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The action taken by the members of the board of regents who were in committee meeting here last week in appropriating a sum of money to aid in replacing the bleachers that were torn down is most satisfactory to students in general. For some time it looked probable that a large majority of the enthusiasts who would attend the game with the Kansas City medics would have the pleasure of standing up to watch the proceedings. In this case no exception is made to the rule that all is well that ends well.

In another column the Nebraskan-Hesperian publishes a communication from one of the students of the university. It expresses the idea of that person upon one of the important topics of the year. It is the desire of the editors that more communications of this kind be sent in. Any sentiments that are expressed in the paper, which do not meet with the approval of any person, should be mentioned in this way. If this is done it is easily apparent that a non-partisan paper will be much more satisfactorily carried on.

Last week the editors of the Nebraskan-Hesperian made a scholarship offer that is undoubtedly the most liberal of any ever made by a publication in this institution. As yet no one has appeared to enter the contest. Unless some one appears soon the offer will not be held open. A little thought will convince any one that it is more for the benefit of the student than it is for the editors; if the student does not care to avail himself of the opportunity he is the one who is the principal loser.

Since the opening of the present year a decided tendency has been seen among the fraternity men to join the debating clubs. With this tendency is marked another step in the history of the university. Many people have urged for a long time that this stage be brought about, yet few have thought that it was to come so soon. Now that it is started, support should be given to it by all who are interested in that line. The field is a strong one, especially with law students, and it is surprising that it has not been entered more extensively before.

Few people realize how hard it is for the editor of a college paper to complain all of the time about something that is not being done in school. As a rule there is little reason to complain about anything that is being done. In spite of this fact, the editors feel that one or two good college songs should be written in time to be learned for the first league game. Words written to be sung with some popular air of the day is all that is necessary. Of course, a lively, rollicking air is one of the essentials that must be observed. Megaphones should be resurrected and everything that will make a goodly amount of noise be hunted up in time for the Missouri game one week from Saturday.

The result of the foot ball game Saturday gives a striking example of the progress that the team has made during the past week. The men played with a vim and worried the medics with their quick line-up and fast work in general. One of the medic players said after the game that his own team had counted upon shutting out Nebraska at least 12 to 0. The surprise was not confined to the medics, but the effect was also seen upon the spectators. Many had gone to the game with the idea that Nebraska could not play ball. It was evident that they had not counted the week's practice that the team had been given after the Ames game. With the same general improvement during the coming week there can be no doubt as to the outcome with Missouri when that game occurs. It will be found that the players are making a much bigger progress in mastering the game than are the spectators, and unless the latter class gets together and practices a few yells and songs and learns how to do a little genuine rooting they may see their favorites go down for want of support from the sidelines.

The paper representing the state agricultural college of Iowa and printed at Ames spent an excessive amount of effort upon the defeat of Nebraska at that place a short time ago. No one doubts for a minute that the team representing the University of Nebraska was outclassed badly. The score is conclusive proof without several columns of reading matter. In places the game was reviewed most fairly and no complaint can be made. On the other hand, the critic for that paper was not satisfied with reviewing what happened, but desired to go further and tell why it happened. It was here that he lost himself, and in order to get out necessarily engaged in some personalities that should not be permissible in a typical college paper. The Nebraska team stated that they received the most hospitable treatment at the hands of the Iowa men, and no complaint is heard. Yet it is to be regretted that a critic should go too far into details, especially since Ames has practiced her men on the gridiron for two months longer than Nebraska, and since she has nearly every old man back, and Nebraska has almost none.

Many complaints have been heard from students of late concerning the 9 o'clock opening of the library on Saturday morning. This is one of the customs that has been observed here

for years and one that is not new to the older students. It is claimed that students appear from force of habit at 8 o'clock each Saturday morning as well as on other mornings, and that all there is for them to do is to wait for the doors to open. Further, it is stated that the time thus wasted is one of the best hours of the day and it cannot afford to be missed. While these arguments are of force and while it is true that some students are now more or less inconvenienced, it is at the same time true that if the library were opened at 7 o'clock in the morning, there would be students there to study at that time, and still others who would wonder why it was not opened earlier. In spite of these statements pro and con, if it is the sentiment of the student body to have the library opened one hour earlier on Saturday morning than it now is steps should be taken to see that it is done. The editors of the Nebraskan-Hesperian are of the opinion that the present hour is sufficiently early for a large majority of all concerned.

Coach Branch justly complains that the number of men who appear on the foot ball field each evening is entirely too small to insure a winning team this fall. There is no doubt that he is justified in what he claims. A bare thirty men are on the field each evening, and often it is difficult to get two teams. The coach has asked as a special favor that more men report. All will be treated alike and given a fair show. As yet no man is sure of a place on the team and may be changed at any time. It is hard to pick a varsity team for the reason that the scrub is scarcely strong enough to show forth the weak points. A look at other colleges and universities should be sufficient to bring a half hundred more men on the field each evening. At Harvard one hundred and thirty-five candidates are out for the freshmen team alone. At Leland Stanford university, where the attendance does not equal our own by some hundreds, four freshmen teams line up each evening. At other institutions that might be mentioned it will be seen that an equally large number of men desire to do something for the honor of their institution. It is hard to say why the apathy exists here. Some men will say that they have classes from 4 until 6 o'clock several evenings out of the week. Others have laboratory. Although room is scant in the buildings, and many of the professors are laboring under strong disadvantages, yet it seems that this ought not to exist. A man should not be handicapped with overwork. Can it not be arranged to have all classes before 4 o'clock in the afternoon and thus give the men a chance? Every man accepting the free education offered by the state of Nebraska, who weighs over one hundred and forty pounds, and some under that weight, is under obligations to turn out and help a good cause. If it is absolutely impossible to turn out and wear a canvass suit, happen over during the practice hour and hang on to the side lines, and when one of the men makes a play that would have been a ground-gainer in a game, give a good yell, long and loud, that will stir up the blood of the players and give them to understand that the support of every Nebraska student is theirs. Show them that you are interested in what is going on; encourage the coach and in a short time you will feel in a better humor toward yourself and all your fellow men. In after years you will have something to look back upon, and can tell your son when you start him to college how you helped the team "lick Kansas" and "win the pennant for three times in succession."



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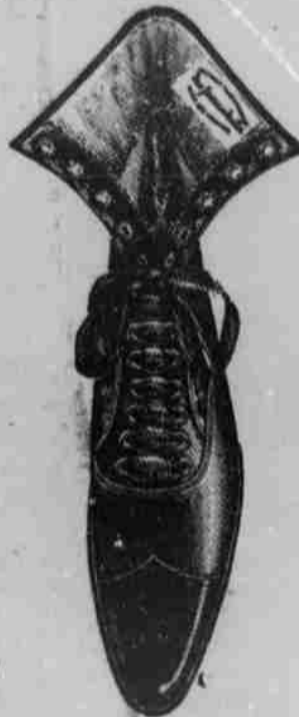
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