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### Notice.

All subscribers who have not paid their subscription will do the business managers a great favor if they will settle at once. It is now near the close of the school year and all subscriptions *must* be paid.

B. J. Arnold of Chicago is giving a series of lectures this week under the auspices of the engineering department. This is a new and commendable departure from the old way of having the lectures scattered over a considerable length of time. The lectures cover the entire subject of power, plants, their construction and equipment. This course of lectures cannot fail to benefit the students and engineers who are attending.

The attitude of the legislature towards the university seems especially favorable this year. Never before has there been so evident a feeling of interest. The

special building appropriation of thirty thousand is on the road to passage with but little opposition as far as now known. Quite a change in attitude is noticed since two years ago when it took such effort to secure the library appropriation although the building was standing unfinished on the campus. The securing of this special appropriation will begin the supplying of a long felt want in the way of room. We doubt if there is an institution in the land so crowded for even standing room as the University of Nebraska.

We may congratulate ourselves as a university and show just in what particulars we excel, but there is one thing we lack and that most noticeably. We have grown so big and democratic and energetic that we have not fostered one of the needed graces in university life; this grace is the so called "College Spirit." We can talk for hours on our merits, advantages and the like, get as hot as a hornet when anyone says anything derogatory, but when it comes to showing our enthusiasm for some all-around university affair we are decidedly apathetic. We get as careless in our recognition of college affairs as does the righteous citizen in his attitude towards municipal reform on election day. University life should not be all books and recitations but our interests should also be attracted by the social side. Debates, oratorical contests and receptions should be recognized by the students as well as Greek, Latin and History.

The coming state oratorical contest will undoubtedly be as good as the state has known for some years. Four colleges will be represented by contestants; Doane, Bellevue, Grand Island and the State University. Although the interest in oratory has not been what it should be of late, we believe that there is a place for oratory in the university. We see the