

duty too, to cast a horoscope according to the probabilities. In a very short time we shall have to face some strong teams, and I don't see how it will be possible for us to win without some heavier men for the center. We do not ask for many; we do not need many; but we must have a few, and I think beyond a doubt they will be forthcoming.

To every man who has at heart the athletic interests of the University, I have this advice: Let him be present at the practice, keep out of the field and influence heavy men to don a uniform.

Some people say and believe that they have so much work to do that they can not find the time to play. *Credat Judaeis Appella, non Ego.* That is a very lame excuse and is not true unless they have some studies that come in foot-ball hours. Such a man you will generally see either attending the practice daily or devoting innumerable minutes to airing ideas and doctrines equally sage with the above, or trying with fierce persistence, but in vain, to force into a brain bemuddled by want of relaxation, a proposition much more readily received by an athletic brother.

By most carefully prepared statistics for a number of years, it is found that men who take part in college athletics take a rank in studies very far above the average, and instances are not rare where they have carried away the valedictories.

Monday some new men have promised to appear, and I hope they will do so without putting it off, for delay is dangerous to their prospects and ours. Furthermore, I hope the men will make a special effort to get dressed more quickly, for it is necessary that practice should close at 5:30 o'clock.

We have been having light practice now for a week and I am glad to say that I see great progress made, especially in the line. If Nebraska is only willing to try and do what, I believe, she is capable of doing, and if we all work with a will, reasonably and justly, we may have the right to cherish any hopes.

I have observed with the greatest satisfaction that certain of the alumni are showing an active interest, and if we have a worthy or winning team we may be sure of hearty support.

This is the outlook from the present standpoint. A little work will go a long way now. In a few days, when we arrive at another standpoint, I hope we shall view a more pleasant and happier prospect.

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OUR PRIZE OFFER.

The HESPERIAN has, in the past, offered the use of its columns to all persons who may have some opinion to advance. We give the same privilege this year to every student. In addition, however, it is the desire of the editors to stimulate *original* literary work. They have decided to offer a prize of five dollars to the student who shall write the best story or account of a personal experience, the production to be no longer than two thousand five hundred words nor shorter than two thousand. Each contestant for this prize must be a student in the University, though not necessarily a subscriber for the HESPERIAN. The stories must be handed to the managing editor by December 1st. They will be marked by three judges from the faculty of the English department of the University, Miss Pound, Mr. Bates and Mr. Belden, and the best one will be printed in the Christmas issue of the HESPERIAN. The contest is open to every student, only those who are members of the editorial staff of either paper being excluded.

The HESPERIAN is very anxious to encourage original literary work. Something is desired different from the biographies and political disquisitions which flood the English department.

There are numbers of good writers in the University who have never had the opportunity to show their worth. Many a good student neglects his literary bent because there is nothing to make him care to write. Heretofore, there has been no substantial