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Through an oversight the editors of the Nebraskan-Hesperian have allowed all of the issue of October 3 to be exhausted. Several numbers of this issue are now in demand and if there are any persons in the university who have kept back copies of the paper who are willing to dispose of the same they will confer a great favor upon the management by leaving them at the office of the paper.

The opportunity offered by Professor Lees of the university to students desiring to take a European tour during the coming summer should attract a large number of young men. The cost of the trip has been reduced to a minimum compared to the number of places that are to be visited. This is only rendered possible by the experience which Dr. Lees has already had in this line. He has made several trips already, all of which were highly successful. We feel sure that the desired number of students will appear for this trip within a few days.

One more game remains for our team this season. From the present outlook it will be one of the most brilliant contests of the season. Not that Grinnell has a team able to cope with the University of Iowa eleven, but for the reason that it promises to be a kicking contest throughout. Wheeler of Grinnell has a record second only to that of Benedict among all of the teams of the west. As the matter appears on paper, Wheeler is stronger on place kicks than on punts, and it is probable that Benedict will surpass him easily on this latter point. On the other hand, if the past records of the two teams are criterions, it will not be safe for either team whose thirty-yard line is crossed. A large crowd should attend this contest in Omaha on Thanksgiving day and lend its support to the team, not only at critical moments, but throughout the game.

We have noticed in various exchanges that efforts are being put forth in several different places to start trophy rooms. To the knowledge of the editors no such an attempt has ever been made here, although the custom is old in several eastern institutions. After a little consideration, we feel sure that everyone can see the good results that would come from such a

room here. Already there are several cups of different kinds stored around in different places in the university which have been won in contests in former years. With some place for such things they could be placed away where they could be on exhibition. Visitors passing through the institution would enjoy seeing them very much. Footballs, base balls, basket balls, cups and medals could be placed around in an attractive manner as they are added by our victorious teams. The institution is still sufficiently young, so that comparatively all that have been won in the past could be hunted up and placed here, and it would be ready for additions at all times in the future. Of course, the old question of where we would get room for any such collection at this time comes up immediately. Perhaps there is no place, yet this would not necessarily mean that the move should not be started now and as many as possible of the things located. A temporary place could evidently be found in the armory or some of the other buildings. We would like to see some of the students or members of the faculty take hold of this idea.

The death of another foot ball player a few days ago has again awakened more or less comment over the country. In the University of Iowa, where the accident happened, foot ball games were canceled for a length of time. It is the same old story that has been heard for the past few years about the brutality of the game. Comment scarcely seems to be necessary upon the situation in Iowa, but a few words upon class foot ball in general may not be amiss. We believe that class games should have some restriction placed upon them, and that only men passed upon by an athletic trainer or a physician used to examination of athletes should be allowed to enter the game. The death of the player at the University of Iowa was due purely to the fact that he was not in a physical condition to stand the wear and tear of a hard game. He had been warned by the head of the department of athletics not to go into a game, yet he had done so at his own risk. Further than that, it is stated by physicians that it was not entirely the blow received at the time that he was carried from the field that killed him. These things should be considered before any opinions are passed as to the cause of his death. With some check upon students to keep them from entering into games at the wrong time fewer fatalities would result. It is a fact that it is not the students who are in training that are injured in the games, but those who play without sufficient training. In fact, a large number of the deaths and serious accidents occur in high and preparatory schools and small colleges, where there is no chance to get training necessary. We extend our sympathies to the faculty and students of the University of Iowa, as well as to the parents of the gentleman.

In the last issue of the Drake university Delphic considerable space is given up in explanation of how it happened that Nebraska could win from that institution in foot ball. By actual count they find a majority of their team laid up with injuries. Several other things are set forth very strongly and upon the whole a very credible statement is made. It may be that they are right in what they say, but it is our opinion that they lost the game because Nebraska outplayed them by straightforward foot ball. That is the conclusion reached by all the Des Moines papers in the criticism of the game on the morning after it was played. We are willing to give Drake credit for a plucky fight, but not credit for winning a game that does not prop-

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erly belong to them. In another column of the same issue the Delphic quotes from the Nebraskan-Hesperian, showing the decision of the Nebraska athletic board in regard to professionalism in that institution. In conclusion they speak as follows: "It should be noted that the above decision was reached through an investigation of facts rather than from the standpoint of policy. What is convincing evidence to the University of Nebraska ought to be worthy of consideration by certain schools of lesser prominence. We await the time when the people of Iowa know the difference between a crusade for pure athletics and a combination for boycott and personal defense." As we stated in a previous issue, we think that the institutions of Iowa are making a mistake in keeping up a needless warfare. To bring an institution into line is not done by means of a combination against a certain one, but by a little judicious consideration of the subject one with another. While, as a board of editors, we have not stated that Drake is above reproach, we have said that she could have received better treatment than has been allotted to her. We are not in a position to say whether her athletics are pure or not, but we do say that she needs a fair chance.

Nebraska men are the originators of a plan to form a new oratorical league. Comparatively few people here have known this. It is true, nevertheless, and the principal on which they are working is one well worthy of consideration. The orators have realized that they are not treated as an institution by the smaller colleges of the state. For several years the same howl has come to the effect that students from any of our professional schools should not enter the contests. It is a fact that

many of our best orators are found here. To debar them means to weaken the chances of the university for winning the contest. Whether this is the view taken by the smaller colleges or not, it is true that it is the result. With this end in view, the Nebraska association has concluded that the only proper course is to withdraw from the state association and to form a larger and better one, to be composed of institutions of somewhat nearer equal rank and with a unity of purpose. It is the desire of the colleges to cultivate a polished form of elocution that will please an audience without sufficient regard to thought. On the other hand, state universities have a special type of oratory, where the thought counts for more than delivery, and where it is the desire of those in charge to develop the faculty of forcible statements, such as is so common in the ordinary walks of life. Only one class of institutions reaches this end, and that is the state university division. Again, the promoters of oratory in this university realized a vital point and decided that only schools of this class should be eligible in the formation of a new association. Letters were sent to the state universities of Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas and Missouri. Already more or less favorable replies have been received from some of the institutions, and the promoters feel sure that it will be a success. In case it is, little doubt exists that it will cause the formation of several new state leagues, as in nearly every case with the universities drop out. The Nebraskan-Hesperian believes that this move ought to be supported by the student body, as forcible, up-to-date oratory is one of the essentials that goes to make up a fully developed university man.