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Editorial Remarks

An Eastern View.

As a good example of how the east regards the agitation raised against the acceptance of the Rockefeller gift in this state, we quote the following:

Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of the University of Nebraska is a Baptist. It is second nature for college presidents to want money for their institutions. When they are Baptists it is second nature for them to ask Mr. John D. Rockefeller to give it to them. Dr. Andrews did so. Mr. Rockefeller said that he would give two-thirds of \$100,000, if the people of Nebraska would give the balance. Most of that balance has been subscribed, but there is a great outcry in Nebraska about accepting Mr. Rockefeller's money.

The Nebraskans had better take all of Mr. Rockefeller's money they can get. It is excellent money. If they think he has too much, they should not neglect to relieve him of what they can.

If they think that he has been rapacious they should encourage him in liberality. If they think his gains are ill-gotten, they may at least assist in making his disbursements beneficial.

It seems wise to regard Mr. Rockefeller, not as a fellow human creature, but as a mental force, the exercise of which in trade under conditions which have prevailed in this country during the last thirty years has been attended with highly interesting and instructive results. It seems no more expedient to reject his offerings than to throw back into the sea parcels of wreckage cast up after a great storm. Reject nothing, Nebraskans! Fetch ashore all you can. The sea, at once destructive and bountiful, is a part of nature. So is Mr. Rockefeller.—Harper's Weekly.

Few Universities now take part in state oratorical contests. These are in fact mostly confined to denominational colleges, as Universities have become too busy in working out the best methods for debating and public speaking. The Missouri Independent has considerable fault to find in the action of its institution in sending a representative to the state oratorical contest. It condemns the erratic actions of the speakers at such affairs as a farce of first-class order. In fact it considers it fair and proper to protest against the representative chosen going to the place of holding the meeting, as he is not the representative of the school, but of two literary societies. It says that oratory is dead at Missouri and that it makes the artificial, not the natural speaker. It takes the stand that the man chosen must go as a representative of a literary society and not the University. We believe that Missouri is right in this matter, and oratory as displayed in elocutionary contests is dead in most state institutions. Of course no one can object if the smaller denominational schools see fit to continue it, but in larger institutions debating and public speaking have practically crowded it out.

The Wisconsin game marks the end of the basket ball season, which was on the whole satisfactory and successful. The team's list of victories has more than balanced its defeats, as there is a good margin on the credit side of the ledger. Basket ball is one of the most healthful pastimes known to athletes and calls into play the muscles of the body more generally than any other game. The game is a good one, and deserves better support and encouragement here, although the results this year have been more satisfactory than in former years.

The abandonment of the western trip and the bringing of the season to a close narrowed the chances for our team's increasing its margin of victories, for on the western trip Nebraska has always made her opponents suffer. But the lack of realization of the possibility of the team here is compensated for the creditable manner in which it closed the season and by the importance of the victory gained.

The Sophomores and Freshmen will settle the interclass basket ball championship tonight. Neither side is at all desirous of seeing the other victorious, and this lack of generosity may lead to a vigorous contest for the honors. The Freshmen have a good record to round out, while the Sophomores are anxious to retain the honors that they won with such difficulty last year. All zealous classmen as well as a good representation of University people should come and view the excitement.

A knock on sweaters is forthcoming from the health inspectors of New York City, who claim that they are injurious to all who wear them. It is said that boys have contracted colds and severe illness through wearing sweaters. Yet it will be some time before precautions will be taken here against the use of them; for any Nebraska man is willing to run the risk of wearing a sweater, especially when it has an "N" on the front of it.

The honor system is being quite thoroughly tried at some of our neighboring institutions to the east. The need for such a system at many places is apparent and the theory is right, but all do not report equal success. The main trouble seems to be the unwillingness of students to inform on each other when there comes a case in hand.

Delian Program at Settlement.

The Delians gave a program, assisted by the children, at the college settlement last Friday evening. The auditorium was filled with a bright, noisy, enthusiastic throng.

Miss Dally opened the program with a piano solo. Miss Mathews gave the next number, a reading, entitled, "The Story of a Toad." A vocal solo was rendered by Mr. Vasey, "Anchored," in such a manner as to require an encore.

Mr. Bates then entertained the children by a "Pillow Fight" and gave "Calling the Kids in the Morning," in response to a hearty call for more.

Mr. Vasey then sang a solo entitled "Eyes of Blue," which called forth much favorable comment.

Miss Wirth, president of the society, presided and at the close made a few well chosen remarks.

The entertainment was a marked success and the children lingered as if waiting for more.

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