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## TO THE ALUMNI.

This issue of the Nebraskan will fall into the hands of some of our alumni and alumnae. Now to you the Nebraskan wants to say some pertinent—and perhaps impertinent things. You know the struggles our football manager always has to make the season close with financial success. When you were in the University you perhaps subscribed a dollar here, and a dollar there, of "dad's" money. Now you are in a different position. You are perhaps earning a good living by the means which the University supplied to you. This means was given gratis. Doesn't honor require that you make some effort to repay your Alma Mater for what she has done for you? We ask you to make the football manager's heart glad by a contribution of some sort. The glory of the Old Uni. demands heroic efforts on your part which will make her lead in the race for the football pennant. We have the material this year and you should help supply the means.

The organization of the Pershing Rifles a few years ago, was the direct result of the inspiration caught from Lieutenant Pershing by its founders. Their intention was to establish a company which should attract the best material in the battalion, to the end that the magnificent traditions of Lieutenant Pershing's regime might not disappear with his departure. The company has always been rightly regarded as a tribute to his ability, and to his military ideals; it was his ardent wish, as that of the founders, that the Pershing Rifles should stand staunchly for the best life in battalion, and in university. This purpose has shared in some measure the fate of all ideals. Yet its underlying principle has found expression in a proper current of opinion, sweeping away the driftage of petty politics. We have long since found the plane of the student institution. The present, no less than the past, leads us to expect a degree of unevenness and unsmoothness, in the "politics" which dictate the management of university athletics. Baseball and football claim a deep interest from us. If they are, perchance, unequal, for the sake of peace, the blemish is passed over. With the Pershing Rifles, there is, rather, there was, a difference. The rifles started without the heritage of politics. The good of the company was the summum bonum to each member; not one thought the company a mere instrument to advance his interests, or to increase his popularity. Whether all this is changed is still to be demonstrated. The disgraceful happenings of last Thursday are foul blasts upon the company's fair record, dishonoring in their presence and discouraging in their premises.

The defeat of our football team by Ames last Thursday should not prove discouraging. Ames had been in active training ever since July 20th under Coach Warner, of Cornell, while our boys had been practicing less than a month. The way some of our new men showed up makes the prospect bright for a pennant-winning team this year. The first home game is to be played to-morrow, Tarkio being our opponents. Come out and lend your presence and cheers to the cause.

The announcement of President Harper of the University of Chicago that any football player using unfair tactics would be expelled from college is deserving of commendation. It is the violation of the rules that makes the

game appear brutal. If a few more university presidents would take the stand of Mr. Harper they would do much to abolish the sentiment against the sport and such preposterous anti-football bills as sometimes appear before legislatures would never be heard of.

The articles on "Modern College Education," which are being published in the "Cosmopolitan," merit the perusal of every one. College ideas are such vague things, and are so apt to lead to utter loss of purpose. These articles will prove a good tonic. Among those who have contributed are: Professors Peck and Dwight, and President Gilman.

There is one thing that should be done as soon as the University has the funds at its disposal. This is to provide some sort of shelter for the two or three hundred bicycles which the students and professors use daily in going to and from classes. At present the only shelter provided is an iron railing upon the edges of the campus walks. The owner of a wheel may have the satisfaction of sitting in a class room looking out of the window and seeing a sudden gust of wind tip two or three wheels off the railing and pile them in a heap on top of his own, sits the rest of the hour and wonders how many spokes are gone. Or he will see two young ladies talking and one of them is punctuating her remarks by making vicious jabs at the tire of his wheel with a hat pin and he loses his place in the Latin and is severely reprimanded by the prof.

A wheel is a valuable piece of property and should not be allowed to stand exposed all day to the often sudden changes in the weather. As it is they are exposed to rain, snow, and dust, to say nothing of the possibility of their being stolen. There should be some way provided for the protection of wheels. A check room might be established or a basement fitted up with racks and locks. The many wheelmen, as well as wheelwomen, would be more than gratified for a change from the present condition.

The effort on the part of the different classes of the University to get up class teams, is commendable. All that is now needed is more men. There are at least thirty men in every class who could get out and play good football if they only would. The fact that you have never played football before is no excuse. Come out anyway. No one knows what he can do until he tries. Four good class teams would very probably develop some valuable "finds" for the Varsity team and would arouse some class spirit and enthusiasm. If each member of every class would take some pride in his team and would feel it his duty to see that his class was well represented on the gridiron, then a good team would be forthcoming and the spectators would not go out on the campus just for fun to see some "marks" try to play football, but they would be there because they wanted to see a good game.

The Tarkio team is strong, puts up a fast game, and comes with a reputation for good football. This means that if Nebraska is to win, a full crowd of rooters must be out. Root from the grand stand, cheer on the boys and show your colors. The unsophisticated freshman who does not know the meaning of the term "root" will be enlightened by any sophomore. Said soph can easily explain in two hours. Anyway, root.

**HEART OF MARYLAND.**  
Mrs. Leslie Carter, with David Belasco's company of artists, specially selected by Mr. Belasco to interpret his most successful effort as a dramatist, will represent the leading role in "The Heart of Maryland" at the Lansing theatre on Monday evening, October 18. Her advent in the impersonation of "Maryland" will, it is believed, commend itself to the patrons of the drama as one of the most effective portraits of emotional character of her time. The company includes a number of players familiar to, and favorites with, our theatre-goers in past seasons. Seats on sale Friday morning, 9 a. m., box office. Prices \$1.50, \$1.00, 75, 50, 25.

**PRIMROSE & WEST.**  
Tuesday evening, at the Lansing Theatre, Primrose & West's Minstrels will be with us for a short engagement of one night. This organization comes to us this year with a number of new people, chief among whom is Ezra Kendall, well and favorably known in

this city. To those who have seen this comedian before, the question may naturally arise, "What is Kendall doing with a minstrel show?" To all such it may be said that he does not blacken his face nor appear in the first part, but has a separate place on the programme allotted for his monologue, which, by the way, is said to be entirely original. Carroll Johnson is to be the principal end man of the first part. Johnson is not a novice in this line, having been a minstrel comedian for a number of years. He has a number of new songs in his repertoire and his jokes, contrary to all tradition, are of the vintage of '97.

Another feature of the performance is to be an exhibition of tambourine spinning by the Freeze Brothers, something of a novelty.

Trovolle, a ventriloquist, has something new in the way of walking automatons. Falke & Semon are to contribute a musical specialty in which they are to endeavor to mix comedy with the playing instruments.

Primrose & West's orchestra is this season under the leadership of Robert Carmichael, who is said to be one of the best minstrel conductors in the profession, and the orchestral music is expected to be one of the features of the engagement.

As the company do not arrive in this city until noon from Omaha by special train over the Rock Island, their street parade will be given on arrival, starting from the depot.

Next week, commencing Monday night, the Carlton & Lord comedians will begin a week's engagement at the Funke. The company is spoken of everywhere as a very clever organization and among its members are people of well known dramatic ability, headed by the charming soubrette, Miss Jennie Calef, who appeared here a number of years ago in the opening play, "An American Princess." The New Orleans Picayune says:

"The play is of the characteristic western type, the leading part being taken by Miss Jennie Calef, who impersonates a wild, rough diamond, of little education, but a true heart and an honest nature. As the American Princess O'Shaunassy, Miss Calef cannot be excelled, and it is doubtful if she can be equalled. Lotta, or Annie Pixley, in their palmy days, could not have pleased the people more than Miss Calef did her audience last night."

Popular prices will be the rule all next week, 10, 20, and 30 cents, and on Monday night one lady, when accompanied by one paid ticket, will be admitted free, if ticket is bought before 7 p. m.

The University of California is about to establish a military bicycle corps.

Ohio has the largest number of college students, 24,000, one-third of whom are women.

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