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Editorial.

OUR friend Gale has an extended reply to our remarks on his article on "Senior studies." Space forbids answer in this issue. As the discussion involves the elective system we hope the students will take time to read it and give the matter sufficient thought to have a clear understanding of it.

ON the afternoon of the 12th inst., at Crete, lovers of the game of base-ball will have an opportunity of witnessing a match between the Doane and University nines. We feared lest this contest would not take place. But it will and we are pleased to note the fact. Our boys are not so confident of success as some people are, but still they handle themselves well and we expect to see some good playing. Mr. Nedeau of the Chicago Lumber Co. will act as umpire. The Doanites are jubilant and it will take work to defeat them.

IT is rumored that Ex-Chancellor Benton has been tendered a professorship in the University. We have no means of knowing whether it be true or not, but trust that it is. Few men were ever admired and respected by the students as was Mr. Benton when Chancellor here. If their testimony count for aught, if their wishes were consulted, no more acceptable man could be found and none they would welcome so warmly. A perfect gentleman and a fine scholar, a friend to students and to all, his return would bring satisfaction to many a one. Few would be the dissenting, while many would be the assenting, voices.

THIS spring the campus is in much better condition than it was last. But this is not saying very much. Last year

no trees were planted, and very little attention was given it. As no money was appropriated "George" could neither hire help nor fix it up as he desired. The STUDENT is well aware that it takes money for all of these things, but it would not take much each year. A few hundred dollars a year judiciously expended would improve our campus very much. Such money would be well spent and not thrown away. It is a shame that our campus is not better taken care of. We call the attention of the Regents to this matter, and ask that at their future meeting they give it some consideration.

WE are pleased to note that the colleges of Nebraska will, at the next meeting of the Northwestern Collegiate Association, apply for membership in the same. Nothing can be done this year in the way of state contests. The right of competing next year in the Inter-State contest, however, will be secured. Our young and self confident orators can spend the summer months preparing for some imaginary, if not real, contest. But that is the point. Will the matter be pushed further? Like many another good thing it is liable to amount to naught, because neglected. It is not now the time to do more than apply for admission, but next fall is the time for work. When the colleges of the state then open, we hope that the intentions of the new worker will be carried out.

THE Parliamentary Law class seems to have amusing as well as instructive sessions. The STUDENT has no desire to depreciate the value or underestimate their practical worth. Yet, while a thorough knowledge of Parliamentary Law is the main object, could not this be obtained by the introduction and discussion of questions of more importance? There are many bills and resolutions introduced. Few indeed are those that the movers, in their sober moods, can look upon with much of a feeling of pride. If twenty minutes or so of each hour were given for short and pointed remarks on some sensible and live issue of the day embodied in a bill or resolution, the time might be as well spent as in quibbling over a motion to sing on page 129 or reading a bill noted only for its wit, verbosity, or absurdity.

REGENT CARSON of Brownville placed his resignation in the hands of Governor Nance and it was accepted. Under the present circumstances this is quite a surprise to the people of the state. Political aspirations cause a man to do many queer things, and it is in the air that our Ex-Regent wants to be Governor. This may explain his action. Matters will now be more complicated than ever. The June

meeting of the Regents will be a critical one, and evidently Mr. Carson lacked the nerve to face it. All of which, should teach the people of the state to choose Regents less from political considerations and more on account of their actual qualifications. Men with political aspirations who are afraid to act as they think for fear they will lose a few votes in a future convention, are not the men to be Regents of a State University.

THE second Hesperian-Palladian contest takes place at Crete on the 12th of May. In one sense, representatives of Doane College stand opposed to representatives of the University, while in another, the former named are opposed to representatives of the Palladian society only. However the students may look at the matter, there are no reasons why the professors could not encourage the contestants with their presence. At Doane college, we are informed, the professors by their help and suggestions give the students to understand that their sympathies and earnest wishes of success are theirs. University students do not ask that they be treated as pet children, allowed to engage in no enterprises without the direction of their *alma mater*, but they do ask that when they undertake praiseworthy and legitimate work that the faculty give them what support they can. The presence of a few of our professors would surely be welcomed by the University class. The STUDENT would urge upon all who can to go,—not only professors but students.

IT is to be hoped that at the coming meeting of the Regents some steps will be taken toward raising the standard of admission to the University. Why not abolish the first preparatory year entirely? There seems to be no good reason for continuing it longer. Most of the high schools of the state now aim to prepare students for the Freshman year. In fact, all the graded schools are competent to fit students to enter at least the second preparatory year, and would willingly do so, did they not have to compete with the University. And besides this, the graded schools are better adapted for doing elementary work than the University is. The University professor may justly look upon teaching Arithmetic, Grammar, Elementary Algebra, Book-keeping, ect., as extra outside work. But to teach these branches is the profession of the instructors in the graded schools. College methods are not well suited for children whose undisciplined minds require the personal care and supervision of the teacher. We believe a change of this sort would be a mutual benefit to the University and the public schools of the state.