

THE HESPERIAN believes in freedom, in the utmost tolerance and broadest liberality of action on the part of the university and its authorities. So believing, it would heartily favor the granting of Memorial Hall to the students for dancing purposes. To such action there could be, in the minds of all fair-minded and intelligent persons, no possible objection. It is a course that has been pursued in all the larger denominational universities and has never yet cast the slightest reflection on either the morals or religion of such institutions. Viewed from a standpoint of strict right and wrong there can be no two sides to the question.

But every student in this school is, we believe, the ardent friend and well wisher of the University of Nebraska. There is not one who would wish, by his or her actions, to imperil its hold on the good will of the people of Nebraska, nor its further growth as a great institution of learning. And there is not a student but knows that there exists a very great, unfair, unfounded and unreasoning prejudice, if not hatred, against the University on the part of many estimable citizens of this state, mostly members of church denominations. They have long been inclined to doubt not only the religion, but even the morals of our school. On such grounds they have earnestly fought university appropriations in every session of the legislature.

Now, the question is one of expediency. Dancing in Memorial Hall would give these people the weapon they so long have sought. The partisans of Wesleyan University would ask for nothing better. The outcry that would ensue would be narrow, bigoted, intolerant; we grant it, but it would hurt our university. It would keep students from us. It would injure our chances for an appropriation. Of this there can be no doubt. THE HESPERIAN believes that our patriotic students would rather withdraw a perfectly just and legitimate request than in any way to imperil the well-being of the school. Especially would it be fitting, as

we have it on the very best of authority that their request can by no possibility be granted, for the reasons above stated. Our students are wise, fair-minded and able to see a point whenever made. THE HESPERIAN does not doubt that they will see this one and act accordingly.

THE Kansas-Nebraska debate will be held at the Lansing theatre in just about three weeks from the appearance of this HESPERIAN. The question to be debated is as follows: "Resolved, that the Initiative and Refrendum should be introduced into our form of government, after the manner of the laws of Switzerland." Work on the debate, both at home and in Kansas, has been in progress for some time past, and there is no question but that every nerve will be strained on both sides to win the victory. The debate will be decided by three judges to be chosen by the chancellors of the universities interested. The three Nebraska debaters have an added incentive to thorough preparation in the two prizes offered by Messrs. Manderson and Estabrook, of twenty and ten dollars respectively, to be awarded to the first and second best debaters on the Nebraska side.

That the debate will be a success, and that from a Nebraska standpoint, there can be no question. The redoubtable and unconquerable Ajax Apollo Weaver heads our list of talking machines, and this fact in itself assures a glorious and overwhelming victory. All schools have orators and debaters and declaimers innumerable—Nebraska even more than innumerable for our class meetings, club meetings, conventions, etc. have long since demonstrated that every single individual student in school from E. C. Ames down to Prof. Clarke's justly celebrated Hygiene class, is a well qualified and able orator-debator. But even Nebraska has but one Ajax. And Ajax, Ajax with his unanswerable logic, his heated gestures, his fire flashing eye, his firmament splitting voice, his godly indignation and