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Minnesota is evidently not so anxious to have a little extemporaneous oratory as she thought she was. After so long a time no word has been received concerning the proposition submitted to her over two weeks ago by the local association.

Manager Tukey of the foot ball team is to be congratulated on his efforts to arrange a Thanksgiving game in Lincoln this year. It might be a good thing to cut for luck and see if we couldn't have a little passable weather at home on that day. We have had none in Omaha for the past five years.

The three literary societies of the university have decided to adjourn their programs and attend the Kansas-Nebraska basket ball game to be played in the gymnasium Friday evening of this week. Every organization should throw as much support as possible to this contest and see that nothing prevents the team receiving liberal support.

Nebraska can now feel that she is in no way compelled to play return games with other league teams in the same season. The action to withdraw from the western foot ball league taken at the last meeting of the athletic board is commendable in every way. Friendly relations can still exist with Kansas and Missouri and the expenses of a league be dispensed with.

An interesting schedule of base ball games has been arranged by Manager Howard. Prospects are good for a winning team, and we would urge upon the students the necessity of getting out and doing their share. Many seem to have an abundance of time to mix up in divers other things which are of no good to the institution, but when it comes to a place where they have an opportunity to do something that would win a place in the annals of the university they drop out.

The questions before the university senate in regard to the change in entrance requirements are being watched with a great deal of interest by the students. Should the changes that are now up be passed, it will mark a new epoch in the education of the state and would be one more step toward the uni-

fication of the entire educational system. However, the process must of necessity be slow in development, as it is necessary to adopt the conditions of the state to the general plan of the system.

The Kansas-Nebraska basket ball game Friday evening will be of unusual interest, since it is the first interstate contest of the kind in this section. Both universities have good teams and a battle royal is expected. Kansas has played basket ball for a number of years and has been coached by Naismith, the originator of the game, who is physical director there. The Nebraska team is unusually strong this year and plays a swift, scientific game. The men have been in training for several weeks for this meet and are determined to retaliate for last fall's foot ball game. Every student in the university should do what he can to insure the defeat of our old antagonist. A large and enthusiastic audience will be of great influence in determining the result of the game.

### THE IDLER.

Years ago, before the present seniors were even preps, a wise, yet worldly, sage spake the following: "Man that is born of woman is small potatoes and few in a hill. He riseth up today and flourisheth like the rag weed, and tomorrow or the day after hath him in the ice box."

All of which is very well, though the fizzing, fussing, fighting sophomores don't know it. No one thought they would believe it, and consequently no one was disappointed. The rag weed instinct is yet strong within them and flourisheth to beat the band. But ere many moons there will be so many funeral notices handed to the editors that it will be impossible to allot to each more than a three line local.

Of course, there are other scraps in other bodies at other times in other places on otaer subjects and under other circumstances. The state legislature makes a very fair stab every two years. But two years is a very long time to wait, and to the general public it seems monotonous. It is necessary that some relief to pent up energies be given, so on alternate years it is natural to look to the university as a friend in need.

Then several woolly sophomores meet in some secluded spot in the night time, or occasionally in an old house, and rub heads and feet among one another, mix up a little constitutional interpretation and legal phrasing with a goodly amount of guff, and make fake promises to one another that they have no intention of keeping. After this has been done several woolier sophomores go deeper into the night time, dig out still more exacting phrases, fix up their saw teeth and chew the bit in their impatience to "up and at 'em."

But speaking of going deeper into the night time brings up recollections of a more serious nature. It means that the editors of the college papers will be flooded with the efforts of each and every mouse in the institution. It is too much. The reader must suffer with the editors, so here goes on one of the first ones handed in:

"All the world's a graft,  
And all the men and women merely grafters;  
They have their con games and their buncoes;  
And one man in his time does many people.  
His ways being many. At first the kid,  
Pitching pennies even in his nurse's arms;  
And then the cunning school boy, at the recess,  
Cheating at marbles, swapping bladeless knives

At sight unseen. And then the sophomore.

Lying like a lawyer, with a game of jolly,

To win fair fame at whatever cost. Then—"

If thou hast prayers, pray for us now. For hereafter man who is small potatoes and born of woman and few in a hill must goeth out in front of the main building and shout, "Ho, all ye who are Pottites," and "Ho, hie, ho, all ye who are Craftites," for in the next breath will he be breathless and a consinee to the ice box.

### POINTS ON ACETYLENE.

Dr. White presented a paper Saturday upon the chemical transformation of acetylene used as commercial products before the acetylene gas convention held in this city last week. In connection with this he has been conducting some interesting experiments and has recently succeeded in demonstrating the readiness by which it can be converted into ethyl alcohol. It is hoped soon to demonstrate in a similar manner the conversion of acetylene into such commercial products as benzol and phenol, and it is hoped to repeat the experiment recently described by Messrs. Sabatier and Sentrens, in which they claim to have produced petroleum directly from acetylene. Dr. White was assisted in this work by Miss Fossler and H. T. Beans.

### ENGINEERING STUDENTS.

Professor Richards of the mechanical engineering department has been gathering some interesting statistics from the students that have taken the two-year course in mechanical arts. The object of the investigation is to determine just how far this course has been a benefit to those who have completed the whole course, or even a part of it. The statistics obtained show that seventy-five per cent of the men are now following professions along this line of work, and that their salaries range from \$32 to \$125 per month. The other twenty-five per cent state that, although their work is now of another kind, the time spent in that course has been of great value.

### RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Whereas, The All Wise in His wisdom has seen fit at this time to take from our friend and fellow student his kind and loving father by death; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the senior law class of the University of Nebraska, do hereby extend to our fellow classmate, Mr. Raymond S. Baker, and the family, our deepest sense of sympathy in this their hour of bereavement and loss; and further be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Baker and the same be printed in the college and city papers.

O. WILLIAM MEIER,  
H. ROSENTHAL,  
WM. G. BISHOP,

Committee.

Whereas, The sad information has reached us that the All Wise has seen fit to take from our worthy class men Luther J. Abbott, jr., and his brother, Ned C. Abbott, their kind and aged father by death; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the senior law class of the University of Nebraska, that we do extend to our fellow students and their family in their hour of loss and bereavement our deepest sense of sympathy; and further be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. L. J. Abbott and the same be printed in the college and city papers.

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