

In the Gym.

A general meeting of the athletic men of the university was held in Dr. Hastings' office last Tuesday afternoon. Of the twenty-five men now in active training all but five were present. The meeting was especially unanimous in its actions and a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested.

The challenge for a track meet from Minnesota was brought up and considered, but no definite action taken.

A captain of the track team was elected and R. E. Benedict was the successful candidate. It was decided that hereafter the captain shall be elected by the members of the track team, this team to consist of the athletes who have participated in the last intercollegiate field day. This ruling was adopted unanimously and will be recommended to form a part of the constitution of the Students' Athletic association.

University men are taking a great interest in the field day, which occurs May 7. Following are the men who are in training for the different events:

100 yard dash—Allen, Anderson, Collett, La Salle, Heardt and Story.

220-yard dash—Allen, Anderson, Collett, Pepoon and Roehon.

440-yard run—Anderson, Bolen, Hunt James and Pepoon.

880-yard run—Bolen, Case, Clinton, Hunt, Reedy, Ryan, Shane, Sawyer.

One-mile run—Case, Clinton, Kellogg, Jewett, Pearce, Reedy, Shane.

120-yard hurdle—Clinton, Heardt, Kellogg and La Salle.

220-yard hurdle—Clinton, Kellogg, La Salle, Lemar, Pillsbury, Roehon, Story, Waterman.

Running high jump—Heardt, Jewett, La Salle, Pillsbury and Waterman.

Pole vaulting—Benedict, Hunt, Jewett, Kellogg and Waterman.

Putting shot—Hansen, James, Jewett, Lemar and Turner.

Throwing hammer—Hansen, Jewett, Lemar and Turner.

The outdoor pentathlon will occur Saturday afternoon on the campus at 5 o'clock. The following men have entered: P. W. Jewett, I. A. Kellogg, R. S. Hunt, W. R. Heardt, B. M. La Salle, F. A. Lemar and C. M. Story. The indications are that two or three other men will enter before the day of the contest arrives.

The proposed Trans-Mississippi meet now depends largely on the action of the exposition authorities. In case they decide that they cannot put in a track, there is a scheme on foot to secure the baseball grounds of the Omaha team and build a track there. As the grounds are only two blocks from the exposition, such a plan seems entirely feasible.

THE PRESENT CUBAN CRISIS

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count of the increase it would give to the slave states. In 1849 the United States offered to purchase Cuba for \$125,000,000 but Spain refused the offer. In 1853 negotiations were again resumed and the administration at this time talked of giving \$400,000,000, but no definite offer was made.

What then is the basis of the present American feeling? It is based on three thoughts. (1.) This century of dispute has been preparing us for the feeling of the present. (2.) The two peoples are of a different race. It is the Anglo-Saxon against the Celt. (3.) These feelings have been intensified by the terrible disaster to the Maine. America now says to Spain: "You have abused your privileges and those privileges shall be taken from you; depart."

Cuba is over one-half the size of Nebraska with a most fertile soil of which one tenth is cultivated; four per cent are forests, and much of the territory is unexplored. In 1895 the population of the island was 1,600,000. Today it is estimated from 1,250,000 to 1,000,000 inhabitants. In 1893 the United States imported from Cuba \$78,000,000 worth of goods and its exports to Cuba amounted to \$23,000,000. In 1896 we sent to Cuba \$7,000,000 worth of goods and bought \$40,000,000 worth of goods—a decrease of one-half that of previous years and this year the trade will not be one-tenth of that of five years ago.

We are not going to Cuba to avenge these losses in trade but these losses are simply proofs that relief is needed and that the people of Cuba must have that on which to live.

We now come to the present problem, what shall be done and who shall do that which is to be done. In the first place we can say nothing shall be done but the American people have answered that this will not do. Again

we may recognize the belligerency of the Cubans but the day for that has passed. Not that we do not wish to accord their flag just rights in our seaports but we wish to give them life and even the recognition of independence will not do. Then we come to the question of intervention and recognition. Congress decided this morning for intervention and the recognition of the independence of the people of Cuba. It was the people and not the Cuban government which was recognized. We have recognized a people without a government which is something the world has never seen before. It is a new problem and existing international law fails to provide for it. We are making international law.

The question of the Cuban debt must now be considered. When a nation gains independence its local debt must be assumed by the newly formed nation. It is an open question as to the responsibility for the local Cuban debt and it is doubtful whether we may not be entangled by that question.

The effects of the action of congress this morning are very important. It is bound to strengthen the hands of the president. President Lincoln became almost a dictator and the struggle over reconstruction was a struggle on the part of the legislative hand of the government to regain its power. The immediate effect of the Cuban resolutions is war. War should be used only as a last resort, but war is not the worst of all things. The civil war, bad as it was, had a distinctly upward tendency on civilization and the present conflict will aid the cause of humanity. But if corruption and vain glory are to creep in and we are to glory in our strength for the sake of strength alone, then let us have no war. But if industrialism shall continue to be dominant and if war comes then let us wage a just war for the cause of humanity.

AMUSEMENTS AT PENNSYLVANIA.

At the University of Pennsylvania, one of the aesthetic amusements recently indulged in was the annual sophomore-freshman bowl fight, in which about 10 freshmen and 75 sophomores took part. From the account given in the Pennsylvanian, it must be a truly edifying entertainment, an of a most elevating character. A few of the details will show the startling ingenuity of such a contest:

"A number of the freshmen started for the bowl, while the others tried to get the bowl man over the fence. They succeeded in getting him about thirty yards, but there, being pulled in every direction, he fainted, and had to be removed from the field.

"Meanwhile the fight raged fiercely around the bowl. The freshmen's tactics were to pull a man off and sit on him. All through, however, the sophomores succeeded in keeping at least a dozen men on the bowl. The heat was intense and the contestants who after the first few minutes, became listless trying to get a breath of cooler air outside the fight around the bowl, were thrown forcibly back by the spectators. The fight was not nearly as fierce as those which have preceded it, owing, in a large measure, to the crowd which closed in on the men."

If the thousand or more spectators had kept out of the way, more brutality might have been indulged in, and the fight would probably have been more satisfactory. It is really too bad they were so inconsiderate of the pleasure of the students.—The Lantern.

OFF FOR COLORADO.

The Nebraska delegates who are to debate against Colorado, left Lincoln Wednesday afternoon for Colorado Springs. Those who are to "stand up for Nebraska" in Colorado are Miss Stull and Messrs. Baker and Sackett. They were tendered a banquet last night at Colorado Springs and they will be entertained by Nebraska alumni on their way back.

The question for debate is "Resolved, that the Niagaruan canal should be owned and operated by the government of the United States." It is expected that a large crowd of students will assemble at the Western Union Telegraph office tonight to hear the result of the debate, and if Nebraska wins the red light will be shown from the tower.



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