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President Roper and Secretary Evans deserve no little credit for their work in arousing interest in the state oratorical contest. If a good sized delegation does not accompany our orator to Crete next Friday it will not be their fault. Half rates on the railroad have been secured.

Nearly every debater, of the "invincible nine" is taking, or has taken, work in the department of elocution. This does not merely show their appreciation of the advantage of a proper training in the presentation of argument but the result clearly shows the value of the work done in that department.

Despite the fact that the weather last Saturday afternoon was unfit for both player and spectator there was much in that short game to indicate a successful base ball season. The cranks who braved the cold breeze showed in a no uncertain way their interest in and loyalty to the team. The players, considering that the day was cold and the season is yet early, played better than the most sanguine could expect. The condition of the finances

of the team is now all that could be asked. We are certain to have a strong playing team. The success of the season is no longer in doubt.

When President Schurman named as one of the two dangers to American Universities, the influence of wealth, either public or private, he touched upon a subject at once delicate and important. What the Germans call the "Lehr-Freihist" is dear to every true University man and woman. The spirit of the scholar will have no restriction on thought, no limitation on discussion, no condition imposed on the investigation and finding out of truth. To know the truth is the aim of scholarship, the purpose of all real study. And any restriction, whether it comes from the private opinion of one man or the public opinion of one commonwealth is detrimental in the extreme and not to be palliated or excused.

In the strongest sense the State University is a liberalizer of thought, a potent influence in dispelling error in every field. It takes men of all beliefs and opinions, and corrects and modifies only as they will be corrected or modified; it forces no thing, requires no set opinion, allows the strongest freedom and thus serves the highest and best end of all learning—the finding out of the truth.

Alumni and Former Students.

G. R. Boomer of Beatrice, a former student was visiting his brother J. F. and other University friends this week.

C. D. Schell '91, now principal of a ward school of Beatrice was at the University this week.

Prof. Wolfe will speak on "Child Study" at Kearney April 1st.

G. F. Warren '97 of Minden will have charge of the Science round table at Kearney April 1st.

J. P. Cameron '97, of Tekamah states that he is following several lines of business now. He is teaching school as the main issue, raising hogs and cattle "on the side" and riding bucking bronchos as recreation. John is an energetic young man and the HESPERIAN wishes him success.

Among the Greeks.

A. C. Hesshey spent Sunday with his parents in Beatrice.

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