A very successful surprise party was given Lieutenant Pershing on Tuesday evening of last week. Company "A," which the Lieutenant led so valiantly to victory at Omaha last year, has (as the Chancellor expressed it) had it in for him for some time. So, on the evening above mentioned the company took its chance of getting even with the Lieutenant and presented him with a very fine sabre. The Chancellor took part in the little surprise by enticing the Lieutenant to his room in the armory, where the members of the company were seated in the dark. After he entered and had recovered somewhat from the first shock Morgan Maghee, in a few well chosen words, in which he spoke very highly of Mr. Sheldon, the former Captain of Company "A," presented Lieutenant Pershing with the sabre. The reply by the recipient was short but impressive. He likened the company to the foundation of a pyramid and only through the efforts of the company could the upper portion of the pyramid stand. Mr. Maghee then took charge of the company which, led by the Chancellor and Lieutenant marched to Macfarland's restaurant, where a surprise awaited the company. The Chancellor had had an oyster supper prepared for the company, and for an hour or longer the company feasted and jollified to their full satisfaction. The Lieutenant is very proud of his sabre, which is a splendid one. The sabre was made by Black, Start & Frost, of New York. The inscription on the handle is:

The Nebraska University Cadets.
Winners of Maiden Prize
National Competitive Drill,
Omaha, June 13-20, 1892,
To Lieutenant John J. Pershing,
Sixth U. S. Cavalry,
Commandant
Cadet Battalion.

On the blade is the name:

John J. Pershing.

The worst case of absence of mind we ever read of was described in an exchange the other day when a man hurrying for the train, thought he had forgotten his watch at home, and took it out to see if he had time to go back after it.

Regent Morril is adding to the museum a collection of alligators. He recently procured an enormous fellow in Florida and is looking about for others that will be valuable additions. A large case, fifteen feet long is being fitted up; in this alligators from the egg to the adult will be shown, likewise the skeletons and tanned hides and products manufactured from the alligator.

There has been received by the department of Germanic languages a syllabus of the works of Faust, recently gotten out by the University of Chicago, and similar to the course of lectures given by Prof. Fossler in the University extension course. This system of University extension course seems to be growing in popularity.