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It is to be hoped that the "Frat" man has not expended his surplus in Xmas presents for his mother and sister to such an extent that he will be unable to attend the "Pershing" hop.

During the coming month the athletic board will elect a football manager for next year. This matter is almost as important as the election of the football captain, for poor management can never win the pennant even though the team be satisfactory in all respects.

In electing a manager there are many things to be taken into consideration. A successful football manager should be possessed of a clear business head and should be a first-class financier. He should be able to perceive his rights in a controversy and to stand up for them. He should have a knowledge of football so that he would at least know how to select competent officials. Above all he should be a hustler, one who will not let anything stand in the way of making the season a financial success. Nebraska had such a manager this year and we trust the board will make as wise a selection for the ensuing year.

The markings of the judges in the opening set of preliminary debates seem to be as equitable, on the whole, as could be expected from the complex system. One fact is especially noticeable, that is, that of the entire sixteen chosen to participate in the finals, but one man received a place who spoke first on the affirmative of his question. This would suggest that possibly others who held similar positions did not receive the grades they deserved. Upon the foundation laid by the first speaker rests the entire argument of the question. It requires as much ability to state and define a question clearly as it does to formulate argument to support a proposition. To do this properly requires the greater portion of the allotted twelve minutes, leaving little or no time for pure argument. The one who can open a question properly deserves as much credit as he who upholds the propositions of his predecessors. This fact should not be lost sight of by the judges, but should influence them to a great extent in their markings.

The completion of the series of preliminary debates seem to mark a new epoch in our university life. It shows that the spirit of debate is at present one of the strongest factors in our college today.

Never before has there been nearly the same number of contestants entered for these debates, and what is more strongly a subject of congratulation, never before has there been so few dropped out after once registered. Not alone did the debaters enter and speak, but almost without exception they carefully prepared themselves on their respective subjects. Few, if any, who debated would not have done credit to our university if they had been among the lucky ones. There certainly were few, if any, of the contestants who did not have a faint hope of winning as a result of their hard work. This was evidenced by the fact that the debaters almost as a whole waited patiently on Monday evening almost two hours for the final decision of the judges.

Certainly if the University has one thing more than another to congratulate itself upon this year it is the great success of this annual preliminary debate.

Some time ago the Nebraskan mentioned the discipline committees in vogue in Leland Stanford University. We may have made a remark or two

in quest on of the practicality of such committees composed of both students and professors but press dispatches chronicle the summary action of the committee in dropping the name of forty-one "funkers." The principle the committee works on is, that if a student does not show sufficient appreciation of the privileges given him, he should drop out to make room for a really appreciative student. The faculty rightly hold dissipation and good college training incompatible, and the "waf'ing" of few students for too much celebrating after a football game shows the force of their opinions.

As a rule, the student body knows nothing of cases of discipline within the walls of Nebraska. The policy of the executive office is not to submit the offender to additional disgrace but as quietly as possible drop him from the roll. One face less sometimes noticed, often not. It is equivalent to the Yale method of sending the culprit "up country."

Not many weeks ago the executive office handled with great delicacy and dispatch the case of a student found guilty of stealing. It may be an open question whether a public exhibition of the offender should be made or not, but the far more generous course was pursued. Every case reported to the executive office is carefully looked into and as quickly as possible justice administered.

## THE PREACHER'S MISTAKE.

There is a pretty good singing the rounds on Long John Saville. When he was in Omaha, the Brownie took him up to the church to hear a visiting preacher. John had on his new suit of clothes and was very anxious to get a conspicuous seat, so he pruned the Brownie well up in front. The preacher kept looking at John steadily all during his sermon and John was all swelled up to see what a hit his seven dollar suit had made, and when the sermon was over he was not at all surprised when the minister asked for an introduction.

"I was watching you all the time," exclaimed he, "because I immediately picked you out for a divinity student."

Poor John managed to tell him that he was only a plug electrician and he told the Brownie afterwards that he didn't care for himself particularly because he was always getting hard rubs, but he did feel bad for his new suit of clothes.

## VACATION NEWS.

The people who are so benighted as to imagine that there is no fun in town during the holidays should have stepped into Lincoln about Christmas time when some of the old timers were sneaking back from their headquarters around the state. There wasn't so awful much to do, of course, besides sit in some frat quarters and swap lies or play six-handed "Hearts." This last was very popular however on account of the high intellectual qualification of "stuffing the queen" on some reuben college man who has been "farmed out" at York since graduation. There was a little skating, too. There was a spot of ice at Lincoln park about as big as a tambourine where Bert Whedon would "cut the figure 3" for hours without stopping. He was on exhibition all day and looked very nicely.

Doc Everett was in from Chicago and was quite willing to be interviewed. He spoke several times at the Red Ribbon hall on "Resisting Temptation in a Great City." He is the same earnest student as when we last saw him. He will be back in time for the convention of the Epworth League.

Allie Randolph also walked in from York, where he has been teaching at the college. He hadn't seen the bright side of a pipe since he left here and was looking frail and unhappy. He soon got in trim again and learned to sing "Hot Time," and a few other new songs which had not yet struck his town. He found life in the city too exciting, however, and started up to some little country berg seeking change and rest—he particularly lacked change.

"Chick" Abbott got it into his head one time when he was out to Lincoln park to "frisk" the hot tomale sign. Just as he got it off the building the owner came out of the shed and gave him an exciting foot race. He chased him around the park twice and finally corralled him under the switchback where he despoiled him of his sign after belaboring him over the scone with a waffle iron. Chick tried to persuade him that he wanted the sign for his grandmother, who was starving,

but the man was too smooth for him and after sapping him a couple of times with the iron by way of a proper culmination he strode off to his shed while Chick plied his hat together and sneaked under the fence.

Milt Stewart didn't get much time to run with the gang as he hired out as a trained nurse at the beginning of the holidays. George Porter was also so busy showing a visiting uncle how to play pool that he couldn't keep up his regular pace.

## COLLEGE WIT.

"How goes it now at college, John?"  
A father thus petitioned;  
Then quickly came the answer back:  
"I'm very well conditioned."

—The Buchtelite.

I followed her four block or more,  
With ever quick'ning pace.  
Her figure was indeed divine;  
At last I saw her face.  
I now am armed with gun and knife,  
The blood is in my eye.  
I'm hunting for the man who said  
That figures never lie.

—Princeton Tiger.

Soph.: If a man should lose his knee where should he go to get another one?

Freshie: Give it up.

Soph.: Africa. Why?

Freshie: Give up again.

Soph.: Ne-grees there. Here's another. If a woman should lose her knee where would she go?

Freshie: Needo.

Soph.: Jerusalem. Why?

Freshie: You're too much for me.

Soph.: She-nees there. See?

—High School Yell.

Inquiring stranger—"What sort of climate do they have in Australia, sir?"

Native—"Climate? We don't have any climate. Just a collection of d-samples."—Princeton Tiger.

"There are others" as good, perhaps, but none better than the pictures taken at the Students' Photograph Gallery, 1034 O street.

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