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Through an oversight the editors of the Nebraskan-Hesperian have allowed all of the issue of October 3 to be exhausted. Several numbers of this issue are now in demand and if there are any persons in the university who have kept back copies of the paper who are willing to dispose of the same they will confer a great favor upon the management by leaving them at the office of the paper.

Students in the scientific department have been heard to wish that a bulletin board be provided in Nebraska hall. They state that they do not pass through the main building at frequent intervals, and that when they do it is between classes, when the halls are crowded and there is no chance to see the notices which have been posted. It would undoubtedly be a most beneficial move if something could be provided not only for the students in this department, but also for each in the university. A much more satisfactory means of distributing news would be the result of the move.

The action of the athletic board last week in fixing a standard of requirements for candidates for captain of the foot ball team seems to be meeting with the hearty approval of the student body. Such a ruling has made itself manifestly necessary for some years, but for some reason no board heretofore has seen fit to take the required action. Now that the step has been taken, we trust that no support will be withheld by any portion of the student body, but that all combine for the sake of a higher athletic standing of the institution.

Few students realize that with the end of this week one-third of the college year is gone. It should be a fitting time for each one to invoice his condition and determine whether he is accomplishing all that is to be expected of him by his parents and professors. How much of the first third has been wasted that could have been turned to good account; how much of it would it be best to live over, that it might be improved upon; how much of it has been sufficiently well employed so that the best possible results may be shown? These things would make an interesting table for an observer, were it possible to collect them. How much time

has been spent for self, how much for school, how much in helping others? Is it your primary aim to follow in a particular rut, or do you want to become acquainted with each side of college life and then depend upon your own good judgment to sort the good from the bad, and in this way reach a better and purer development than could possibly be obtained otherwise? As we suggested before, would it not be a good thing to look into our condition and find out where we stand?

In this issue of the Nebraskan-Hesperian is found a statement by the athletic board of the university, in which certain things which are not generally known are set forth for the consideration of the student body and for the public in general. We trust that the silence of the board heretofore will be explained herein, and that the unnecessary comment that has been heard for some time will be silenced. Each student may see for himself the realm of the board and further understand that it has no reason whatever to resort to personal motives. A point such as it is desirous of reaching would be a blessing for athletics here and an example for all other institutions of the west.

A story is going the rounds among the college papers of the country to the effect that a freshman from St. Louis was killed at Cornell some time ago during the progress of a fraternity initiation, and that the gentlemen who were responsible for the accident traveled to St. Louis with the body when it was sent there for burial, in order to show their repentance. Some time ago the Nebraskan-Hesperian published an account of this unfortunate accident in a letter from Cornell. It was stated in this that the members of the fraternity were in no way responsible for the death, and to clear themselves of the accusation had asked that a committee be appointed from the faculty to investigate the affair thoroughly. There seems to be little reason to think that the fraternity is to blame in the matter. On the other hand, it is evidently a means of reviving one of the old dissensions in college life which is rapidly dying out.

The second edition of "Corn Tassels," the popular book of poems by William Reed Dunroy, is now on the market. The success of the edition is already assured. In this volume Mr. Dunroy has exemplified more clearly than ever his ability to write verse that appeals to the popular chord and at the same time save the true art of poetry. As was his wont in the former volume to describe Nebraska as it is, and to tell of the conditions of the state, so it is in the second. The pure and perfect rhythm, while of the same general trend as in the former case, is better. In a majority of cases, where new themes have been taken up, the general result is better and much more pleasing. Many new poems have been added and the poorer ones of the former volume weeded out. This raises the standard of the book noticeably. The variety of themes is greater than before, all sides being touched, and in the main the same tact is found in dealing with all. The second edition will not last for a great length of time if the present indications are a criterion to the popularity that the book is to experience.

It now seems probable that the time-honored yell of Harvard university will soon be a thing of the past. The awe that smaller and newer institutions have for the dignified "rahs" of the ancient university will soon give way, in all probability, to admiration for something new, impulsive and up-to-date. The slowness of the yell has finally impressed a large number of "old grads"

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with the fact that they will have to wake up if they expect to keep pace with the times. The trouble apparently came to a climax at the Harvard-Yale game this fall, when the former allowed a universally conceded victory to slip out of her grasp and had to content herself with a tie game. It is stated that Yale supporters were greatly outnumbered, and that they could not make as much noise as their opponents, but the effect of their snappy, inspiring yell had a great deal to do with the wonderful rallies that she made and with the ultimate outcome of the game. Harvard papers have called for an expression of sentiment in regard to the abolition of the yell. If it is finally decided that a change is necessary the appearance of a new means of arousing enthusiasm will be watched with a great deal of interest, not only by the graduates of Harvard, but by the entire college world.

We regret very much that any student of the university should resort to the columns of a city paper for a means to delineate the wrongs of the institution. The communication which appeared a few mornings ago could in no means help the athletic standing of Nebraska, but at the same time it undoubtedly did a considerable amount of injury. Inasmuch as the writer confessed himself ignorant of the situation to a considerable extent, it appears all the more unreasonable that he should speak out in this manner. There were many other ways in which he could have shown his loyalty to Nebraska, which would have been much more satisfactory, both to himself and to the board of control. Instead of finding fault with one another, let us come together as students and work harmoniously for the good of the insti-

tution, no matter what our private opinions are, and it is safe to say that in one year we would have such a change in the state of affairs as has never been experienced here before.

A short time still remains for students to correct their addresses in the hand book about to be published by the Y. M. C. A. It is desired that everything which goes into this volume shall be absolutely correct. The only manner in which this may be done is to have each student report exactly his address, class and course. As the book is to be out in about two weeks, only a very short time remains to make corrections.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Editors of Nebraskan-Hesperian: Singing may be a strong force. One philosopher says that songs will rule a people where laws fail. Old people like best to listen to the songs which they heard, or perhaps sung, when they were young. It is, therefore, exceedingly desirable that a body of students as that of the university should become accustomed to sing or listen to good songs.

In chapel hymns are sung and they are very useful for their purpose. But outside of chapel students very often like to sing, just sing, not worship and sing at the same time, and here the hymns will not do.

The chorus classes do fair work, but none of the members ever think of singing a line of an oratorio or a cantata after the commencement concert.

And so students have to be satisfied with listening to what they cannot appreciate, and they turn away to the brass band (which used to sound like a bass drum solo with cornet accompaniment) or scare up some one to play "Eli Green's Cakewalk." They