

last Wednesday was a good illustration of several things. In the first place the quiet style of Mr. Fitzpatrick's delivery, the absence of gestures and the close attention which he commanded from his hearers may be suggestive to students who have oratorical aspirations that, if one has anything to say, the spread-eagle, Fourth of July style of delivery detracts from, rather than adds to the worth of their articles.

Mr. F. took a somewhat unique, but unusually fair, view of punishment but the part of his address most interesting to readers of THE HESPERIAN was the connection drawn between the idea of punishment and the idea of individualism, and the civilization of a people. Speaking before an association of teachers, perhaps Mr. F. was justified in making this thought which seems to us of superior interest subservient to the consideration of the rival claims of corporal punishment and moral suasion, but we believe that it is a subject worthy of separate treatment and we should like to see it more fully developed. Another thought similar to that expressed in a graduating address not a thousand years ago on the "Lack of Brains" was that the State demands only "What can you do? How can you do it?" And, asking only this, life becomes a practical evolution. In the fierce strife for supremacy no spirit of lenient mercy aids the unworthy, but only for the man who can give and take hard knocks does Nature hang up her prizes and any craven spirit must inevitably become a wall-flower.

Ere this issue of THE HESPERIAN goes to press the twentieth annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association will have commenced. It will be too late, however, to have reports of the proceedings. The proposed program includes the address of welcome by Rev. E. H. Chapin, of Lincoln, and response by Miss Kate McChesney, of Fullerton, on Tuesday evening; on Wednesday morning, address on "A Plea for the English Language" by W. H. Skinner, David City, "Some Defects in our School System" by C. F. Chamberlin, Humboldt, "Primary Work" by Miss M. J. Burrows, Norfolk, with discussions opened by appointed persons. In the afternoon, in addition to addresses and discussions on "The Antagonism of Religion and Culture" and "The Practical in Education" Prof. Geo. E. Howard will deliver an address on "The Nebraska Reading Circle." Wednesday evening Supt. F. A. Fitzpatrick, of Leavenworth, will deliver an address on "Punishment; its relation to the development of individual responsibility." On Thursday papers are to be presented on "The Successful Teacher," "Reading for School Children" and "The Effect of Association" by Dr. D. B. Perry, of Crete, Miss T. J. Hosford, North Platte, and M. D. Horham, Beatrice. In the afternoon, besides a paper and discussion on composition work in the common schools, officers for another year will be elected and other business will be transacted, and in the evening Supt. Gove, of Denver, will give an address on "The Common School." Friday forenoon closes the exercises with addresses on "Thought in our Educational Problem" by R. J. Porter, Clarks, "Meteorology," J. S. Hake, Wayne, and "Natural Sciences in the Public School" by H. L. Grant, Peru. Day sessions will commence at 8:00 A. M. and 1:30 P. M., and evening sessions at 8 o'clock. The program will be interspersed with music and will undoubtedly be as interesting as the efficient officers of the Association have tried to make it. Students of the University should attend for the sake of the exercises, but especially as numbers of the teachers who will be in attendance were formerly students of the University. The Chancellor has already invited the students to attend and THE HESPERIAN urges his invitation on its readers. We wish the teachers success.

HEARD IN THE HALLS.

Tunis Jackson, one of our old boys, made us a call last week.

Professor: "What is arsenic good for?" Voice from back seat: "O, Rats!"

The small but mighty Polk got in his work selling papers to the schoolmarms.

Where were the cadets when it was reported that there was an insurrection at the Pen?

John Green says the teachers are a nice lot but they are dirty—that is their feet are.

Mr. Leavenworth '85 Vermont University, was looking over this institution a few days ago.

More of the students remained in town during the last vacation than ever before. Lack of funds you know etc.

A. A. Monroe, '84, made us a very pleasant call during vacation. He is one of Nebraska's schoolmarms and came to the Teachers' Convention.

A company of Palladians met for a good time at the home of Miss Ethel Marsland on Tuesday evening. They report that they got what they went for in spite of the mud.

From the *Plattsmouth Herald* we learn that Miss Mary Thompson, a daughter of Prof. S. R. Thompson and a former student in the University, died a short time ago in Pennsylvania.

The Seniors were most pleasantly entertained by Miss Ellen Smith, the Registrar, on the evening of the 17th of March. The time enjoyed by the dignified class was simply too good to be described.

One of the Sophomore German students calls his book "Bill, Spit it out." He says "William Tell" is too formal for him.

One of the well informed Y. M. C. A. boys speaks of St. Paul and the other three gospels.

The Lincoln Duck Hunting Association has spent considerable time discussing the question "Which gives the most enjoyment, pursuit or possession?" But no conclusion can be arrived at, as none of the members ever realized the latter.

Mr. H. T. Conley paid his friends in this vicinity a short visit not long since. We understand that he intends shortly to commence practicing law. THE HESPERIAN joins Mr. Conley's many University friends in wishing him success and prosperity.

The Pals and Unions had society as usual Friday, March 19. A literary(?) and social time was indulged in until ten and one half o'clock when they dispersed after resolving unanimously that everybody had had more fun than you could *schuettern* a *baton* at.

We have been rather "on the fence" in this war that has waged upon the marking system but when a Prof. hunts all over town for the hardest pencil he can find in order that he may be able to give a person the smallest possible mark, we do feel as though the marking system must go.

The officers elected by the University Union society for the Spring Term are as follows: President, L. H. Cheney; Vice-President, Miss Clark; Secretary, Mr. Larkin; Assistant Secretary, Roscoe Pound; Critic, Miss Cramphorn; Treasurer, Mr. Petersen; Sergeants-at-Arms, Dan Cheney and J. B. Fogarty.

Our genial friend, W. E. Johnson, who was formerly connected with THE HESPERIAN is exhibiting his business enterprise in his management of the *Daily Evening News* of this city. His subscription list now numbers between 800 and 900 and is steadily increasing. THE HESPERIAN wishes W. E. success.