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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE first number of the *University Bulletin* has been issued. The paper is entitled "Irrigation in Nebraska," and is one of considerable value. Its author is Prof. L. E. Hicks of the University.

THE time for the customary contests is drawing near and we feel safe in saying that each of the contestants have in reserve a burst of eloquence that will do full justice to the occasion. It has long been the custom of the Palladian society to have yearly contests. The success and the beneficial influence of these have made themselves felt on that society. This year the Union society has taken the matter in hand and are preparing for the struggle. The prizes offered are not to be sneered at, but even aside from these the benefit derived is sufficient remuneration for the labor expended. There are now ample opportunities for every student to appear on one of these oratorical contests sometime during his college course. A careful consideration of these facts would greatly lighten the duties of the com-

mittees working up a class. In our institution, at the present time it is difficult to persuade students to enter the contest. It is wrong to suppose that these contests are only intended for those who have already considerable experience in public speaking. The prizes are offered as an inducement to enter and if students lose sight of this fact in deciding whether or not they will orate the contests fail to accomplish the object for which they were intended.

IN presenting this, our last issue, to our readers we do so with some feeling of regret; not that our duties have been at all pleasant or light, but because we feel a peculiar interest in our college paper. We have no doubt that the names which will grace the editorial page of next issue will be ample assurance of its success. Our last two issues have failed to come out on time but it was owing to the force of circumstances rather than any fault of ours. This is especially unfortunate for us as in this age of political scheming it is best to go out of office on the swelling wave of popularity. Our only consolation is that we have no political axe to grind. Our interest in the paper will continue. Those on whom the honors are about to fall may frequently be required to fire us from the editorial sanctum so strong has become our custom of holding sway there. With many good wishes for the success of the HESPERIAN we drop the quill and retire to the rank of the mob.

THE scheme of thesis work by students does not meet with a very hearty approval. By far the largest number of the present Senior class are asking for the privilege of substituting regular elective work for it. For the present it would be as well not to insist too rigidly on the writing of a thesis. To be sure it is a grand privilege and one from which great good can be derived if the student is prepared for that kind of work. But few of the graduating class are ahead enough with required work to spend any extra time in the development of any pet theory that their course of study may have suggested. A student should be well matured before he attempts anything of this kind. If he had completed nearly all his course then the privilege of thesis work would be an excellent opportunity for him to leave the drudgery of daily recitations and burrow into the mysteries of some interesting topic as deeply and as thoroughly as he