

GYMNASIUM NOTES.

Basket ball is in full force in the gymnasium. Each company of the battalion and each class of the university has organized a team. A change in the date for the games with the city Y. M. C. A. was made. Instead of January 20, as advertised last week, the game will be January 27. The players for the contest will be as follows: Y. M. C. A. (Lincoln)—Hancock, captain; Woods, Hamil, Johnson, Humphrey; Hagensick, substitute. University—W. E. Andreson, captain; R. D. Andreson, Cortelyou. The remaining two men have not yet been selected for the university. Several good players are trying for the places.

The agreement to hold each year an intercollegiate strength contest was adopted at a meeting of the college gymnasium directors in New York City December, 1899. The strength tests to be used in making up the total strength of any individual will be strength of back, strength of legs, strength of right forearm, strength of left forearm, strength of lungs, or one-twentieth capacity of lungs, strength of upper arms (triceps) and chest, strength of upper arms (biceps) and back. In taking these tests for the first and second must be used the leg and back dynamometer; for the third and fourth, hand dynamometer; fifth, spirometer; sixth, triceps, dips; seventh, biceps, pull-ups. All tests must be made consecutively in the order mentioned and be completed within fifteen minutes. A rest of one minute, however, will be allowed between the last two, as these are usually taken to test the power of repeating efforts and to try the action of the heart and lungs. Rosin or chalk may be used upon the hands in all the tests, but no artificial aid in the shape of straps, belts or harness will be allowed. By May each year each institution will publish the record of its fifty strongest men examined that year in the order of their superiority. The individual having the highest total shall be deemed the champion strong man of all the colleges, and the institution having the fifty strongest men, as decided by the largest total score, shall hold the total strength trophy for the next year. The University of Nebraska has not as yet been represented in this contest, but will take part this year and with her large number of strong men will expect to make a showing. Amherst, a small college in Massachusetts, which pays special attention to physical training, won fifth place last year in competition with the much larger eastern schools. Each Saturday of every week a preliminary test will be held to prepare men for the regular test. Saturday the leg test will be held at the gymnasium at 3 o'clock.

Attention is called to the change in the work for the athletic classes which takes place with the beginning of next

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semester. All base ball and foot ball men will have work on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4. Candidates for the track team will work Tuesday and Thursday at 5 and Saturday at 4 until warm weather, when training will continue every day.

Next Saturday the running high kick preliminary to charter day will be held. Last Saturday the running high jump resulted in Hewitt, Jewett and De Putron being the three best. The height was four feet eight and one-half inches.

PROF. FLING HONORED.

During the holiday meeting of the American historical association, held at Boston, Professor F. M. Fling was selected as a member of the committee on material. This committee will have supervision of all material submitted for final publication. The work undertaken by this committee is that of publishing four source books, one each on Grecian, Roman, mediæval and modern history. Professor Fling will be in charge of arranging and selecting the material for the Greek history. Professor Monroe of Pennsylvania will have charge of the Roman, Professor Burr of Cornell of the mediæval and the appointment of modern history has not yet been made. In the edition of this work Professor Fling has final disposition of material from recognized sources on this subject and the appointment to so responsible a position is indeed a great honor to the university.

FIRE INVESTIGATED.

In the chapel Tuesday morning Acting Chancellor Bessey gave to the students the result of his investigation into the small blaze under the law library, which occurred the week previous. No one was to blame, as it was shown that the blaze was started either by a match dropped in too close proximity to a steam pipe or by the nearness of a certain steam pipe to the wooden flooring. The janitors were commended for their prompt action in attending to the blaze and a complete investigation of the location of the steam pipes in the main building will be undertaken at once.

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