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NOTICE—All subscriptions should now be paid and collection will be commenced accordingly. Any one wishing to avoid the inconvenience of being "dunned", should notify the business manager before January 15.

The students are apparently taking an active interest in municipal politics this spring. This is a matter which is commendable. No one is more concerned in a pure, honest and upright administration of city affairs, than those who come here from year to year to complete their educational training. No one is better qualified to express their honest convictions upon what is conducive to an economic management of city affairs and above all, the assurance of chastity and good morality in our midst. The university students spend annually thousands of dollars among the business men of Lincoln. In truth, their whole income is practically spent here. We are safe in saying, that the average student does more to increase the actual circulating capital of the city than many of those who are questioning the expediency of allowing them to participate in the primaries and vote at the general election. We are all interested in good municipal government. This is no less true of the student than of the business man. We as students, are sensible of the importance of the problems which confront every municipality, and we certainly will act with due consideration. It behooves every student to see that the university is allowed a voice in shaping the policy which so largely makes up our environment. We are more concerned with the character of municipal laws than any other phase of party politics, as they so concern our daily surroundings. We trust the citizens of Lincoln will feel the importance of insuring the best of environment for the young men and women of our state, while they live in this city.

The state oratorical contest is to be held in the university chapel this year. It is needless to say that the contest will be unquestionably one of the best and most vigorously contested in the history of the association. There will be four orators who will compete for the honor of representing Nebraska at the inter-state contest which will be held this year at Columbia Mo. All the orators appreciate the importance of the state being creditably represented, alongside of the older states and universities. Our orator is going into the state contest with many advantages in his favor, and will certainly make a strong rival for the others. He has already made a good showing in two warmly fought contests, and there is every reason to believe he has a good chance of winning the state honors. Every student should feel in duty bound to lend his support financially and otherwise to arouse genuine enthusiasm as of old. Let us make the visiting colleges feel that true college spirit in oratory is far from wavering in our university. To do this, we must individually and collectively be on hand to cheer and encourage our orator and yell for the scarlet and cream. Let us not allow our indifference in any way interfere with a vigorous and enthusiastic contest.

The success of the glee club tour will be watched for by every one with great interest. It means so much for the university, if these young men can succeed in impressing the people of the larger towns of the state of the position our university holds in the rank of educational institutions. Many people of Nebraska have heard so much of the eastern colleges and so little of the university, that they cannot be brought to understand that our state institution ranks as the equal of these well known eastern colleges—they do not know that in point of

numbers and standard of curriculum, that the university of Nebraska is as capable of giving their sons and daughters an education as good as any institution in the land can do. The appearance of the glee club among these people, carries with it a dignity and culture, and above all a college characteristic which lends much in appearance, of stamping the university as an institution with fixed college customs and rank.

Every student should exert himself a little this spring, to help out our baseball interests. There is eminent prospect of putting a team on the field that can win the championship of the west. This glory is worth striving for, and it is worth a bit of individual sacrifice and effort on the part of every one connected with the university. This may be the last time that a combination of circumstances will put so many good baseball players together, and the possibilities before us should result in bringing out financial support that will give the managers a little lee-way in case of getting games with such colleges as Wisconsin university, university of Chicago, and Northwestern. It would be a great thing for the team and the university if these teams could be induced to come to Lincoln. Subscriptions should be forthcoming when the season tickets are put on sale.

A visitor was recently overheard to have remarked that our chapel exercises were not very well attended. To be sure, the attendance is not what is desired. Quite frequently the number of empty seats more than equal those which are occupied. Although the attendance is voluntary, it seems that students could no better utilize fifteen minutes every day, than in attending chapel exercises. The weather, during the past few days, has no doubt been the cause of decreased chapel attendance, but it is hoped that the flock will soon return, and the attendance be what it used to be.

At the recent convention of the American association of colleges and secondary schools, President Canfield received the honor of being chosen president by a unanimous vote.

XAVIER SCHARWENKA.

Xaver Scharwenka, the Polish pianist, will appear at the Laasung in one recital only on Wednesday April 7. Scharwenka is equally famous as composer or pianist, and the Boston Advertiser says of him, the following: "The appearance among us of a composer of the rank of Xaver Scharwenka marks an epoch of far more importance than the advent of a Patti. Not since the appearance of Rubinstein a generation ago, has there been such a pianist and composer in Boston."

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Herr Scharwenka holds the appointment of court pianist to the emperor of Austria and the title "Royal Prussian Professor". In Berlin he is worshipped, and it is not unusual after a concert for the horses to be taken from his carriage and the musician drawn in state to his home by the hands of his friends.

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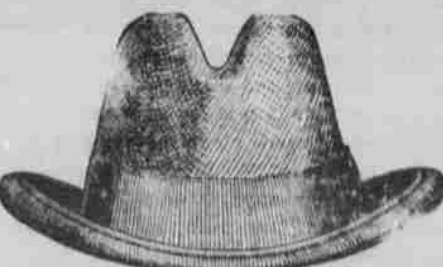


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