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Editorial Remarks

Tonight in Memorial hall the University student logicians will lock horns in argumentative combat. Men on both sides who have already won laurels in the debating world will try to add another to their wreath. This contest, which decides who shall be on the "squad," is the opening of the fourth annual season of victorious debating in this university and from the prospective candidates it is a flattering outlook. Every one should avail themselves of this opportunity to hear a tactful discussion of a live question by men who have put forth a great effort to get the most out of it.

The basket-ball team has just made a record which has never been equalled by varsity basket-ball teams in the past. The team was handicapped by a new floor in every game and by a hard day's travel before every game but one, yet the men wound up the series with an unbroken record of victories, winning the last two and the hardest two, from a team which had never before been defeated by a college team on its own floor. Support accorded basket-ball at Nebraska in the past has been good, but not what the game itself and the merit of the team deserve. In the games yet to be played on our own floor the most enthusiastic support should be given. Whenever a chance is offered to see the team in action against an opposing team every Nebraskan should be on hand to show his loyalty to a team whose recent achievement has been little short of marvelous.

The Minnesota Daily, commenting upon the two defeats the Gophers suffered at the hands of Nebraska's basket-ball team on their recent trip to the north, says: "Nebraska was seldom penalized, neither Murfin nor Cooke being able to call fouls with any particular success." Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed by Minnesota at the decisions of Dr. Clapp, who refereed the first game.

In order to prevent the recurrence of any such dissatisfaction, Nebraska insisted that both officials for the sec-

ond game be Minnesota men. The score at the end of the first game was 23-22; at the end of the second, 28-25.

The following notice appeared yesterday on the Y. M. C. A. bulletin board:

"Notice our advertising hair-cut on J. D. Ringer. He got it for nothing. Come and see us. The Palace Barber Shop."

Considerable speculation is rife as to whether or not this unwarranted use of the bulletin board for advertising has been productive of remuneration to any one individual. This unusual "bulletin" may be investigated by the Y. M. C. A. officers.

Inspector T. M. Hodgman, while visiting in Minnesota last summer, became greatly interested in the system of state accredited schools in that state. He found that under a wise system of state aid to accredited schools, a body of high schools had been built up not equaled in any western state. On his return he talked the matter over with State Superintendent McBrien, who likewise became enthused and who has since been working hard to draft a measure which would embody the best feature of the Minnesota law and not disturb the University's present system and especially not be unconstitutional, as most similar measures have proven to be in Nebraska. Two legislatures have enacted free attendance laws only to see the measures knocked out by the supreme court.

At the N. T. A. meeting during the holidays a first draft by Superintendent McBrien was presented to the county superintendents' section for consideration. A committee consisting of Superintendent McBrien, Inspector T. M. Hodgman and five superintendents worked nearly all night on the measure, and it was heartily approved on the following day by the section. Since then Superintendent McBrien, Chancellor Andrews, Attorney John Morris Brown and Dean Roscoe Pound have been earnestly seeking to make the measure constitutional. It has already been introduced into the legislature without reservation.

No action could be taken which would be of equal value to the University's system of inspection. Heretofore the inspector has been compelled to use tact and diplomacy, persuasiveness and infinite patience to stimulate school boards to do their duty. He can recommend needed equipment, changes in faculty and courses of instruction and increases in libraries, but then his powers end and in case of refusal he has no recourse except dropping the school from the accredited list. This proposed measure establishes a state board of control, consisting of Chancellor Andrews, Inspector T. M. Hodgman, Superintendent McBrien, and the principals of the two state normal schools. This board has power to determine standards in equipment, buildings, faculty, and courses of study. The University inspector will have sole charge of the eleventh and twelfth grades and Superintendent McBrien will have charge of the ninth and tenth grade schools. Whenever, on the report of these two officers, a school reaches the standard set by the board it becomes a state high school, open, without tuition, to any student. In return for this free admission of non-resident students the school receives seventy-five cents per week for each non-resident pupil. The money for this will be paid from a one-third mill tax upon the dollar of valuation of the grand assessment roll of the state. University students are not, of course, interested in the details of this measure, but all will recognize the immense impetus that will be given to secondary education in Nebraska should this measure pass. The measure specifies that schools that are at present accredited high schools shall immediately become state high schools without further action. It is believed by Inspector Hodgman that the bonus thus made to each state high school will give his recommendations a force not otherwise obtainable. Chancellor Andrews has incorporated in the original draft a provision for securing practical instruction in agriculture in these state high schools. In his opinion, nothing is so much needed in this state of grains, fruits and stock as laboratory instruction in this subject.

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