

MISCELLANY.

Now that some active steps have been taken toward fitting up the gymnasium, more interest should be taken in the athletic association this term and not wait until the spring term is half over before anything is done.

Salvation army captain (to stranger): Are you a Christian?

Stranger: No, I was a student.

Salvation army captain: Are you a worker in the vineyard of the Lord?

Stranger: No, I have got a job attending school at Doane College.

The students should put a scheme on foot to erect a flag pole on the campus and get a flag to be used on field day, during dress parade, etc. Possibly a scheme of some kind might be discovered to work Uncle Sam for a flag for the military department under conditions that would make it available for student gala days. By all means the stars and stripes should be floated on the campus of every great educational institution in the country.

In imitating the custom of observing class day in this institution the Juniors are but following the example of the other great universities of the country. Many of the Seniors, Sophomores and Freshman have been heard remarking to the effect that the Juniors were rather previous in celebrating class day. Heretofore nothing has ever been done in this line and the Juniors feel confident of the ability to successfully introduce this pleasing custom. This custom should be kept up in future years, and thus another pleasant feature added to our university life.

The literary and classical students who have been congratulating each other on their apparent "snap" in not being required to take a year of military science two hours a week had better not crow until they are safely out of the woods. Recent well authenticated rumors have been circulating to the effect that the war department officials will soon issue an order which will decide this question. The chances are that the new order will provide for a course in military science of four hours a week and that the male students of all the departments will be compelled to take this course in order to graduate. Let us hope that the number of hours will remain as at present even if all the students will be included in the new order. Four hours a week is too much time to spend on such a study in an institution like this one.

The efforts at this stage in the campaign to rouse any interest in the fight for the prohibitory amendment have so far it seems signally failed. A series of meetings was recently held in Lincoln in which Hon. Richard Trevellick was the principal attraction. Other meetings have been held in other parts of Nebraska and if we may judge from reports none have caused much enthusiasm. About the only person now a days who cares enough about the result of the vote on this question to attend these meetings is the dyed-in-the-wool prohibitionist whose notions in regard to prohibition are so eternally fixed that but little good is derived from these early speeches. It seems to us that if the money and energy expended now were reserved until along about September and then all the prohibition orators available turned loose for a two months' campaign, by far greater results would be effected.

While we do not like to pose as a kicker yet the person who kicks is generally the one who accomplishes his object. Our attention has been called by many of the students to the regulation of the steam heaters in the main building. For instance, at 8:30 a student enters a class room. It is very comfortable. At 9:30 he goes into some other class room. Here the professor may not have the steam turned on at all and the room is cold to the person fresh from a warm room. At 10:30 a warm room may be entered, and so on throughout the day. The effect of this irregularity is very dangerous to the health of the student body. Bad colds are inevitable. Many of the students are almost continually suffering from colds in the head, or catarrh, or something of that nature, and we venture to say that it is this irregularity in the temperature of the class rooms that is responsible for it. The faculty should attend to this matter. Let some uniform temperature be adopted and an attempt be made to keep the rooms at about the same degree of warmth. The health of the students is at stake.

Whenever any man becomes president, governor, member of congress, judge of the supreme court, or in any way prominent in public life, you can always find men who occupy stations in life all the way from digging sewers up to peanut venders who "used to go to school with him when he was a boy, etc." This man has pushed his way to the front and distinguished himself. It is the old law of the survival of the fittest. But an illustration of this which grows rather wearisome at times is this same spirit of the sewer digger and the peanut vender which prompts a fraternity man to boast that there are six, eight, or a dozen of members of his fraternity in congress or in high station. The idea that a college student, who is supposed to have a little brains and a few ideas, will resort to the means of the sewer digger or peanut vender in order to impress you with the importance of himself or his fraternity is a sublime spectacle. Those men did not get to the front simply because they were members of any particular fraternity. A man might belong to all the fraternities this side of the river of death and then never get to congress, or even be elected to cemetery trustee if he didn't have brains and ability to back him.

The manner of the disposal of the University appropriations is a subject worthy of the consideration of every student. Some action should be taken looking to a better and more satisfactory way of disposing of this fund as it accumulates. At present our institution is entirely at the mercy of the legislature. The action of the last legislature in withholding a part of our available funds illustrates the injustice of the present system. The idea that a clique of men, such as the senate combine of last session, some of the leaders of which were the most disreputable politicians in the state, are given the right to say what salaries our professors and instructors shall receive is disgraceful. Lincoln is fortunate in being blessed with so many state institutions; but in the fact that so many state institutions are located here lies the great difficulty. The jealousy of rival towns is too blind to see the folly of crippling these institutions. Narrow-minded men are elected to the legislature. They fall a ready prey into the hands of the shrewd politician who is attempting to make a record for economy. These unprincipled men do not stop at not providing sufficiently large appropriations to care for the insane, the feeble minded, the blind, and the penitentiary convicts, but lay their unholy hands on the greatest educational institution in the state. The funds accruing from the lease of University lands and the tax on all the property in the state which go to make up the University fund cannot be