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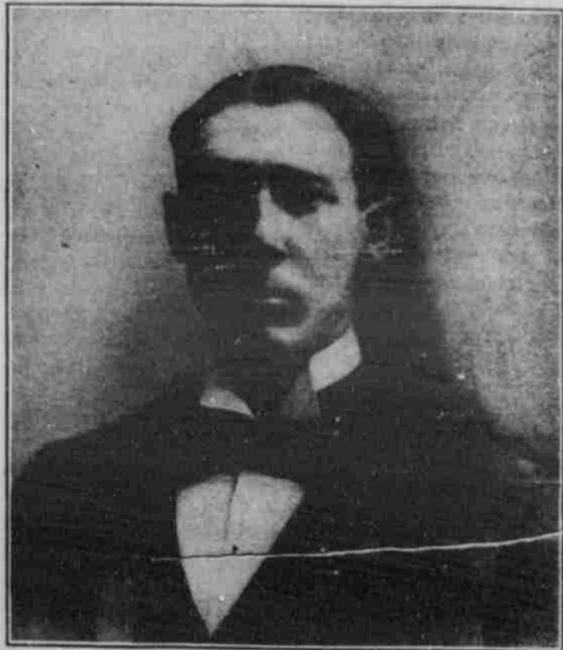
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FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

All Ready for Minnesota—Gophers Coming in Full Force—Two Train Loads of Rooters—Last Week's Mass Meeting—Survey Work—Sigma X Meeting.



DR. H. S. WILLIAMS, MINNESOTA'S COACH

Manager Price Wickersham, of the Minnesota football team, was in Lincoln Friday afternoon making final arrangements for the game and for hotel accommodations.

Mr. Wickersham was very reticent about talking of the team. He said that while Minnesota was confident of winning the game they did not expect anything like a walkaway. On account of snow the Gopher team has not been able to do any outdoor practice work for a week. This fact in connection with the long trip and strange grounds will put them to a disadvantage when they line up Thursday.



L. A. PAGE,
MINNESOTA'S CAPTAIN AND CENTER

The Minnesota aggregation will arrive in two divisions. One including the team, the band of thirty-five pieces and about one hundred rooters will come in Wednesday forenoon at 10:15 on the B. & M. The other will arrive at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. The train on the return trip will leave Thursday evening shortly after the game.

Manager Tukey has been busy completing arrangements. Seats on the bleachers have been provided for twelve hundred. Societies will be allowed to reserve every other section in blocks of thirty five. Five societies have so far reserved sections. In order that the gridiron may be in the best possible condition the ground has been dragged and covered with straw to prevent its freezing. Hereafter all practice will be secret.

THE MASS MEETING

A mass meeting was held in chapel last Wednesday morning in the interest of football and the Minnesota game. A large crowd was present and much enthusiasm shown for the victorious team of 1900.

Professor Caldwell presided at the meeting and presented Coach Booth already well known to the students. Coach Booth was greeted with a storm of applause. He gave a practical talk on football, using chalk and a blackboard to explain the positions and plays of each team. His talk was interesting and the common complaint of not understanding the game will not be heard on Thanksgiving day.

Professor Caldwell then explained the financial condition of the athletic board at present. Dr. Lound followed with a talk on Nebraska's team, and compared it with Iowa. The latter is now playing with the large colleges while Nebraska, a still stronger college is not. He then stated the chance we now have of going into Class A and said Nebraska must seize the opportunity.

Robert Andreson, '00, followed with a speech on rooting. This was his first appearance at a University mass meeting but he got away as good as in any one hundred yard dash, and finished strong. Professor Wyer praised the 1900 football team, and incli-

dentally roasted those in the habit of observing the game from the wrong side of the fence. He suggested the placing of a pennant in the armory in honor of the team.

Rev. L. P. Ludden was then introduced and laughingly referred to what he had done before in the way of raising money for the athletic board. He referred to the absence of the faculty and said they must be afraid of him because he had started with them last year and then talked to the students. Rev. Ludden then called for pledges for tickets. Many followed in quick succession from the fraternities and literary societies. Many individuals took tickets to sell and over 800 in all were pledged. Since then the town people have asked for many, as well as the aggregation from Minnesota.

U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WORK.

Considerable work is being done for the U. S. geological survey by the geology department of the University. Mr. C. A. Fisher, of this department, returned from a week's stay in Colorado, recently. The principal feature of the trip was the discovery of part of a mammoth tusk, four and one-half feet long, and six and one half by five and one half inches in diameter. This specimen was found in tertiary beds about twelve miles east of Castle Rock, or thirty-five miles south of Denver. The importance of the find is the fact that it throws light on the age of the deposit as well as the animals of the time. The tusk was fairly well preserved. It was dug up, boxed, and shipped to Washington where it will be exhibited in the national museum. The principal value of the find is the location of the specimens. Besides this, a fossil tooth and several fragments of mammoth bones were found. The tooth and tusk are of great scientific value as they are characteristic parts of the animal and serve for its ready identification.

SIGMA XI.

Standing room was at a premium at the open meeting of the Sigma Xi in the chapel last Thursday evening. At fifteen minutes past eight Dr. Bessey, the chairman of the society, introduced Professor Barbour, who spoke for an hour and a half on the wonders of the Yellowstone Park region. The lecture was illustrated with many fine stereopticon views, whose beauty called forth frequent applause from the large audience. The views were an excellent portrayal of the geysers, hot springs and other geological wonders which abound in that region. After the close of the lecture Dr. Bessey spoke for a short time on the most interesting and striking botanical features of the region, and the peculiar plant growths which exist in the hot springs. In closing he assured the audience that this would not be the last treat of this kind this year.

TO ENTERTAIN THE GOPHERS.

Great preparations are being made to entertain the Minnesota people. All the fraternities will entertain the visiting members from Minnesota. Psi Psi will give a smoker on Thursday evening. Kappa Alpha Theta have been notified that a number of the Minneapolis chapter will attend the game.

WHY SOME COLLEGE STUDENTS FAIL.

By James H. Canfield, LL.D., Ex-Chancellor of the University of Nebraska.

The causes are almost as numerous as the failures. Some fail because the problem of success is always and necessarily one for individual solution; whereas the student often seems to expect the institution to solve it for him. For some failures the institutions are at fault, because they are not careful to secure stimulating and inspiring teachers; quite a different thing from securing men of expert ability in given lines of investigation and research. Some students are easily led away by indolent or vicious companions. Some become unduly interested in college politics, or in athletics, or in fraternities. Some are sent to college, instead of going, and never quite overcome the sense of compulsion—and work done under compulsion rather than by free intelligent choice is rarely successful. Some are imperfectly prepared, and being overrears from the start simply founder on to their complete educational submergence. Some have never acquired the habit of concentration, do not know how to study, and so are easily left in the race. Some are unnaturally timid; and falling into the hands of some "smart" instructors, who have not yet learned the divine lesson that there is more glory in the one stupid who is saved than in the ninety and nine who have little need of a master, they are subjected to a process known as "weeding out"—than which there is nothing educationally more vicious, as it is applied in some college or departments. A few really have not the mental grasp, the intellectual grip and grit, which are necessary in higher education—for it is unquestionably true that such education is not possible to all.

The reverse of the shield is this: with rare exceptions, it is not necessary that a young man seeking the advantages of a college training should fail—either in college or after-



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ward. The work of such institutions is quite carefully adapted to the average student. Those below the average in either ability or preparation must work a little harder in order to hold their own. Those above the average may broaden and strengthen their course by collateral reading, by unusual participation in the work of the better literary societies or special