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SKETCH OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Nebraska state historical society was organized on September 25, 1878. The first meeting was held in the Commercial hotel, Lincoln. Robert L. Miller was the first president.

Twenty years have passed since the formation of the society and it has developed from an humble beginning to its present position of power and influence. From the time of its organization in 1878 until 1883 the society existed more in name than in fact, but in 1883 the state legislature passed a law allowing \$500 per annum to the society, and in 1885 the society was reorganized, with ex-Governor Furnas as president.

Prior to 1893 the society was located in a small room on the second floor of the main university building. When the new library building was completed the society took possession of the rooms designated for its use. These rooms were large enough at first to accommodate the growth of the historical society for many years, but they are rapidly filling up and larger quarters will soon be needed.

The work that the historical society is doing can scarcely be overestimated. It preserves valuable papers, documents and records of early transactions connected with the history of the state. Then communication with other historical societies is carried on and valuable documents are obtained in this way. Relics of the early history of the state and of the United States are collected. It is also making a collection of portraits of prominent Nebraskans, which will be of interest to the people of the state.

BIG MASS MEETING.

The athletic mass meeting held in the gymnasium of the University of Michigan a few days ago was a howling success in every way. In point of attendance it was far ahead of any similar occasion in the history of athletics at Michigan. No less than 1,500 persons were present, of whom at least 200 were of the fairer sex. The girls did more than merely look on, for when the business part of the meeting was reached they loosened their purse strings and as a result the athletic association is some \$110 richer. It is a good omen for the future success of our athletics when the young ladies of the

university take so vital an interest in their success as was manifested the other night.

A year ago with a debt of \$2,000 to overcome, the subscriptions amounted to about \$1,500. This year when the deficit is only \$500 the faculty, students and business men of Ann Arbor have been just as liberal, as the grand total of \$1,506 testifies.

FRESHMAN CLASS MEETING.

Saturday the freshmen class held its third regular meeting for this year. The meeting was well attended and considerable enthusiasm manifested. The first business that came up was the adoption of a class yell. After some spirited discussion the following was adopted:

Sumus! sumus populi!
We're the class of 1903!"

And as a secondary yell this was adopted:

Rah! rah! rah! rah!
Ne-bras-ka!
1903!

The question of class colors was voted upon and light blue was selected as the emblem of the class. Preliminary arrangements were next discussed appertaining to the freshman reception to be held in the near future. It was decided to leave the entire management of details to a committee of seven, to be appointed by the president. Mrs. Nettie M. Shert was elected class reporter.

President T. A. Maxwell reports the class well organized and everything running smoothly. Arrangements have been made for the annual freshman hop, the exact date of which will be given out later.

The officers for this year are as follows: T. A. Maxwell, president; Mrs. Nettie M. Sherman, vice president; Doc Wilson, secretary; J. C. Reynolds, representative to the university senate.

HOOP BALL SCHEDULE.

In the physical training department hoop ball is at present receiving its deserved share of attention. Each gymnasium class now has its hoop ball team, and Director Hastings has arranged an interesting schedule of games between the different classes. The first contest is to be on November 13 in the evening between the 3 o'clocks vs. the 11 o'clocks; on November 15, 8 vs. 11; on November 20, 8 vs. 3; November 22, 3 vs. 11; November 27, 8 vs. 11; November 29, 8 vs. 3. The victorious team will play the championship game of the athletic classes early in December. Following this game the varsity hoop ball team will be picked from these two teams and several outside games will be played. This game is becoming very popular with the students and some crack hoop ball men are showing up well in the preliminaries.

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