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We can only attribute the excessive calm in the sophomore class scrap to secret hostilities, preparatory for a fresh outbreak. We would suggest that this come off as soon as possible that the public may not lose to much interest in the case.

If the present opening up of spring proves permanent, the student body will soon begin to call for the open air concerts by the band, which were so popular last spring. We trust that it may be possible to continue these at least during April and May.

We wish to call attention to the story contest mentioned in another column as one of the auxiliaries of the western oratorical league. This phase of the relationship between the two universities can be developed fully as well as the extemporaneous oratory and can be made a principal feature of the evening's program. If the University of Kansas is admitted as she undoubtedly will be, it will mean still more competition for first honors.

The University of Minnesota is soon to have a daily paper, making the tenth college daily in the United States. The Ariel association will be turned into a daily association and arrangements made to meet the extra amount of work necessary for the additional duties thus imposed. How soon the University of Nebraska can have a daily depends not upon a board of editors but upon the students themselves. A paper can not run without the proper support and if the students can not maintain a weekly in the proper manner it is safe to say that they will not be able to carry a daily.

The student body feels relieved by the election of Mr. Booth of Princeton as coach for the ensuing season. It puts aside all possibilities of a predicament such as occurred last year. On the other hand the record of the Princeton team for the past two years has been one of the foremost in the football history of the country, and speaks well for the training that Mr. Booth has received. To this add the record of his private life, his popularity in school, and his ability for hard and conscientious work, and we have a most satisfying character. For the past two years, the bulk of the training has been given to offensive and back field work. With prospects of a line man for coach, this evil may also be overcome to some extent.

The outlook for a strong track team has never been so favorable. In the first place the university has never before had a trainer for this team. W. E. Allen, who has taken charge of the team has had experience in the work. He will give a large portion of his time to the team and will train each man individually for his events. Never before have so many men entered for the work. Over forty have appeared in the class set apart for track men and several have not come in who will compete. The meets which



The other day the Idler saw some remarks in the Nebraskan-Hesperian about charter day festivities. The idea was decidedly warm and the Idler wants to help push by observing once or twice on possible modes of improvement.

Patriotism for the university is the dynamics of the institution. To engender love and pride for the college is to create a prolific production of potential patriotism. This may be done by bringing vividly before the minds of the students the evolutionary process by which the university was developed from a prep-school with a college attachment to a college second to none in the west. Charter day is the day above all others to impress this upon the minds of the students. The greater the day; the stronger the impression.

Of great moment is the students welfare—mental and physical. During the last week of the semester each student is subjected to a short interview, in the form of an examination, with the professors. Through this process mental power is wantonly wasted. Immediately comes worry—mocking uneasiness, and languid unrest, from the prospect of a round with the registrar. At last the ordeal is over; nervous prostration ensues. This may be checked by the bright anticipation of a grand and glorious celebration of Charter day. Thus will a stirring commemoration produce an effect second to no tonic on the market.

Professors should be given an opportunity to exhibit the products of their genius. The chemistry department should be allowed to demonstrate to the common people the combustible effects of nitro-glycerine by blowing off the arm of a student; the physics department, the law of gravitation by dropping a few of the technical terms used in the departments of zoology and botany; the military department to exhibit its tin soldiers and amid the delightful music of the cadet band the honorable governor of this great commonwealth of Nebraska presents a few with badges of tin; the English department, some of its members—a noble tribute to literature; the history department, the source method as applied to practical affairs; the language department the most improved methods of extracting Greek, Latin and molar roots; the mathematical department the process of squaring the hind wheel of a bicycle. The other departments could, by the exercise of

have been arranged by Manager Hewitt will give the men sufficient opportunities to win laurels for themselves and for the team. There will be the regular field day and meets with the Universities of Iowa and Kansas, in addition to a Chicago trip to the western intercollegiate contest. With the exception of R. E. Benedict and M. P. Pillsbury, who hold records in the pole vault and the high jump respectively, last year's team is in school. The places of these men will be hard to fill but the team has been strengthened in other events, especially in the half-mile and mile races. Mantz, who has made some good time in these events has been reinstated and will compete. Those who expect to enter should do so at once and secure the benefit of the preliminary training.

In the awarding of "W's" by the athletic board of Wisconsin, only seventeen athletes were granted them; eight in football, one in track work, four in rowing, and four in baseball.—The Cardinal.

a little ingenuity, devise some equally startling performances. The masses must be educated. Here is an opportunity. It must not be neglected. It may be the most successfully seized by making the most of charter day.

Not only will these ennobling results ensue from making of charter day, but suitable amusement will be provided for the people. We have circus and the Fourth of July in the summer; fairs and religious conventions in the fall; theatres and revivals in the winter. Why not make charter day the opening of the spring season? Certainly there can be no serious objection.

A program must be provided for the evening. This gives the society gentleman an excellent opportunity to do the elegant without incurring any debts. The common herds have the rare pleasure of sitting in nigger heaven and hearing some imported professor of bed-bug-ology blow wind through his face for two hours or more—the time being in the inverse ratio of his thoughts to his words. In the case of the former chancellor a wide field was opened for the dissemination of up-to-date jokes; in the case of the acting chancellor an opening for a moral soliloquy deduced from a precise clause in a certain line of a prescribed chapter in a specified book. Finally there is the performance of presenting the candidates for degrees (like the ring-master at the circus presents the clowns) and gives his Latin "Cum auctoritates, etc." to the delight of the audience who do not know whether he is talking about the prospect of the presidential candidates or the moving of the university to the state farm. Anything which will add either to the length or beauty of a performance will undoubtedly prove popular and result in much good to the university.

The Idler demands in the name of the Nebraskan-Hesperian that we celebrate in a more patriotic manner. Let us make it the university fourth of July. Amid the somnambulist thought-gathering of the multitudes, the parched and painful rhetoric of the speaker, the classical "Votis Notum Sit" of the chancellor, let us send forth the parasitic apostles of science and laboratory methods, into the world of bright anaesthetics and mugwump politicians, thinking, feeling and actually believing that charter day is the ne plus ultra of all time, the fins of weary days, well spent.

The oratorical association of the University of Illinois is, at present, preparing a contract to be presented to Indiana university and to the University of Iowa, looking forward to debates with these institutions. It is hardly probable that any of these contests will take place this year.—The Illini.

Michigan university is to have a new course in diplomacy.

Wisconsin will retain Phil King as football and baseball coach next year.

California, Columbia and Cornell will hold a triple track meet in New York this spring.

The late D. B. Eaton, of New York, bequeathed \$100,000 to Harvard and the same amount to Columbia. On this bequest a professorship in the science of government will be founded at Harvard and one of municipal science and administration at Columbia.



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