

down". Everybody went away satisfied and the psychology students haven't talked about anything else since.

The state oratorical contest will be held in the Lansing, Friday evening, March 10.

The competing colleges, orators, and subjects are as follows; given in the order of appearance on the platform: Cotner University—Miss Gadd, on "The Work of Women"; Wesleyan University—Mr. Turner, on "Progress and Thought"; University of Nebraska—Mr. Wing, on "Patriotism and Brotherhood"; Doane College—Mr. Dean, on "A Case in Equity". The program will possess the admirable feature of being brief. The agony won't last long, but it promises to be pretty sharp.

The report upon Farmers' Institutes recently submitted to the Chancellor shows a large amount of work accomplished. Twenty-eight institutes have been held since the school year opened, the work being so arranged as to take the professors as little as possible from their regular work and at the same time give the greatest possible benefit to the farmers. The towns visited are scattered over the entire state. Of the fifty-eight lectures given altogether, over forty were by Professors Ingersoll, Taylor and Bruner; the balance being divided among the Chancellor, Prof. Bessey, Prof. Caldwell and Instructor Woods.

A very interesting incident occurred at the home of a couple of young ladies, last Friday night; the substance of which certainly should be recorded, for it illustrates in how novel a manner young men settle their disputes. Three young men, of great repute in the society circles of this college, evidently found themselves in a dilemma on Friday night. They had asked the company of three young ladies for that evening, but it seems that they had asked them in a body, and that no arrangements had been made as to the escorts of each. Nothing, however, was said about it until the ladies had left the room to don their wraps. Then a discussion arose among the young men as to whom they should take. They wrangled and argued

and debated, but as time was flying, and as the girls would soon appear, they fished out some nickles and flipped for them. It certainly would have been interesting for any privileged spectator to watch the young men, as they bent over the money and eyed it in breathless expectancy. However, they seemed to have settled it to their evident satisfaction, for when the young ladies did appear, they saw nothing amiss, except a few significant smiles and a suspicious glance or two toward the unconscious girls, as if to discover whether or not they were aware of the proceedings.

The Botanical Seminar held its first convocation for 1893 in the Botanical lecture room, February 23. The following papers were read:

Early Expeditions in Nebraska—Fred Clements, Sem. Nov.

The Classification of Fungi—Roscoe Pound, Sem. Bot.

Botrychini boreale—A. F. Woods, Sem. Bot.

The Metaspermæ of the Minnesota Valley—Prof. Bessey.

The Chemistry of Insectivorous Plants—J. C. Smith, Sem. Bot.

The copy for the first annual bulletin of the Botanical Survey of Nebraska is in the hands of the printer and will probably be ready for distribution about March 15.

Our aggregation of "Sand Burrs" was crowded out of this issue by more desirable matter. Sandburrs, though, are like wine and Sophomores—they improve with age. So, if you crave sandburrs as *are* sandburrs, wait for the April NEBRASKAN.

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