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Whether the Nebraska trio wins or loses in its contest against Colorado Friday night the value to be derived from the work by the individual men will be the same. The value of the debate to the university will, however, depend on the outcome. It is, therefore, a university affair and should be supported as such.

Much might be repeated that has already been said on the subject of preserving the neatness of the campus. Much that is entirely new might be added to what has already been said. It is sufficient here, however, to remind the student body that a mass meeting in the interests of neatness on the campus will be held tomorrow.

The Nebraskan devotes considerable space today to the coming interstate debate, which is to take place with Colorado next Friday night. It does this because it believes that college debating is a good thing and ought to be pushed by all classes of students. Just as in athletics and all other forms of college activity, there should be no division in the ranks of its supporters. The men who will meet the Colorado team on the field of intellectual contest are just as much representatives of the university as the football or baseball teams are. They surely deserve as strong support.

Students of every class and organization should rally to the support of the debaters this morning at convocation and Friday night the debate.

Dr. Clements is at present reading proof on an article on "Phytelegraphy," which will appear soon in Engler's Botanische Jahrbuecher, to be published in Berlin. The article was read before the Botanical Society of America in Denver last August.

The books in the department of botany are being rearranged by Miss Bonnell. It is hoped that sufficient space may be secured to permit the books to be catalogued and arranged in accordance with approved library systems.

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MY FATE IN CHAPEL.

The other morning I decided that fate did not intend that I should hear what the speaker in chapel was saying. For eight days I had attended the convocation exercises and only twice had I been able to hear the person on the platform. Every time I was disturbed by people behind me talking. On the third I was careful to take a seat at quite a distance from the people who had talked behind me the day before. Others came in and sat behind me and as soon as the speaker commenced they, too, commenced to jabber.

This luck seemed to follow me, and in nearly every case the people who did the talking came in after I did and sat somewhere close behind me.

But this particular morning really "capped the climax." I took a seat with no one directly back of me. But about four seats away in the first row back were two girls I knew very well. I had always thought that they were wellbred. Professor Nicholson talked on the mining laws, and I went to hear him because I was interested and expected to hear something worth while. As he did not stand on the platform, I had difficulty in seeing him, but with close attention I heard his first two sentences quite clearly and distinctly. As for the rest of the talk—I heard nothing. One of the girls said in a stage whisper, "I can't see him at all. Why doesn't he get on the platform?" The ice was broken, and such a visit as they had! I heard all about the letters from home; what auntie was doing; all the latest news about Mr. —, and a great deal more. The more talkative of the two girls could not whisper without a great deal of hissing and "ss"ing.

If two people or a crowd of girls want to talk, let them stay out and do it; if they can't hear, let them keep still and permit others to hear if they can. This thing has been talked about and preached about, but it is one of the greatest faults of our people. Persons whom we ordinarily consider wellbred and nice will do this and think nothing of it.

It does not always happen that I am disturbed so much. But this occurred so many times I have decided to stay away for a few days and see if fate will change her whim. When I go back I can judge whether it is the ignorance and poor breeding among all the girls or whether I alone have been the pestered one. I do hope it has been the latter and that then the spell will be broken.

R. K. Beattie, '96, now an instructor in botany in the Washington Agricultural college, has just issued a bulletin discussing and recommending the use of formalin for the prevention of smut in wheat. When in the university Mr. Beattie was known as one of the most active and enthusiastic of botanists.

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