

It is becoming pretty widely known that the U. of N. has excellent facilities for students desiring to specialize. A number of students are now doing work in specialties that would do credit to an institution much older than this one. In fact work is now being done by a U. of N. student in which, in a subject as far as known, no special work has been done in any institution. The subject, while an old one, yet is such that few ever pursue it very far. In order to be a successful specialist in it a man must be fitted by nature for it. The student that has undertaken the work has done so because he thinks himself fairly capable of doing it, and because he wishes to make specializing in this line more easy and inviting. He is devoting his time almost exclusively to the work. He finds that Lincoln and the University affords most of the necessary data. However, in order to satisfy himself he has visited a number of the other institutions and towns; among these Crete, Omaha, and St. Louis. He says he has, this year spent, besides most of his time, considerable money. While he has not as yet formally registered for the work, yet he is assured that he is receiving credit for it. So far his work has been somewhat general, but he hopes, before long, to devote his whole time to one subject of the group he is now considering. He says that the success he is now having will justify him in writing a thesis upon the subject. Whether he shall achieve his fondest hopes or not, he is sure that many difficulties will be removed from the path of those that follow him. The thesis will set forth the methods used in pursuing the work, and the results obtained, with suggestions as to how errors into which he fell may be avoided. The subject of the thesis will be "The Art of Fascination."

The Palladian society held its annual Chase and Wheeler contest last Friday evening. Although it was a very disagreeable evening, the chapel was well filled. It was one of the best contests ever held in the University. The music was splendid, the orations good, the speakers' delivery excellent, and everybody was well pleased. The orators were Messrs. T. F. A. Williams, E. M. Pollard, C. M. Skiles, and J. H. Hooper. Mr. Williams won first and Mr. Skiles second place. The judges were Professors Edgren, Caldwell, and Lees.

Last Wednesday Professor Hicks lectured on the subject of irrigation before a large and enthusiastic audience at McCook. Delegates were present from Colorado, Kansas, and two counties of Nebraska. Surveys have been made and plans matured for commencing the work of irrigation in the near future. They do not intend to be any longer dependent upon the scanty rainfall. The professor showed clearly that they have abundant means of bettering and of saving their water supply.

The exhibition given by the Haydon Art club in the chapel Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of last week, was excellent. The effort of this club to have the citizens of Lincoln and the students of the University become better acquainted with the beauty and the elevating influence of those masterpieces of painting and of sculpture, are commendable. The electrical department deserves praise for the manner in which its part of the program was performed.

As Ned Brown will not be in school this term, the local oratorical association appointed Fred Hyde to act in his stead as our representative on the state executive board. Two of the gentlemen chosen to act as judges in the coming contest were objected to, and our representative was instructed to try and secure the appointment of men that are well known throughout the state.

Members of the Freshman German class have been to see how Mr. Dodge teaches German in five weeks. However, if Mr. Dodge's pupils finish German in five weeks, they will not out do some of the Freshman German class, for it has been noticed that a few of the brighter students finished last term.

Wednesday evening, the 14th, the U. of N. band played a selection or two of very fine music in the hall on the third floor of the main building. The music went right to the toes of some of the audience. The Unions have a good opinion of the band boys and of their musical ability.

The last list of appointments in the battalion was as follows: captain company A—cadet-lieutenant and adjutant, C. C. Fletcher; sergeant of company D, corporal Gund; corporal of company B, C. W. McCargar. For the present Lieutenant Thurber is acting adjutant.

For the rest of this term the cadets will drill only twice a week. Companies A and D will drill on Mondays and Fridays, companies B and C on Wednesdays and Fridays. This will give the Lieutenant an opportunity to drill the officers in the manual of the sword.

Messrs. Davis and Crittenden, of Doane, were about the halls Saturday, January 10. Mr. Davis is better known to U. of N. students as the one armed base ball player of Doane. The gentlemen thinks the Doane orator this year, a good man.

If the University authorities care anything for the moral development of the students, they will provide more rack room for hats and overcoats. The way it is now, a person has to get out a search warrant to find his hat.

Unless there is a clause in your life insurance policy that provides for sudden and unaccountable death, you had better not ask Graham, Beardsley, or Sawyer, how Eager and McCargar got ahead of them.

As charter day comes on Sunday this year, the usual exercises will be held in the chapel on Saturday evening. Dr. Peabody, president of the Illinois university, will deliver the address on that occasion.

Before this issue goes to press, the girls hope to have a piano to assist them in their work in the gymnasium. The girls do not seem to take the interest in the work that they should.

N. M. Graham was offered, but refused to accept, a clerkship in the legislature. He thought it would take too much time from his studies. N. M. is evidently not an office seeker.

The joint meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. is now held Saturday instead of Wednesday evening, as formerly. The change was made to enable students that drill to attend.

The street car companies have issued orders to their drivers that hereafter Pollard shall not be allowed to ride on their cars, because he habitually refuses to pay his fare.

During the illness of Professor Hodgman, Professor Hitchcock has had charge of the geometry classes and Mr. Chappell has had charge of the algebra classes.

The scientific club met Saturday, January 24. Perhaps, as spring draws nearer, the classical and modern language clubs will awake out of their long sleep.

Saturday evening, January 24, about 300 young people made merry on the ice. A number of the University ladies and gentlemen were in the crowd.

Dr. Garten, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. Glasses fitted. Rooms 16 and 17, Richards block, Lincoln, Neb.