

COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Editor: I desire to correct what was evidently an error of your devil in my letter of last week. Instead of costing \$2 or \$2.50 each to arrange for a tournament, I wrote \$2 or \$2.50 a pair. That would make it \$1 or \$1.25 each. However, I have just been informed that one of the fraternity houses could be had, free of charge, for such a contest. It is safe to say that we could easily arrange for the game at an expense of not more than 75 cents each.

A number of students have spoken to me about the preliminary arrangements for a tournament such as outlined. If there are others interested let 'em speak out in meeting. As soon as sixteen signify a desire to try their hands we can get together and appoint a committee to arrange all the details. Nov. 10, 1899. N. C. ABBOTT.

Editors Nebraskan-Hesperian: Cornell is at present more than usually interested in foot ball. The cause of this is Cornell's well-earned victory over Princeton on October 28. The two teams played good ball, though both made some bad fumbles, and Cornell was given twenty yards during the game for Princeton's off-side play. Cornell's winning goal was made on a pretty drop kick from the field by her little quarterback, George Young. The game, by the way, was remarkable for the amount of punting on both sides. This victory, so earnestly worked for, but not expected, has aroused much interest and enthusiasm, all the more since it followed several unsatisfactory victories against small colleges. The enthusiasm consisted in an immense gang of students putting in about three hours after 11 p. m. the night of the game at a regular Fourth of July celebration, including three great bonfires in the center of the town and other things. People here even hope that the 'varsity eleven will win against Columbia, who has suddenly become formidable, on election day and against Pennsylvania on Thanksgiving.

The university opened late this year and with two holidays. These were not in the calendar, nor were they expected. September 29 and 30 were "Dewey days" and were observed here by having no school work. The president's annual address to the students was given September 28 in the gymnasium, which was packed full. He did what many expected and what all of us hoped he would do—gave us his views as to what the country should do in the Philippine islands. They are the most able and sensible views which have been issued and are well worth reading. The address was published in the American monthly Review of Reviews for November.

The total enrollment is larger than ever, as is the case with almost all American colleges, about 2,250 in all departments, with about 550 freshmen.

The completion of an addition to Morse hall places the department of chemistry in the best circumstances as regards material equipment of any similar department in this country, and perhaps abroad—certainly in some lines. The addition gives room to the branches of inorganic and of physical chemistry and contains beside full laboratories, general and special, in these two branches, the best spectroscopic

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A very sad and strange accident happened a week ago, of which probably you have seen some account in the papers. E. Fairfax Berkeley, the only son of a St. Louis family and the third of his name, was drowned in a canal at Geneva, this state. How, no one knows. He was a freshman here and went to Geneva with seven or eight others, in company of a delegation of Cornell Kappa Alphas, to be initiated into this society at the chapter house of the society at Hobart college, their own here having burned last winter. His death took place in the afternoon and was in no way connected with the initiation ceremonies of the society. The student body and everyone else was deeply stirred. A mass meeting of students was held, a committee appointed to draw up resolutions of sympathy with the boy's parents, also with the society. A committee of the faculty has been appointed to investigate, it is said, at the society's request. Its report is not yet known.

BENTON DALES.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Two thousand copies of the reports of the state horticultural society have been received and are in the historical society rooms.

The first draft of the newspaper bulletin is ready for inspection.

Owing to the sickness of the carpenter, the case for the First Nebraska Philippine collection has not been completed.

In June, 1890, the Hesperian published a list of all the periodicals accessible to the students. Librarian Barrett has received a call for a copy of this paper to go to the university exhibit at the Paris exposition.

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