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Saturday preliminary athletic contests for the indoor meet in the armory charter day will begin. More men have signified their intention of going into the contests this year than ever before. It is hoped that the amount of interest will be increased proportionately. Good records have been made heretofore and there is no just reason why this branch should be cultivated less than others.

A short time ago a student was heard to complain that only three daily papers were furnished for the use of the reading room of the library. He considered this number insufficient for the needs of two thousand students. Many others have probably thought the same thing. It is unnecessary that they should do so, when it is considered that nearly all of the papers in the state are on the files in the historical library and are accessible to the students at all times. Students may call and ask for the paper desired and it will be supplied to them by the person in charge.

The editors of the Nebraskan-Hesperian desire to state that the scholarship offer made some time ago will remain open for one week longer, and unless some one appears in that length of time to work for the money it will be closed. It is evident that the students are not desirous of help and that work is to be found in abundance. We have desired to help along needy students; we have hoped to do some good in this way; we do not, however, deem that it is necessary to heap goodness upon students, and if they do not desire to take advantage of our suggestions we will retire with equally as much grace as we went into the matter.

Last week the graduates of the university now residing in Omaha met together and organized a university club. They stated that their purpose would be to promote the feeling originated in the university and to aid the institution in every way possible. One hundred and two persons were enrolled as members at the latest accounts, with more still to come. At the meeting it was desired to let every one say a few words. Two minutes were allowed for each. In nearly every case the speaker had to be stopped to keep from running over time. In one case, however, he had finished his say. It is safe to wager that he is one of the men who made the most of his college course.

With the present season to start the example, we may hope that the day is not far distant when the feeling of superiority that exists in the larger institutions of the east toward those of the west will cease. Several years ago an alumnus was full of praise for his alma it was impossible to do anything. The track athletics were acknowledged to be almost on a level in the east and the west. Last winter the University of Michigan defeated the University of Pennsylvania in debating, with a unanimous decision of the judges in her favor. During the present foot ball season the University of Chicago worsted Cornell in a gridiron contest, as did Carlyle with Pennsylvania. Wisconsin played Yale to a standstill, and had it not been for a fortunate play by the easterners the game would have been a tie. Carrying the matter further, we see that the graduates of the west are rapidly pushing their way in the east and succeeding men long established there. At the rate of increase in excellence, how long will it be before the middle west is the recognized seat of learning of the country?

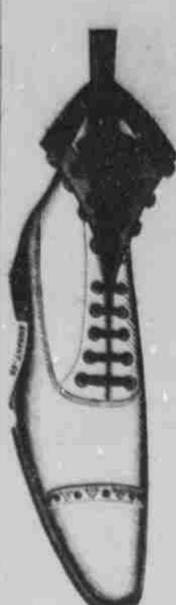
During the past week a great deal of comment has been heard concerning the letter that appeared in the Nebraskan-Hesperian of October 17, in which the policy of the military and athletic departments of the institution were severely criticised. It is evident to any observer that the letter was written in a moment when the writer had been wrought up for some reason or other. The effect upon the student body has been remarkable, judging from the number of people who have questioned the editors about the letter. In no case, however, has an inquiring student been acquainted with or been able to get any trace of any person by the name signed to the communication, either at the office of the Nebraskan-Hesperian or at the office of the registrar. No such name appears upon the student rolls. Scores of students have asked in vain to find some trace of the writer. The only conclusion to be reached is that the student, whoever he may be, has signed not his own name, but one that has been invented by himself. The fact is looked upon with the strongest disfavor among the student body. It is too serious to be passed over lightly. A man has imposed upon the right that has been offered to him out of courtesy; he has berated military and athletic managers almost viciously, and above all he will receive the award due to him from the hands of the student body unless he is willing to disclose his identity. The Nebraskan-Hesperian does not care to discuss the sentiments expressed in the letter; that will be left for others to do. It is merely the imposition that has been practiced that disgraces the writer in the eyes of the entire student body.

The congratulations of every Nebraska student should go out to the foot ball team that represented Missouri in the league game on the campus Saturday. Clean, straight-forward, amateur foot ball was the article that they presented, and for the first time for three years they carried the pigskin to victory with two touchdowns to their credit. For weeks they have looked forward to this contest as the one that would determine their strength and show them whether or not they could hope for the show in the race for the pennant. This hope will be all the better since the victory for the satisfaction of knowing that what they gained came honestly and with the good will of the student body of Missouri to reward them for their efforts. On the other hand, we feel that Missouri has lost none of their old-time regard for the strength of Nebraska in athletic contests. Our men

are new, nine of them having never been in a league contest before. A new line without the presence of the two famous guards and the no less known center met the much larger and better trained line of the visitors. Three new men behind the line worked to the last second to avoid the shut-out that for some time seemed inevitable. The question, then, is not one of ability of the players, but one of the ability of the students. We were beaten, and beaten fairly, because we were outplayed in defense and offense. We offer no excuse and state only that we will do better in the next contest. Before the team lines up on the gridiron for another game on the home grounds it will be necessary for the students of the university to take some action in regard to athletics. Whether or not Nebraska is to continue to strive for foot ball and other athletic honors lies not with the few players who don suits and appear faithfully each evening to do something for the credit and honor of the institution, but with the two thousand students who are on the campus each day. Saturday seven hundred paid admissions were received at the gate. To meet the expense of bringing the Missouri team here eight hundred were necessary. Of the seven hundred who did attend at least half that number were persons from the city, leaving a possible three hundred and fifty or four hundred students in attendance. It was expected that a goodly sum would be cleared from this game to meet the expenses of the team and coach. Instead of that the management will have an opportunity to deal with a few more athletic debts similar to those of past years. Subscription lists for the aid of athletics and entertainments that take a great deal of time to prepare will next be in order. An extra effort will be made to get every one to attend. Possibly one-fourth of the students will go, and it will be the same one-fourth that attends the games on the campus. The other three-fourths will still be unheard from and the minority will again be forced to uphold the honor that the institution already has in this direction.

Some one has inquired as to the effect that such a policy as this would have upon the six hundred freshmen who entered the institution this year. Are they to be trained in apathy, in egotism, in cramming and half a hundred other things of a similar nature that might be mentioned, and are they to be given a one-sided development that will be detrimental to them all of their lives and then handed down to posterity? Or shall they accept the advantages offered to them and found only in institutions of the size of this? Shall they make a name for themselves, if not on the gridiron, at least on the side lines by the power of their lungs in cheering teams to victory? Shall they at the same time interest themselves in debating, oratory, music and half a dozen other lines that are open to them? To make the development required for perfect success in after life we would say that it seems most essential. With all due respect to the alumni of Nebraska, we at the same time think that there are hundreds who would have been better qualified today had they crawled out of the rut, into which they fell, and attempted to make life at their alma mater something to remind them in after years of happy days well spent, instead of days spent in grinding book learning of inconceivable quality and quantity, that they have never since used, and have for the most part forgotten since the week of graduation.

If such as this is to be our policy, let us state it clearly and concisely; let us abolish the athletic policy for which certain students have spent largely of their time and money; let us drop music, glee and mandolin clubs; let us cancel the dates for the joint debates with neighboring institutions, and withdraw from the interstate oratorical association and sink into oblivion within ourselves and forget the duty which we owe to ourselves, to our parents, to our state and to our country.



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