

COMMUNICATION.

Editors Nebraskan-Hesperian: The absorbing topics here for the last three weeks have been two, foot ball and cross-country races. For two weeks before Thanksgiving day Cornellians kept thinking about what their foot ball team was going to do to Pennsylvania on that day; but, unfortunately, Pennsylvania woke up shortly before time for the game, and during the past week we have been trying to figure out how it happened.

Lafayette's victory over Cornell may easily be accounted for. She won the game by outplaying Cornell, but our team was in no shape for a game so close after the brilliant performance at Columbia. By the way, the Carlisle Indians a few days ago relieved us of considerable of that glory by nearly doubling our score against Columbia. In the Lafayette game Cornell played a large number of substitutes, while her opponents were in first-class shape.

But after that game Cornell began to bend every energy towards beating Pennsy. This year's team was the best Cornell has ever had, and, banking on her good showing last year at Philadelphia and the probabilities of good weather, with Pennsylvania's notoriously poor form, she thought she saw another scalp hanging at her foot ball belt. Ebersole, who took his glee club along down to Philadelphia with the team, had a lot of "stunt" songs relating Cornell's victory which he was going to inflict on the poor people down there—but he didn't. Many of those who saw the game said that defeat was due not to poor playing by Cornell, but simply to Pennsy's magnificent work. It is a question whether even Harvard would have been successful against the red and blue that day.

In spite of crushing defeat at Pennsylvania's hands, the season has been a good one for Cornell and she has furnished the foot ball world with two of its many surprises this year—her defeat of Princeton and of Columbia. But we intend to defeat Pennsy some day—probably next Thanksgiving day.

The cross-country team's marked successes have given a deserved impetus to that branch of athletics. The team beat teams from Yale, Pennsylvania, Columbia and Princeton in a beautiful race at New York on November 18. She defeated Yale here again last Saturday, the five Cornell men finishing first, third, fourth, fifth and sixth. The course of 6.87 miles was run by Sweet in thirty-eight minutes and thirty-six seconds.

Thanksgiving festivities in Ithaca and at the university were clouded by a sad accident the night before. A train carrying many Ithaca people and running into New York was run into by another train and a large number of people hurt and killed. Among the killed were two prominent townspeople and a student, W. J. Welbrook, '03, a member of the Gamma Delta.

Tomorrow H. N. Pillsbury, the chess champion, plays at the university against all comers. Some interesting matches for lovers of the game are promised.

Among other things of interest which are to happen in the near future is a foot ball smoker, a big university affair to be held at the gymnasium and armory next Saturday. Another is the founder's day address, given on January 11, this time by Admiral Sampson on "The Navy." The graduate club has a meeting Saturday and looks for an interesting talk from Professor Titchener on "Hobbies."

A custom that is in vogue here and which may strike Nebraska students as queerly as it did me is that of announcing all important events, foot ball games, races of various kinds and everything else in huge chalk letters on the main sidewalk up Central ave-

nue. You sometimes have to walk three or four hundred feet before you find out what the various letters mean. It's quite a scheme—where you have chalk to burn and a mile or two of stone walk for a blackboard.

I have found three other Nebraskans here, Miss Florence Winger, '95; Miss Margaret L. Holt, ex-'97, and Dr. I. M. Bentley, '95. Dr. Bentley's wife should be counted as a Nebraskan as well, for she was a conservatory girl.

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PERSHING RIFLE ADDITIONS.

The following men have been voted into the Pershing Rifles during the past six weeks: S. Anker, J. T. Franey, J. E. Hill, S. J. Killian, O. H. Knutson, J. C. Lawler, E. Shinbur, N. E. Buckley, A. H. Clark, C. O. Crane, J. R. Franey, D. H. Homan, James L. Lytel, C. E. Quinn, F. J. Rehlaende, Charles E. Teach, W. P. Wallace, Louis Warren. There are also seven applicants for membership which have not yet been voted on. In order to become a member of this organization a man must obtain the unanimous vote of the membership committee. This committee consists of Commandant A. L. Brown, the commissioned officers of the Pershing Rifles and the captain of each cadet company, providing he is a member of the Pershing Rifles.

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