

In the Gym.

The trophy which was won by the Sophomores in the Freshman-Sophomore field day—a \$20 water set is now on exhibition in the window of Fleming's jewelry store.

While waiting for the baseball cage to be completed, Prof. Hastings will give the baseball men a physical examination this week and next. All baseball players who wish to take the physical examination should not fail to report during the coming week.

The Armstrong Clothing Co. has offered a silver cup as a permanent University trophy, to be competed for annually by each class at the annual field day. It has rightly been considered more satisfactory to offer a class trophy than a personal prize, as the men then work purely from unselfish motives.

Indoor baseball practice begins next week and there will be regular practice three times a week. The Pershing Rifles, the athletic class team and the baseball men will have teams in the field. A series of games for the indoor baseball championship of the University will occur every Wednesday and Friday on the days Jan. 26-28, Feb. 2-4 and 9-11.

The third of the preliminary contests for the charter day indoor athletic contest took place last Saturday afternoon. The event was the three standing broad jumps. The three highest were: Swallow, 29 ft. 2 1/4 in.; Le Mar, 27 ft. 7 1/4 in.; W. E. Anderson, 27 ft. 5 1/4 in. The fourth contest will be the hop, step and jump, and takes place Saturday afternoon of this week.

Tuesday evening the basket ball team picked from the football boys played the five o'clock champions. The game was fierce and at times a little rough. If the football boys were goal throwers, they would have led their opponents even a merrier time than they did. Considering that they have had no team practice, they played a good game. Fouls by their opponents that were even startling were unnoticed by the football boys.

The second half the five o'clocks started the score to run up and the game resulted in a score of 15 to 11 in five o'clock's favor.

The proceeds of the basketball games will be used to purchase record boards for the various athletic contests. However, if the basketball games are not better patronized than they have been, the number of record boards purchased will be rather small. A fairly large crowd turned out to see the game with the Y. M. C. A. boys, but a very few saw the game Tuesday evening between the five o'clock team and the team picked from the football men. Although basketball is an intensely interesting game, the majority of students in the University have never yet seen it played. There will be three good games within the next week, which should draw good crowds. There will be the game with the Y. M. C. A. of Omaha on Saturday of this week and on Monday and Wednesday of next week two games will be played between the football men and the athletic class team for the championship of the University.

At The Oliver.

At the Oliver theater on Thursday evening, January 20th, Murray & Mack, the well and favorably known Irish comedians will appear in this city in their latest success, "Finnigan's Courtship," a bright plausible Irish comedy from the pen of Geo. H. Emerick, author of their previous successes of the Finnigan series of farce comedies. This season these favorites come with the most pretentious company they have yet carried, both in number and talent, and with scenic investiture rarely ever seen on tour with a farce comedy. They have already become recognized as leaders in their specialties, and they also essay to become leaders in their style of entertainment, and the fact that they are so extensively imitated speaks volumes not only in praise but in encouragement that they are on the right track. "Finnigan's Courtship" is in three acts, the first the dining-room of Mrs. Hogan's boarding house, the second the beach at Coney Island, where most of the specialties are so aptly introduced; the third, the back yard of Mrs. Hogan, where Hogan and Finnigan fight a duel, one of the funniest duel scenes ever witnessed. Murray & Mack will introduce some of such specialties as have made them famous,—their burlesque on "Skirt Dancing," and the "Glove Contest," their side-walk talk, and the burlesque circus act, "P. T. Barnum & Adam Fourpaw Out on a Lark," are enough in themselves to satisfy an audience, and yet, there is much more.

Prices, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, and 25c. Seats on sale Tuesday morning at 10 sharp. Secure your seats early as this beautiful theater will be packed to the doors for these favorites.

ADDRESSED OLD SETTLERS.

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sured basis.

In 1883 the Greek letter societies first made their appearance and the most bitter contest ever fought on University territory was waged over them in the literary societies, and as time goes on it becomes very doubtful that reconciliation of the parties will ever take place.

In early days for many years, Arbor day was observed with ceremonies becoming its importance. One Arbor day a few members of one of the fraternities, wishing to anticipate the efforts of their neighbors arose at midnight and planted a fine elm tree on the campus; but when they came onto the campus in the morning there was no tree where they had planted it nor were their best efforts rewarded by finding it. It chanced that I received a telephone message that evening asking if some students might bring some trees and plant in my yard. Of course I was delighted and made hasty preparation to entertain whoever might come, but was rather surprised that they should not make their appearance until bed time. However, the trees were planted—one fine elm and several other varieties—with becoming ceremonies, and a social time was enjoyed with the dozen who came and then they went away. A year or two after that a member of that fraternity told me that one of the young men who helped conceal the tree had afterwards joined them and gave them their first knowledge of the tree which was then growing beautifully in my yard.

The huge boulder which lies on the campus did not grow there by any means. It cost some stratagem and not a little work on the part of the class that had it removed from many miles away, to that spot; but the campus is rapidly filling up. As each department has outgrown its quarters the people of the state have made it possible for it to keep on growing, by giving it larger quarters and every building now swarms with life as did the one in the old times.

If I work until the 1st of April, I shall have been in the employ of the University for twenty years. I have worked under four chancellors and have been associated with every professor and teacher since the doors were opened, except three—Chancellor Benton, whom I have met several times; Prof. Manley, who resigned on account of poor health before I came, and Prof. Dake, who died previous to my coming.

If I work until June, I shall have seen twenty-one classes leave the University halls and seventeen classes enter, finish their course and leave. Until about five or six years ago I was personally acquainted with every student; but the number is so great now, I am not acquainted with the great body of them. I have witnessed two serious revolutions in the faculty, and although every participant of the first has passed off the stage; so far as this community is concerned, they have many friends here, and I could give no details of it without being too personal. My recollections are very clear of many things amusing and many sad ones, all along the years; but time fails me and thanking you for your kind attention, I will not trespass longer upon yours.

FOUL TIPS.

The announcement was made early last week that the carpentry work on the cage was finished and Captain Gordon immediately put his batteries to work.

The netting for the ceiling has been ordered and will be here Monday, the large cord net that is to drop down over the row of windows on the south is being made and will probably arrive early in the week. As soon as these are put in place all the players will be called together and regular practice hours arranged for each.

The plan is for the pitchers to work out a very little this week and steadily increase until when the boys are ready to practice batting they will be hard enough to pitch to them. This plan of developing pitchers by having them pitch to batters has been adopted by most of the eastern colleges, as it not only affords the pitcher better practice, but gives the rest of the team batting practice.

The team, however, will do most of its training in the evening. All the players, except possibly the pitchers, will report at 7:30 p. m. and a couple of hard hours earnest indoor baseball be indulged in. This is to give the boys team work, sliding and general quickness, and is counted to do the largest part of getting the boys in shape. On one evening of each week will occur a match game and large crowds are expected to patronize these games, as the proceeds go to buy new uniforms for the boys to appear in next spring. The boys are entering upon this years training with remarkable enthusiasm and good spirits. Why should we not go east and beat Chicago?

If the University of Nebraska will support her team, she can rest assured that the team will keep up the other end of it. Think of how she supported football and see what the boys did. Watch her support baseball and hold your breath.

DR. NANSEN TO LECTURE.

Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the famous Arctic explorer is to lecture in Lincoln. Dr. Nansen's achievements have been greater than those of any other man that has ever gone in search of the north pole. What he accomplished has been the result, not so much of greater physical endurance than others, as of greater scientific ability. He is a professor in the largest university in Norway and before his departure for his polar explorations, was known throughout Europe as an eminent scientist and linguist. His lecture tour in America has been the most remarkable thing in the history of the lecture platform, no other speaker ever having drawn such large audiences where an admission has been charged. Most of Dr. Nansen's lectures have been given in cities of over 100,000 inhabitants so that the people of Lincoln and the students of the University, may consider themselves truly fortunate in having an opportunity to hear him.

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