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ALTHOUGH the "University bill" was tabled in the house, we should not be discouraged. The bill was championed by the ablest men of that body and was defeated only after a hard fight and by the close vote of 48 to 47. The cause for the defeat was not, as has usually been the case heretofore, any ill-feeling toward the university. From nearly every member, opponents of the bill as well as its friends, was to be heard words of praise and commendation. Nearly all felt the justice of the university's demands, but some opposed the bill on account of extreme hard times and others, in favor of an appropriation, objected to a tax.

The favorable opinion of the institution manifested, speaks volumes. The university has made itself known to the state at large and its work is recognized. Many of the western representatives were most earnest champions not only of the university but of the county high school system and of education in general. Douglas county still shows its selfishness and nearly the entire delegation voted against the bill. Instead of recognizing the university as a state institution, established for the benefit of the whole commonwealth and which must be located somewhere, they persist in calling it a Lancaster county institution.

It is the duty of the students of the university to see that such a custom as the publication of an Annual should be maintained. The discouragement the business managers of the last Sombrero experienced was one reason that none was issued this year. We think it no more than right that those volumes which were left over should be purchased at once.

Some have not kept their pledges, others utterly fail to care enough for their college life to preserve any memento which will delight them, years after they have left these halls. The handsome volume that '95 got out certainly deserves the patronage of the whole school.

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THIS week we celebrate the twenty-sixth anniversary of the birth of the university. It is customary on such occasions to have a general good time, to review the marvelous growth of the university, and to listen to some eminent lecturer. The university may well afford to pause a short time each year and see what she has accomplished.

In spite of the financial distress and the lack of sufficient funds, the institution has continued to grow at a marvelous rate. Its reputation is increasing abroad year by year and the citizens of the commonwealth of Nebraska are realizing more and more what the university means to them individually and to the state at large.

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THURSDAY evening of this week will occur the long looked for "Junior Promenade." The committee has sacrificed both time and money to make this event the most successful of its kind in the history of the university. A novelty in the line of decorations will be introduced. Each literary society, fraternity and student organization is to contribute something for decoration, either in the line of flowers, coat-of-arms or banners. In the early part of the evening until the Grand March, a reception will be held in honor of the patrons and patronesses. The Promenade will be the social event of "Charter Day" week.

It is to be regretted that the management has been compelled to go outside the university to dispose of these tickets. Such has frequently been the custom in the past. However, if we are to have "Junior