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The thirst for victory habitually tempts men to ungentlemanly, unfair, or even dishonorable acts; to take advantage of the rules; to violate their letter on the sly; to violate the rules if willing to pay the penalty when caught. That these things are wrong is axiomatic, and yet the sporting consciousness has become so depraved that their legitimacy is rarely questioned. If men should attempt to take unfair advantage of one another in other lines as they do in sport they would at once forfeit their standing as gentlemen. In foot ball it seems to be a matter of correct ethics that a man may violate the rules, provided he does it in such a way as not to be ejected from the field. It is the practice of all the best foot ball teams in the country to "hold" in the line. This can rarely be seen by the officials, and the fact that it is against the rules seems to have no deterrent effect.

I am not an alarmist. I have championed and expect to heartily champion such manly games as foot ball; and yet the use of unfair play, as shown by the black eyes and bloody noses which are often, if not usually, the result of deliberate intention, indicate strongly the truth of which I have been speaking—that an undue desire for victory has resulted in dishonorable conduct. The sentiment of our best college and athletic clubs tolerates deliberate violation of the rules in the interest of victory. The experience in some of the associations in basket ball during the past winter is in this same direction, men placing chief value on victory, holding, striking, running into men, with such vigor and frequency that the interference is unavoidable, that it was at least partially deliberate. This has resulted in personal antagonisms, anger, deceit, recrimination and hatred. Once create the sentiment that it is far more disgraceful to do a dishonorable or ungentlemanly deed on the field than suffer defeat, and it would foster the interests of true sport as much as the present tendencies in the opposite direction are injuring them. Athletic traditions formed now will probably enter into and have a lasting effect upon the whole future of the physical work. If there can be maintained this spirit of rigid loyalty to honesty and courtesy and gentlemanliness, victory being made secondary, we believe that the helpful influence of the league will be immense, both inside and outside of the association. But this result can be reached only by the deliberate determination on the part of all interested, to place these qualities first; to be willing to lose games unless they can be won honestly, with good feeling, and with regard for the courtesies; to be willing to let others cheat and win falsely rather than to resort to similar means; to abide by and uphold the decisions of the proper officials, even when they seem unfair; to regard rules not as imposed by some outside body contrary to the wish of the contestants, and to be evaded or taken advantage of at every opportunity, but as a mutual agreement of which one would no sooner think of taking advantage,

simply because it were possible to do so undetected, than he would of lying under other circumstances for personal advantage. This ideal is not an unattainable one. If this kind of sport cannot be secured by associations it were better that they did not take up sport at all. If there is not enough of the stronger elements of Christian character to handle in this way games of a highly exciting character between neighboring states, such games ought not to be held. There should be and there can be such a sentiment created by the leaders in every association that a man who would use dishonorable or ungentlemanly means to win victory for his organization would not again be tolerated as a representative. Can the associations put character above victory? If they can, they will find in sport a splendid auxiliary to the building of character. If they cannot, they will find in sport one of the most competent means for the introduction of the elements that tend to the breaking down of character. The first purpose of this league, then, is to unite those associations which realize the need of a new spirit—a Christian spirit—in athletics, into a body which can work definitely and tangibly towards the achievement of this result.—Luther Gulick, M. D., in Men.

Medical Department.

Mr. B. F. Kirkland, '98, was called home by a telegram announcing the illness of his mother.

The Senior and Freshman classes have organized foot ball teams and are practicing daily. Come Juniors, wake up and be represented on the gridiron!

The Faculty have granted us a vacation from Oct. 31 to Nov. 4. This gives us an opportunity to perform our duties as citizens.

Some time ago we mentioned the organization of a Medical Society, and since then we have talked the matter over with some of the members of the Faculty, and they heartily favor the scheme. Both Senior and Junior classes ought to consider this. There is no department in the University more able to maintain a society than the Medical department.

A series of experiments on typhoid fever patients and persons in health, as well as numerous experiments on animals, leads Brietinstein to assert that the number of corpuscles in the blood greatly increase in the course of a cold bath, but as this can not be due to the formation of new corpuscles, it must be that corpuscles more or less stagnant in the viscera and other interior portions of the organism, are drawn to the surface by the effect of the cold bath.—Rev. Int. D. M. et. d. ch.

Notice.

The members of Irving Institute and Zetagathian Societies must secure their membership tickets to the lecture course from some member of the Lecture Bureau. These tickets are for sale by no other persons.

L. A. SWISHER, Sec.

Kansas University has changed her colors from crimson to red and blue.

Hammond Law Senate.

The Society met on Friday evening with a good attendance of its members. It was necessary to postpone the exercises for one week as most of the Senators assigned for duty on the program had left the city. The interest that the new members are taking in the organization is decidedly encouraging.

At the business meeting some very important matters were discussed and acted upon. The new names added to the list are those of Messrs. Lee, Hoagland and Corrigan.

The program committee have adopted some novel ideas for the entertainment of the visitors and members of the society, at the meeting, and it is hoped that the attendance in the future will continue to the extent of filling the room to its utmost capacity.

Next Friday evening the program will be fully carried out, and the president, for the society, extends a hearty invitation to all to attend, whether connected with the University or not.

First Number of the Lecture Course.

The first number of the Lecture Course will be the Redpath Grand Concert Co., Saturday, November 7. This is without doubt the finest concert in America. The leading artist is Mme. Camilla Urso, the greatest woman violinist in the world to-day. She is supported by Edwin H. Douglass, tenor; Mlle. Carlotta Desvignes, prima donna contralto; and Franklyn Sonnekalb, pianist. These are all musicians of national reputation, and it is safe to say that the music next Saturday evening will be the finest brought to Iowa City since the visit of Ole Bull.

College Notes.

Nebraska and Michigan Universities meet on the gridiron November 18th.

The Illinois colleges held an intercollegiate meet for three days recently. The meet was held at Bloomington, and comprised both athletics and oratory. Foot ball, base ball, and general field sports were engaged in. J. S. Dancy, of Wesleyan, was awarded first prize in oratory, his oration being "The Pilgrim Fathers and Their Mission."

De Pauw says she will have the best team in her history this year. With the majority of her best players of last season back, several players from other teams have been added. Williamson, of the University of Chicago, and Phillips, of the University of Nebraska '94 team, are candidates. Whitcomb, who attended Yale last year and claims to have played on the Yale team, will assist Wade in coaching the men. Roller, the 210 pound center, is captain.

The University of Chicago has received a new gift valued at half a million dollars. It consists of 3,000 acres of land around Wolf Lake and connecting channel to Lake Michigan. This property supplements the Hull gift of \$1,000,000 for biological laboratories by giving the University the finest island lake biological experiment station in the world. Such a station will be of great benefit to the

biologists in the country. The property is the gift of Mrs. Edward Roby, Mr. C. B. Shedd and Mrs. E. A. Shedd, of Chicago.

Western College beat Cornell 32 to 0 last Saturday. "Dick" Kepler, for two years full back on our Varsity team, is coaching Western's team.

The management of the Harvard Crimson has been conducting a test vote of the students of the University to ascertain the relative strength of the several presidential candidates. The balloting is to last three days, days and at the end of the second day McKinley and Hobart were away in the lead, having 1,123 votes out of a total of 1,457; Bryan and Sewall had but 76.—Ex. The third day's vote showed a total of 1,919 votes cast, with 1,489 for McKinley and Hobart, 327 for Palmer and Buckner, 108 for Bryan and Sewell, and 2 for Lovering and Johnson.

The following is an extract from the Scarlet and Black's account of the Grinnell-Wisconsin game last Saturday: "The story of the game is one with which all are familiar and requires but little space to recount. The Wisconsin team was so evidently the superior to ours, that the impression produced upon the boys is painful to think about. So thoroughly entranced were they that it is the general impression that they are not as yet completely in their right minds. True the absence of Captain Templeton is to some extent accountable, but with the prospects of his returning to the game now no brighter than they were ten days ago, it seems as if the team should soon learn to place a little more reliance in themselves. The ways in which Wisconsin scored her 54 points are too numerous to mention. Lindsay scored Grinnell's only touchdown by capturing the ball on a fumble by Wisconsin and making a 50 yard dash hotly pursued by Atkinson."

Thirty-eight years seems but a short time; and yet, when Knox College, at Galesburg, Ill., commemorated the Lincoln-Douglass debate held at that place in 1858, it was like lifting the veil from ancient history. Washington and Jefferson are such distinctly heroic characters that events with which they were connected are lifted far above the ordinary by virtue of their relation to them. Lincoln's place is assured; nothing can touch him further. The significance of the event lies in the universal acceptance of Lincoln as the foremost political character of the country. The tablet in the walls of Knox College emphasizes the lesson of Lincoln's career—that honesty and integrity, both of thought and action, are the only foundations upon which even a politician can securely build for the future. Lincoln declined the advice of expediency, and placed himself bluntly and squarely upon the side of righteousness. It is a lesson worth the giving and worth the learning in these times.—Ex.

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In the past few practice games there have scarcely been enough men to line up against the Varsity team. This may be accounted for in several ways, and it is certain that there are no cogent reasons for such a state of affair. We must not think that because our eleven so well defended Old Gold in Monday's game that there is nothing to do but to witness their triumphs through the remainder of the foot ball season. We do not retract one iota from the excellent work of the team in the past games, when we say that there is yet much room for improvement. In order that this end may be accomplished a strong "scrub" team should be opposed to them every afternoon. There should be at least three times as many men in uniforms on the field every afternoon. Then there would be greater competition and necessarily harder work for places on the team, there would be a greater number from which to choose, and the Varsity team would not be handicapped by inefficient practice games. The Nebraskan, in a recent issue, very aptly says:

"The discouraging prospects of our foot ball team has resulted in one advantage. The continual urging has brought out men who have heretofore confined themselves too closely to their studies—both for their own good and the good of the team. Their presence on the practice field is of a two-fold advantage. The team has not only been strengthened to a considerable degree, but the standard of the scholarship of the foot ball team as a whole has been raised. If this is continued, there will not be nearly so much complaint on the part of the faculty when the time for a good long trip is at hand."

We must not be over-confident about winning the two remaining games in the league series. Both Missouri and Nebraska are putting forth their utmost efforts to have representative teams and we may rest assured that the Nebraska boys will do some hard work between now and Thanksgiving.

Another reason that may be assigned for the scarcity of candidates is that many become too easily discouraged and are not willing to do the

work necessary to make the team. Those students who have been here for the past few years know the faithful, persistent work that Hobbs, Iverson and others on the Varsity team have done on the gridiron since they entered the University. Some of them worked for years before they gained a place on the team. Hetzel is another man who has shown great perseverance, and if every man who is able to take a part in this line of athletics, would show the same pluck and perseverance, we would not lack for candidates for the team. It is a well known fact that the men on the eastern teams have to work from three to five years before gaining the positions they have striven so hard for. There is another thing that should be remembered. The personell of the team is at no time fixed and certain. We know enough of the management of our team to know that a "pull" will avail a man nothing; they desire the best man for the place. We recognize that this is a subject often harped on; but it is our intention to work for the welfare of our University, and we sincerely believe that renewed interest must be shown on the part of the student-body if we have a successful eleven this season.

The Kansas game has been played and won. We are one step on the way to victory in the Western League, our coach has proved himself worthy of all the confidence we placed in him, and finally our athletic treasury has been substantially replenished. Over these facts as students, alumni and friends of the University, we rejoice. Still it seems necessary to remark upon certain events connected with the game which are, to say the least, very unpleasant.

As one of the foremost institutions of higher learning in the west, we are, or should be, very anxious that upon our athletic grounds friend and stranger shall share alike; that justice, respect and honor be cheerfully accorded him to whom it is due. Words cannot express the contempt that respectable students should feel toward any man who attends a game merely to bray from the side lines such attempts of encouragement to his team as: "slug 'em," "kill 'em," and kindred phrases which no gentleman would ever utter, in the presence of ladies at least. No matter how unkindly another university may have treated our team in the past, we should remember that upon the athletic field of S. U. I. gentlemen contest with gentlemen, and that a stranger, though he come from Kansas, Grinnell or elsewhere, is there entitled to respect and justice. If he prove himself unworthy of these, let him be retired from the game. For the hearty support and encouragement which they received during the game the team are very grateful. But such utterances as we have alluded to above are neither inspiring or decent. True, most of the crowd did not do this, but a certain few, perhaps fifty, on both sides of the field seemed to think they were doing "something smart" by such conduct. We wish to assure the Kansas team that the student body of S. U. I., as heartily as they themselves, condemn all such acts.

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cago Thursday.

Sigma Nus initiated Consigny, '00,
Saturday night.

A large number of students have
gone home to vote.

Many of the voters received their
passes this morning.

Ellis, 1900, spent a few days this
week at his home in Vinton.

Judge M. J. Wade was in Greene,
Iowa, yesterday, on business.

University buildings are all closed
to-day on account of no steam.

Season tickets to the lecture course
are now on sale at the book stores.

Leonard C. Rinard, S., was initiated
into Beta fraternity Thursday even-
ing.

Harl Myers, L. '05, of Chicago, is
spending a few days with University
friends.

The literary society programs for
Friday evening were postponed on ac-
count of election.

Mr. C. W. E. Snyder, of the Law
department is enjoying a visit from
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our students the past week.

Professor B. Shimek has made an
excellent reputation as an expounder
of "sound money" doctrines this cam-
paign.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma frater-
nity will give a Hallow'e'en party,
Saturday evening, at the home of Mrs.
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Miss Beulah MacFarland and Miss Helen Larrabee went Friday morning to the latter's home at Clermont, to remain until Tuesday.

Walter M. Davis, C. '95, has made many sound money speeches for McKinley, in this and adjoining counties, the past few weeks.

The question to be discussed at the Hesperian Debating Annex is as follows: "Resolved, that the electoral college should be abolished."

The young men's meeting Sunday afternoon, at Close Hall, will be led by Mr. G. G. Fitz, M. '98. All men are invited. Remember the time, 4 o'clock.

Every Law student should read the excellent address delivered by Chancellor McClain, before the American Bar Association, which was held at Saratoga last August.

Polygon held its initiation service Thursday evening, the following members being received: Miss Hughes and Professor Potter, honorary, and Misses Preston, Page and Richardson, and Messrs. Mosnat and Switzer, active.

The devotional meeting of the Y. W. C. A. next Sunday afternoon will be devoted to a report of the Geneva Conference, by Miss Mildred Myers. This will be an interesting talk. All ladies are cordially invited.

The Scarlet and Black had this to say of Monday's game: "The State University team defeated the Kansas State University team at Iowa City. No scoring was done until the last few minutes of the play, when Holbrook scored on a fake play, after a thirty-five yard run. Captain Templeman and Lynde, '96, saw the game, and they both agree that S. U. I. has a very strong team. Their line averages something like 189 pounds, and the backs are all heavy men. They play hard foot ball from the start to the finish of the game, and will be a hard team to defeat."

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