

the guaranty of financial help from Lincoln's business men, and there is no reason why this could not be made a success.

Rev. Brown, the evangelist, who was conducting the revival at the M. E. church spoke in chapel some time ago. His remarks were hugely enjoyed, as evinced by hearty laughter and cheers.

Mr. A.—"Say, do you know where I could find C. W. Bigelow?" Mr. B.—"No, what do you want to find C. W. Bigelow for?" Mr. A.—"C. W. Bigelow? Why I want to see Miss Tower."

In the late number of the *American Geologist* appear some articles on the Lincoln test well by one of our boys Mr. F. W. Russell. He seems to be already blossoming forth into a full fledged author.

Bert Wheeler.—(at band practice) "It is now 5 o'clock, professor, and I should like to be excused." Prof. E.—"Be excused? Why, is she waiting for you?" Yes, she was waiting at the foot of the stairs.

Our old friend Dave Reavis now spends his spare hours loafing behind the counters of a dry goods store in Falls City. He will eventually become sole proprietor and will be one of the bright lights of the west.

New patent, anti-slam, double-breasted, breech loading reversible door springs with the name blown in the bottle have been put on the outside doors of both the main building and laboratory. These supply a long felt want.

A great number of the students attended Bill Nye's lecture on "The New South," and seemed to enjoy the few jokes which he got off. He assiduously left the subject alone, and the boys all seem to agree in calling it a "sell."

Quite a bad explosion of steam occurred a short time ago in the physical laboratory. As several students were standing near at the time it is a wonder no one was seriously hurt. As it was they escaped with a few cuts and some scaldings.

A number of the students were entertained by Miss Pittman who gave a leap year party at her house February 29. They all enjoyed themselves hugely and all (particularly the boys) wish that leap year came four times in one year instead of once in four years.

The University of Nebraska did not celebrate Washington's birthday. Perhaps as the "Father of His Country" was born 156 years ago it did not see the necessity of celebrating, and perhaps, also, it feared that taken with the preceding Charter day this holiday would be too much of a good thing.

Since this sheet is very slow to say anything that would cause its subscribers sorrow it will simply say nothing about something which should be settled for by every loyal student. We are sure several slight hints, however, will not be scorned by those who succeed in seeing this solemn send-off.

The three highest averages of the Junior class at the University of Pennsylvania for the half year were just exactly the same. One of them was that of our old friend J. R. McCance. Excuse us if we take a little reflected glory for the U. of N.

Conway G. McMillan, '85, went to Minneapolis last week. He will resume the work he began last spring in the University of Minnesota. Mr. McMillan has since his graduation here made a reputation as a botanist that very few men of his age have ever equalled. THE HESPERIAN takes this occasion to congratulate the Minnesota students upon their good fortune in securing him.

For specimens of high class literature come to this office. We can supply "The Devil's Grandmother," "The Bloody Duggies," "The Red-Handed Terror of Bucking Mule Gulch," "The Spirit Detective's Last Hoodoo," "Convict No. 1,786-439½," "The Ghost of the Saw Mill," and others of like merit.

The University libraries and collections are steadily increasing. Some time ago Prof. Hicks received a lot of shells for his department. Prof. Bessey received a fine collection of plants from Germany with some rare old botanical works. Profs. Barber and McMillan also received a number of books to be added to their department.

The Nebraska State Teachers' Association will hold its annual meeting this year at Fremont, March 27, 28 and 29. From the preliminary announcement we see that the programme will as usual be good. An important part of it will no doubt be that relating to the college. We hope that many from the U. of N. will be able to attend.

The preps after all do amount to something. Two of them the other day stuffed two Sophs with a long account of a Fresh sociable which was going to be held that evening. Two Sophs went around and lay for the Freshies until 12 o'clock midnight, but as no one came they went home and swore. This is what caused the two warm days in the midst of our last cold snap.

We have always wondered why the girls who hold a very important meeting in the Palladian hall every Friday afternoon don't work the leap year racket any more. We think we can sum it up in the following lines:

Break! break! break!  
At the foot of thy crags, O Sea,  
Broke! broke! broke!  
Is what ails the P. G. D. C.

Some of our second preps evince a strong disposition to whoop and howl on Friday nights like a Manitoba blizzard. On the evening of February 10, while covering Tenth street by their whoops, with shingles from the adjacent houses a crowd of them drew the attention of two cops who proceeded to accelerate them inward. The boys had to remain in durance until their girls could go home and get the needed fines. This ought to be stopped.

A short time ago a ring came at the telephone in Satan's private office. His satanic majesty immediately rose and yelled in the 'phone, "Helloa, who's there." The reply immediately came: "I'm one of the subordinate devils stationed at the Nebraska University and you had better get out an order for two or more tons of sulphur. The fellow who last got off the joke about preferring to take physics rather than work in the research lab is on his death bed."

The Union oratorical contest of February 24 drew a full house. The opening of the exercises was rather late although at 8 o'clock the chapel was crowded. The members of the class all spoke well, and the marks were very close. The first prize of twenty dollars was taken by Miss Clark on "The Puritan;" the second prize of ten dollars by Mr. French on "The Lion of the North." The music, especially that by Messrs. Gaeckler and Gaylord was greatly enjoyed.

One of our scientists has estimated that if one of the California big trees was cut into a continuous ribbon with the thickness of three bacteria and width of four it would form a continuous band from the earth around the sun and back to the earth again. One of our late tactics lessons, even in its natural state, would easily do the above and in addition could wrap three times around Neptune, take four reefs in Jupiter and still one of the loose ends flapping about could easily knock the spots off the sun.