

an insectary. The other part will be used by the botanical department for special experiments.

The professors of Nebraska Hall are profuse in their praise of janitor Bowers on account of his efforts to stay the flood which had its source in the physics department. Had it not been for him, they say, the university would have lost thousands of dollars. For nearly four hours, with his clothes perfectly drenched, he mopped up water in the zoological lecture room. Great credit is due to him.

Fred Hyde is now teaching Latin and Algebra in the Lincoln High School. Nevertheless, he intends to carry his regular university work and to graduate with '92. He still has about nine hours to carry. The faculty has excused him from recitations and he will have to rely upon his standings in the examinations to carry him through. Mr. Hyde is a rustler and will undoubtedly do justice to himself and the High School.

A large crowd assembled in the chapel on the evening of the 5th. The attraction was the annual contest between the Photereone and the Irving literary societies of the High school. The productions were all good. One of the most pleasing of them was the parody recited by Miss Upton. As nearly as we could distinguish the programmes of the two societies were of nearly equal merit. The judges awarded the medal to the Irving society.

Quite a sensation was caused in our halls last Friday morning by the notice posted on the *Lasso* bulletin to the effect that Paul Colson was married. The estimable young lady in question is from Fremont. She had left home to attend the Boston conservatory of music. The fates decreed that her journey should be interrupted, for Paul met her at Council Bluffs where a justice of the peace tied the conjugal knot. After this the bride went on her way rejoicing and her companion in misery returned to the university. THE HESPERIAN extends congratulations.

The ninth annual Chase and Wheeler oratorical contest under the auspices of the Palladian society, occurred on the evening of January 30. The orators and their subjects were as follows: Mr. C. E. Fifer, "Balmaceda;" Miss Vesta Grey, "Women Will Vote;" Mr. C. C. Marlay, "The Destiny of the Jew;" Miss Eugenia Getner, "The Education of the Masses;" Miss Minnie DePue, "An English Poet." The contest was quite successful, the only drawback was the illness of Mr. Marlay, which prevented him from participating, although he had received first place on manuscript. The judges awarded the first prize to Miss DePue, and the second to Miss Getner.

Professor Sargeant, of Harvard, in the "*Garden and Forest*" pays Professor Bessey a compliment which he values very highly. He speaks with great praise of the pamphlet Professor Bessey recently published entitled; "Bessey's preliminary Report on Native Trees and Shrubs of Nebraska." In the course of his remarks he says: "Professor Bessey's report suggests that there is still much to be learned of the distribution of trees in the two Dakotas, in Kansas, in the Indian Territory, and in Texas; and it is to be hoped that the botanists living in those states, and with facilities for collecting facts about their vegetation, will follow the example of the professor of botany of the University of Nebraska and make public the results of their observations.

A large number of students from this university attended the Cotner university oratorical contest held in the chapel of that institution on the first evening of this month. The chapel was crowded with students from the various educational institutions of the city. It is needless to say that the

chairs creaked and the ceilings groaned, as the students gave vent to their pent up enthusiasm. As usual they were present with songs and yells of every description. The contest was good and the decisions of the judges gave general satisfaction. There were four contestants. Mr. A. D. Harmon was the winning orator. The title of his oration was, "Loyalty to Principle Indispensable to Reform." Mr. Harmon has a good production, and a fair delivery. Nevertheless we are in hopes that our orator will be able to beat him.

Our sugar school is coming to the front. Its reputation is spreading not only over Nebraska and the adjacent states but over the whole country. The following cheering words came from a California gentleman, who is interested in the beet sugar business: "I cannot speak too highly of the benefits, which are bound to result from such a course. You are taking the right steps in the direction most required in developing the beet sugar industry in Nebraska. You may count on my hearty co-operation in every particular, and I will with pleasure give employment to such men as are needed in our establishments from among the number of your students. What we most need to develop this industry and overcome all unjust prejudices is young men trained agriculturally as well as manufacturingly to the requirements of this new industry.

Probably the neatest plan for the Nebraska building at the world's fair was submitted to the state committee by E. E. Gillespie, '90. There was certainly more meaning to the plan than to the one accepted. Mr. Gillespie has many good ideas as to how the state exhibit should be arranged and as to what should constitute it. The university, of course, plays no small part in his plans, and if the students will give his letter to THE HESPERIAN thorough consideration, and endeavor to aid in raising the necessary funds, there is no reason whatever why the university should not be able to compete successfully with other universities. Even the boasted museum of Kansas state university may be outdone. The university committee has the matter in hand, and, of course, the first movement towards doing something must come from them. When that movement is made, they will not find the students lacking in willingness to aid, whether along the line suggested by Mr. Gillespie in his letter, or along some other.

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