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Contributions are solicited from all. News items such as locals, personals, reports of meetings, etc., are especially desired. The Nebraskan will be glad to print any contribution relative to a general University subject, but the name must accompany all such.

Those students aspiring to positions of trust and honor who desire official recommendations may be accommodated by a new rule of the faculty. A committee has been appointed who upon application will investigate the records of the students and so far as possible interview the instructors under whom the applicant has taken work. They then correspond directly with the parties to whom the student refers them. This is an excellent method of securing the best scholarship for the schools of the state, and an individual or a school board receiving any of our students from this committee may be sure that they are written with authority. But as there are many qualifications other than intellectual attainments, necessary for a successful teacher the system is perceptibly not infallible. Doubtless, however, it is an improvement on the former entire lack of system.

Yes, we are interested in the trouble with Spain. We have nearly four hundred cadets that are drilling three times a week and most of these are awaiting a call from the government. A few would be too young for service but enough would volunteer, if necessary to swell the total to an approximate five hundred. Five hundred trained men, subject to marching orders on a few hours notice, are a sufficient cause for the manifest interest in the international difficulty.

The unanimity with which all arose in condemnation of the base insinuations of an evening paper shows how party prejudice can be cast aside when the occasion demands. Regardless of political beliefs, populists, democrats, republicans and mug-mumps vied with each other in attempts to rent the clouds with cheers for McKinley.

"We are Americans" was the motto when we paraded the streets to show our disgust at the comments of a certain paper. The same motto should guide us and our nation in the trouble with Spain. Because we are Americans and because of base treachery on the part of Spain, our property was destroyed, our seamen killed, and our flag dishonored, we are ready to contribute to the resentment of the insult and the upholding of national honor.

The Friday afternoon business meeting of the State Oratorical Association at Crete should convince the University of Nebraska that she is no longer a congenial member of the state organization, if indeed she ever was. There was in that meeting an evident and well developed purpose to crowd us out. From start to finish there was a studied effort on the part of the other colleges to antagonize our delegation at every turn and to defeat every proposition whatsoever that seemed to have our support.

With her usual promptness in public matters, Doane was on hand with her customary nestful of hot schemes, prepared for her annual rag-chewing—prepared to turn what might otherwise have been a pleasant and profitable business meeting into a prolonged jangle flooded with unbearable nonsense. She had poured her chronic tale of woe into the credulous ears of Bellevue and Grand Island until they felt a sort of religious infatuation for vanquishing some uncircumcised Philistine. But as usual the Philistine would not vanquish.

This is no new state of affairs, however. We have become accustomed to this childishness, this pampered distrust on the part of small politicians, this petulant bickering of high school collegians.

The proceedings of Friday have but

one explanation. These colleges were were not able to compete with Mr. Denison, and hence they resorted to that constitutional bubble to shut out an opponent in whom they recognized superior ability and attainment. We are forced to the otherwise supercilious conclusion that the University is too large for the Association. We can not afford to handicap ourselves by keeping at home our best in order to match ourselves with second class schools as these colleges confess themselves to be. The sooner we learn this and act upon it the better for oratory in the University and in the state.

TO RISE OR NOT TO RISE. (With Apologies to Hamlet.)

To rise or not to rise, that is the question.
Whether 'tis nobler in the flesh to suffer
The pangs and agonies of early rising.
Or lie supinely in a sea of reveries,
And by forgetting end them!—to sleep
to dream
Some more; and, by a snooze, to say
we end
The headaches and the thousand other
shocks
Rising is heir to. Such is a blessing
Devoutly to be wished. To dream, to
sleep,
To sleep! alas, to wake! Ay, there's
the rub;
For with the wakeful morn what cares
may come,
When we have shuffled off Morpheus'
coil,
To give us pain? There's the drawback
That makes of rising the bane of
early life;
For who would bear the chilling
breath of dawn,
The unbuild fire and icy crash upon
the ever' rim,
The frosty wooden floor beneath the
aching toes,
And knell like tolling of the chapel
bell,
When I myself might quietly take
in restful sleep? That some should
choose the tedious tack
To rise and dress upon a wintry morn,
From great desire for something after
sleep,
That sweet, untasted breakfast—to
which
Few students e'er object—confounds
the sense.
Yet we would rather bear those ills
we know
Than cling to pleasures which we fain
would have.
And appetite doth make us cowards
all,
And thus the fond desire to slumber
on
Is overcome by love of morning's meal
And cherished slumbers wished and
longed for still
Upon this thought, their currents turn
awry
And lose the joy of sleeping.
—The Princeton Tiger.

TO G. J. L.
The recent verses were doubtless inspired by our trouble with Spain and and one more great evil will have to be laid at the door of the Spaniards.

And here is our good friend Aulchises Of royal and soldierly mien,
As free as a cherub from vices
He would ravish the heart of a queen,
A trooper with never a fly on,
He scorneth the hazards of war,
In truth he's as bold as a Lyon
That roareth with hunger afar.

Be it Tyrian or Trojan or Greek
Or a modern Castilian Don,
With the glare in his eye and the rose
on his cheek
He'd fear him no more than a rabbit,
But he'd sing from a strange force of
habit,
As his war steed was galloping on:
Si perco, feminae manibus, periisse
invabit.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Minnesota has secured a new trainer for her track team in the person of Mr. William McMaster recently of Princeton.

Kansas University is endeavoring to raise \$250 for the relief of starving Cuban. More than \$50 has already been pledged.

Some liberal men in the east have given \$25,000 to Beloit college, Wisconsin and asked that his name shall not be made public.

At Stanford University the women have an athletic association of their own, with its board of directors. They are to have a basket ball field, a track and tennis court this year. The materials, such as ball, racquets, nets, etc., are furnished the contestants by the association. Match games are arranged with the neighboring colleges and high schools.

A CHICAGO EXHIBIT.
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