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Editorial Notes.

THE Omaha Bee says that it was a mistake to start a medical school in connection with the University because there are no large hospitals in which the students can be trained and from which subjects can be obtained for dissection. If nothing better can be found we are confident that there will be plenty of boys who will volunteer to go up to Omaha and bring back a batch of editors, who will answer every purpose until the classes come to study the cerebrum.

It is strange how much self-confidence comes with the power to use the editorial "we." The editors of the STUDENT were formerly the most modest and unassuming young people imaginable, but now they feel within them the power to criticize and find fault with any thing whatever. We used to wonder how it was that editors could know all about every thing, but we wonder no longer,—the "check" that cometh from being an editor, coverth an astounding mass of ignorance.

IN talking with an alumnus who is now a civil-engineer in the employ of the U. P. R. R., we asked him if he found that his course here had included those studies which he needed in his work. He replied that it had, with the possible exception of Higher Calculus, which has been introduced since he graduated. This speaks well for our course in civil-engineering and refutes the oft repeated assertion that one has to re-learn his profession after having secured his diploma.

IN THE legislature as in nearly all deliberative bodies a very few members] did most of the talking; yet in listening to the proceedings one could not but wonder at the dense ignorance of many of the speakers. It seemed to an observer as though about half the time was wasted through the dunness and pig-headedness of some of the legislators; this, however is a thing which happens in all assemblies of the kind and Nebraska is served as well perhaps in proportion to the amount she pays for the work, as any other state in the Union.

GRADUALLY the extra expenses and duties which help to make a college course burdensome in the eastern schools, are being assumed by the students in this institution. Not only are the expenses pertaining to membership in the literary societies rapidly increasing under the influence of competition, but the secret order that has lately been established, the Athletic Association, the HESPERIAN STUDENT and Cadet Band, all demand from those who take an interest in them, additional labor and expense. Many wholly unnecessary outlays seem to be equally unavoidable. These burdens must needs come, but woe unto him by whom such a burden cometh.

HOWEVER reprehensible the excessive use of slang words and phrases, to trace out their origin and the causes which led to their present use and significance, is in many cases a source of interest. A comparative history of these words would furnish one of the greatest curiosities in the evolution of language. For illustration take the phrase "Do you see any thing green about me?" At one time in France a bankrupt Jew was an object of peculiar distinction. He was forced by law to wear a green hat so that the people might avoid losses, by refusing to trade with the man thus marked. To this strange sumptuary law may be traced the slang phrase. At the present time the green hat is invisible and thus it has often been found necessary to express the inquiry.

WHY does not some smart inventor devise a way by which poor mortals might escape this monotonous "final examination" each term which seems as inevitable as time. Or, if he could only invent some machine by which the necessary cramming could be done; something we could tread with our feet like a printing press or a sewing machine. Even to turn a crank would be preferable to the present mode of braking in a new "pony" each term, so he can be ridden with ease, or of preparing a "crib" large enough to hold such vast amounts of erudition. Last year an ambitious yankee thought to invent a machine for putting on pillow cases. Now that was altogether useless for what prettier sight can there