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DEBATING.

Now that football is laid away in mothballs, and even the proposed excursion to the Pacific coast has become an impossibility, Nebraskans should begin to turn their attention to the collegiate activities, which serve to make great the name of the Cornhusker in other lines.

First of these, now, is debating.

In this line of work Nebraska has a past record no whit less glorious than her football history, and at present she faces a contingency which needs the support of Nebraskans generally.

Debating is a thing that does not,

he lives in hope of something which, once attained, he will consider ample reward for his sacrifices, and it must be that when the time at last arrives when he is called upon to put forth the best he has for Nebraska he is not going to step upon the platform with a non-challant, haphazard air, but with the full determination to give his forensic opponents just as fierce a battle of wits as ever did the Cornhuskers give them of brawn.

No football game, no baseball game, no basket-ball game, no track meet can prove slow or dull when two teams are battling for supremacy with every ounce of energy they possess. Nor can a debate, so contested, prove anything other than live, interesting,

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at first blush, appeal to the lover of athletic sports. It seems from the outside a sort of dry-as-dust event that most of us know occurs every year, but that few of us wish to attend.

There is nothing in the thought of a debate that appeals to the love for battle so rampant during football season, and for that reason debating, coming directly at the close of the gridiron contests, seems at first glance a pale thing.

But when one stops to realize that the debating team has been training for this one event for half a month longer than the football team trained for its eight battles; when one considers that in the success or failure of an hour next Friday evening is embodied the result of a whole year's labor then one begins to realize that there must be something in debating after all.

It must be that the men who labor so long and industriously, have for their chosen field, as great a love and enthusiasm as has the football, track, or basket-ball man. It must be that

and even perhaps exciting, to persons of such intellectual attainments as college men and women are presupposed to possess.

The editor feels sure that as a debater he would prove unable to win the affirmative of even such a question as "Resolved, It Hurts to Be Kicked," unless actual experience was counted 100 per cent, but he feels equally sure that debating itself is worthy the attendance and interested support of every Nebraskan from the Chancellor to the janitors—and the "Rag" staff.

The Junior Hop will be given December 9th, at the Lincoln Hotel. You had better get your tickets early, as the dance will be limited. Tickets can be purchased from Radcliffe, Potter, Hein and Hyde. E. L. HYDE.

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