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In regard to the Kansas-Nebraska debate we can only reiterate what has been said before: The Kansas men were trained. This was evident to the casual observer. Our men worked hard, but against great odds as was shown during the debate.

Prof. Hodgman desires to say that in printing his reply to a criticism of the Lincoln Evening News upon his chapel reading last Friday morning that paper has inserted two negatives in the next to the last paragraph where neither sense nor regard to the truth will permit them to remain.

Yale students and alumni have made a substantial gift to the cruiser Yale, in the shape of two rapid firing Maxim guns. The committee in charge of the gift canvassed every sort of a present, from a beautiful gold plate to a cannon, and decided on the more useful. The guns cost about \$5,000, and that sum was quickly subscribed. Every graduate association was assessed and the students made up the balance. This is quite in contrast with the average U. of N. "grad."

We print elsewhere a paragraph, calling attention to the action of a local paper in garbling a letter of Prof. Hodgman relating to the latter's address in chapel last Friday. We can not convey of two words being inserted by accident in such convenient places. Such conduct is unworthy of any paper above the grade of the "yellow" journals and should be most heartily condemned. The paper was wrong from the first and should have admitted it as gracefully as possible. We could then have credited it with honesty.

Tomorrow is field day. This has always been a red letter day in athletic circles and this year it promises to surpass anything preceding. The contestants have been training faithfully for weeks, and Dr. Hastings is confident that many records will suffer in consequence. Saturday's events will show us what we can depend upon in the inter-collegiate meet a week later. The contestants and committee deserve every encouragement at the hands of the student body and we bespeak for them a large attendance. No one can afford to miss it.

We clip the following from the Kansas University Weekly:

The fielding of the whole Nebraska team was throughout the game positively brilliant. In the thirteen long innings only two errors are charged against them. The work on their outfield was the fastest ever seen here considering the heavy condition of the field. The fielders covered all kinds of ground and threw as hard and as true as if the balls had been shot out of Commodore Dewey's rifle guns. Probably the star play of the whole game was Bliss' running catch of Ellis' long drive to left center in the tenth inning. The hit looked good for three bases and with Sample on first would have won the game. The men in the infield too presented a stone wall front. Nothing got by Kindler at second who accepted eleven chances and what didn't come into his territory Wells and Caggill gobbled. Bliss led the visitors at the bat with two home runs and a single.

President Elliott and Prof. Norton of Harvard have won for themselves a good deal of unenviable newspaper notoriety, on account of their attitude on the war question. President Elliott is quoted as saying that "there are no real gentlemen

in America," and Prof. Norton as denouncing the U. S. government as "boorish." It is apparent from newspaper reports of their speeches to the students at Harvard, that either the gentlemen have been misconstrued, or that they lack the ordinary instincts of the American citizen. If such speeches, as are attributed to these men, are the product of much learning and culture, then surely "a little learning is a good thing." One feels like asking the learned professors to please transfer their allegiance to some country where there are gentlemen and where the statesmen and officials are not all "boors." Possibly Spain would suit their aesthetic taste.

No man can become too great to be above owing allegiance to his country. The utter ethicalness of political and social theories is apparent at this time. Harvard will surely not benefit in the minds of patriotic men on account of this stand by her president, and the young man imbibing such sentiments is far worse off than if he were in total ignorance of the subject. Such sentiments seem sacreligious to nationality and are like the scoffery of the atheist.

MISSOURI-NEBRASKA DEBATE.

The first of the Missouri-Nebraska debates was held in the chapel of the State University of Missouri at Columbia, May 4. The question which was discussed was the annexation of Hawaii, the Missouri boys favoring annexation and the Nebraska boys opposing it.

Missouri based her arguments entirely upon the commercial and strategic value of the islands and urged annexation solely from that point of view. In that phase of the argument they quoted freely from Lorin Thurston's pamphlet favoring annexation. Nebraska contested each and every point in regard to the strategic and commercial necessity, and further argued that, admitting the value of the islands as such, it still is incumbent upon the affirmative to prove that we should now throw aside the present policy of independence for the islands, under which they do have some importance, and substitute for that annexation.

Upon this argument as a foundation Nebraska established a series of fundamental propositions:

- (1) That annexation is not a national necessity.
- (2) That a dangerous precedent will be established.
- (3) That such a plan is impracticable and unconstitutional.
- (4) That there is no provision in our political system for the control of such possessions.
- (5) That the inhabitants of Hawaii are undesirable.
- (6) That the Hawaiians are unwilling to be annexed.
- (7) That all commercial and strategic advantages are already secured by treaty.
- (8) That Hawaii is economically dependent on U. S.
- (9) That our material problems demand solution.

The University of Missouri can be justly accused of inexcusable negligence, in regard to the selection of judges for the debate. According to arrangement Chancellor MacLean was to have chosen one judge from Missouri, and Chancellor Jesse of Missouri, in turn, was to have chosen one judge from Nebraska. Then both together were to have chosen the third judge outside of both states. Chancellor MacLean did his duty promptly, but Chancellor Jesse did absolutely nothing, nor did the debating association of Missouri notify us of the fact, till our representatives arrived in Columbia. It was then too late to obtain constitutional judges and two had to be chosen from Columbia, which is a town of about four thousand inhabitants and run by the students.

Another point in which the Missouri people took advantage of our representatives was in the statement and interpretation of the question.

In their correspondence they agreed specifically to the interpretation that the U. S. should annex Hawaii. When however the six debaters were called before the judges for the statement and interpretation of the question, the Missouri boys held to the original statement, that it would be beneficial to the U. S. to annex Hawaii, and refused to change.

Nebraska, before Missouri judges and away from home, were either compelled to refuse to debate, or accept the odds and do their best to win under the adverse circumstances. They chose the latter and from start to finish the Nebraska boys put up a line of argument from their point of view of the statement of the question, which the Missourians acknowledged they could not answer. The faculty of Missouri were impressed with the

clear cut logic and team work of Nebraska.

Our boys wish this to be said of Missouri. From the point of view of courtesy and hospitality, both students and faculty did everything in their power to make our boys feel at home. Nebraska's baseball boys who were there at the same time, backed the debaters to the finish.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Oxford has officially accepted the challenge sent by Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Columbia for a chess match.

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