

CATAWBA WINE.

Brief song of the vine—the Catawba vine, That fruits on the bluffs by the river.

The mighty river that rolls along From mountain clefts, bright, clear and strong, Till it takes of the clod of the prairie plains; And the wide, strong river that earth-clod stains.

Ah! luscious grape of the prairie hill. Sod, river, air, sunshine these thee fill, Wine-presses then the strengths distill, Crude earth substance, sunshine's fire, Water which is pure desire, Air, full breath of spirit-choir; Nothing of the hell-pit's fire.

The juice close up in an earth-cave deep, Through slow years let it, dreaming, sleep, Drink then the juice and smile, not weep.

Yet, drink thou little, and drink not long, Wine else is a mocker with Syver song; This soul of the water, earth, sun and air, Hath strength with which thine will not compare.

—IDYLA.

The Gridiron.

The unusual advance which was made in University Athletics by the success of the base ball team during the spring will give additional impetus to foot ball the coming year.

The selection of the campus as a base ball and athletic field was considered at the first season a good deal of an experiment. Many opposed the movement, on the ground that the immediate vicinity of the diamond and track would

interfere with the class work of the students, but on the contrary, the results have been most satisfactory, both in respect to the high standard of the games and events, and as to finances. The records made easily place the University of Nebraska in the same class with Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. The base ball team was the best the University ever produced, and it is the first season it ever finished without a considerable deficit. Also in Track Athletics, this was the first season ever closed with any money ahead.

Considering then these facts, we see how naturally the determination has been made to use the same place for the games this fall. And provision can easily be made for those attending by running 'bleachers' around the field, and without doubt the season will be accompanied with greater success than if the games were conducted at the M

street park as heretofore. Steps for the preparation of the ground are already being taken, and those expecting to attend games this fall, may be sure of comfortable accommodations and the best of regulations. Quite a number of games have already been arranged, which will take place in this city, chief of which are those with the University of Missouri, Oct., 30 and with the University of Kansas, Nov., 13. The customary Thanksgiving game with Iowa will be played either in this city or at Omaha.

If all we hear is to be believed, the game with Kansas promises to be an unusually interesting one. That University has secured Wylie Woodruff of Pennsylvania as coach. He has been prominent in U. of P. athletics during his four years attendance at that school, not alone in foot ball but in track work and rowing, pulling No. 5 in the U. of P. eight. Kansas feels considerably elated over the fact of obtaining Woodruff for coach. "We will be able to show our superiority over any team in the world, not by a slight margin but by a good big score." Missouri talked the same way when they had the famous Bliss of Yale, however Nebraska managed to defeat them with out much difficulty.

Speaking of Missouri recalls the deplorable condition in which she found herself at the end of last season. Her case shows plainly that money is very little in the success of foot ball. She had money in abundance with which to train, secure a coach and to carry on her work. Yet she won scarcely a game. Other teams with none of these advantages made enviable records. She seemed to lack the grit or the something which is required to develop a successful team. The school itself seems to take plenty of interest in the sport, but there is some cause underlying it which is very difficult to define. It seems to fall farther every year from the class of Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska. It may be the peculiar laziness which characterizes the south. They are almost 'down south' there.

Nebraska will again be coached by Robinson who has been reengaged for the autumn. His excellent work of last fall and his record with the base ball team in the spring shows what can be done by a master hand. The material with which he had to work last season would have discouraged a less energetic and persistent man, for of the old players there were but three or four, and the new material required constant and unceasing effort on his part. Many did not know the first principles of the game, and weeks were required to teach them the rudiments of foot ball. This means much when the teams of other

Universities comprise a large number of old players, men who have had two or three years experience upon high school teams. It was by his own example and strict requirements that he brought about the results which were obtained. He earned the respect and liking of all the players and students of the University, not only by his work upon the gridiron, but by requiring gentlemanly conduct in practice and in games; and good scholarship in the University itself.

Moreover, he takes pride in the team and in the west, which he likes. Already he has refused several offers in New England, considerably more advantageous to himself, in anticipation of handling the university team again. With such a feeling we can congratulate ourselves that the idea of money merely does not enter into his work. This is too true with many of the eastern coaches who come west for a season and return home immediately after the last game. He has spent the summer in consulting with well known Yale, Harvard and Princeton players and coaches, regarding the methods and ideas which are to be developed this fall, and from the past showing, we may be sure there will not be lacking an abundance of them.

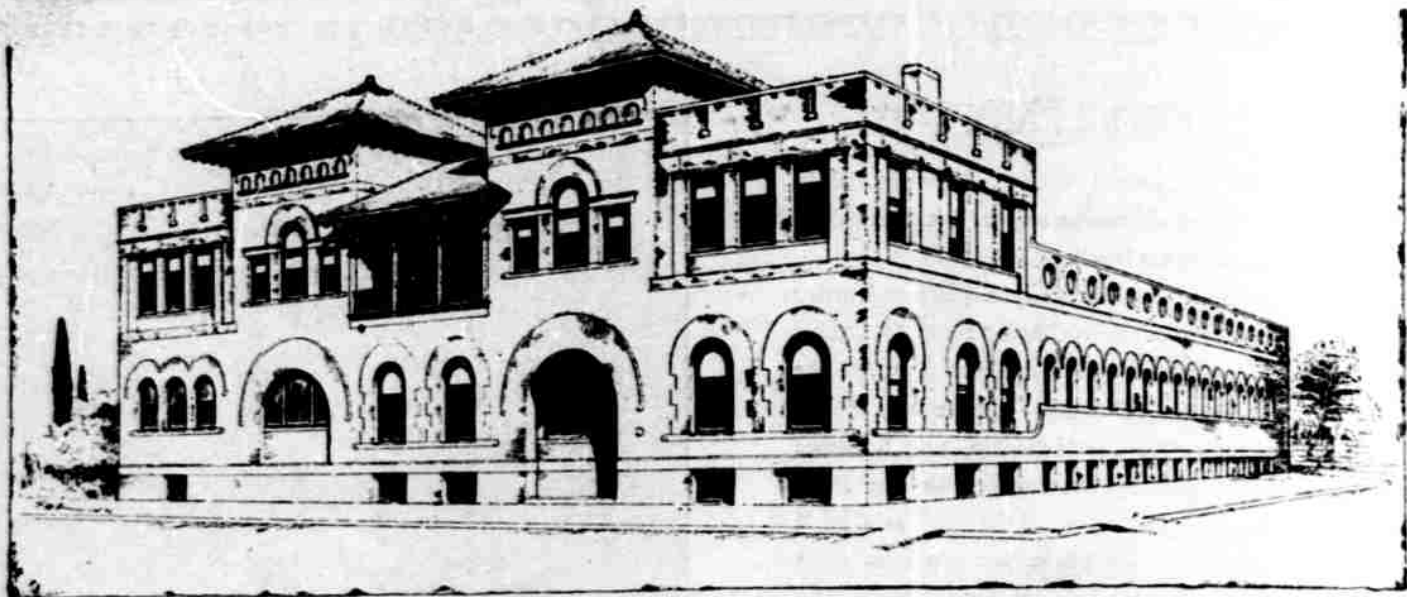
Whereas Missouri was well provided financially but lacking in push and energy during the past year; Iowa found herself in a similar predicament with the conditions reversed. In the school itself there was an infinite amount of push and enthusiasm and the team made a good record, nevertheless she ended the season with a remarkably large debt staring her in the face. Bull of the university of Pennsylvania, who coached the team and who was promised a thousand dollars for his work, returned home empty handed. In addition to this, there is an innumerable number of other debts. This is a very serious condition of affairs, for if such a state is not soon remedied the school will be unable to obtain a coach, for a knowledge of these things is not slow in spreading among school men, and it will leave among eastern universities a very bad odor of Iowa's ways of doing business. However, it is to be hoped that measures have already been taken to provide a course which will remedy this. Otherwise the faculty of the Iowa university who look with somewhat doubtful eyes upon the game, will refuse to license its continuance in the school.

"Well, we beat you," said one of the victorious party to the defeated candidate.

"Yes," was the reply. "I feel like Lazarus, who lay at the Dives."

"How so?"

"Licked by the dogs."



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