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Wednesday's weather change demanded the flag emblematic of Piratical Anarchy.

The Board of Regents appropriated seventy five dollars for the purpose of changing the bowling-alley into a baseball cage. This means that the baseball players can soon go to work.

The Chess Club is thriving. New players continually dropping in and strong ones are being developed. We are hoping to hear of good results when the contest with the City Club occurs.

Basket Ball is a growing sport. It is rapidly coming into favor and making a place for itself as an indoor pastime. As winter work it has few equals for the summer athlete cooped up by the rigors of winter.

There is general satisfaction over the election of "Bill" Melford as captain of next years foot-ball team. He has had an experience of three years as center on the team and therefore is not lacking in experience or ability.

For the benefit of the students there should be better heating and ventilating facilities in the library. The air in the large reading room is generally densely foul. On cold days

the alcoves are filled with shivering wretches. Cannot something be done for suffering humanity?

No little praise is due Secretary Hawxby of the local debating association for the success of the first preliminaries. To his efforts was due the large registration; to his influence may be attributed the satisfactory settlement of the judge system. He gave the debates proper newspaper notice and as a result of his work nearly every one, who registered, participated in the contest.

The probabilities are that Wesleyan and Cotner will enter the State Oratorical Association. This will bring the number of Contestants up to six and insure an excellent contest. Competition creates college spirit; this getting together of the State will aid all and cause loss to none. Let a determined effort be made to revive Oratory in the colleges and the next State Contest will be worth the winning. Each local association should be at work preparing for the Annual Meet.

The Law Department has outgrown its present quarters. It needs room. Its clothes don't fit. Its heating facilities are poor, its ventilation the worst, its lighting wholly inadequate. More tables are needed for the use of the students, which amounts to saying that the room is too small. This Department is not a pigmy any more; it is a robust and crowding member. In the language of the worthy Dean; 'we don't propose to lie supinely on our backs hugging the delusive phantom of hope etc.' we want more room.

### Oratory.

Each Society offers a substantial prize in the Society Contests; the Local Association will make a strong effort to pay the prize this year in full; and the State Association is again growing strong with fair prospects of righting itself financially and otherwise. With such inducements in the way of honors and money prizes there should be no lack of contestants in the various Oratorical Contests of the year. If the three Societies will do their part in making their contests successful there need be little doubt of a good interest in Oratory in the University.

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