

MR. BARNES says the interstate meet at Kansas City is assured. Now we have a reputation to maintain, and should send two first-class teams to the meet. This cannot be done unless every man who can play ball or take part in the track events goes to work at once and trains *hard* from now until the meet comes off. We have a good gymnasium, a first-class instructor, and a willing helper in our old friend, Jack Best. Besides this, we have some of the best material to work with in the west. Let every one go into training, and the rest help them along. We must win in base-ball and track athletics, as well as foot-ball, or our reputation will count for little.

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#### COLLEGE JOURNALISM.

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What should a college paper contain? This is a question that every managing editor should attempt to answer upon assuming his responsible position. As has been said by Prof. Adams it is perhaps easier to say what a college paper should avoid than what it should contain, yet I shall express my opinion freely.

Both papers at the University (just add, "in my opinion," after each assertion) are open to criticism more for what they do not contain rather than for what they do. Do you know how many alumni of the University take a college paper? I believe they can almost be counted on the fingers of the managing editor. Why? Look back over the copies of your college papers for this year and see how much they contain of interest to the alumni of this institution. First, then, I believe that a college paper should contain alumni news. I believe that alumni and former students should be encouraged to write an article once in a while for the college paper. Some of them may be able to compete not unfavorably with the average sophomore. A good alumni department would tend, not only to make the paper more interesting, but would put it upon a better financial basis and bind more firmly former

students and alumni to their *alma mater*.

Second, a college paper should reflect college life. It should keep one eye on the students, and another on the faculty. It should be judicious in its commendations and criticisms. It should be the first to advocate reforms and the last to throw cold water upon any commendable change or desirable organization. It should be as bold and fearless in exposing immorality, corruption, lawlessness and disloyalty among the student body as it is in opposing "snobbishness and duck trouser despotism."

Third, a college paper must contain a good, clean, spicy local department. This is absolutely indispensable. The interest in the college paper will decrease in proportion as the locals decrease. It is safe to say that all students read this department and that one-half read no other. Finally,—for I fear I have said too much already—the college paper must contain matter that will interest and command the attention and respect of its readers. Students will not subscribe for the college paper simply "to be loyal." It must contain something in which they are interested. If it does not you will lose their subscription and their support. In other words *college journalists* must precede *college journalism*.

C. M. SKILES.

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#### THE NEW MAGAZINE.

The work on the *Literary Magazine* goes merrily forward with a surity of success, since the editors have just purchased THE Youth's New Unabridged Lexicon, which is authority. Each of the board (among the boys) carries a pocket edition in his upper left hand vest pocket and looks up words when he hasn't anything else to do.

At present, the indications are that the magazine will be ready for subscribers about May 1. The work has been carefully divided among the respective editors and each has enlisted the best talents of the school in the cause. The HESPERIAN will be greatly mistaken if the publication is not an honor to the school and to the English Club, which has undertaken the work.