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Somebody has said: "That was a tale, told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." Maybe we said it and maybe we didn't, but we all think so.

Dr. Peterson's chapel address on Ibsen was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it. He entered thoroughly into the spirit of Ibsen and delivered in a forcible manner the results of a long study of this remarkable author.

Rush Medical students seem bent on emulating the student mobs in Paris or Madrid. The daily papers of February 9 report a conflict between the students and Chicago police, resulting in several injuries to both parties and the arrest of twenty-five students.

No reflection whatever was intended in the editorial in last week's Nebraskan regarding baseball matters, against any one now connected with the management of last year. It is understood that the present assistant manager has aided in every way possible the plans of Mr. Dennison, and it was not intended in any way to implicate him in the troubles of the manager.

That Mr. Dennison has had troubles it is useless to deny, and it is to be regretted that these, coupled with personal reasons, have caused him to resign the management at this time on the year.

Next Tuesday the University will don holiday garb and properly celebrate Charter Day. All departments will keep open house, and the professors, assisted by cohorts of students, will receive. Charter Day is the one day when the people of the state feel especially invited to inspect the University. It is on such occasions that renewed insight into the affairs and workings of the University is given the public. No better means could be adopted for displaying the exhibits of the University than by observing the day publicly, and it is a noteworthy fact that the day has become one of general observance among the friends of the University.

The first home concert of the Glee and Banjo club will be given tonight. Every student who can possibly afford to attend should not fail to do so. He should attend, in the first place, because it is a University affair, secondly because the proceeds go to a worthy organization, the Y. W. C. A., and thirdly, because he can not get more enjoyment elsewhere for the amount of money spent.

Prof. Kimball has labored hard and the Glee and Banjo club has practiced steadily to make this event a signal success. They will do their part if they are not greeted with rows of empty seats. This ought not so to be, and it will not if everybody lends a hand by attending the concert. It has been said that some organizations in the University, which hold their meetings tonight, have not adjourned. If this is true, they should adjourn by all means, and if the members do not care to attend the concert themselves, they certainly should not put anything in the way to prevent others from attending.

The following communication was handed in for publication by one of the sixteen men who are on the final debate:

"Some of the debaters on the first division of the preliminary debates would be greatly obliged if whoever has absorbed the four volumes of the congressional reports on Foreign Affairs for '93 and '94 would be so magnanimous as to reproduce a few meagre points and place in their stead.

"Everybody wants to see Nebraska

win in all the interstate debates, and it is certainly strange that every man of the sixteen thinks he should represent the University by all means."

Little comment is needed on the above, as the University public has been sufficiently regaled by literature condemnatory to the proceedings complained of above.

It is easy to understand that among the whole number of students in the University that some might stoop to such a thing, but it is extremely difficult to think that any one of the sixteen men who are on the final debates should descend to the depths necessary to commit such an act.

It is to be hoped that this is a false alarm and the volumes missing will be accounted for in some way or other than that the final debaters made away with them.

### A SONNET.

When all is dark and drear, and each gray thought Comes o'er me silence keeping; I would muse Of yon brown wood and tangled brake that lose The wanderer on his search for God—forget. The soul unfettered by the blast speeds on To find a touch of nature and of rest; Then humbly down before the God confessed It lays the burden and once more is gone. Thus souls inspired by thoughts of him; inspired By bush and brook, and crag, draw near the spot. Where he seemed richly present, and his form Shines out to them, and he is all desired. For man who once in faith did cast his lot. Now wakes to dwell in that most glorious moon.

I. S. C.

### AN EMBARRASSING QUESTION.

For several weeks a certain youth in the University has been going about with long silken tresses, which suggested to an observer that the barbers had quit the business or had raised the price of a hair cut enormously. The other day, however, when he came in to class there was a noticeable lack of hair on his head, and a rather uneven hair cut proclaimed it to be a domestic job.

Such a happening as this was, of course, too great to pass unnoticed, and so one of the boys cried out: "Hello, —, where did you get that hair cut?" The youth stopped short, looked up colored a bit, and then summoning his courage, blurted out: "Maw." And some of the boys laughed.

### A SPELLING SCHOOL NEEDED.

Teacher: Now, my little man, how do you spell "receptacle?"  
Editor Hesperian: R-e-s-e-p-t-i-c-l-e.  
Teacher: No, that is not correct, but perhaps you can spell "rhetoric?"  
Editor: R-h-e-t-h-o-r-i-c-e.  
Teacher: No, that is not correct, either.  
Editor: Well, that's the way I spelled those words last week when I criticized the spelling in that awful Nebraskan. I guess I'll have to study my spelling lesson again.

### COLLEGE NOTES

Harvard is to have a new dormitory to cost \$160,000. Prices of rooms in Randolph hall, as the new dormitory is to be called, will range from \$200 to \$700.

Princeton has made overtures to Pennsylvania for a series of base ball games, but Pennsylvania, before meeting its former rival again, will ask for a five years' agreement for meetings.

Dartmouth college's athletic managers are trying to arrange a new football league to comprise Dartmouth, Brown and Cornell, to take the place of the present Dartmouth-Amherst-Williams league.

Dartmouth is considering a plan for the support of college athletics by which the bill of each student is to be increased \$10 a year, which will go toward the support of the football, base ball and track teams. Every student will in this case receive a pass to all athletic contests.

### SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

The conservatory is at present overflowing and the attendance is greater than was ever known in its history before. This, in connection with his work on the exposition, serves to keep Prof. Kimball well occupied. The work in the school of music seems to be appreciated more and more by the students and especially the higher phases of the work.

### THE PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTION

The liveliest political battle the University has ever seen is scheduled for the chapel tomorrow night. The old frat bar contest will pale into insignificance in comparison with this one if prospects be but partially realized. The occasion is a mock national convention, composed of the members of the four debating clubs, for the purpose of adopting a platform and selecting a president. The meeting will be in regular form similar to all national conventions except that no contesting delegations will be allowed.

From the present outlook the affair promises to be a miniature counterpart of the Chicago convention of '96. The issue is destined to be the "free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 without the aid or consent of any other nation on earth."

The opponents to this proposition claim that a conspiracy has been on foot from the beginning to adopt such a plank in the platform and that committees have been chosen with that end in view. The committee on rules, it is maintained, will decide on the unit system of balloting, thus allowing the majority of the delegation to control its vote. Rumor is rife that certain elements have "doctored" the various delegations in such a way that with this rule in operation, but one result is inevitable.

The national committee held a meeting Wednesday evening and chose Kindler of the P. B. D. C. for temporary chairman. So far but one name has been suggested for the position of permanent chairman, that is Maguire of the P. B. D. C. But when the time arrives for nominations to this position each club will doubtless have an aspirant for that honor. The only name suggested for president so far as can be learned, is that of Hon. W. J. Bryan.

All week wire pullers have been interviewing voters and political bosses have been cracking their whips in frantic efforts to get their supporters into line. Dennison, the Croker of the Maxwells, Warner, the Hanna of the Delians, McGuffey, the Jones of the Unions and Taylor, the Tom Platt of the Palladians have been omnipresent the last few days and several combinations are rumored about.

Those who have never witnessed such a convention cannot afford to neglect this opportunity. The doors will open at 7:30, the gallery will be reserved for visitors, no one being allowed on the first floor but delegates. Efforts will be made to get permission to use the lights until 12 o'clock, but in case this is not secured the meeting will not adjourn 10:15. In the words of one of the delegates, "Be sure to come. We have hired 19 policemen at \$2 an hour to preserve order. They are objecting now because they think they are not getting paid enough. It will be the greatest political event in the history of the University."

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