

With the exception of the advertisements, the following is the entire contents of the last issue of the Hesperian

RACHEL.
"And Herod killed all the children that were in Bethlehem."
My arms are empty,
See, when I roll the linen
Back from my elbows' whiteness,
One blue vein
Within the hollow,
There I feel the pressure
Where a dead cheek has been.
My arms are empty,
See, no harm can follow
Now if I drop them idly
Straight at my side
Or lift them high to ease the pain that smother
Here where the first-born died,
ANNIE PREY.

A FEW IDEAS ON "CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS."

In the "Captains Courageous," Kipling is giving evidence of ability to handle a new environment, and a new type of character. Having proved his title to sovereignty in the jungle, the barracks, and the battle fields of boaters and men he comes to a coast of our own country—a type of men less brute and more human.

His seizure of the new province,—of the atmosphere, the sky and air and habits of the sea which have shaped the type of men who sail the fishing schooners of Gloucester is wonderful. Familiarly with the home speech, the words and turns of phrase as native as the sea-fog to the Gloucester fisherman, is one of the smallest ways in which his mastery is asserted. He has taken the reader with him, in the rush of the first onslaught, before we well know what has happened. We rise and work and lie down and sleep with the young seamen in spite of ourselves; and we have pulled in cod, split their sides and carved their backbones for years,—though we may never have seen a schooner, or a salt sea wave.

We dance over the ground swells with Disko or Long Jack at the wheel; and we can hear the taut ropes strain and the rudder groan as the little "We're Here!" surges through the steaming crests.

That Disko knows his little craft and her caprices, is as plain to see as the spili of his control which is in evidence at all times.

Tom Platt and Long Jack are men of no mean strength; but we see they are children in the hands of Disko when he is thinking of "cod," and as for the young whelp from New York, he knows his master for the first time in his pampered life.

With Dan for his teacher and chum, and with the drudgery which is "too dirty for the men to do" he is doing more working and thinking than he would have done in a thousand years at home with his two hundred dollars a month pin-money and his mother to coddle him when he whined.

The tradition and superstition and faith, the essential life and feeling of these men, are marvelously realized to us. The incident of "Skipper Ireson's Ride" and the feeling of fishing folk along the coast concerning Whittier's mistaken judgments, is in point. For the first time perhaps, this long protest has been voiced openly and loudly.

The indifference to death so marked in these fishermen is a characteristic that becomes significant when we remember that during some years, Gloucester has lost more men by sea than she lost on the battle field in the same length of time, between Sixty-one and Sixty-five, though she sent several thousand men to war. In one great storm, some eighty odd men were lost from her fishing fleet.

How Kipling seizes upon and appropriates these essential characteristics, it is not easy to say. Certain it seems, that along with wonderful, indefatigable energy of observation, a certain unerring instinct guides him. He has a strange power that supplies as some minds before him have supplied, evolutions of years from a single print in the sand at his feet. Greater still, in his province of literature, while he does not seem to waste much sympathy on his characters, he so marks out the vital points that we must read a history between the lines.

R. S. Hunt is visiting in Fremont this week.

Mr. Larson a former student, has returned to the university.

E. A. More will lead the Y. M. C. A. devotional meeting Sunday afternoon.

Prof. Caldwell wishes us to announce that American History II is open to any university student.

The Misses Dora Auman and Maud Atkinson will entertain a number of their friends this evening.

Mr. McMichael led the Y. M. C. A. meeting last Sunday afternoon. At the close of the meeting the membership of the association was increased by three.

Company A held its annual reception at Phi Delta Theta rooms last Friday evening. Drill matters were discussed. Considerable interest in competitive drill was manifested. It is putting it mildly to say the boys enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

The executive committee of the Nebraska state oratorical association met at the university last Saturday. The committee is composed of W. H. Huiz of Doane, C. W. Taylor of the university and E. W. Ellis of Doane. Judges on manuscript and delivery were selected. The state contest will be held at Lincoln March 26.

At a called meeting of the university oratorical association last Saturday the following pro tem officers were elected: president R. H. Graham; vice-president, L. V. Patch; secretary-treasurer, C. W. Taylor; J. P. Cameron, J. E. Pearson, O. H. Allen, G. E. Kinder and R. C. Roper were elected delegates to the state association. C. W. Taylor, J. P. Cameron and O. W. Meier were constituted a committee to revise the constitution of the local association.

S. L. Q. ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The Senior, Lehmer and Quaintance oratorical contest of the Union society will be given in the chapel this (Friday) evening. The prizes are ten and fifteen dollars. Everyone is invited to the following program: Piano solo - Oro Howard; Oration, "Capital Punishment, Should be Abolished" - J. P. Cameron

Vocal solo - Amber Barnaby
Oration, Municipal Reform - G. E. Hager
Vocal solo - H. S. Evans
Oration, "Fun" - W. G. Kinton
Whistling solo - D. N. Lehmer
Admission free.

POLITICAL ECONOMY CLUB LECTURE.

Rev. W. D. P. Bliss will lecture before the Political Economy club in the chapel next Thursday evening February 4.

Mr. Bliss is a widely known exponent of Christian Socialism. He is returning from the Pacific coast and on his way is giving lectures in the principal cities of the west. He believes that co-operation cannot be brought about between employer and employed in a purely economic way, but must be on ethical and christian lines also. From experience he is convinced that civilization needs a new social order based on a christian spirit of fraternity and co-operation.

Mr. Bliss has something worth hearing. He is one of the country's closest students of labor and social movements, as well as one of the clearest and most pleasing lecturers. The political economy club is fortunate in securing him to address the students of the university and people of Lincoln.

Dr. C. E. Bessey will deliver a lecture on the "Evolution of the Vegetable Kingdom," at Grinnell, Ia., Feb. 12.

COLLEGE OF LAW NOTES.

Several of the legislators called on Dean Reese this week to get his assistance in the interpretation of the state constitution. The dean is able to give assistance as he was one of the framers of that instrument of government.

J. D. Smith, Chas. Mousel and E. E. Placock, law students had a narrow escape Tuesday morning. They were rooming in the Lansing-Hall block which suffered damage from fire that evening. The boys discovered the fire about 12:30 when it was under good headway. They escaped with an abbreviated outfit of clothing.

President Mousel of the Senior class says that the prospects for the success of the Senior Annual are most flattering. D. J. Flaherty, the business manager of the Annual concurs in this view.

A number of Palladians went skating Thursday evening.

There was a party at Miss Hagey's Thursday evening.

J. E. Miller will not be in the university the second semester.

Mr. Baldrige was able to attend classes this week after a severe attack of quincy.

Miss Flora Bullock has been confined to her room during the past week with grip.

W. W. Funk will not be in the university the next semester. He expects to teach in Gage county.

Dr. C. E. Bessey has been re-appointed chairman of the state committee on college requirements. The other members of the committee are: Prof. Lowe of Wesleyan and President Reese of York college. The purpose of this committee is to distinguish between schools and institutions properly called colleges or universities.

An effort is being made to have the regents furnish books to the students at cost. The state statutes provide that the regents should do this. Why shouldn't they?

The January Forum contains an article on inter-collegiate debating by Prof. Ringwalt of Columbia. He thinks inter-collegiate debating contests have come to stay. He urges as a reason, the fact that the student's experience as a debater is practical, and will be useful to him in after life. Prof. Ringwalt is right.

Harvard is seriously considering the question of starting a college infirmary. The plan is to impose a \$5.00 tax on all the members of the university. All would then be entitled to the best medical treatment without additional cost. The success of this experiment will be watched with eagerness by many, who are advocating the adoption of a similar plan here in our own university.

The coming semester will naturally be better than the one just past. The different departments have the experience of the first semester to work upon. They can take that which has proven beneficial and improve upon it while that which has proven to be unsuccessful can be dropped. Again the students have become better acquainted with each other, with J. A. Barrett lectured before the Omaha their work, and can work to better advantage. The true university spirit is shown in the fact that so many departments are offering new courses in which students just entering may take up; thus allowing those who have been kept from school the first semester, to enter and pursue work to their own advantage. There are a few events that every student looks forward to with much delight. One of these is Charter-day, when the whole university is turned over to the inspection of the public. Another is the hope that the lectures in the Chancellor's course may be continued. There is still another phase that every student is or at least should be interested in, and that is the appropriation by the legislature. Every student should consider it his duty to give any and all the information he possesses with regard to the work and necessities of the institution.

Despite all these special events the student should not forget to endeavor to do better work, both in his study room and in the class room. Then, on the first day of June next, he will certainly feel that this has been one of the most profitable semesters in his college career.

The faculty is to be congratulated on the new system of examination. It is just what we have needed all these years and strange it has not been thought of before. It does away with the confusion of uniting divisions in large examination rooms, which has been so embarrassing heretofore. The new scheme besides having many favorable points makes a conflict impossible. To be sure the instructors are obliged to make out extra examination questions, but what is that

as compared with the many advantages to both students and instructors.

PALLADIAN PROGRAM.

Piano solo - Phillip Hudson
Paper - Saddle Smith
Recitation - Ella Leonard
Instrumental solo - Kate Walker
Paper - L. C. Smith
Lake District of England Mary Tremaine
Vocal solo - Ethel Galley
Debate—Resolved that co-education in our colleges is desirable. Aff. A. E. Henry. Neg. H. B. Stewart.

The petitioned meeting of the oratorical association was an interesting and enthusiastic one. It was decided by a strong majority for the university to remain in the state association. If there were any possibility of forming an association with several of the state institutions around us, it would be advisable for us to withdraw from the association of which we are a member. It seems impossible for us to form any such relation now, and the only thing for us to do is to remain in the state association. If we should withdraw with nothing to substitute, the local contest would be a farce, and what little interest there is in oratorical matters would cease. Wesleyan we understand, wishes to re-enter the association, and with a little judicious work we might bring back some of the old time enthusiasm in oratory. There is a place for oratory in the university of Nebraska and with that place a most noticeable need. We have thus far, held our own in debate but we predict that we shall hardly be so successful in the future unless we try to make our address pleasing as well as logical. Let us awake to our needs, revive the lagging interest in oratorical contests, and prove that we intend to talk tolerably as well as logically.

The Ladies faculty club will give a reception in the art rooms of the library building Saturday evening, January 20.

Four committees, two from each branch of the legislature, inspected the mechanical laboratories last Wednesday. That department hopes to get an appropriation for a new building.

The Political economy club met Thursday evening and elected the following officers: President, E. B. Perry; vice-president, C. E. Cooper; secretary, R. P. Teale. J. A. Maguire, G. H. Thomas and Mr. Hunter were elected to membership on the executive committee.

The junior class met last Thursday and elected the following officers: president, Miss Schwartz; vice-president, Mr. Belknap; secretary, Mr. Hendy; treasurer, Miss Sadie Smith; sergeant at arms, Mr. Bischoff. The vote on president and vice-president was close. But in both cases the Greek carried off the honors.

THE UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB.

If the university has reason to be proud of any of her student organizations it has of the Glee club. The club has been organized for four years and it is reasonable to suppose is better this year than any previous year, although only two of the present members belonged to the first club.

Prof. Kimball took charge of the club as manager and conductor, the first of the year. To his earnest efforts and the faithful work on the part of members the present proficiency is due.

Last week the club made its first public appearance for this year, singing in Nebraska City and Peru, on the 22, and 23 respectively. The trip was a very successful and enjoyable one. Their singing and conduct was appreciated by every one and did not fail to make friends for the university. The club expects to make a ten days' trip through the principal towns of the state in the near future. The membership of the club is as follows: First tenors: Messrs. Davis, Burks, and Evans; second tenors: Whedon, Whitney, Lansing and Kenagy; first basses: Messrs. Langworthy, Porter, Reedy and Prescott; second basses: Messrs. Gill-spie, Lehnhoff, Norton and Mueller; manager and conductor, Prof. Willard Kimball.

Company B will enjoy a hop this (Friday) evening at the Lansing hall.

J. W. Seaton will have charge of a reading circle at Elmwood, beginning with next week.

The fourth recital of the school of music was given Wednesday evening. The lower part of the chapel was filled by an appreciative audience. This recital shows improvement over the others and with the exception of some awkward appearances on the stage, the hearers seemed well pleased.

CHASE AND WHEELER CONTEST.

The revival of interest in oratory was plainly shown in the number that turned out to the Chase and Wheeler contest in the chapel last Saturday evening. Although the weather was extremely inclement, the chapel was comfortably filled.

Prof. Hagenow opened the program with a violin solo.

Mr. R. C. Roper was the first contestant. He took for his subject, "The Author Hero of the Revolution." Mr. Roper's oration was a eulogy of Thomas Paine as the patriot and author-hero of the revolution. Mr. Roper was self possessed, and his delivery was deliberate. He presented his subject clearly and forcibly.

"Great Battles" was the subject of an oration by Mr. J. H. Boose. Mr. Boose showed very careful training and was exceedingly easy on the stage. He entered into the spirit of his oration, having almost perfect delivery.

The next number was a duet by Misses Smalls and Redford. They responded to an encore.

Miss Rena Alderman took as her oration "The Red Color." She showed that the needs of the hour were generally considered rather than the needs of the future. Miss Alderman's production was literary in the highest sense of the term. She sang and acted perfectly in the one and in the pleasing manner with which

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she presented her subject, carried her hearers with her.

The piano solo by Miss Kate Joyce was well rendered and heartily applauded.

Mr. W. J. Hunting was the last contestant. He spoke on "England's Crime Against China." His discourse showed careful study and research. He was deliberate and clear. But to be candid he lacked the force that his production demanded. While waiting for the decision of the judges, the Y. M. C. A. glee club favored the audience with several selections.

The judges awarded Mr. Roper first place, and Miss Alderman second place. The meeting then adjourned to the reception in Palladian hall.

EXCHANGE.

A bill has been recently introduced in the Georgia legislature, to prohibit playing of football in that state.

The chapel services at Cornell are so interesting that seats have to be reserved for the students on account of the large attendance.—EX.

Seventeen out of the twenty-seven belonging to the students' congress at the university of California have decided that co-education is not desirable.

The junior class of Michigan university are arranging to publish this year the most elaborate Michiganian ever issued by the junior class of that university.

A recent issue of the Nebraska Wesleyan, contains a vigorous, pointed editorial on the subject of Wesleyan's re-entering the state oratorical association. Wesleyan is still firmly convinced that there is a place for oratorical contests as well as for joint debates.

Greater interest is manifest this year than ever before, in the university of Kansas concerning the inter-collegiate debate with Nebraska. Active preparation for the annual contest to be held at Lawrence about the first of May have already begun.

HINBY'S RETREAT

Robber's Roost?—Password, "Mum."

Man wants but little here below
But wants that little bad, J. A. Maguire.

If one and all would wear a shawl
The needless deaths were fewer,
I wish I had a green Scotch plaid
Like that of "Prof" Barbour.
That barbarous game, football must go.
The bull fight is abhorred.
Our basket ball and "shinny" too
Are far too rough and rude.
The bloody duel we must forbear—
No more we'll scalp the freshmen rare;
But we will study human nature
In the game bill in the legislature.

A VERITABLE SAMSON.

The sophomores have a president
Since Hawxy cut his hair,
Prof. Peterson's a resident.
Since Hawxy cut his hair,
The world seems greatly widened now
Since Hawxy cut his hair.
The faculty have had no row
Since Hawxy cut his hair.
Athletic debts grow bigger, too
Since Hawxy cut his hair.
Confusion rends the Maxwell crew
Since Hawxy cut his hair.
Now Corey lets his whiskers grow
Since Hawxy cut his hair.
And there are things that I don't know
Since Hawxy cut his hair.

I go to English Lit. an hour
And down to Psych awhile
And then I take about a week
The two to reconcile.

WE ENVY YOU.

I'd skip my classes all I please
And half my work I'd drop;
It wouldn't make a bit of diff.
If father were a Pop.
I'd work the profs. as smooth as oil
And skip through like a mouse,
And come to class just once a week,
If "dad" were in the house.
I'd show the Chance I had a pull
On Omaha or Bennett;
And get my A. B. right away
If pa were in the senate.
I'd get my Ph. D. next June
And study never more
And thank my pull and patron saint
If "dad" were governor.

LADIES' FACULTY REFINERY.

I haven't been out to a single reception
Since I've been in the old Uni.
But I've had to miss pleasures right in
their inception.
And to dig as the days passed by,
But on Saturday night I will don the
best clothes
I can borrow from any kind friend.
With Hollingsworth's smile and Pink-
erton's pose
A real pleasant evening I'll spend.
Perhaps after that I won't be such a
grind,
When my Western culture becomes more
refined.

A reception to all the students in every college and school of the university will be given by the Ladies' faculty club on Saturday evening, January 20, from eight to half past ten o'clock in the art room, library building. All students are cordially invited.

Misses Martha Bassett and Cora Barrett entertained the Buffalo and Custer county students last Saturday evening.

Next Saturday the Pall. boys will debate the question, "Resolved that the college students should elect their studies." Affirmative, D. M. Garber and B. R. Gorden; negative, H. O. Sutton and C. W. Taylor.

Captain Gullfoyle was unable to attend to his duties Monday
Unity club Monday evening.

The senior caps and gowns will be donned the first of next semester.

A. R. Congdon is spending the week at his home in Weeping Water.

Among the seniors who will not be in school next semester are Miss Atkinson, Miss Case and G. H. Rose.

The electrical engineers meet this Saturday evening. All freshmen and sophomores in that course are requested to come out and help push the exhibit along.

The sophomores met last Friday and elected the following officers: president; Mr. Hawxy; vice-president, Miss Randall; secretary, Miss McFarland; treasurer, S. B. Sloan; sergeant at arms, the retiring president, P. A. Morse. A. B. Garringer was elected as representative of the class in the new athletic movement. By an almost unanimous vote the class decided to get out an annual next year.

THE LUNCHEON ROOM.

The proprietors of the university luncheon room announce that they are better prepared than ever to serve strictly home made goods with convenience to all. A sample bill of fare is:

Soup	5 cents
Oysters, one dozen	30 cents
Oysters, one half dozen	10 cents
Plum pudding	5 cents
Bandwich	3 cents
Bread and butter	2 cents
Coffee, tea or cocoa	4 cents
Milk	3 cents
Two Joughnuts	2 cents
Pie	5 cents