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Students seeking information at the executive office should be careful not to confuse the particular duties of the numerous guides, clerks, assistants, "associates," secretaries, and other auxiliary hirelings, too numerous to mention, who subsist on the state's credit. An extensive system of division of labor has been put in actual process, and the work formerly done by one or two is now performed by a small multitude for economy's sake.

Quite a few students are planning to enter the oratorical contest this year. THE HESPERIAN is glad to see the interest in oratory kept up. The facilities for encouraging debating and oratory are the best they ever were at the University. The work in public speaking and elocution is proving very successful, and those taking the work realize the amount of help they are receiving. We should have this year at least a dozen good, strong, experienced public speakers enter the oratorical contest. It is time for them to be preparing their productions. The student who this year wins the inter-state contest which meets here, will gain for himself the highest honor ever won in the art of public speaking in the University of Nebraska.

The University of Nebraska has always heretofore endeavored to encourage and aid those who have the spunk and dogged perseverance to starve and sweat their way in self-support through the University in order to get an education. The number that have done this—some wholly, others partially—has not been small. Boys have come here from the farm and from the town with not enough money to pay for a week's board, and yet they have supported themselves throughout a four or five year's course, besides carrying from fifteen to nineteen hours of work. This has taken pluck, but those

who have done it are the better off in the end. Their education and life at the University has been practical, extremely practical. And when they have finished, they have gone out "into the cold, cold world" knowing what it is to work, knowing what it is to earn a living. Those same fellows can adapt themselves to circumstances. And there is one absolutely certain fact about such fellows, they will always make a living, and this is saying a good deal.

These students have usually found the atmosphere about the University sympathetic and welcoming. They have thrived in the University climate. Their numbers have increased. They have also increased in quality. Many of this class have fought their way up into the highest rank of scholarship and standing in their classes. In fact a greater per cent, perhaps, of this class has passed above the average scholarship, and the reason is clear; they have come with one object in view, and that object was an education. Many have become known as leaders among students in debating clubs, in preliminary and final debates, in athletics, in the societies, and even in the fraternities. On the whole their record has been to the credit of themselves and of the University.

Much of the means of support has been supplied upon the campus, though probably the greater part outside. But there is work that might be given as student labor that is not. In fact it has been taken from the students and given to outsiders and the reasons do not seem to justify such action. There has been established a bureau of typewriting and mimeographing for the stenographic work which the University pays for. All the work done in this bureau was formerly done by various students. At the head of this bureau is an outsider, not a student. Part of the work, it is true, is still done by students under the new organization, but only a part. The management and a great part of the work is performed by one who is not in the University. The excuse is economy, but the economical saving thereby when students have formerly worked for twenty cents an hour and furnished material and machines to boot is a very small argument.

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The meeting of the Haydon Art Club which was to have been held last evening, was postponed until Friday in order to turn the meeting into an exhibition. A loan of a splendid Boston collection has been secured and the pictures may be seen at this meeting.

Students will do well to remember that Westerfield is yet in business, at his old stand, 117 North 13th. Latest styles in hair cut.

William H. King was initiated into Kappa Sigma fraternity last Saturday evening.

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