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Considerable comment has been caused in athletic circles of late by the action of the University of Iowa. Thus far all communications addressed to that institution tending to relations in foot ball, base ball and track athletics have been totally ignored by the newly elected general manager of that institution, and it would seem that there is a desire to play quits. Not only has the idea been forced upon us athletically but an offer on our part for a joint debate was refused with equal curtness, not to mention the refusal to enter the proposed western oratorical league. We trust that temporarily at least, no further occasion will be given for refusals as it must be very annoying to our sister institution, to be compelled to pass us up so often.

An opportunity will soon be given to the students to show their loyalty to athletics in a substantial way. The lecture to be given next week, promises to be highly instructive as well as interesting. As it is also for a good cause, a large attendance should be an assured fact.

The favorable action taken by the oratorical association at its meeting Saturday practically assures a joint meet with Minnesota this year. To make it a success we must have a little enthusiasm aroused for the preliminary contest. During the past year the students of Minnesota have worked enthusiasm to a high pitch and nothing is too good for their institution. Unless a little care is observed by Nebraska students, an object lesson of no mean consequence will be taught to them.

We clip the following from the Colorado college Tiger upon the coming debate with that institution, and would suggest that if it is something warm they are looking for, Nebraska ought to be able to show them that Lincoln is a long distance from heaven:

"If silence is a sign of mental activity, then the men who are trying for the Nebraska debate are laboring exceedingly hard. Three weeks ago, these men were willing to discuss the Boer-British question in any and all phases and bearings; today these same men are as silent as Boulder was after the football game. They are sawing wood. Indications are good, therefore, that the winners of the preliminaries of March 23, will have passed through



The Idler felt sad Saturday evening. It was strange, and even hard to believe, yet too true to be doubted. The seniors had a party. It was a beautiful scene, bright lights, pretty girls, tip-top music, husky swains, and newly arrived caps and canes. In plain words, it was what folks call a hot thing. But the seniors were snichy with their good time and juniors galore plowed around on the campus for three and a half days previous maturing immature plans, swearing soft freshmen expressions for the sake of sound rather than feeling, and telling one another what ought to be done in case of doubt.

Well, to hear them talk you would have thought they were going to bury the rock on the front campus and put all the seniors in the hole before they poured the rock in. That's what the Idler thought. Now it was not the happiness of the seniors with their new found caps and canes or the prettiness of the senior girls that made the Idler sad; it was the juniors. Think of \$5 and the fun that a fellow could get out of it! Well it was \$5 that the juniors said they would give to the fellow that could bring in the most canes. Of course that was nothing to the Idler. Yet the Idler has many friends in the junior class, and \$5 will give a pretty fair time to two. Now in wandering about Saturday night, if he should come on to one of his friends with a new found fiver in his left hand vest pocket, it might be well to hang on and see the thing through and plead for clemency at the station next morning and swear never to touch another drop if necessary.

But, ye gods! A fiver! There wasn't a fellow in the gang that had more than fourteen cents and none of them had nerve enough to saw wood in the summer time. By the time the Idler had watched their rumbles and internal dissensions for twenty-nine minutes, he became disgusted and felt thirsty. About that time a senior hove in sight, making air holes in the atmosphere with his newly acquired and justly prized walking attachment. It was so comical that the Idler forgot

the hottest fire of competition they have ever experienced. The race for places will be close and not one place is conceded; every man has to work for his honors. This is as it should be. The warmer the preliminary, the hotter the fire that Nebraska must withstand. The trying out of the debaters' powers such as the preliminaries will give will certainly test the metal they are made of. He who best withstands the heat of this conflict will best withstand the fiery furnace of Nebraska. Then we say, let the local fires be burning and the hotter the better."

"The Nebraskan-Hesperian has evidently given up a special column for "heart to heart" talks on oratory. Besides commenting on the manifest distress caused by the university's recent moves, it refers, in another editorial, to the new suggestion for their oratorical league. It seems that the

he was thirsty and waited to watch the wiry and willful waifs of junior-dom wreck wrathful rage on the contemptuous capricious caput of the se-gacious and sassy senior slinking silently and solemnly southward.

But thunder'n mud! The way they pounced on that fellow would have caused a dog fight. His cane didn't last any longer than ice cream in July with the wind in the south. Every one of them had it inside of thirteen seconds except the senior and it wasn't his fault that he was left out. It was the first prize of the season and taken just two hours and thirty-nine minutes after the senior had paid forty-seven cents down and deposited his old shoes to get it. The Idler wandered a little closer as he was thirsty and thought maybe he could find that fiver. But not a peep of it. But you ought to have seen the senior:

"Ah, fellows, don't take it; haln't had no chance to 'ave any fun with it yet. Please give it back to me. O, mamma, mak'em," and it reminded the Idler of a callope whistle in a street parade. It was mighty funny but it wasn't a drop in the can compared to the way the muckers passed it over. It was just like a foreign missionary society.

The Idler notices that certain exchanges have said a good deal of late concerning the desirability of chaperones on certain occasions. In fact it is stated about some institutions that steps have been taken by the faculties to prohibit use of cabs and other conveyances to and from parties, unless chaperones are present. As far as the Idler knows, no one around the University of Nebraska ever thought of having a chaperone except inside of a ball room and then it is done in order to sell tickets for the occasion; kind of a second hand attraction, you know. It may be alright and there is no use kicking about. The sentiment has been expressed as follows, by persons interested:

"Tis wrong for any maid to be  
Abroad at night alone.  
A chaperone she needs till she  
Can call some chap'er own."

latest thing is an "extemporaneous oratorical contest." My! won't that be glorious! Just think of the drill and profit to come from a few hours preparation. The shades of the ancients preserve us! Now, we haven't any objection at all to extemporaneous speaking, and it certainly is excellent practice; but when any set of individuals thinks that the extemporaneous oration takes the place of a prepared oration, polished by months of incessant work and carefully drilled upon they are simply mistaken. It takes a peculiar sort of intellect to make such a deduction. Why call it an oratorical contest at all. Why not say an 'extemporaneous blow off.'—Doane Owl.

We would remind our suburban friends that we have, just one and seven-eighths miles from the university, an institution for erratic minded persons; we also have a few well balanced authorities who will take it upon

themselves to transfer any and all students from the university to the other abode at the first sign of raving madness. Meanwhile we desire to saw our own wood; we need no help. Our privileges shall be used as we see fit, so long as they in no way conflict with our obligations to other colleges and universities.

TO HELP ATHLETICS.

The athletic board has recently been successful in making arrangements for the presentation of a chalk talk by Mr. Chas. E. Rosencrans. Mr. Rosencrans is a cartoonist of rare ability and is at present making a successful tour in the west on his way to Chicago where he has secured an appointment on the staff of the Chicago News as cartoonist. Personal letters read from several who have attended his unique blackboard lectures state for an entertainment of this sort Mr. Rosencrans is unsurpassed. The entertainment will be given on the evening of March 27 in the university chapel and the proceeds will go for the benefit of athletics. No one should miss this entertainment and the cause is worthy of the loyal support on the part of every student faculty member and alumnus in the university.

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