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The preliminary debates begin next Friday. "Look out for local atmospheric disturbances."—Hicks.

Nebraska has sent men to congress because of their long capacity. These are not the kind of men who should be chosen to represent the University in inter-state debates.

The present division of the University year is impolitic and inappropriate—instead of first and second semesters we should have football season, debating season and baseball season.

It is fortunate for notoriety-seeking statesmen that congress does not meet until after the close of the football season. As it is, congressional proceedings occupy the usual place in the newspapers—next to pure reading matter.

### Coch Robinson.

This man's work has made him a favorite with the students of the University of Nebraska. His efficiency as a coach, his manifest purpose of fairness, his strong support of clean athletics and his uniform courtesy and gentlemanly conduct have combined to endear him to the students, irrespective of class or

faction. Placed in a difficult position, he has surpassed the difficulties; hampered by the lack of material, he has substituted skill for experience; compelled to rely on new men, he has transformed novices into veteran athletes; and in all his work he has attached his associates, mediate as well as immediate, to him by strong ties of friendship and regard. His work as coach of the football team has been successful in the highest degree.

### Colorado Debate.

News from Colorado College indicates that the students there are entering upon preparation for the Colorado-Nebraska debate with commendable activity. Their three representatives are already chosen and two questions will soon be proposed by them from which our men may select one and on which we have choice of sides. Despite the fact that some members of the Debating Association were disposed to regard Colorado College as an institution inferior to our own and unworthy consideration as an equal, we are of the opinion that this debate will be far from one sided. Mere size is not an indefeasible title to superiority. The energy they are displaying, the interest their faculty are evincing, and their evident determination to be thoroughly prepared on the question at issue are facts not to be lightly put aside by the men who will represent us. Prof. Doudna, who heads their department of mathematics, and is actively aiding their debaters, took part in a famous contest in the University of Wisconsin. He understands such matters; and their men will have the benefit of all his experience and counsel. We expect a hard contest with Colorado and one in which it will be an honor to win.

### Base Ball.

The foot-ball season is over: in a few months the base ball season will begin. With the departure of the man of beef and hair and heavy pads, the man of action, agility and skill enters. The gridiron gives place to the Diamond—the interim being filled by the Debater and the Orator. While the Forum is now the field of combat and men shall "only use their tongues for weapons" it should not be forgotten that preparations are being made for a first class ball team and plans are