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Why have not the officers of the university oratorical association decided on some positive line of action? Are we going to have the local contest? If so, it is time that we were informed of the fact.

We have heard it said during the past week that the effort to have the regents furnish students books at cost is a direct slam at the "co-operative" book store. It is not. Spite work is not the incentive. Those most prominent in the movement are honest and sincere.

The college settlement committee has made its report for January. It is a lamentable fact that the report does not show the vigor and progress in the work that could be expected. At first thought this might be considered as due to indifference on the part of students. We doubt if this is true. January is a poor month to push outside work. First, there is the re-action after the holiday va-

cation. Then comes a spell of "cramming." After this a siege of examinations. But, whatever the cause for the poor showing of January, the February report must not be allowed to call for an apologetic foot note.

There has been introduced in the house of our State Legislature a bill to prohibit foot-ball in the state. It is quite natural for people out of college to be opposed to our national college game, foot-ball. Not understanding the real merits of the game and hearing only of the accidents which occasionally happen, one is very apt to become prejudiced. Professionalism has done much to lower this invigorating college game in the eyes of the public. Men out side of college have gone into the game merely from mercenary motives, and in such cases the features of the game which can be made bad have been abused and magnified. Professionalism will spoil any sport, but if this game is kept within college bounds and carried on by college men it remains the typical, manly, American college sport. It is not yet known what our legislature will do with the bill. As it now stands it may be rejected on the grounds of unconstitutionality. Many of the legislators seem to be in favor of some action against the game.

The senior class will meet Friday afternoon to elect officers.

Rev. Bliss made a short address in the chapel Thursday morning.

Nearly all the material for the Junior Annual is now in and ready for press.

Mr. G. N. Libby left the University last Monday evening for his home near Elk Creek, Neb.

Prof. Sherman's bible class is taking up a new phase of work. It meets at 12:30 sharp on Sunday, at the city Y. M. C. A. hall.