.

THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS HOUSE.

(G. P. Putnam's Sons, Publishers, N. Y.)
"Life is a: best a shadow on the wall
That pleases children, death an idle tale
Of ghosts, told in the nursery, when pale
And low the lights burn."

So says Mr. Prosser Hall Frye in "The Substance of his House", and to those who hold his view of life and death, Mr. Frye is not only a poet but a seer. To those of more optimistic persuasion this book is no less interesting, as a strong exponent of a trend of thought very marked among a certain class of writers at the present time.

The sympathies and energies of the poet are not turned outward to vitalize things animate and inanimate. For as the poem "Silence" questions:

How shall I sing of pleasant new-mown fields

In summer afternoons;
Or calm, hushed evenings, when the sunlight yields
To low broad swaying moons:

Or some melodious song that clings about
The busy, humming throngs,—
How shall I sing, when I have come to doubt
The value of all songs?

And this questioning,
"Probing, and forever probing with its knife

To loose the secret centers at its core,"
is the burden not only of the initial poem, "The Substance of his House"—but of the entire book. In the "Vision from Heraclitus" it is the refrain:

"I saw myself go down in the dark,
The dark that hovers round the under world;

Then I said, "Here is rest, Nirvana comes";

But there was no rest from the ceaseless change

—on the weary drifting round
They keep a measure of self consciousness

A torment to them through eternity
Then I cried in despair, "Is there no rest?
Can no Nirvana come? Must we go on
Ever through circles of decay and growth
Without a nothingness for the decay,
Without perfection for the ceaseless growth?"

The same distrustful questioning is turned upon love and youth and hope, and as the poet looks inward, not outward, so he looks backward and not forward.

ward. Like the singer in his "Grave Song".

"Who sits beside a tomb
In the dwelling places of dead kings,
Sits quietly as he sings
To the frail shadows rising in the room
Of beautiful things."

so he laments:
—"Winter has enchained the centuries
No longer do the bright faced seraphim
Come winging down the buoyant winds,
and hymn

With their deep-toned celestial harmonies
For shepherds on the hills. The world
is old

And torpid with the cold;
Its splendor is but pale reflective ice
Above the shrivelled life that race was
warm."

KATHERINE MELICK.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Cornell will no longer make Latin and Greek requisites for the degree of B. A.

In the recent debate between Harvard and Princeton, the latter was victorious.

A far western newspaper man has The university of Wisconsin has a new literary society to be known as "Ydgraas-ii."

found reason for Yale's defeat by Princeton. "You will insult our Bryan" he cries gleefully.

Efforts are being made to start a college paper at Johns Hopkins, at present the only large institution in the country which has no student publication.

The Harvard faculty refused to allow the glee club to go on a western tour during the Christmas vacation. The Chicago glee club came west, and Princeton as far as Iowa.

The recent request for college slang words, resulted in the following list: Ball-up, bone, cinch, co-ed, cram, crib, fend, funk, fresh, fluff, grind, grub, horse, jolly, lunch-hooks, play horse with, pluck, play pony, prep, prune, quiz, ride, roast, sheepskin, snap, stunt and trot.

After playing games in Texas, the football team of the university of Missouri made a trip to Old Mexico, and celebrated Sunday, by a game before the Greasers. Their trip was made without the consent of the faculty, and it created quite a little discussion among the professors. The team took with them a couple of young men from Kansas City, who have no connection with university, which is an additional cause for wrath on the part of the authorities.

PICK UPS.

Today I asked my ma-ma if I could whittle—

Yes, I did.

"Oh, no, my girl," said she; "you're too little"—

So she did.

But Tom stepped so hard right on my toe I cried, I did.

She said, "Oh, you're too big a girl to cry out so"—

That's what she did.
Why can't I cry if I am little?
Or if I'm big, why can't I whittle?

You asked me how I earned
A maid so sweet and fair;
I left no stone unturned,
Not e'en a solitaire.

"Yes that French cooking—"
The czar of all Russians gave a tug-
vitch at his beard-ski.

"Was too much for me, I must try"—
He toyed now with his toothpick-ski.
—"try light diet for awhile."

Drawing the platter of tallow candles
toward him, he nibbled delicately at these
favorite Russian dainties.

"Sire" announced the chef de cuisine,
to the king of the Garbage Islands, "we
have cooked that theatrical troupe,
Which one shall I bring first; the trag-
edian is roasted to a turn; the—"

"Chef," angrily exclaimed Musthavent-
hott, "has all that Newport training I
have you been forgotten? Don't not re-
member that the sipe comes always first?"



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