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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE HESPERIAN was detained slightly in order that an account of the University vs. Doane foot ball game might be published.

We supposed that there was to be no cane rush this year. In fact, we are of that opinion still; but, judging from the bold red notice recently posted on the bulletin board, there must be blood in the eyes of the freshies that cannot be easily washed out. What is the matter with '94? Have they sent their courage east?

THE lecture on "The Russian Political Exile" by George Kennan was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who was so fortunate as to hear it. Mr. Kennan is an interesting and attractive speaker. He possesses what may be called true oratory. His vast experience furnished him with an inexhaustive supply of material. He was not flowery, but eloquent. His lecture contained interesting anecdotes, narrative description, feeling, pathos, emotion, in such proportions as to hold the entire attention of his hearers. His lecture was a fitting tribute to the cause he is laboring to promote. The Palladian society is to be congratulated for securing such a notable personage to open a series of lectures they intend to give, and for the business like manner in which they carried out all arrangements.

It is nearly time to begin to arouse interest in the oratorical association. It will be necessary to hold the contest early in February, and the event, is a very pertinent one. There should be more contestants than there were last year, or any previous year for that matter. All orators of fame within the university, and those who would win renown and do service to the university are urged to prepare their manuscripts at once. There is no reason why the university may not win the state contest. It must win. It is to be supposed that the contestants have written their orations before this time, but judging from the past, we doubt it. The idea that two or three weeks is sufficient time to make all preparations for such a contest is wrong. Experience, and costly experience at that, has proven this, and it is time that we should realize it. The university has not won oratorical honors, heretofore, simply because the persons enter