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Certain students have asked the management of the Nebraskan-Hesperian to suggest a university chess tournament. The idea is practical and one that ought to meet with favor among students in general. Much interest can be aroused in this way and an enjoyable series of games could be arranged. Any organization interested in the game could put representatives in the tournament, and with a sufficient number the championship of the university be determined. The editors would be glad for communications and other expressions of opinion on this subject from students.

The university scrub foot ball team still needs reinforcements in order to insure a winning university aggregation. Several men have stood by the first team throughout the season and have in a large measure insured what success the team has already experienced. The athletic board states officially that the men who work for places will get them in the long run. In case a man is compelled to remain on the scrub for one or two years, he is not the loser. By the third year he is qualified in every particular to represent the institution on the gridiron. He also deserves as much honor for the work that he does as the man who is already on the representative team. This inducement ought to bring a still larger number of candidates out for practice each evening.

A copy of the Nebraskan-Hesperian of this week will be mailed to each new matriculate in the institution. We have desired since the opening of the school year to reach the new students, but have not been able to do so. After thought, we have decided to take this means of bringing them in touch with university affairs. Whether or not the students want to become subscribers of the paper, we want them to examine the copy sent to them closely. If anything is found that interests them we want them to read it. If they learn many things that they never knew before we want them to remember that each week will have equally as much that they do not know anything about. If they can reason from this hypothesis they will find that the only logical thing that they can do is to subscribe for the paper.

Some time ago we warned our subscribers that papers were being taken from the boxes in the book store. It is impossible for the editors to protect the papers after they have once been distributed. In the past when any one came to the office and stated that he had lost his paper we have supplied him with another. The practice has become so extensive of late that it is almost impossible to supply all demands.

The editors are no more responsible for the papers after they have been put into these boxes than the university is for the letters that are put there for students which have come through the United States mail. We give duplicate copies merely as a matter of generosity and not because it is our duty. An estimate based upon the last two issues of the paper leads us to believe that at least fifty per cent of the papers are taken by non-subscribers. Out of kindness the management of the book store has offered to take the papers and give them out to subscribers. Each person is requested to ask a clerk for his paper and it will be given to him. Any copies not called for on the date that they are put into the hands of the book store managers will be put in the boxes. In other words, the editors will protect their issue for one day, and all who do not come in that length of time will run the usual risks.

A certain paper on our exchange list is authority for the following editorial: "The Nebraskan-Hesperian of October 3, 1899, contains nothing one could call a literary article, yet the paper is interesting and instructive. It is edited more on the style of a country newspaper. As such no weekly visitor to our table is comparable to it, either in management or contents. However, we think a monthly magazine is much more suitable for literary publications. It gives space for literary articles of length which the other does not. There is an art in writing brief articles on varied subjects, but it is a still greater art to write a lengthy piece with continuity of thought and a sustained loftiness of style. In the lack of such articles is found the principal defect of most of our exchanges."

We are always satisfied when we see any one else take notice of us. At no time do we insist that our efforts ought to be appreciated, and such statements as this come entirely without our solicitation. We are not in the habit of commenting upon other papers, however, so we are unable to say anything good in return. We would be pleased to have every one read this comment about ourselves. We want each and every one to note that we are comparable to the average country newspaper; we want one and all to remember that we are not a literary periodical; we want you to consider in the future that we are both interesting and instructive; we want you to look upon us as successful managers and careful choosers of what goes into the paper; and above everything else, we would like to have you figure out how the writer of this paragraph started in with country newspapers and ended up with literary magazines. A joyful sensation takes possession of us when any one attempts to compliment, and after they start out to say something forget what they were going to talk about. We feel elated to such an extent that we often desire to take the names of such publications off our exchange list. A criticism of our paper is always welcome, but an attempt to praise in a manner like this is worse than the rankest of criticisms.

One of the hardest games of the season will be played by Nebraska Saturday. The University of Iowa team this year is undoubtedly the strongest that has ever represented that institution. From the beginning of the season it was clearly seen that the policy of the authorities of that institution in keeping the same man in charge of athletic work year after year was beginning to have the desired effect. It has been contended by many institutions, and also by foot ball authorities, that Dr. Knipe, head of the department of athletics, was not a strong man in this line. It may be that he is not, yet it is

true that the facts of the case do not support the theory. Whether or not he is a strong man, we will not attempt to say. We would be satisfied, however, to see a man in charge of athletics in Nebraska who could go ahead on his own authority and in the course of one or two years show the effect of the work he has been doing. If this would be possible a revival of interest would be experienced here such as has never before been seen.

It has been conceded since the game between Chicago and Iowa, when the latter team played Stagg's pets to a standstill, that none of the western teams need count upon a snap in taking games from Iowa this year. Since then several other teams have been met and in no case has the goal of the Iowa team been touched. In the game with Rush medical college a little over a week ago the heavy team from that institution was shut out, 17 to 0. Considering these things, students of Nebraska should realize if their representative team is to have victory in this game they must give their support to the last minute. It will be necessary that a few hundred of the rooters go to Omaha with the team and give them the encouragement that has been so noticeably lacking in all of the games on the home grounds.

Manager Collett has secured a one-fare rate for the round trip and this alone should insure a good crowd. Coeds, as well as the male portion of the students, should go and help win the game that is so much in doubt.

Another thing that should be an impetus to get a large delegation to attend is the fact that an alumni association has recently been formed in Omaha for the purpose of supporting the university in every way that is possible. It is evident that if they find the student body unwilling to attempt to support itself and its athletics that they will not be enthusiastic about giving their help.

It is a fact, however, that seven-eighths of the student body will put the matter off with the excuse that they are not financially able to go, or that they are so crowded for time that they cannot get away, or some other excuse of a similar nature. When the morning of the game comes a few of the faithful, possibly fifty, will be at the depot ready to go and do their share toward keeping up the honor of the institution and overcoming the old-time rivals. Fortunately, a few have not forgotten the fact that Iowa beat us in the game last year. We have a score to settle along that line, but unless the team is given the proper aid and support it is probable that Iowa will do most of the settling.

NATURAL TO CHICAGO.

A curious custom prevails in one of the "dorms" at Chicago university. The first girl that arrives goes on an expedition through the "dorm," and if she happens to see any article of furniture in any of the rooms which she fancies would look well in hers, she calmly "swipes" it, be it table, chair, rug, cot, washstand or what not. This is done with the sanction and aid of the house-keeper, chambermaid and janitor. "First come, first served," seems to be the motto of the house.—Daily Cardinal.

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A VALUABLE BOOK.

Students in scientific courses will be interested in a book just published by McMillan and Co. for the use of students in technical schools and colleges. This is "Mathematical and Physical Tables," by Wrapson and Gee.

The authors say in their preface:

"This set of tables embodies in a compact form useful mathematical tables and the more important formulae and constants required in the teaching of mathematics and physics. The tabulation of formulae and constants gives to the students a more comprehensive and less confused idea of the instruction he receives throughout his first two or three years of study, besides providing him with a necessary work of reference for the physical, electrical engineering and mechanical laboratories and the mathematical class room. The tables should, therefore, become a constant companion to the student of mathematics, physics and engineering. * * * Considerable pains have been taken to obtain correct data."

The book is a scientific library in one volume. A partial list of contents with space devoted to each part is as follows:

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