

In the *Butler Collegian* we notice an editorial urging the students to leave college politics when they come to athletic matters. From the tone of the editorial we judge that the captain is having trouble because some men with pins want to play whether they are capable or not. Never mind that, *Collegian*, they are up to the proper standard if they have pins.

Gates Index is using its best endeavors to show why Gates College should live. It believes that there should be two Congregational colleges in Nebraska. There may be such a need, but it is certainly not a crying need. The crying need, we should think, would be for funds for the college drawing its support from the drouth stricken district of Nebraska and South Dakota.

The *Dickinsonian* in its November issue devotes some considerable space to accounts of foot ball games by the Dickinsonian team. It gives reports of five different games played within a month, in two of which the Dickinson team won. From reading the accounts a student of the U. of N. need have no occasion to feel ashamed of our team. In one game the score was only 52 to 0. If athletics occupied the minds of the students of the students of Dickinson as much during November as they have the *Dickinsonian* for that month, recitations must have been a "howling success" there and students a howling vacarcy.

It is not very often that we give frat articles in these columns. We don't write them ourselves and it is very seldom we come across one that is real nice. In the *Reveille*, however, is one of just that sort of which we give *verbatim et punctuatum* the part that is most real nice. "No friendship is so strong or enduring as that of a college fraternities; binding its members by such ties, attain or approaches an ideal of love no other body of men ever attain. It is a union of like purposes and ambitions bound together for mutual benefit by cords of sympathy and eternal affection. The college fraternity is to those who belong to them second only to the college itself."

To the keen-sighted observer it is quite evident that America is rapidly drifting towards the goal that marks the termination of the great republics of antiquity. America furnishes only another instance of the maxim that: "history repeats itself." He who is carefully watching the development of national forces and tendencies is compelled to conclude that unless a strong reaction sets in this proud republic like its predecessors, is doomed to fall.—*Central Ray*. It is not often that one finds a figure of speech the meaning of which is as inexplicable and inextricable as that of the first sentence of the above quotation. But, perhaps, the pessimism of the writer of the quotation is what caused his confusion of mind. Surely such pessimism is dark enough to chill to death any good ideas.

It is worth living for to see how the *Northwestern World* is making the *Northwestern* paw the earth. The *Northwestern* has always been a slow-going, serious, dead in earnest, old fogy college paper but the rustle and enterprise of its rival have been rival have been having a remarkable effect upon it. It is waking up. Naturally, at first it pounds the air considerably but it will soon begin to see that something else is needed to make it anything of an equal with the *World*. It will then stop its whining and get to work. As we read of the fight between the *Northwestern* and the *World*, between the frats and barbs at Northwestern, the thought comes to us that the barbs and their paper ought to be able to live when they see the tender solicitude of the

frats and their paper lest the barbs make some mistakes or cause a reaction in favor of the frats. The situation is touching in the extreme. We hope the barbs there are fully conscious of the fact. We hope, moreover, that the barbs will begin to realize that in their new anti-frat organization they can secure the tender solicitude of the "frats" towards them while they had not hitherto met the requirements of the fraternity standard.

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