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It is much desired that a large number go to Omaha Friday night to attend the state oratorical contest. Four colleges will compete, the winner of the contest to represent Nebraska in the interstate. The State University has represented the state for a number of years and this year is to be no exception to the rule, we hope. Every one who can possibly do so, should go to Omaha to cheer for the old University, to sing her songs, and give her yells.

Spring has come, and with it should come activity in spring sports. Base ball for the University will be well taken care of by Captain Reeder and his men. There is no reason, however, why we should not have a series of interclass, intersociety and interfraternity games. It is time for the base ball enthusiasts in the various organizations to get the promising material out and to issue their challenges. Why not have the class championship series started at once.

A great sorrow came to the University last week with the news of the death of Manila of Jonas H. Lien, lieutenant and adjutant in the First South Dakota volunteers. Jonas Lien graduated with the class '98 and was known throughout the University as one of the most promising men that had graduated in many years. He was popular with both professors and students and was always known as a leader among his fellows. The universal sentiment was expressed by one of the professors when he said that Lien was worth more than all the Philippines. The University mourns for one who gave great promise of a brilliant future, who had always been steadfast in his friendships, and faithful to every duty. He has laid down his life in the service of his country, but he will be long remembered by all who knew him, because of his many sterling qualities.

Since actual fighting began in the Philippines, Colonel Stotsenburg's real worth as a commander and disciplinarian is being recognized by every one. The University has all along had complete confidence in his ability and now it feels proud of the dash and bravery of the regiment of which he has command and in which are so many University men as officers and soldiers. The injustice done to Colonel Stotsenburg by those who did not understand the real situation, and could not see the necessity for preparation in advance of battle is now fully apparent to every one. The Nebraskan suggests that it would be most fitting for a mass meeting of the students to express formally the unanimous confidence of the University in Colonel Stotsenburg and its pride and faith in the regiment. This would make amends in part at least for the mistaken resolutions of the Nebraska legislature and will show the regiment the real sentiment of the state.

The base ball managements both of last year and this year have shown themselves deserving of some severe criticism. At the beginning of the season last year, Hespolsheimer & Co. offered a splendid cup, valued at fifty dollars, which was to be competed for by the teams of the interstate league. The management neglected to make any arrangements at all for the competition, but promised that like neglect should not be shown this year. The arrangements were to be made and submitted to Hespolsheimer & Co. for approval. The season is now well advanced and arrangements for the

games have been made, but not one word has been said about the cup. Naturally merchants will not feel like supporting athletics enthusiastically when so little appreciation is shown. Captain Reeder and Manager Blay should see to it that the necessary arrangements are made for this competition at once.

The final debates to choose the University's representatives for the contests with Missouri, Kansas and Colorado are to be held Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week. These are important contests, in which the University's best sixteen debaters are to take part and in which each of these sixteen will presumably do his very best. Every student who can should attend, if for no other purpose but to encourage those who are spending their time and energy that the University may be creditably represented.

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and with Hayward as manager and Heald as captain, they made a good record on the home grounds and took a trip in which they were beaten by Iowa state University in a thirteen inning game 6-5; and beat Grinnell 13-5. In '96 only state games were played though in Kinder, Benedict, Gordon, Thorpe, and Reeder the team had excellent material.

The next year, 1897, was the banner year. Pace was manager, Packard was captain, with Robinson as co-captain.

Faculty control had now made the team thoroughly representative. They were in good training and their team work was that of professionals. Creigh, Robinson, Kinder and Benedict were among the best men that have played on the campus. The club went as far east as Chicago, making a strong impression everywhere. Drake was beaten 15 to 0, and Iowa state 14-7. The games lost were Notre Dame 6-5; Northwestern 9-5; Illinois 13-9; Chicago 4-2.

On this trip more than fifty dollars were cleared.

In '98, with Ryons as manager and Gordon and Kinder, captains, a trip was taken in which Kansas state college was beaten 23-3; St. Mary's won 6-5; Missouri 7-6. A tie game was played with Kansas state, the score being 9-9. On the home ground Nebraska beat Kansas 8-4, and beat Missouri 14-2. Aside from the good work of Kinder and Rhodes there was little to be remarked in the individual players.

The experience of the last seasons showed the necessity of faculty control and the tremendous advantage of competent coaching. Base ball was played with system and science. The University of today will never again be satisfied with the old style play. The spectator is more a part of base ball than of any other game. This is the real reason it is called the national game, and it is a point to be considered in these days of line-backing and mous plays.

C. C. MARLEY, '97.

Chancellor and Mrs. MacLean entertained the heads of the departments and their wives at an informal English tea at their residence Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 6 o'clock to meet the Rev. Dr. John Watson and wife and Mrs. Pond. Dr. Watson, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Pond were also entertained at dinner the same evening.

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