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## Editorial Notes.

It is passing strange that Nebraska politics, especially in the Capital City are excessively quiet. But one grand parade has been made on either side. While the student is not such an ardent politician as the saloon bummer, yet he would like to have his State brace up and help the political pot boil over and spill all the bad contained in it.

At last the mortar board has struck the University and that to stay. It is a nice idea for students to have some outward token of union especially in these stormy times. Some ocular indications of our oneness is almost entirely essential. Although somewhat divided, like the ancient Greeks, we are one. Let all factions remember this when wearing their boards.

We notice that communications are beginning to come into this office. This is a healthful indication. It gives us great joy to see students hand in something especially when it is to the point. Give us some more. Relieve the student editors of a little intellectual labor and your efforts shall go down to posterity and thou shalt be know among the ranks of the benefactors of mankind.

THERE is still among us that class of students who can busy themselves with nothing except a general

standing around in the halls in stormy weather and on the steps on pleasant days. The chief amusement of this fraternity is to compel all students, especially young ladies to "run the gauntlet" of their eyes and tongues. In this intellectual pursuit each of them whiles away enough time per day to pass an ordinary medical student to his degree. This business ought to be stopped and that too, shortly.

EVER since there has been a reading room in connection with our library there has been more or less disorder. This year, however, it has been worse than usual. Many of the students disregard the rules restricting conversation and gossip just if it were meant for that instead of study. Now this is very annoying to those students who study there during the vacant hours. The fact is they cannot study when three or four are whispering. Let the students remember then, that they are injuring all who are in the room when they attract and divert the attention of those who come to the library to study.

THE department of clippings connected with the library is becoming quite an important addition. It is advancing the idea that a thoughtful knowledge of the present history and workings of foreign governments as well as our own is necessary to complete a college course. The students appreciate the benefits derived from access to the list of papers procured by the library, for this is the first time in the history of the institution that we have been supplied with daily papers. It is not necessary to enumerate the great advantage to be derived therefrom, but we think it will soon become an indispensable factor, and will materially aid in the study of history as well as in the other branches.

Now comes up the question never settled, yet of utmost importance to all. Should studies or outside work be held most important in our college world. To be sure, all books and no evolution of one's knowledge is productive of book-worms and digs in the approbrious sense of these terms. But the student who comes to college for polishing purposes alone and fails to do his best in the class room in order to apply the time needed for making the finishing touches to his lessons, to literary or social purposes will find out his mistake but too late, when he sees how thoroughly he has missed the true idea of study; to do ones level best in a definite and graduated line of study. All students must make their studies first and all things else placed after, according to their judgement, if they want to get the most lasting good out of their college course and not to work up a quickly fading college reputation for fluency, sociability or politics.