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## Inter-State Debates.

The debates are on once more. Debating enthusiasm is at its highest. More men are entered, more zeal is shown, more doubt as to the outcome is manifest than has ever been known in the University. All the seeming difficulties of a few weeks ago have been satisfactorily adjusted. All arrangements as to judges, markings, etc. have been made with a facility hardly to be expected in view of the clashing of individual interests and the numerous interests to be considered. The association is unified, harmonious and strong. Its officers are painstaking, energetic and fair. These considerations lead up to predict the greatest contest in debating ever held within the four walls of the old Uni. No man whatsoever has surety of a place. The chaps who win will know what it means to win a victory against the greatest odds. And the men who fail to make the "final sixteen" can have no cause to bewail the outcome.

## Lieutenant Jackson.

The passing away of Lieutenant Jackson cast a profound gloom over the entire student body. His short time with us and the suddenness of his demise seemed to increase the effect of the news of his death. He had been

with us but a few weeks, but in that brief space he had made a lasting impression upon those with whom he was associated. With all the dignity of a soldier, he had all the graces of a gentleman; with a thorough regard for military rank, he honored the forms of democratic equality. Among all our commandants, he possessed in the greatest degree the elements of the man along with those of the soldier.

To the rare qualities of the executive, he added a calmness of council and a liberality of opinion rarely found among military men. In the person of Lieutenant Jackson, the stalwartness of the soldier but served to express the manliness of the man. The name of the Soldier-Gentleman shall not be soon forgotten by the students of the University of Nebraska.

## The Championship.

The Foot Ball Pennant belongs to Nebraska. The Thanksgiving victory over Iowa gives to our doughty warriors the title of "Champions of the West" beyond the possibility of a doubt. The victory is unprecedented. Missouri was overwhelmed; Kansas was outplayed; Iowa was defeated. Not a score was made against us by any team in the Inter-State League. A comparison of the scores brings out our superiority and plainly demonstrates our right to claim the honors. Our team played clean, legitimate foot ball which renders our victory worth the more and leaves no excuse for grumbling on the part of our opponents. Missouri was not in the best form when we played her team: Kansas came with much blustering and bragging, flushed with her great victory over Iowa; but the test of facts proved her weakness: Iowa put up the hardest game of the three played, her regular men were not injured as in the Kas-Iowa game, she also showed marked improvement in her play and her team as a whole was at its best. Missouri improved prior to the Kas.-Mo. game but her material was not equal to that of Iowa, so her showing against Kansas was not equal to that of Iowa against Nebraska. Judged strictly on their merits there is no doubt of marked superiority over the opposing teams of the League. In every essential of the game our men have shown their skill and aptness and the out-