

In the Gym.

It is expected that the trophy will be an exhibition for charter day.

The horizontal bar jump and rings jump for height will be the event in the gym tomorrow.

The indoor baseball practice in the gym has also been changed. For the baseball men, from Saturday evening to Saturday afternoon, 2 to 3:30.

The University basketball team goes to Omaha this evening to play the Omaha Y. M. C. A., where they will try to get even for the defeat at the hands of the Omaha boys two weeks ago.

The schedule of indoor baseball games has been set forward one week. Following is the revised schedule: February 2, Pershings vs. Athletics; February 4, Pershings vs. Baseball team; February 9, Baseball team vs. Athletics; February 11, Pershings vs. Athletics; February 16, Pershings vs. Baseball team; February 18, Baseball team vs. Athletics.

Last Saturday's contest in the gymnasium, the 25-yard dash was won by R. D. Anderson, B. M. LaSalle, second; P. W. Pepon, third. Time, 3.25 seconds. Since this series of Saturday contests has been started this is the first one in which Mr. Swallow has not taken part. Up to this time he has won places in four events, none of them lower than second place.

Mr. J. O'Mahoney, the head of the book department in Herpolsheimer & Co's., has very generously offered a \$20 gold medal to be given to the best all-around University athlete in the outdoor pentathlon in April. Mr. O'Mahoney intends to make this prize permanent and will offer it annually. The conditions attached to the awarding of this medal promise to do much to raise the athletic standard. It is stipulated that the winner of the pentathlon must make at least 400 out of the possible 500 points.

The Farmers' and Merchants' trophy, which is to be presented to the state intercollegiate athletic association is now nearly completed. Very few of the students know what this trophy really is. It is a handsome silver shield, manufactured by Gorham & Co., and presented as a permanent trophy by the Farmers' and Merchants' Insurance Co. of this city. The shield is a very beautiful piece of workmanship, bearing upon it the state seal and is valued at \$75. At present the institutions comprising the state intercollegiate athletic association are Wesleyan, Deane and the University of Nebraska. Hastings college is trying to get in. The institution which wins the trophy twice comes into permanent possession of it. Should the trophy be won as often as twice in three years, the offer will be renewed at least that often or the same shield will be put up until it is won twice by one college.

INDOOR BASEBALL.

Prof. Hastings has recently introduced into the gymnasium the new game of indoor baseball, and if the present interest in the game keeps up it will soon become very popular. A league has been formed of three teams, composed of members of the Pershing Rifles, the varsity baseball team and the Athletic class. The first game of the season will be played in the gymnasium next Wednesday evening between the Pershing rifles and the Athletic class. A small admission fee will be charged and it is hoped that the game will be patronized liberally, as the proceeds of the indoor baseball series go toward purchasing uniforms for the baseball team. For the benefit of those who do not understand the game, the various points in which it differs materially from baseball are given below:

Each side of the diamond is 27 feet long and the distance from home to second base or first to third base is 38 1/2 feet. The pitcher's box is 23 feet distant from the home plate. The ball, which is of a yielding substance, is 17 inches in circumference, and 8 1/4 ounces in weight. The bat must be 2 3/4 feet long and not larger than 1 3/4 inches in diameter.

Only straight-arm pitching, in which the arm and hand swing parallel with the body, will be allowed, and the ball is not to be curved.

Any pitched ball striking the batter is a dead ball, but does not entitle him to a base. If it should be the third strike, the batter is not out and no base can be run on that ball.

A batted ball which strikes inside or on the foul lines is fair, the first point of contact with the floor, object or fielder, deciding, regardless of where it afterward rolls. A batted ball is a foul if it first strikes outside the foul line.

One of the greatest differences from baseball is that in regard to the base runner, who is not allowed to leave his base on a pitched ball, not struck, until after it has reached or passed the catcher.

The definitions just given constitute the most important points wherein this game differs from baseball and while there are many minor differences, they have no material effect on the game.

FOUL TIPS.

When the announcement is made that there will be an indoor base ball game, you want to save up your money for it will be worth twice the admission to see Dutch Wells run bases.

Dutch says he can slide twenty feet and the bases are only twenty-seven feet apart, so you see the Dutch man is sliding most of the time.

The other evening Dutch said he could slide as far as Cowgill and the dare was accepted, Gordon and Jack acted as starter and judge.

But to the surprise of all Dutch's best was 16 feet, while Cowgill went

18. But this speaks no discredit to either contestant, as the record in both cases is fine. Dutch tells his friends now that Cowgill has had more practice sliding by Profs. during the foot ball season than he has.

Among the pitchers we notice particular development. Barnes has had charge a little over a week, and for this short time has made remarkable advancement. He takes each man, and if he is new, gives him a position and teaches him how to use his body in throwing. The old men who have pitched, all have a method and Froddie has not changed it, but in many cases he has improved upon it and shown them how to get their weight in the delivery.

Eleven strong boys are after pitching honors. Melford, Halstead, Gordon, Rain, Hyde, Ren King Campbell, Williams, Bliss and White. They work out in the cage regularly every day and we are sure of two or three good pitchers.

The old suits have been give out to the old men of last year's team and the new men are wearing foot ball clothes. We hope this state of things will soon be over and that there will be base ball uniforms to go around.

The boys have had their practice hours cut down to let the Pershings drill, but after Charter day they will work every evening from 7 till 9 o'clock.

PEARY COMING.

Dr. Ward Writes to the Students Concerning the Great Explorer.

It is hardly two months since Edinburgh rose with open arms to welcome the young American whose patient, careful study has given the world so much clearer insight into life in the Arctic regions. The papers which bring us accounts of Peary's recent visit to Scotland, speak in glowing terms of the man and his work. Here we are apt to overlook the quiet investigations of our own countryman in the more brilliant efforts of the Arctic explorers. Peary made no long drift to the pole in a boat carried on floating icefields, while protected and cheered by all the comforts that modern civilization could devise, nor was his a pyrotechnic voyage through the air with problematic outcome. Not that other voyages are in any way to be criticized; those who face such dangers in the cause of science deserve only the highest praise at the hands of men of lesser courage and enterprise. Nevertheless the methods of our American explorer, Lieutenant Peary, of the U. S. N., involve more self-sacrifice if possible and certainly have yielded the most important results concerning the natural history of the Arctic regions.

Peary has made his home with the Eskimau and has won their confidence and support so thoroughly that they are his ardent helpers in every enterprise. His long life among these people of the foreign north has enabled him to collect a large mass of ethnological data regarding them that has greatly increased our knowledge of these tribes. He has also with their assistance made more extensive and thorough geological and zoological collections than any of his predecessors or contemporaries. The huge meteorite, which has justly claimed the attention of the world, is of course the most unique feature of his collections, but they contain many lesser things of great interest. While Peary was abroad Sir Alford Hamsworth, himself an explorer and member of the famous Jackson-Hamsworth expedition to Franz Josef Land, presented him with the boat, "The Windward," which was used in the expedition just mentioned, and is admirably adapted to Arctic work. In this Peary plans to make a new exploration this year. Briefly outlined his plan is this: After reaching the limits of northward progress in the boat, to take the land and on the islands reaching toward the pole, establish two or three well equipped supply stations, from the most northerly of which in the summer of 1899 he plans to make his final push for the pole attended by only one or two of his companions. In all this work he looks for great help from his devoted Eskimau friends, and in passing through a region at least partly known to them, he will find their aid of inestimable value. The mere discovery of the pole itself is of little value in comparison with the attendant discoveries concerning the geography, ethnology and biology of the region.

Peary is a splendid lecturer, and I hope no student will miss the opportunity to hear this typical representation of American pluck and enterprise, who, in the words of an Englishman, and is "the prince of Arctic voyagers."

H. B. WARD.

MAXIMILIAN DICK, Maximilian Dick, America's greatest violinist, who was heard at the May festival last year with Ellen Reich Yaw, comes to the Oliver theatre Friday evening, February 4. With Mr. Dick are such celebrated persons as Isabella Bratnober, soprano, and Miss Georgiella Lay, pianiste. This ensures a great musical treat for the people of Lincoln and the students of the University especially can not afford to miss this opportunity.

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