

The spring meeting of the Nebraska academy of sciences is apparently as liable to take place as field day. It was to have occurred some time ago but the rain prevented it. It will probably be postponed until after commencement.

Miss Mulford who has been doing special work in the botanical department has left for the west. She will spend the summer collecting specimens in the Rocky mountains for the university.

1st student—Is that girl there with a '92 ring, on a senior?

2nd student—Now don't Troy-yer jokes on me.

Professor Taylor has recently received two large cactuses from Las Cruces, New Mexico. One of them weighs about 100 pounds and the other about fifty pounds.

Miss Lucy Brown, one of last year's seniors, who left school about six months before commencement, intends to return next year. She is now teaching school.

Mr. Lord left on the 13th for his home. He will remain there for a short time, after which he will accompany a surveying party to the northwest.

Within the last few days two very interesting species of fungi have been found by the botanical students. One of them is entirely new to science.

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Professor Menzendorf with his pupils will give a recital in Ashland, Monday evening, May 25, where he has been teaching through the year.

The United States department of agriculture expects the department of botany to furnish specimens of large fungi for the world's fair.

Ask Barkley why he thinks our best literature is written in blank verse.

Messrs. Pollard and Sheldon left on the 14th for Ann Arbor as delegates to the national collegiate republican convention.

Next week Professor Bessey will deliver two addresses before the high schools of Beatrice and Seward.

Mr. W. H. Morse, of Florence, Neb., sent several interesting specimens to the botanical department last week.

Mr. Culver visited his parents on the 13th.

Kansas 5, Nebraska 4.

LAWRENCE, KANS., May 16—[Special to HESPERIAN]—The game with Kansas State University resulted in a score of 5 to 4 in favor of the home team. Kansas made four scores in the first inning. A game will be played with Baker tomorrow.

The University Debate.

The first debate under the management of the University Debating Club was held in the chapel, Saturday evening, May 14. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and to the fact that the battalion had complimentary tickets to the theatre, the attendance was somewhat smaller than expected. This fact however did not dampen the ardor of those present. The leading disputants were thoroughly prepared on the question as was also many others who took part in the debate. The question was, "Resolved that the University Oratorical Association should withdraw from the State Oratorical Association." T. F. A. Williams opened for the affirmative and delivered some telling blows against oratorical contests in general, and the state oratorical contest in particular. He compared collegiate oratory to a "drop a nickel in the slot" machine, and ridiculed

the idea of an orator, so called, going into convulsions over Alexander the Great, the wrongs of Ireland, etc., all because a prize was held up before him. H. J. Edmiston followed in the negative. He said the idea was if we withdrew from this association we were to join the Northern League. He said the idea of withdrawing just because our representative was defeated was absurd, and that our chances for success in the northern division would not be increased. C. M. Skiles next spoke in the affirmative. He first compared the schools composing the state association, showing that the State University with its 800 students, forty professors, and great laboratories should not enter these contests where all are supposed to be equal. He said there was a false impression sent out over the state in regard to the schools on account of these contests. The people received their information, many of them, from preachers, not a few of whom made it their special business to warn the people against eternal punishment in the next world and the State University in this. Mr. H. W. Quaintance followed in the negative. He was a somewhat slower speaker than the preceding ones but kept the audience in the best of humor. He said the affirmative speaker (Williams) had cut the Gordian knot by running away from it. If we could not win a contest was that any reason why we should take to our heels. He was in favor of reconciling the different standards of oratory. The preachers, he said, had always marked us higher than the lawyers, therefore we have nothing of which to complain. The debate was then opened to the house, and a lively time followed, during which personalities were good humorously indulged in. Not until the janitor began turning out the lights did the general debate cease. The two leading disputants then closed in strong five minute speeches. Three votes were taken during the evening, first as to the best side of the question. On this vote there were for the affirmative 16, for the negative 31. The second vote was taken as to the argument presented by the leading disputants. This vote showed for the affirmative 26, for the negative 16. The third vote was to decide as to the debate as a whole, which resulted as follows: For the affirmative 29, for the negative 15.

Notes Gathered from the Debate.

Professors Caldwell, Wolfe, Fossler, Bates, and Bowen took part in the general debate.

A large number of co-eds were present, but the boy annex was conspicuously missing.

In the absence of President Sheldon, Miss E. C. Field presided very acceptably.

Quaintance's article in THE HESPERIAN was considerably mutilated during the evening.

It is said that Munson, of Cotner, had blood in his eye.

The old saying, that a woman can't hold her tongue, was disproved; not one of the co-eds debated. Don't be backward girls.

Speakers and sentences that brought down the house. The pun in regard to Stuff—Quaintance. The reference to involuntary servitude—Skiles. Scintillate, scintillate, diminutive specimen of celestial luminosity—Williams. The characterization of Mr. Winters—W. M. Johnson. "As to whether the university will join the northern league or not, I have not made up my mind."—Larson.

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