

The "west" is not to be "expressed" by a group of theme readers; it is not to be realized itself in the self-communion of withered writers of simplified simperings. Just long strings of symbols sounding in symphony do not constitute poetry. Wild ravings, unheard of compounds, affected accents, and forced rhymes do not contain the elements of real numbers or conceal the genius of master minds. Mere ability to count "feet" and count them with regularity is not a sure mark of the *furor poeticus*. A morbid susceptibility to drop into the swing of numbers is not so much an indication of latent genius as it is of a light temperament or an over refined course in pitiable English. The west may be expressed; but that expression needs must be robust and substantial, broad, catholic and liberal. It must be generous, charitable and open-handed. It is not dwarfed or contrasted or common-place; it is large, expansive and hale. It knows no limits but the seas and sky; it will have no "expression" but one like unto itself.

THE FINAL DEBATES.

TO BE THE HARDEST FOUGHT FORENSIC CONTESTS
EVER HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY.

For the past month or six weeks the sixteen successful contestants in the preliminary debates have been diligently preparing for the final debates which decide who will represent the University in the debates with Kansas, Colorado and Missouri. No one is ready to concede defeat; at least five or six expect first place. These debates which promise to be the best in the history of the University, will take place in the chapel next Friday and Saturday evenings. The debaters have done their part, the officers of the association have done their part, and it only remains for the student body to do its part. This will not be done unless the chapel is filled with responsive and enthusiastic audiences on both Friday and Saturday evenings.

The question for the first evening is: Resolved, That the annexation of Hawaii would be beneficial to the United States. The speakers are: Affirmative, W. F. McNaughton, G. E. Kindler, J. A. Maguire, A. L. Deal; negative, E. B. Perry, F. G. Hawxby, E. F.

Warner, O. W. Meier. There will be no admission charged for Friday night.

The division speaking Saturday evening will discuss the question: Resolved, That the U. S. should construct and operate the Nicaragua canal. Affirmative, C. E. Matson, C. W. Taylor, J. H. Kemp, R. H. Ewart; negative, H. E. Sackett, G. E. Hager, Bertha Stull and R. S. Baker.

Miss May Lansing is the new clerk in the executive office.

Miss Ruth Tinkler of Beatrice, is the guest of Miss Jessie Shultz this week.

Mrs. Mickey of Osceola, is visiting her daughter, Blanche, this week.

John Maguire is confined to his room by sickness.

Prof. Ross Hill lectured before the medical society last night.

The Y. M. C. A. hold their annual business meeting Saturday evening. Officers for the next year will be elected.

Mr. L. S. Wilson, a senior in the law school and formerly superintendent of the Red Cloud schools, will be one of the instructors in the summer school at Normal.

The faculty of the school of music gave a recital of the compositions of Grieg, Wednesday evening in the chapel. The program was enjoyed by a large audience, the chapel being filled.

The debating association met Wednesday to arrange for the final contests next Friday and Saturday. The matter relative to the debate with Iowa was considered. The prospects for a debate with that institution are not so favorable as they were some time ago. It seems that neither S. U. I. nor U. of N. is willing to bear the expenses incident to such a contest.

There was a mass meeting of students and faculty, after chapel Wednesday, in the interest of the oratorical association. The Chancellor was made chairman and the speakers were L. R. Ewart, T. F. A. Williams, Professors Fling, Hill and Ward. The meeting was not as well attended as it should have been. However, some excellent speeches were made urging the students to support the local contest and that oratory has a place in University life.