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The Nebraskan is in receipt of some very excellent notes on German student life by Robert E. Moritz. The articles which are well worth the perusal of all who desire a glimpse of university life in that country, will be published some time this week.

The Nebraskan feels that an explanation is due on account of the late delivery of the paper the past week. Owing to a shortage of printers in the office doing the work the printing of the paper was delayed. A change of offices has been made and it is hoped that not only will the delivery of the paper be prompt hereafter, but also that its typographical make-up will be much improved.

The Daily Iowan in a recent issue states that "The editor of the Daily Nebraskan has his hands full to keep up to date with his general denials of all the derogatory reports that find their way into circulation concerning that institution." It is safe to say that were it not for the untiring efforts of the fake mit across the Missouri in furthering and giving rise to these reports the editor of this paper would have no denials to make.

Whether this institution is to enter the interstate track meet this spring or not depends entirely upon the students who are interested in track athletics. Contests along this line certainly ought not to be confined to the colleges of this state alone. If a special effort is made by the students who are to enter the preliminaries to push the work to its fullest extent, there is probability of a tri-state meet in the spring. This will not be attempted, however, unless a strong feeling for it is manifested.

Miss Sarah B. Harris has again been heard from on the question of English literature in the University of Nebraska. These dissertations, such as appeared in last week's issue of the Lincoln Courier, have been coming around with such periodicity that we wish to suggest to Miss Harris that she collect all her articles on this question, revise them and place them in book form and present the same to the regents, who will possibly place her at the head of the department of English literature in this institution. Just why Miss Harris, in writing an article on English literature, should attempt to inject so many French phrases is not clear to us. However, one thing is clear and that is that had she spent an hour or two in the study of Edgren's French Gram-

mar instead of wandering back into the Elizabethian period her article would have appeared a little more scolarly.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF DRILL.

In the minds of some persons who are interested in the university there is a question as to the value of military training in connection with a college education. And by some the question has been expressed openly, "Is drill worth while?" and discussed. Captain Smoke, when interviewed on this subject, said that from his personal experience and what he had observed in others he considered military training very valuable.

Military instruction and drill, he said, trains the attention and teaches concentration of the mind. If the drill-master sees that the attention is lagging he gives, as quickly as possible, some commands such as facings or marching by the flank and to the rear. In an instant the attention of every man is riveted. This leaves its effect and influence not only during school life, but in after life as well.

Drill gives a man the power to execute the mandates of the will promptly. A command must be executed at exactly the right time. So a man must think quickly and be ready to act instantly.

Military training causes a wholesome respect for all lawful orders. This creates a desire to obey law. This quality, which every good soldier possesses, is the very basis of good citizenship, morals and religion.

There is another advantage to the individual from a purely selfish standpoint. It gives a good physical carriage, which stays with a man and is profitable to him all his life.

Drill or military training develops the aspirations of the youth. All nations are born with war, and the heroes of the war are at the head of nearly all the departments of the government, in the peace which follows. The student, in drilling, is conscious of emulating the best as far as comes within his sphere.

But there is another reason, a benefit to the country as well as to the individual, which is more important than these. A relatively small proportion of young men receive a thorough education. Those who do are the natural leaders of the masses. As long as we wish to maintain the government these same men should be able to remain at the head of the masses in time of war, for until human nature changes we shall have war.

Statistics gathered by the registrar of the Pennsylvania law school show that 43 per cent of the students are college graduates, 18 per cent have attended college without graduating, and 28 per cent are graduates from high schools. The general average standing of the students is 75 per cent. Only the college graduates and partial college men average as high as this. The college graduates are almost two points ahead of the partial college men, and more than five points above the public high school graduates.

### Floral Season at San Jose.

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