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EDITORIAL

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

During the past football season an average of twenty-five men were on Mackay Field every evening participating in the football workouts. The number of men who take exercise daily in the Y. M. C. A. is so small as to be negligible. Nevada has approximately two hundred and twenty-five men registered. The outstanding conclusion is that from the standpoint of physical fitness, of the male student body, the university is securing mighty small returns on its investment running into a hundred thousand dollars for athletic purposes. The conclusion is still more evident when it is realized that the men who footb playall are in most cases individuals who need exercise in a lesser degree than the remainder of the men students; they are the most physically fit in the student body.

The fundamental aim of college athletics is to give men the finest possible physical equipment and development. Out of this aim intercollegiate contests have grown, adding a variety to what otherwise might become drab work, and giving opening possibilities for the cultivation of local college loyalty. But when the development of a team becomes the primary aim and the physical development of nine-tenths of the student body is neglected, to say the least "there is something wrong in Denmark."

Roughly speaking, the individual man may be classified into three parts, mind, body and spirit. The relations of these three are those of an organic unity. If one is weakened, or lacks development, the others fail to function as efficiently as if the weak member was strong. In other words, for the purpose of our argument given two men with equally good brains the man who is equipped with a good body will outrun the fellow with the good brain and weak body.

These statements are so evident that they demand no argument, and yet the university is not following the argument to its logical conclusion. The urgent need is for a system that will place the importance of bodily fitness in a higher position than it now occupies. We are not concentrating enough attention on the question of student physical fitness to achieve satisfactory results.

The university needs a man to concentrate his entire time to caring for the physical condition of the average man without any thought of developing a team. In addition to a coach, we need a physical director whose sole business will be to direct gymnasium classes, to care for under-developed men and secure a higher average ability to resist disease and accomplish work.

We venture to hazard a guess that if every man in the university were required to take an hour's exercise and a shower daily the scholastic average of the university would increase by at least several per cent.

The initiation of such a system would prove, in part at least, the salvation of our deplorable situation in intercollegiate athletics, for, a number of men facing the alternative of gym or football would choose a real sport instead of inside work.

Nevada faces an unusually difficult situation in lack of physical development on the part of many of her men and the smallness of the student body. Because of these difficulties the necessity will arise sooner or later of spending more money in the payment of men skilled in athletic training to offset the disadvantages incident to a sparsely settled state. We cannot take ordinary measures, for we do not face an ordinary situation; we must take extraordinary means to meet an extraordinary situation.

STUDENT MARKSMANSHIP LACKING IN ACCURACY

Conditions Approximately Those of Battle Line Show Need of Training in Use of Infantry Rifle

Conforming to the plans of the war department to give second year men a more advanced character of training in the military department. Company A of the battalion under Captain Melarkey has been engaging in target practice during the past week. Ten rounds of ammunition were used to each man, and the company formed

in skirmish line on the hill back of the university. The targets were of card board 16 by 30 inches, at a range of 200 yards. Although the results were modified somewhat by the coldness of the weather and the obsolete type of rifle, low temperature frequently handicaps troops, and the defects of the rifles were more than offset by freedom from opposing fire. The best score was made by Corporal Wooster's squad who scored six hits out of eighty. Corporal Willard's squad came next with five out of eighty. Evidently the continuation of target practice would result in an increased battle efficiency for the university battalion.

OLD NEWSPAPER FILES UNEARTHED

Daily Incidents of Exciting Territorial Life Prove Interesting Reading for Historical Student

Those who are interested in the historical and political development of Nevada find a mine of fascinating material in the files of old newspapers in the university library. There is a complete bound edition of the lamented Daily Territorial Enterprise from 1876 to this year, first files of the Gold Hill Daily News, and other pioneer newspaper which vividly portray the life and spirit of the early days. The modest make-up of the old newspapers, with its inconspicuous headlines and lack of display advertising is its most noticeable feature. The large amount of solid reading matter and the real literary ability displayed in its editorial columns also form a decided contrast to the transient character of the modern newspaper. The Enterprise, on whose staff flourished some of the ablest of American journalists, furnishes evidence that history repeats itself. From an editorial in the issue of January 1, 1876, entitled "Our Border Troubles," these phrases, picked out at random, lead to the inference that there is nothing new in the Mexican situation. "The outrages along the Mexican border are of a nature hard to be borne; endurance has ceased to be a virtue, and it is high time that something was done to protect the lives and property of American citizens.

The politics of 1876, the year of the bitter Hayes-Tilden contest, are also reflected in the pages of the Enterprise. Party feeling reached an even more frenzied pitch than it does today and around election time its political comment reached the height of editorial eloquence. Republican rallies at Piper's opera house, frequent reference to Tweed and Tamany, and even the exposition of a co-called land-grab, give the papers of this period a decidedly modern tone. As chronicles of the early history of the state, these old papers are far more illuminating than any textbook ever written.

WARNER MAKES PITTSBURG

An interesting commentary upon the ability of strong coaching to make a winning football team exists in the case of Glenn Warner, now coach of Pittsburg, and formerly of Carlisle. Five years ago when Warner was at Carlisle, the Indians were frequently championship contenders. Now they are misplaced by Pittsburg, who for the last two years has possessed one of the strongest teams in the country, while Carlisle demands no more than passing notice.

FROSH SCORED FREAK TOUCH-DOWN

According to a recent issue of the Daily Californian giving the following account, the safety awarded the freshmen in the first quarter was in reality a touchdown:

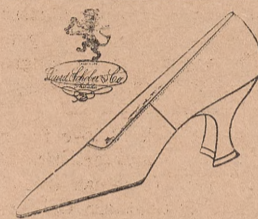
Colifornia drove the ball down to the 1-yard line, where the Babes lost it on downs. From behind the goal line, Nevada kicked. The boot was a failure. The ball was shot to one side, striking the ground at the intersection of the goal and sideline and going out of bounds. The rules give the opposing team the ball at the place it goes out of bounds, while a touchdown is scored if any part of the ball touches, is on or over the goal line, therefore it was a touchdown for California.

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GERMAN STUDENT'S ATTITUDE REVEALED

Professor Maxwell Adams Receives Letters From Freshmen at University of Gottingen, Telling

ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT

Young Officer With Verdun Regiment Refers to His Section of Line in Vivid, Striking, Terms

Professor Maxwell Adams of the chemistry department has recently received a striking letter from a young German officer whose acquaintance he made while studying several years ago at the University of Gottingen.

In the Bloody Test—Hell Hole of Salon.

My Dear Professor: I received your last letter about 1 1/2 months ago; in spite of the British blockade, ha, ha!

it has been stated publicly, that we have about 2 1/2 million prisoners of all shapes and colors and nationalities in our camps. (vide photo)

Permit a business question: Do any of you in America know something about artillery firing, called in your dear French friends language "la canonade?"

A good deal of the U. S. made guns are busy now here against us in the duel of about 15,000 guns competing for the record in the so-called "drumming fire"

We see from occasional American papers that the good long-headed Yankees begin to imagine the real and naked truth of this damned war

Anyhow, what's the matter with your friend Woodrow W., has he been vaccinated with the Edward bacillus?

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Your sincere and true friend, OSWALD NUBUER, Stud. Phil." 30, 3, 16.

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In Other Paces

Aggies Are Near-Champs Colorado Aggies and the University of Utah are to fight it out for the Rocky Mountain championship this year.

Bishop Welch of the Methodist church, former president of his Wesleyan, a school of three thousand registration in central Ohio, is responsible for the statement that seventy per cent of the men in "Who's Who in America" are educated in college.

Dancing Club, "Enchiladas" Not knowing what the word "Enchiladas" meant, a girls' dancing club here adopted the word as their official name.

The students at Oberlin were given a quaint ceremony at their chapel when representatives of the unique religious organizations known as the Friends, or Quakers, conducted the chapel work.

Dr. Wiley Approves Latin Although Dr. Harvey W. Wiley is 72 years of age, he appears as a man of 45, and declares that his interest in the classics is keeping him young.

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NEW ARTICLES OF HISTORIC INTEREST

Nevada Historical Society Secures Among Other Relics the Journal of the First Territorial Legislature

The Nevada historical association has recently made some interesting acquisitions which have been accessioned and are now in place in the museum on north Center street.

Several articles have been received from the Panama-Pacific exposition, among which are the registers from the Nevada building and the large canvas from the Southern Pacific building which depicts the Carson Truckee project.

A new case in the museum is filled with the Mayer-Bangs collection of family heirlooms and Indian relics from Fort Halleck.

Capt. Herman Davis has loaned to the society a rifle, with loading-iron and bullet-mould which were picked up on the battlefield of Little Big Horn after the Custer massacre.

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