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The university is so fortunate, this year, as to have in prospect two annuals, the Senior class book and the fifth volume of the Sombbrero. Those in charge of both are apparently very active and the indications are that both will be thoroughly representative and creditable volumes. A kindly reception should be accorded them, for they are enterprises well worthy the support of every one.

The local oratorical contest will be held in the chapel next Friday night. This is a really important event and merits the hearty support of every student. It is important because it is at this time that the university's representative to the state contest will be chosen. It is important that we should have an especially strong man this year because the winner of the state contest will represent Nebraska in the interstate contest to be held in Lincoln this year. Do not fail to make your plans so that you can be present next Friday evening to encourage those who are striving for oratorical honors.

A little more hard work on the part of some of those, who are interested in athletics, would not be amiss. The debt standing against the athletic board will not raise itself, nor will students be likely to hunt up some eager person, with whom to record a subscription. Something should be done. If a mass meeting is not feasible, at least an organized canvass of the students should be made. Let twenty young men, who are rustlers be got, ten together, with some one as leading spirit among the twenty, and that little debt can be raised in a week. The Nebraskan will not believe there are not patriotic students enough, willing to give 50 cents or one dollar each, to pay off this apparently everlasting debt.

Harvard University has established a system of retiring allowances for those professors, who have reached a certain age in the service of the college. This is certainly a step in the right direction. It is only justice to those, who have spent the best years of their lives in the service of an institution, and usually most unselfishly, that their old age should be provided for. Men of such abilities cannot well afford to run the risk of some day being left with their families unprovided for, when had they turned their attention to business, they could have accumulated a fortune, perhaps. It is to be hoped that other institutions will find it possible to follow the example of Harvard.

Kansas has had her state oratorical contest and has chosen Northrop of the Kansas Wesleyan University to represent her in the interstate contest, which is to be held in Lincoln in the spring. The Kansas State University took third place, while Baker University ranked second. According to the Kansas University Weekly there was rivalry of the most atrocious sort. It is usually expected that men, who play foot ball, will come out of hard games with some bruises. But usually the spectators are safe. From this Kansas oratorical contest, however, one man, not a contestant, returned with "a deep gush in his head." The Kansas University is said to have "fought a good fight—against the combined hosts of Methodists from B. U. and Baptists from O. N. assisted by bootblacks, policemen, draymen and the city of Ottawa." Two delegations returned home on a same train and

when one left the train at the home station, "some of the gentlemen with big clubs invited us out on the platform," the writer explains. Then they threw snow balls and clods into the windows that were open and ended by putting a rock through one of the window panes." Kansas college students seem to be learning well of their legislative friends who, only a few years ago, attained so much fame by bombarding the capitol building at Topeka.

## SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

Grace Reynolds and Joan Martin have accepted an invitation to sing at an entertainment in Peru next week. John Randolph read a paper before the Folk Lore society on "Negro Songs and Traditions," at its last meeting. The society is a newly organized affair but will soon be united with the national society of that name. Dean Edgren is the leader and it promises to be a success.

The stringed quartet has returned from the Black Hills and reports a great success. The people were much interested in music and have a high opinion of the work in the school of music. In one or two places standing room was at a premium.

The Glee club also which is the pride of most universities was heard with much pleasure on Charter day. In many of the eastern institutions it is encouraged and maintained by the funds from the alumni and other friends of the university, while here it has received no support except such as has been secured from the members themselves or from the director of the School of Music.

It is a remarkable fact that two of the six or seven greatest pianists in the world have visited Lincoln this season. Madam Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler whom the world of music has feted and cheered with deafening applause for years was here about a month ago, and not long ago Teresa Carreno came, who for the past twenty years has been in the forefront of pianists of the world and who still retains her lofty place as one of the greatest interpreters of compositions of the masters who has ever lived. Surely Lincoln should be proud of this fact and it is evidence that it is fast becoming a musical center.

## Y. M. C. A. OPENING.

Next Saturday evening there will be a formal opening of the new Y. M. C. A. rooms in the basement of university hall. The rooms have been frescoed and painted during the past few weeks and now with the aid of new pictures and curtains, they make a most attractive place. Special music has been provided for the entertainment Saturday evening and refreshments will be served. All young men invited.

## PLAGIARISM IN IOWA.

Students of the University of Iowa are worked up over a charge of plagiarism in the school. The Vidette Reporter of February has the following: "Members of the literary societies have been much excited over a charge of plagiarism on one of the orations in the contest. It is a grave charge and it is to be hoped that it is not true. The unpleasantness began when a couple of members of the executive committee refused to allow the matter to be submitted to the President according to the rules of the Constitution. But rather than have the subject laid before the student body, the committee has finally reconsidered the subject. This seems the only satisfactory thing to do, for it gives the accused an opportunity of clearing himself. This is the first time that such a charge has been made in many years, and we hope, for the sake of the man and for the university, that a verdict of "not guilty" may be rendered."

Phi Kappa is making arrangements to entertain the district council of their general fraternity during the spring vacation. Delegates from the following schools will be present: University of Iowa, University of Kansas, Leland Stanford, University of Minnesota, University of Wisconsin and Beloit College of Wisconsin.

The March Klote appeared Thursday. It has a new cover of very original design by Clyde Hull and contains stories by Harriet Mossman Cooke, Grace E. Reynolds and George C. Shedd. The poetry is by Prosser Hall Frye and Edwin Ford Piper. No decrease in the high standard set by the previous numbers is noticeable. The yelps are there as usual and of the most unique style.

Numerous applications have been made to the dean of women by publishers who wish to secure the services of young women to represent them at the university and in the state. Miss Orietta Zinser will have charge of the interests of George T. Pearsons of New York, while Miss Isa Ward will introduce into the university a late publication by Sanborn & Co. of Boston, entitled "Students' Books of Days and Birthdays."

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