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Manager Barr of the track team has received an offer from the manager at the state University of Iowa, guaranteeing expenses for a track meet at Iowa City some time in May. This ought to excite great interest in the struggle for places on the team and it is hoped that all athletes will enter the lists at once. A meet of this nature will be very beneficial to both universities in many ways. It will secure acquaintance between the two and will advertise our university among eastern college circles. Iowa moves among the great universities of the middle west. Nebraska hitherto has not done so. A successful meet with the Hawkeyes will do much to enhance our reputation.

The nine persons chosen to represent Nebraska in the debates with Colorado, Missouri, and Kansas are good strong debaters and our reputation will not suffer in their hands. With the exception of Hawxby and Miss Stull, none of the men have ever taken part in an interstate debate but they all have

had training in the debating clubs and are hardened for the work. McNaughton, Weaver, and Bollenbach will meet the men of Colorado. The question to be discussed is the Philippine question. Our boys favor annexation. Hawxby, Craft, and Wilson will go to Kansas and give their men the first defeat for three years. The question to be discussed is the railroad pooling question. Our boys affirm "that combinations of railroads to control rates are harmful and should be prohibited by law." Talbot, Nims, and Miss Stull will stay at home and meet the Missouri Tigers.

The recent resolutions of the faculty limiting the amount of work taken in the summer school to six hours, and forbidding students from making up any work whatever by themselves, are meeting with general disfavor among students. In many cases these resolutions force students, who had intended to graduate next year, to stay here another year before they can finish. It is not only with reference to the present application of this resolution, that it is so unpopular, but also with reference to its continued workings. Students, heretofore, have been able to make up considerable work by themselves and then take an examination or other test, before securing credit. Of course, this privilege may have been abused in some cases, but in a great many more cases, it has been of much value to the students who are forced to employ outside time on their work. In nearly all eastern institutions there is a chance to take work during any time of the year. For example, students having long papers on special subjects to prepare, or special subjects to investigate, can do the work as well, if not better, when they have more time, and have had enough work under the instruction of the professor to enable them to understand how to go about it. There could be no harm done if these requirements of tests or examinations were made stricter, or if more exact work was required. This would simply be a protection against abuse of privileges. But when the privilege is taken from all alike, it seems as though such a course was really preventing those who would conscientiously perform the work, from so doing, and therefore of the nature of punishing the innocent. We believe the resolution as passed is decidedly unjust, impractical, and injurious to the best interests of the University.

The regular spring meeting of the board of regents will occur next Tuesday, April 18, at which, plans for the coming biennium will be discussed and perfected.

Lee Edwards, '99, familiarly known as Doc Edwards, is dangerously ill with inflammation of the brain at his rooms at 1040 Q street. His father, Dr. T. M. Edwards, of Dunlap, Iowa, is with him and every effort is being used to save the young man's life.

The Zoological Library has just received a copy of The Microscopy of Drinking Water by G. C. Whipple, director of the Mount Prospect Laboratory of the Brooklyn Water Works and the leading limno-biologist of the country. He refers many times to the work done by Dr. Ward and his students on the biology of lakes and lake fauna.