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The present school year is one of the most quiet that has been experienced in the university. In former years there was a scramble among the older students, both literary society and fraternity men, to see who would get the best increase to their ranks. Very little of this is noticeable at present. Men seem to have been selected quietly and taken upon their merits. If this will be the example for future years, it is easy to see that a much better feeling will govern the actions of the students in matters of general university interest.

Last Friday was one that ought to be remembered by the students of the university. It was on this day that the former head of our institution became the actual head of the University of Iowa. All ceremonies for the day had been arranged weeks before, and everything went off smoothly throughout the day. It was a glorious welcome to give to a new president, who is at the same time a personal friend to every member of the faculty and every student of the university over which he will hereafter control. All Nebraska unites to wish him still greater success than he met in transacting his duties here.

The outlook for a successful season upon the gridiron is growing apace with the amount of practice that is given to the men. With one or two exceptions, good men are practicing for all of the places, while new material in abundance is appearing each evening. Although the losses to the team have been heavy, it is apparent that all-comers can be met in a successful manner. A few more games should be added to the schedule. An announcement from the management that a Thanksgiving game would be played either here or Omaha would be hailed with a great deal of pleasure by all old students and city enthusiasts.

Another member of the faculty of the state university has been honored by the people of Nebraska. Judge Reese has been named by the republicans in state convention to represent that party in the coming election for the position of supreme judge. The honor is one of the greatest that is to be placed upon a man in his home state. The opposing candidate in this case is a personage known over the country politically, and one who will make no mean opponent for any man. However, it is safe to say that Judge Reese will hold his own, and with the support that is due him from the students of the university, alumni and friends of the institution he will make a fight that will bring him out winner in the end. Let all of the students

stand firm in their support and give the honor of the position to one who deserves it through the services that he has already given in that line.

The University Publishing Co. will in a short time put upon the market the second edition of "Corn Tassels," by William Reed Dunroy. This volume will be more complete than the former edition and will contain some poems that have never before appeared in print. Others have appeared at a late date, but will be new to a large number of readers. A few of the old poems from the first edition will appear again, and these will be enough to lend to the popular mind a tinge of the feeling that excited so much comment at the first appearance of the book. Orders are already coming in from the hundreds of friends who have followed Mr. Dunroy throughout his short career, and it is evident that the second edition will be exhausted in an even shorter time than the other.

A member of the faculty has asked why there is no clock in the hall of the main building, so that students may be benefited in going to classes. There is no doubt that the question is a good one. A much smaller portion of the student body carries watches than is at first supposed. This is easily seen by any observer who will take the trouble to stand in the main hallway ten minutes before or ten minutes after time for one of the periods to take up. The number constantly inquiring the time of day is much larger than anyone imagines who has not taken the trouble to do a little investigation of his own accord. Would it not be a good plan for some organization to take this matter up and attempt to do something? If this is not possible, why is a petition not started, asking the regents to appropriate a sufficient sum to purchase this necessity? There seems to be no doubt of the good that would be done, and good things are always welcome.

From the first issue of the Nebraskan-Hesperian this year, the old complaint was heard that the subscribers were not able to find their paper after they had been put into the post-office boxes. The same trouble was experienced by the management of the papers last year. It is probably true that a large number of the students do not realize that there is a penalty against taking mail from the boxes. In extreme cases a student may even be expelled from the institution, but for mild offenses a reprimand from the chancellor or faculty is supposed to be sufficient. In either case it means a loss of confidence from faculty and students alike. If students continue to take papers as they have in the past the editors assure all subscribers that every effort will be put forth to detect the offenders, and when found they will be dealt with as stated above. The student who is unwilling to support one of the recognized college customs, and prefers to resort to theft, rather than make a few sacrifices and pay the sum asked to get out the paper, is not worthy of any great amount of leniency from either editors or faculty.

A few evenings ago a student from an institution farther east visited the foot ball field during the practice hour for the team. His first remark was concerning the attendance of students who were watching progress. This is evidently one of the weak points which has always been a stumbling block to the progress of all teams, whether foot ball or not. The students do not come out to get acquainted with the men who are playing, consequently when attending games there is no sympathy experienced between spectators and

players, where the best of good feeling should be found. Any student cannot cheer a stranger on to victory; he must feel that he has a personal interest in the progress of every man on the team as well as the substitutes. He must know them, see their weak points and help them to tide over these in the progress of the game. The man who plays does so in a measure to further the honor of the institution; he does this at a sacrifice to his other work; he gives up many things that he enjoys very much. Why, then, is it that the student body is too much absorbed in itself to help these men? The persons allowing themselves to drift in this way will pass out of the institution in a short time with a one-sided development that will hinder them for the remainder of their lives. This is pre-eminently true of every established branch in the university. The student who meets as many members of other organizations as possible, who sees the different modes of life, is the one who will make the success in future years.

Two defeats in as many years seem to have aroused the ire of the Kansas management. After the close of the university last year, and after all of the athletic board had gone to their homes or off on vacations, letters were received from Kansas, asking that a game be played on their grounds some time during the coming season. Captain Williams was the only man in reach who had authority to reply to the letter. He did so, stating that an agreement had been reached at the time of the board meeting whereby Kansas was to play here. Nothing was said about a return game. If Kansas did not want to live up to the agreement that had already been made, the game here could be cancelled. In plain terms, the management of the southern team was given to understand that a return game was out of the question. The letter was not enough, and another was received offering 40 per cent. of the gate receipts, exclusive of the season tickets, if a game would be played. Still no game was arranged. Later another offer was made to the effect that this 40 per cent. be on season tickets as well as the other. In reply Captain Williams gave them reason to believe that a game might be arranged on those terms, but not having the authority to do so himself, he was compelled to look some other place for it. Members of the athletic board were notified and immediately and properly Kansas was notified that a return game would not be played under any conditions. At the present time the contention is still going on. Ever since games have been played with Kansas a rebellious spirit has existed on each side, and it has long been seen that unless some change was brought about for the better it was only a question of time until all relations of this sort would have to cease altogether. The present move on the part of Kansas has had no tendency to increase harmonious feeling. Nebraska people have no desire to be bulldozed, and before they will be relations will be stopped. At the league meeting Nebraska dropped the Thanksgiving game with Iowa, at the request of Kansas, in order that peace might reign in the league. This was not enough. Having gained one point, she wanted another, but in trying to get it she overstepped the bounds of reason. The editors of the Nebraskan-Hesperian are confident that the student body will ratify any action taken by the board of control to settle this difference. If it is necessary to cancel the game entirely let it be done. With careful management it will not be a hard task to get games from teams east of here. We regret that it is necessary to bring this matter before the public any more than has already been done, as it has been hoped by all that a peaceable settlement would be reached. As it is now apparent that Kansas does not desire a settlement very greatly, there is no reason to carry on any further communication with them about the matter.

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