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EDITORIAL NOTES.

BEGINNING with this issue, one column of THE HESPERIAN will be devoted solely to the *alumni* and former students. Until other arrangements are made the column will be under the charge of the editor-in-chief. It is the intention to make the *alumni* notes of especial interest. Any news in regard to graduates will be gladly received and published.

LACK of space renders it impossible for THE HESPERIAN to print, in this issue, the constitution of the Western Inter-collegiate Press Association. It will appear in the next issue. A report of the convention will be found in another column. Every college paper should join this association at once. United efforts and mutual association will raise the standard of college journalism in the west, and increase the influence of every college paper.

THE inter-state contest is over. According to all accounts the decision gave almost universal satisfaction. The Nebraska delegates returned home well pleased with their work. Lincoln has the next inter-state contest. This, however, is due to the skillful maneuvering of the Nebraska representatives. It was only by wire-pulling and skillful scheming that Nebraska formed the winning combination. Yet THE HESPERIAN is glad that the day of such political work at the inter-state contest is practically past. Hereafter the state whose orator appears first on the program will be entitled to the presidency; the fourth on the program will have the vice-presidency and the location of the next contest; and the seventh in order will be entitled to the secretary and treasurer. The states will pursue a system of rotation in regard to order on the program. All this has been brought about by changes in the constitution at the recent meeting.

While such radical yet judicious amendments were being made to the constitution, it would have been a wise move to provide that judges for the contest, so far as possible, should be chosen from states not represented in the contest. With no intention of questioning the honesty or fairness of any judge in any of the contests, we wish to call attention to a coincidence in one respect, that is extremely likely, if seen often, to arouse ill feeling among some of the con-