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We desire to call the attention of our readers to the fact that we have made a change in the location of our office. Hereafter all business will be conducted in our new quarters on the second floor of the Call building in the rooms on the south side, instead of on the first floor as heretofore. We invite all subscribers and friends to call and see us.

The action of oratorical students in the University of Nebraska in attempting to form an association composed entirely of state universities is meeting with a loud howl from the smaller colleges and the denominational schools of the country. This is to be expected and to a certain extent is justifiable. It is never pleasant to break off associations and form new ones, and this case is not an exception to the rule. Although many things have happened during the past few years between the state university and the other institutions in the state league which were not of the most pleasant nature, there were times, nevertheless, when the meetings brought forth considerable enjoyment.

In a recent issue of the "Purple and Gold" of Bellevue college occasion is taken to show the attitude of the university toward the smaller colleges. We print a portion of the comment for the benefit of the students of the university. It is as follows:

"The action is not at all unexpected, and is quite characteristic of state university methods. However, we cannot blame the University of Nebraska for seeking a chance for her law students to enter the oratorical arena. We also think that the action of the Nebraska collegiate oratorical association last spring, in amending the constitution so as to exclude students from technical and professional departments, was entirely just. But in seeking to justify her action in withdrawing from the Nebraska collegiate oratorical association, the University of Nebraska makes statements concerning the smaller colleges which we resent as being untruthful. The statement that 'it is the desire of the colleges to cultivate a polished form of elocution that will please an audience, without sufficient regard to thought,' is far from the truth. We also dispute the statement that college oratory is 'more theoretical, more superficial.' If it is true

that state university oratory pays especial attention to thought, how is it that Mr. Talbot received two 'fours' in thought last spring, only his admirable delivery winning the day for him? If college oratory is theoretical and superficial, how is it that the speakers winning first, second and third places in the interstate contest last spring were from small colleges; and that of the ten speakers in that contest but one was from a state university?"

A few words concerning the comment may not be amiss at this time. In what way the action taken is characteristic of the university is not stated. Furthermore, why the university cannot be blamed is not stated. It seems to be merely a cloak used to keep blame from the colleges for their action at the league meeting last spring. Nebraska is most assuredly not to be blamed for wanting all of her students represented in contests of any kind. This the editorial concedes. But in the concession it is demanded that the smaller colleges be justified in disqualifying technical and professional students. As far as the editors of the Nebraskan-Hesperian can determine there is no necessity for any justification. It is to the advantage of the smaller institutions to keep out as many of the students of the state university as possible, and if they can do it by this means there is no need to seek other.

Concerning the untruthful statements which the University of Nebraska gave out in justification, little can be said. To any clear-minded thinker the reason why withdrawal was necessary is so apparent as to make anything else unnecessary. The institution was not in its own class and sought to get there. In regard to Mr. Talbot and the fact that he won first place in the contest last year, another side may be shown easily. We wish to give due credit to Mr. Talbot, yet we desire to ask our friends in the neighboring college whether or not any person may become a practical university man, and receive any extensive amount of expansion of thought, with only a few months' residence in the institution. Nebraska does not give a course in polished oratory. Is it not possible, then, for a man to come to the university, having already much of ability, to use a polished language similar to that taught in colleges, and when the time for the contest arrives win the local contest in the same manner that the small colleges have won the state contest many times in the past? In other words, does a man become a part of a university the size of Nebraska during his first year in attendance? It is safe to say that he does not. This, of course, is said with all due respect to his personal abilities. Our friends may be surprised to know that Mr. Talbot received no more firsts at the local contest last year than he did at the state. Thus it is seen that the point made in the editorial counts for practically nothing. The principle just explained holds good for the entire problem. The polished man will win before nine out of every ten sets of judges. But the fact that the style does win does not prove it to be the ideal oratory. Admitting the statement that nine out of ten of the contestants in the interstate contest here last spring were college rather than university representatives, is this not all the more reason why Nebraska should withdraw? Statements made previously to the effect that the purposes of the institutions are sufficiently different to cause a change contain plenty of good, sound logic, and it is safe to say that when the new association is completed Nebraska will find much more satisfactory rivals in this line than she has in the past.

The past foot ball season has shown that conditions may exist under which it is impossible to turn out a winning team. To offset this string of defeats we had nothing save the production and exhibition of a real university spirit, which was much in evidence on several occasions. But the past is past and all efforts should be directed toward securing a stronger eleven with more steadfast and hearty support next year. To arouse interest in foot ball early next season, to reunite graduates and students, and to do something toward securing a system of graduate coaching, why not have an alumni game, say about October 1? Other universities, among them Michigan, Perdue, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, brought out their ex players last season and put them against their 'varsity elevens. Sometimes the alumni won, sometimes they lost, but always was student interest in the game increased, effective practice given the inexperienced players and additional coaches secured. The alumni would be able to turn out an all star team, better individual players, but perhaps lacking in team work. Men who in years past played and won for Nebraska, and of whom the students of today know little save occasional stray gleanings gathered from the men who return to the university when the big games are played.

The alumni ought to be heard from at once in regard to the matter. If they favor a game preliminary arrangements ought to be made immediately, so that players may be secured and a definite date arranged in good time.

The attention of the student body is called to a communication in another column upon the true athletic situation in Missouri. Since the editorial that appeared in our columns was quoted and due credit given to the other publication, we do not consider ourselves responsible for the statements made. It is evident that the original writer of the editorial saw a comic side to the situation and brought that out rather than give credit for conditions as they really exist. Whether or not this was the idea makes little difference here. We are glad that the communication was sent to our paper for publication, as we desire at all times to publish the sentiment of any person. There are limits, of course, that must be observed, and in one or two cases this year personal libel has been withheld. Otherwise, we believe in the free expression of opinion.

Beginning with the present issue of the Nebraskan-Hesperian a special rate of fifty cents will be made for the remainder of the year to any persons who wish to subscribe, on condition that the subscription be paid in advance. We desire to reach every student in the university. Each one should follow the events of campus life, and the only means by which they can do this is to subscribe for the college paper. Much time, effort and money is expended by the editors to get out a publication that will represent the university as it really is. To do this it is necessary to demand more support from students in general and essential that all should lend a hand to make this branch a leading feature.

The approach of the preliminary debating contests should arouse a great deal of interest in that line. An article in another column gives the history of this branch in Nebraska. We believe that sufficient appreciation is not shown by the student body in this work. On each night of the preliminaries a crowded house should greet the speakers. With two state contests to be held in this city this year, some good debating can be expected, and with the unusually large number of students entered the chances for more Nebraska victories are exceedingly good.

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