

Have you bought that season ticket?

Who wants to be captain of Co. E? Don't all speak at once.

It is rather peculiar, yet significant, that city papers, as well as neighboring college papers, speak of the HESPERIAN, as *the* college paper of the University of Nebraska.

The "Pershing Rifles" is a crack military organization. Capt. Oury will fill his position with credit. He is a good military man, of commanding presence and strong executive ability. It would have been difficult to find a better man, generally, for the place.

The gift of Mr. Bryan to the University is appreciated by the students. Coming from one who has made the "Science of Government" a thorough study, it has an added significance and receives a value greater than the single money-worth. It will serve to stimulate an interest in governmental science and call attention to the most important of all studies. To win this prize from one of the first of American Citizens to the Future American Citizens, will be an honor worth attaining.

One of the evening papers recently contained a rather severe attack on the work and methods of the class in journalism. This paper—or at least this particular writer—seems to think that inasmuch as this course does not make practical newspaper men it is a failure. The course in journalism is not intended to turn out managing editors, or even Washington correspondants. Journalism is a profession—men gain distinction in newspaperdom only after experience. The course offered in Journalism is intended primarily as a general culture study. It is an elective course and students elect this study because they realize that a knowledge of newspapers and the principles of journalism, at the present time, is an essential part of a thorough education. The methods of instruction employed in this class need not be defended by the HESPERIAN. That the methods are correct is evident from the fact that a larger number and a better class of students elect this course each succeeding year.

School is not for book study alone. The man who makes a hermit of himself, by hiding

away in his room and poring over dry books is making a partial failure of his student life. He may get high 'marks' but he is losing higher value than "marks." The goal of University work is not to create "walking encyclopedias" nor "asthmatic skeletons;" its aim is to make living, thinking men. These "leathery" chaps who sleep little nights and none in day are the dead portion of the intellectual organism, they have no action, no movement, no magnetism. They add nothing to University spirit; they are the lump that needs leavening. The true college man is he who gets into the current of college life, who makes his way into the roaring world, then helps to make the "roar." He studies enough of books, as much of men and contributes some force to the common crowd. He rubs against his fellows, touches his superiors; and comes in contact with the great fund of life about him. He lives and moves and in the days to come will make an impression, while his passive brother—well, he will continue to pass, nothing more.

#### Pershing Election.

In another age blood would have flowed; but in this only words were outpoured. These "mighty men of valor" talked loud and long, yet the black flag was not hoisted, neither was "no quarter" given.

The cause of the quarrel was a righteous one; it is certainly reprehensible to make military promotion depend upon a "pull" and be the result of mere favoritism. The practice of scheming for advancement in rank, is deserving of the strongest condemnation. Stripes that come of "influence" are not honorable; honors gained by questionable methods are but "tinkling symbols," the showy nothings that deck the uniforms of political pilferers.

#### To the Alumni.

Every institution must depend more or less for support in athletics upon its alumni. Especially is this true in the east and it must come to be true in the west before our western teams can be expected to fully represent our western energy. It is true, at least with the University of Nebraska this year. We are making a new athletic field at considera-