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Classes may come and classes may go, but class scraps go on forever.

A class scrap is at least a diversion; it takes the prosiness out of these musky days and puts a little poetry into the dull drone of existence. But the victims of the fight? Well, they are the "kernel that falls into the ground and dies." that pleasure and enjoyment may spring up and flourish. 'Tis but an illustration of the 'law of sacrifice.'

Postponing the time for the final examinations nearly a week is unfortunate for no small number of students. While it may be a mistake to have examinations over a week prior to commencement, yet they were so announced and scheduled. Upon the faith of such announcements many students have made engagements which require that they leave the University by the first of June. To such students the change in the schedule causes no slight embarrassment. It is scarcely possible to conceive of an excuse for making the change at so late a date.

Whatever may be the merits of our war

with Spain, the young men composing Nebraska's National Guards are deserving of commendation for their hearty response to the call and their ready disposition to enlist. Confronting the stern fact of war they have not hesitated to offer themselves in their country's service. Without any ebullition of youthful enthusiasm or manifestation of delirious excitement they have gone straight forward at the call of duty. Our University men have laid aside their work, deserted their scholastic ambition temporarily and gone with the rest. We commend them for their courage, we congratulate them on their fidelity to sacrifice, we wish them God-speed in their going and will welcome them grandly in their returning.

APROPPOS of the situation of affairs in the library, it is currently reported that the authorities contemplate giving the present incumbent another trial. During the past year, practically nothing has been done to increase the efficiency of the library department. The need for a thoroughly trained head is felt more keenly than ever before. The present incumbent, we regret to say, has succeeded in inspiring neither the confidence nor the respect of the students. Members of the faculty, as well as the students generally, do not hesitate to say that, in their judgment, the library is too important a factor in the progress of the University to be hampered by incompetency or neglect. For the good of the University, such a deplorable state of affairs ought to be remedied without delay. If, however, the authorities persist in giving the present incumbent a new trial, it is earnestly hoped that such re-appointment will be tendered upon the express condition of a resignation immediately thereafter.

The loud mouthed pseudo-patriot is beating his breast, shouting his love of country from the house tops and incidentally seeking a fat appointment in the volunteer service by virtue of a political pull. Like the Pharisee of old, he bares his breast, stands in the market place, and calls all cowards who do not enlist as privates while he—well, he wants to be a major-general or rear-admiral or something that has attached to it a fat salary. Like

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