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The result of the Missouri debate is a disappointment to all. We considered Kindler, Hawxby and Taylor invincible, and no one thought defeat at the hands of the Missourians even a remote possibility. But defeat it is and we must make the best of it. However, let the Tigers understand that their victory is but temporary, that we will even matters with them in '99.

Have you subscribed to the cinder track fund? If not, do so at once. The interest of track athletics, demand that the track be completed before the field day meet. To do this the promoters of the track must have the moral and financial support of the student body. The faculty and alumni stand ready to do their part; it only remains for the students to do theirs.

The mass meeting Friday morning in the interest of the Kansas-Nebraska debate was encouraging to everyone believing that forensics have a place in University life. Dean Reese never spoke more appropriate words than when he said he thought it more impor-

tant, or at least fully as important, that we support our debaters as it is to support our foot-ball players.

What has become of the petition which was signed so liberally by the students requesting that the library be opened on Saturdays at eight o'clock? Such a policy would certainly be profitable to a large number of students. No one can doubt that there would be a number of students who would be glad to be at work at this time. Many of the students come a considerable distance from their rooms to the various boarding clubs for breakfast, and are compelled to wait at least an hour before they begin work in the library. Others are only too anxious to come a little earlier on Saturdays to put in a good day's work. If there be sufficient reasons for not opening at this hour, then all is well; but no such reasons have ever been divulged.

The following from the Rocky Mountain News concerning our representatives to the Colorado debate is self-explanatory:

"Two bright young men from Nebraska University and a young woman, whom Governor Adams not inaptly termed a modern Portia, gathered the honors at the intercollegiate debate on Friday evening at Colorado Springs. They won their victory fairly and are entitled to congratulations on their success. The representatives of Colorado College were clearly outclassed in the contest. The Nebraska disputants were more mature, more experienced in debate, more accustomed to handling themselves before an audience and, furthermore, had the best side of the question. Defeat at such hands means no discredit to the representatives of Colorado college, who made an able and vigorous presentation of their side of the question. Of course the decision of the judges involved a disappointment to the students and friends of Colorado college, but the knowledge and experience gained in the contest will in the end compensate the disputants for the time and labor they have expended.

This event will become a memorable one in the educational history of the Transmissouri country. In all of its details it was an unqualified success. The ability and research and argument displayed by the contestants,

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