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Some students have objected to the Nebraskan-Hesperian on the grounds that it contains too many advertisements and too little reading matter. The objections are ridiculous to any person who has looked the paper over and compared it with either of the papers that were published last year. Whether they realize it or not, it is true that there is only a small amount of matter less in the paper this year than there was in the two together in former years. The student body does not seem to take into account that eight pages give more space than four or more than ten or twelve small ones.

Immediately after the disastrous fire that occurred in this city some time since many persons about the university agitated a plan to give more protection to the buildings in case of fire. Before anything could be done concerning the matter the talk ceased and the affair passed out of the minds of the students. The event affords very good illustration of the way students set about to accomplish some good. With a little more thorough discussion and a little united effort a plan might have evolved, which if presented to the regents in the proper manner would have caused them to take a much needed action.

Congratulations seem to be in order to the librarian. The increased good order in the reading and stack rooms this year has been commented upon by many people. The old buzz and hum of subdued voices in former years was an annoyance of the worst type to all aspirants for learning in the rooms. Many went to the building merely for visiting purposes, and to all outward indications they fulfilled their purpose in a large majority of cases. In fact, the confusion was so great at times that study was entirely out of the question and students would often give up and leave the room. If the order now existing proves to be permanent students should vote thanks to the librarian.

It is true that the defeat of the foot ball team Friday was expected, and in as far as the Nebraska boys were concerned excusable. However, it was the best opportunity yet offered to judge the merits of the team. Several points proved weak, as is too clearly shown by a review of the game. With some more careful supervision and a little painstaking in the placing of men for the game Saturday an entirely different result may be shown. The result reminds the older students of the shut-out administered by Ames two years ago. If the remainder of the season is to be judged by the result at that time no complaint will be made. It was then that the team returned and was not scored against in any of the games

with Missouri, Kansas or Iowa that followed.

Little complaint is heard this year about the appointment in the military department. In a majority of cases promotions have been made in the order of rank. It is due to the men who have made places for themselves in former years to expect that this rule will be followed out and that they will be the ones chosen to govern the companies this year. The officers named, as a whole, are capable, enterprising and of sufficient power to manage the men under them. The new commandant is infusing a spirit into the men that promises to make competition for first honors strong next year. The work should go on as started, and the good results will be seen at the proper time.

The amount of good that a general university social function does is shown by the reception by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., students and faculty to the new students of all colleges in the university. For some years this has been one of the growing functions, until now the year would not be complete without it. It has become an affair of magnitude. Every one is invited and hundreds take advantage of the opportunity thus offered. Everybody tries to get acquainted with everybody else and the result is that new students come in contact with old ones, begin to realize some of the spirit so common to students and in a short time they have laid the foundation for what afterwards becomes a love for their alma mater.

Several persons interested in a musical line have inquired about the exit of the glee club from the history of the university. All that is known is that it has gone, no one knows where. Last year, when the double quartet was organized, Director Kimball announced to the members that if satisfactory work was done the number of members would be doubled this fall, and that an eastern trip would be almost an assured fact. This trip was to extend as far as Chicago, with a possible branch to the northward as far as Minneapolis. However, a lack of interest among the students taking part was responsible for the abandonment of the plan. At the present time there ought to be some way whereby the interest should be aroused in this line as well as in several others where students and professors alike show a decided apathy. The sensation that a visitor receives whenever looking over the university here is far from pleasant in many ways. The cause is this same apathy just mentioned. Without some invigoration from new sources in a short time a derogatory, rather than a progressive movement that will be little less than suicidal, will surely occur.

Some of the eastern schools are making preparations to do a vast amount of good by cheering at the games this year. Of course, they have always made efforts in this line, but the present season is to be a model for some years to come. One after another the various institutions are beginning to realize that the biggest half of the victory lies with the rooters and not with the men who carry the pigskin. In many cases complete organization will be maintained that will last throughout the season. With some consideration, it is safe to say that the students of the University of Nebraska desire to do something of this kind. For this reason the management of the Nebraskan-Hesperian desires to urge on the student body as a whole the necessity of getting together for the game that is to be played with the Kansas City medicals Saturday. No doubt exists in the minds of any that the team is a strong aggregation and will put up an exhibi-

tion that will make it interesting for the spectators as well as the players. If the spectators are to come in for this benefit, why is it not right that they help win the victory? Heretofore when anything was done in the way of organized rooting the military department has taken the initiative. All that was done proved perfectly satisfactory. The only possible objection that could be raised would be that there was not enough of it. There are still two drill evenings before the game. We wish to suggest that the captains of each company get the men together for a confidential talk on this subject, impress upon them the necessity of going to the game and taking a share in what is passing on the field. Then let the manager of the foot ball team allot to each company a certain section of the field where the men will meet at the time of the game. The captain of each company, or some person whom he will name, will do the leading in the yelling. It can be made systematic and effective with a little effort on the part of the companies. Further than this, it will pave the way for the games with Missouri and Kansas, which are to come later in the season. It will be necessary for the rooters to have practice as well as the players. Let us urge again that the commandant and captains push this matter, and let a goodly amount of enthusiasm be aroused. When this is done we may hope that the players will be able to accomplish something.

After a careful consideration of the subject, the editors of the Nebraskan-Hesperian have decided to offer to the students of the university a series of scholarships, which, if the students desire to push them, will go into effect immediately. The plan has been tried in other institutions with marked success, and no reason exists why it should not be equally as satisfactory here. The management desires more subscribers. We propose that any organization desiring to further the interests of any student, or that any student desiring to further his own interests, shall take an active part in this contest, providing it meet with the approval of the student body. The scholarships are to range in value from \$2 to \$150, and are to be subject to the following conditions: If any person desires to subscribe for the paper, let him leave the price of subscription, together with the name of the person whom he desires to have the scholarship, at the office of the Nebraskan-Hesperian or some of the book stores where subscriptions are received. Let each organization place a man in the field, whom they will support in this matter. Let everybody work for his own man. If the candidate for the scholarship receives ten votes in this way he will be entitled to \$2 in cash; if twenty-five votes are left for him, he will be presented with \$5 cash. However, to make the contest of more value, the editors agree to give any person \$25 who has one hundred votes to his credit, \$60 to anyone having two hundred and fifty, and \$150 for five hundred paid up votes. It depends upon the students themselves to make this proposition a financial success to any one of their number. It is not to be understood that this is to apply to merely one person, but as many as desire may enter the contest, and each one who receives ten, twenty-five or one hundred votes will receive the amount that has been promised by the editors. The offer goes into effect from today and if there are any who desire to earn their way through this semester, or partially at least, let them interest their friends in the matter. It is true that there are hundreds of persons in the University of Nebraska who do not take the college paper for the reason that they have not been approached upon the subject. Owing to limited acquaintance, especially among new students, the editors find great difficulty in approaching the subject to the pupils. If they are spoken to by acquaintances they will in nearly every case take an interest in the mat-

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