

American nation to-day. It is the duty of every state to see that the youths are made to realize fully the various social disorders. For this reason we are proud of the progress that has been made in the department of political economy and hope that the progress may continue.

SINCE the inter-state contest is to be held in Lincoln it is but natural to suppose the Wesleyans will give considerable support to the orator from Nebraska. We hope, however, that Mr. Ferguson may receive all the support that the state university is able to give and also that Doane and the other institutions will show a large amount of interest in backing the state orator. Judging from some of the other orations Nebraska will be well represented in the contest and it is our duty as Nebraska students to see that our man is treated in a proper manner. Let the different yells be present on that occasion and see that they are in proper running order; or better yet it would be a good idea to have a single yell for Nebraska students.

AS the HESPERIAN will not be published again until after the inter-state contest, we take this opportunity of urging all without regard to party politics, to do their duty in making preparations for the coming of our visitors and in attempting to make their visit a pleasant one. Certainly every party at the university desires that this institution should be favorably regarded by institutions outside of the state; then if we are to have a good reputation abroad it behooves us to leave nothing undone that may in any manner add to the pleasure of our visitors. Let each one do what he may be able, there will be something for every one. If funds are lacking let the committee go out and "rustle". The HESPERIAN force will do its duty and hope that others may follow their example.

IN a recent issue of the *Voice* we noticed an article that should be of much interest to Nebraska voters. The article referred to sets forth the manner in which the liquor dealers of Pennsylvania conducted the late campaign against prohibition. According to the statements of a prominent liquor dealer the amendment was defeated only because the opponents of temperance resorted to bribery and almost every method of corruption in order to accomplish their purpose. The most unfair advantages were taken of the prohibitionists. This article coming as it does just as the prohibition campaign is opening in this state should be read by every intelligent citizen because it tells how the liquor men will in all probability set to work

to defeat prohibition here. Politicians and newspapers are bribed, the country is flooded with pamphlets and even the ministers of the gospel are silenced by securing the support of some of the prominent members of the churches. No attempt is made to defend the saloon, but the one thing harped upon is the immense amount of revenue derived from the high license system. If the opponents of prohibition must depend for success upon their ability to corrupt voters it is about time that the honest people of the country should rise and assert their rights. If our elections are to be carried by bribery and corruption, then we might as well declare the republic a failure and place ourselves under the rule of the political bosses.

WE have already referred to the favorite frat custom of going into the literary societies and attempting to induce the best members to join them; how fraternity people regard the literary society as a proper field in which to carry on their proselyting campaigns; how, as soon as a person makes a record for himself, the fraternities promptly have great love for that individual—even the very same fraternity which formerly looked down upon him. All this has been said, and said truthfully, against the frats. Now we have a word to say to those who join a literary society and then after they have been trained and developed by that society until they have made a good record for themselves, leave the society and go over to the ranks of the enemy. We maintain that every person who has been developed in an open society owes that society a debt—to remain in the society and exert all his influence in developing the younger members of the society. This is only fair and reasonable, for what that person is he owes to his society and the proper manner in which he should perform his duty is to do his utmost for younger members of the society. It must indeed be a sublime spectacle to behold a man tied by the bonds of brotherly love and undying friendship to an aggregation of snobs who once looked down upon and despised him because he was somewhat backward in manner and unstylish in dress. Yet we have known just such cases. We presume that the bonds of fraternity are strong, but yet we may be pardoned if we question the sincerity of both parties to such an arrangement; the one who deserts his society where he knows he has friends, for a fraternity, the members of which would at one time not deign to notice him; and the fraternity that suddenly becomes greatly in love with a man, not because he is any richer, not because he is any truer, but simply because he happens to have gained a reputation for ability. If such a union is brotherly love then we are glad that we are outside of such societies.