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When you discuss city politics, advocate honest men for office and not "stand by the party."

It will not "honor the flag" to carry it through a war useless and unjust. To be "sudden and quick in quarrel" is the part of the warrior not that of the statesman. It may gain the "bubble reputation;" it will lose much more.

When the fierce struggle was going on in the University National Convention, a Prof. sat in the gallery of the chapel, gazed on the turbulent crowd below and said, "And they say the future of the country depends on the college men,"

Because a man has become a petty officer in the cadet regiment does not grant him immunity from being a gentleman. Good discipline is necessary and without it the regiment would be a farce, but it is not believed that it can be attained by insolent ungentlemanly language on the part of the officers. The men who march in the ranks are not unconth

slaves. The second lieutenants or third sargeants are not masters of all they survey.

It is a matter of regret that the head of the department of Elocution, Mrs. Manning, had no part in the mass meeting for oratory. No one has done more than she to create a healthy interest in oratory in the University and no one is more deserving of credit for the marked increase of interest therein during the past year. To her the debater goes for training on delivery and the orator always shows the results of her careful work. Her department is rapidly increasing in numbers and influence and is now become one of the strong pillars in the University structure.

A petition requesting that the library be opened at the same hour on Saturday that it is other days in the week has been circulated and liberally signed during the past few days. This may seem to be a trivial matter, but to a large part of the student body, the opening of the library an hour late on Saturday, is no little inconvenience; in many cases it means just that hour lost. It is rumored that there is much commotion among the "librarians" as a result of the circulation of the petition. Now it may be that there are good reasons for not opening the library as requested. But until those reasons are made known the library authorities will not strengthen their cause by applying epithets to the circulators of the petition.

The students of the University are and ought to be interested in honest city government, not as partisans but as citizens. Of all men, we cannot afford to approach reform moved by the spirit of petty partisanship or low desire for office. Let us love honesty for honesty's sake, reform for the city's sake and clean city government for the peoples' sake. If the college man of Nebraska cannot be trusted to sink party interests for the good of the public, then on whom will the state rely in its time of need? If the University of Nebraska does not furnish broad men, with comprehensive grasp and liberal impulses, then where are we to find the men who are to guide us in the future days? If we are in truth producing the "best men" then let us bring forth points that prove our title to the claim.

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