

cal and practical superiority of "expert government" stood unanswered. Newbranch had struck at the heart of the question. Guyer dodged the issue and gave his whole attention to the consideration of two minor points. Still Kansas stock was probably nearer par than when he began.

Quaintance followed with a speech that clearly entitled him to first place on the Nebraska side. He turned the first part of Guyer's speech over to Weaver and disposed of the second part by the remark that it had no place in the debate, since municipal referendum is not a part of the Swiss system. His argument on theoretical grounds was not so strong as that of Mr. Newbranch. The soundness of his analysis and the argument founded on it are fairly open to question. But on the practical question of expediency his arguments were invincible. Quaintance made the speech of his life—logical, forceful and eloquent. Nebraska stock took another jump. The debate in fact was won.

Mr. McCall valiently tried to repair the damage done by Mr. Quaintance. He attempted to answer Q's arguments on the expediency of the referendum and did as well as the nature of the case permitted. But Q's argument stood firm and Newbranch's remained unanswered. Nebraska had proved (1) that theoretically and practically representative government was superior to true democracy; (2) that the referendum was inexpedient and impossible. Kansas had her last say and Nebraska stock was in the sky.

Weaver closed the debate in a speech stronger than his first, but he failed to reach the height of his powers.

He probably left a stronger impression than any other speaker, and proved that he had the making of a magnificent debater. But when he closed it was clear that his long record of forensic victories was about to be broken. The game was already ours and his speech was superfluous. It was like playing the second half of the ninth inning when the side to bat already has the largest score.

The decision was received with great en-

thusiasm and the debators were tossed aloft like so many waste rags. The experience of "tossing" was new to the Jayhawkers, and by their own statement was fully appreciated and enjoyed. The victory was not celebrated as a foot-ball victory would have been. Pandemonium did not rule for any length of time. Cain was allowed to keep his coffin on and remain in his grave. But a few enthusiasts bribed "Cap." to let them ring the bell. So the bell rang and "Cap." smoked Havanas.

#### ATHLETICS.

With baseball and tennis already well under way, and field day rapidly approaching animal spirits find escape valves a plenty.

The baseball boys celebrated their first opportunity by getting it rubbed into them, which was far better than winning in a walk and suffering with an acute attack of swell-head for the rest of the season. It was the first game; the men had never played with each other before and, considering, showed up remarkably well, as the small score plainly demonstrates.

Our chief weakness was at the bat. At two or three critical stages, when a little insignificant base-hit would have been welcomed like an inch of rain in—Kansas. We prophesy that the boys will steady down at the bat and secure those little hits which go to make the game interesting.

Omaha says last years team wasn't in sight of this team, which goes to show that hard work and free competition is of some small account in making a team.

Captain Pace deserves much credit for giving so much time to the development of the team. His judgment of a player is pretty correct; and he gives every man a fair trial before dropping him.

The tennis courts are already filled, and many have not joined who so intend. If there is not enough room, and a real interest in the game is shown, by next year more courts will be provided. Out of the many who play there should be at least a half dozen men in shape to represent us at the state meet. Tennis has been neglected thus far in the history of the N. U.

Field day contests will be lively this year. Pearson is pushing things hard; John Cameron says so. That 100-yard dash for the Union boys medal, promises to be hot.