

In the Gym.

Owing to the efforts of Dr. Hastings the first meeting of the district society of the A. A. A. P. E. will be held in Lincoln on Charter day.

Last Saturday afternoon in the contest of the horizontal bar jump for height, Swallow kept up his previous good record by winning first place in the event. His record was eight feet. W. E. Anderson followed with 7 feet 10 inches and Kellogg made 7 feet 8 inches. The University record for this event is 8 feet 6 inches, so that the mark made in last Saturday's contest is quite creditable. The event tomorrow afternoon will be the rings jump for height and also the running high kick.

A half dozen copies of the new draft of the new Pentathlon medal have prepared by O. S. Reedy. These will be sent away in order to receive bids on the work. Mr. Reedy has very kindly given his time and gone to considerable trouble in preparing this work and his efforts are greatly appreciated. The submitted design consists of three bars suspended, to which is attached the medal proper, a circular plate of gold upon which is engraved a triangle, the sign of perfection. As long as Mr. O'Mahoney remains in the state the gift will be perpetuated.

GIRLS' GYM NOTES.

The advanced classes have started fencing.

The young ladies of the Midget basket ball team are practicing hard so as to be able to put up a good game on Charter day.

The basket ball team composed of girls who have played only this year, play against Miss Spurek's team of the Commercial Union club tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The girls have organized an indoor baseball team but the object of the organization is simply amusement and not science. They played last week and furnished amusement for all so fortunate as to be present.

FOUL-TIPS.

All other "seasons" have their turn, and now that the base ball season is about to dawn upon us, let us see that every one helps to make it another grand success to add to the long list of successes already down on the Uni. calendar for this year.

There is no reason in the world why the base ball season of '98 should not be the most successful yet known in our college athletics.

We have more material and better material from which to build our team this year before. Forty students, all of whom have played base ball, have given their names to Captain Gordon, and a large number have reported for training in the cage. All the cranks who are interested in college ball like to see the old men out working just as if they were trying for a place on the team. Of course this is, in a measure, true, for in many cases new men will supersede old men on the team this year, but in years past it was the custom for the new men to train all winter and the old men to start in when the season opened out of doors. This was a bad way to have things, but nothing could be done to remedy it.

It is worse than useless to ask Coach Barnes what he thinks of his department and who will make pitchers, for the only answer he gives, is "Don't you ever fear about the pitchers; we will have men with south paws and north paws and east and west paws and they will all be good." It is quite laughable to see Fred when a large boy enters the box to work out. He will grin all over his face and mention something about the poor catcher. It is the general belief among the boys that Fred has several finds whom he is all puffed up over and is in hopes of developing and taking east with him to Milwaukee.

Will Choose United States President.

On Friday, February 12, at 7 o'clock in the chapel will occur one of the most interesting events of this year. It is no less than a mock presidential nominating convention participated in by the four debating clubs of the university—Maxwell, Delian, Palladian and Union.

The scheme is to divide the delegates to this convention among the four clubs thus giving each club a representation of about 229 delegates. This apportionment is divided up among the states represented just as is the custom in a real convention. There has been an executive committee chosen by the four clubs and this committee will choose a temporary chairman who will open the deliberations of the convention.

There will be committees on rules and platform and the other paraphernalia of a nominating convention.

There will be the usual "scrap" over preliminary matters but all leads up to the final climax which consists of the nomination of a president and vice-president of the United States, as represented by the four clubs.

The principal object is familiarize the participants with the actual workings of a great convention and to furnish practice in parliamentary drill. The scheme has been tried with great success at different colleges in the west and the innovation is looked upon with great interest by a large number of the University students.

A GALLERY EFFECT.

Those who sit in the gallery and watch the entertainment going on be-

low, little realize what an effect they often have on the performers themselves. The influence they exert was very well shown at the basket ball game at Omaha last Friday evening.

When the University team went up to that city, the personnel of the team had not yet been fully decided upon. It was a toss-up between Yoder and Pillsbury as to who should play center. Both men were able to put up an excellent game and the decision was a difficult one. Right here is where the gallery came in.

There were several young ladies in the gallery who were acquaintances of Yoder. When they saw there was some doubt as to whether he should play they said they would take their things and go right home if Yoder was not allowed to play.

Then, Dr. Hastings, seeing that Yoder was on his mettle, decided in his favor. The result of the game only confirmed the wisdom of his decision, as Yoder played a star game and the gallery was happy.

Hereafter those who wish to play on the team will do well to be as gallant as Yoder and pack the gallery with young lady friends before the game.

INDOOR BASEBALL TONIGHT.

The Varsity baseball team will play the Pershing Rifles or the Athletic class in the gymnasium this evening. According to the regular schedule the Pershings and the baseball men were to play, but considering the condition of his team, Capt. Rain was unwilling to play tonight, and it has not been exactly decided as to who will play. If the Pershings do not the Athletic team will doubtless play in their place.

Other attractions in the city kept down the attendance very materially at the recent game on Wednesday evening. As there is no conflict of attractions this evening, the students should make an effort to see this interesting game.

DICK CONCERT POSTPONED.

The students of the university who are at all musically inclined have an unusual opportunity to hear the best talent in America at the Maximilian Dick concert, which will be at the Oliver theatre Monday evening.

Mr. Dick is now generally recognized as America's foremost violinist. With him are the noted soprano, Miss Isabelle Bratnoper and also Miss Georgiella Lay, pianiste. Special rates have been made to students, so that all can afford to attend. Seats in the first six rows of the parquet (for ladies) will be sold for 35 cents. All students desiring tickets can purchase the same at the executive office.

DELIAN-PAL. DEBATE.

The Delian and Palladian Boys Debating clubs will have a joint debate on February 19. The question will be, "Resolved, That the English cabinet system of government is preferable to the American representative system." The Palladians will support the English system, while the Delians will uphold the American. The debaters for the Delians will be E. G. Woodruff, F. E. Edgerton and O. A. Davis. The Palladian speakers have not been announced.

CANDIDATES HUSTLING.

The "National Convention" which meets here soon, is causing much lobbying and a political wire pulling around the University. Several candidates for the nomination of president are out and have expressed their perfect willingness to ride on any platform that may be adopted, just so that they get the nomination.

P. D. C. VS. DOANE.

Last Saturday evening the P. D. C. discussed pro and con the Postal Savings bank. On tomorrow evening, the representatives of Doane college will meet the club and debate the same question with Messrs. Pearson, Jr., Henry and Waterman. Friends of the club are invited.

A VALENTINE PARTY.

The Palladian girls will give a Valentine party next Monday evening at the home of Miss Jeffrey. The idea is a novel one and a good time is anticipated.

UNION MUSICAL.

The Union society will give a musical in Union hall this evening. A fine program has been arranged and all friends of the society are invited.

GIRLS' SCHOOL IN CHINA.

Newspapers from Shanghai, China, of last month, tell of the plans of the new proposed schools for girls in China. The pioneer institution was to have started on the Chinese new year, January 22, and is probably under way by this time. From the prospectus of the school, which is published in the papers, one learns that the school is dedicated to Confucius, and a tablet to his honor will be erected in the school for the girls to worship, that those who render the greatest assistance to the school shall also have their posthumous tablets erected and dedicated to their memory in an apartment provided for that purpose.

At the beginning only forty girls, between the ages of 8 and 15, from the senior classes are to be received, but if the experiment is a success the number will be enlarged as fast as circumstances will justify. There are to be two teachers—Miss An Ngae Teh and Miss Chih Mei Yu, both of whom have been educated in the United States. A board of twelve lady (Chinese) managers is to be elected by the votes of those who contribute to the maintenance of the school, and an advisory board of twelve gentlemen, but neither the latter nor any other men shall be admitted to the school. If

they wish to consult with the teachers they must arrange to meet them elsewhere. The tuition is \$1 a month, with 12½ cents per month as fees to the servants, this including sleeping apartments, but meals for boarders are extra.

"As foot-binding is a wicked custom," the regulations say, "after having girls shall advise each other to unbind their feet. At the present girls with feet both bound and unbound shall be admitted, but after a lapse of a few years girls with bound feet will not be admitted."

The instruction is to be half foreign and half Chinese—that is, equal parts of each day are to be devoted to the Chinese language and literature, geography, history, mathematics, and the modern industrial arts. There is to be also an advanced course for the study of law, medicine and surgery, and the sciences, and a normal department for the training of teachers for similar schools which it is proposed to establish in other cities of the empire. Pupils who pass examinations in these departments will be given diplomas. Persons who contribute \$500 to the institution or pay an annual subscription of \$50 are entitled to name one pupil who will be boarded and educated free of cost.

The idea has already become popular. The Shanghai papers say that the school will be immediately filled with the daughters of mandarins, and must be enlarged shortly in order to meet the demands among people of that class for educational opportunities. The disappointment and jealousy of those whose daughters cannot be accommodated will result in the establishment of other schools that are less exclusive, and the education of girls is likely to become a fashionable fad.

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