

FOR some time past considerable discussion over the irrigation question has been carried on by the newspapers of the state. The question first took a tangible form at a meeting held at McCook of those interested in irrigation, and where a systematic plan of agitation was adopted. As a result of this meeting a call was issued calling on all persons interested in this question to meet at Lincoln where a formal convention in which members of the legislature could take part was to be held. In response to this call, quite a large and enthusiastic body of men met and effected a permanent organization. Professor Hicks being selected as chairman; after several instructive and entertaining lectures on the pro's and con's of the question and especially of the probable cost, it was decided to ask the legislature to appropriate an amount sufficient to carry on the work. In accordance with the above decision, a committee was appointed to draft a bill providing for the construction of an irrigating system by means of which it is thought that the vast amount of semi-arid land in the western part of the state can be reclaimed. It is thought by the friends of this bill that it will receive favorable consideration at the hands of the legislature for it is one in which politics does not enter, being simply a question as to whether or not the state can afford it.

THE announcement that the scientific club has reorganized, will cause all of the older students to recall to mind the stirring times the club created when it was at the height of its power and had as its yell "Show Me a Lit," will recall to the mind of every upper classman, an image of Pound Schofield, Peterson, Marsland, Webber, and the remainder of the crowd that gathered about the north door of the chemical laboratory and made life miserable for the residents of that part of town by singing their "Pie Canis Pie" song. Those were the times when every scientific student went around with a chip on his shoulder as a challenge to the rest of the school, when class spirit—well, there is no use in mentioning these things but there was such a thing as class spirit one time.

THE charge has often been made against college students, and not without some foundation, that as a class they are conceited and egotistical, and that they are so exclusive as to have little or no regard for outside matters or for persons outside of their own set. As to the first charge sufficient allowance must be made for the prejudice of the accusers; but as to the second it must be admitted that it has some foundation. It is a fact that students do not try to extend their circle of acquaintance outside of their own college. No doubt this is caused by a supposed lack of time, but it is not necessary to attend every

musicale or church-fair that is held, in order to become better acquainted with the town people. Let the students and the societies make more of an effort to encourage visitors by becoming acquainted with them, and not as has been the case in the past treat all visitors with cool indifference. Show by your actions that you appreciate the interest they take in your work, and above all that they are most heartily welcome. Such a condition would result beneficially to the students, for they would not only take more interest in their literary and musical productions, but especially would it have a tendency to develop and broaden their social qualities.

THE butter of brotherly love with which the fraternities smear their intellectual bread evinced its oleomargarinic properties lately, when the Phis conceived and executed the stupendous scheme of taking the piano from the chapel. This piano was the last relic of the defunct Philodicean society and was the common property of all the fraternities. When the remaining frats awoke to the fact that their piano had been appropriated to the use of a fraction of their number their wrath knew no bounds. Lawyers were consulted and threats of replevin began to float about promiscuously among the brothers. However the Phis are decidedly ahead as they have the piano locked up in their hall and can dictate the conditions of peace which are said to be that the piano must be sold. If this is true lovers of the antique can learn of a bargain by inquiring of Reese or Taylor.

It is with genuine regret that we announce the resignation of Dr Frothingham, professor of bacteriology. He has left us to accept a position as instructor in a Boston medical school, where he will initiate the cultured bean eaters into the mystery of his science. Although he was with us but a short time, his geniality and gentlemanly qualities made him a favorite. May success await him in his new field.

THE house committee on appropriations has reported back favorably the university appropriations. This is a most agreeable disappointment to the croakers that predicted that the alliance members would imitate the actions of the combine of the last legislature. This report of the committee is an excellent example of the difference in the actions of men that are honest in their ideas of reform, and those that cry reform for political purposes.

THE next state oratorical contest will for several reasons be the most interesting event in the history of the association. With both personal and patriotic motives as an incentive, the five orators have each striven to produce an oration that will do justice to