

of at least a half-way interest on the part of students and faculty. All we need is just half support, half the interest that this university ought to furnish, and the contest can be made a success. Before we can ask it to come here we must secure a bond of \$500 as a guarantee of expenses; \$250 comes into the treasury each year from the ten different states. This amount, of course, is applied to the expense account. The expenses of the contest and of the officers cannot exceed at the very most \$500. This leaves us liable for only \$250 at the outside even if there were not a single paid ticket to the contest. To meet the other \$250,—if we had to meet it, which is not likely,—we would only have to secure an audience of five hundred at fifty cents a ticket. Now, in the name of common sense, are we illogical and unreasonable when we assume that this university with its two thousand students, and Lincoln with its sixty thousand population will furnish at least five hundred paid tickets?

We have reason to believe that we will win the inter-state this year. We have more reason to believe that with a representative of equal ability another year and the contest here, where we can lend our support and enthusiasm, we would surely carry the day. If the faculty and students will lend just half support to this inter-college meet the financial success of this undertaking will be assured. We do not ask much but the little we do ask must come if we decide to have the contest here in '99. Why not have a mass meeting of students and faculty and settle the matter one way or the other? If we don't have the contest here, we had much better withdraw entirely from the association and save our reputation, unless we wish to have it publicly announced that Nebraska and the University are both dead, oratorically speaking, and cannot entertain the Inter-state contest here another year. We cannot, and we must not allow such a report to circulate among the representatives of the colleges of ten states! Let us *show* that we have some life yet in the University of Nebraska!!

The "Gym." girls are practicing for their pentathlon.

### The Colorado Debate.

The University team, consisting of R. S. Baker, Bertha Stull and H. E. Sackett, left by way of the Union Pacific, for Colorado Springs yesterday evening. The debate will be held in Colorado Springs, Friday night. The question is: Resolved, "That the United States should construct and operate the Nicaragua canal." The University team has the affirmative.

The debaters who represent the University at Colorado Springs, combine the strength and logic of Baker with two of the keenest students of the law school. Baker will open and close the debate. Miss Stull speaks second and Sackett third. The faculty of Colorado College have arranged for a reception in honor of the Nebraska debaters on Friday afternoon.

The state University alumni residing in Denver have promised the Nebraska team a reception at Denver on their return. The students are now preparing to celebrate the coming victory on Friday night with a genuine University spirit.

### Diamond Dust.

Last Saturday the University team fulfilled their long-felt desire, of playing a professional team. Manager O'Brien of Omaha brought down a number of his most promising colts to make a good beginning of the season by giving the University team a terrible drubbing. Well they did have rather an easy time, yet the score was nothing near so bad as one would expect by the reputation of the two teams.

Nebraska led off at bat. Wells began the fine work with a three bagger to right field. Bliss followed with a hot grounder to left field, which the fielder let go across the street. When the ball was finally recovered, Bliss was sitting on the bench and Nebraska had two scores to her credit. Omaha began by getting one the first inning. From the second inning on Omaha led by at least three scores. Nebraska out-batted her professional opponents but they played a very ragged fielding game. Moore behind the bat put up an excellent game, as did Rhodes for first. But otherwise the work of the team was not first class. There was a noticeable lack of team work. But this can soon be remedied by hard practice. The team from now on must practice as a whole, and not each man by himself.