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The movement on foot to send a Christmas box to the First Nebraska regiment at Manila is a matter of interest to all students and faculty. The boys at Manila are not likely to enjoy a Xmas on the prairies of Nebraska for some time. Nothing will cheer so much and nothing will remove so easily the blue feelings they may have, as a box of plenty from their homes and their Alma Mater.

We see the pennant. The wind is blowing it Nebraskaward. The Nebraska foot-ball team has won such a victory over the tigers that it is only necessary to defeat Iowa to insure again to the University of Nebraska the pennant for '98. But this will not satisfy. Kansas with her Jay Hawk (and Wiley Woodruff) are anxiously waiting. Let them wait. Their victors are waiting.

The University has a winning foot-ball team this year and while it is winning games and giving Nebraska a name in foot-ball circles, it should win a heartier support from the student body. The game tomorrow will be a very costly one and will be the very best game played on the home grounds. Grinnell is playing winning ball this year. Loyalty to the University will bring out a good crowd to see the game.

We are in the midst of the athletic season, and while enthused over the success of the team, as all students should be, it is wise to prepare for the future. There is another field in which victories must be won—victories which will add as much credit and glory to the institution to which we belong as those which come from the matchless eleven. It is the field of debates and oratory. The inter-collegiate debates and contests in oratory, and the inter-state contest and inter-state debates all offer opportunities for splendid successes in argument and

persuasion. The season of training for these 'indoor' contests has begun. It is time to register and enlist for hard service. The best, bravest, brawniest intellectual material in the University is wanted. Missouri must be defeated. Colorado must be silenced and Kansas really has to be squelched. There is a great undertaking, then, for the students interested in public speaking. Old debaters, gray haired debaters, new debaters, freshman debaters, any and every kind of debaters are wanted. All interested should register early for the preliminary debates.

The Inter-State Oratorical Contest meets here in May. All interested in oratory and the success of the contest should prepare to enter the local contest. The University needs more than ever a strong man or woman to represent it in the contest between the ten states represented in the Inter-State Association. It will be an honor this year to represent the University creditably in this contest. The chances of victory are greater by reason of the meeting being in Lincoln. The representatives of Nebraska will receive the best support of any of the ten contestants. Our representatives will not have to enter the enemy's country to combat. The fight will be at home. If we put up a strong contestant, we may count on a high place in the list. Let us go after first place with a determination to win.

Mrs. Ola Hanson, who has spent seven years as a missionary among the Kechin tribe in Burmah, has registered for work in the University. Mrs. Hanson has just completed a trip around the world, and recently addressed gatherings in San Francisco, Omaha and Minneapolis. She will teach a class in mission study, which will meet every Thursday at 5 o'clock.

Oo-Mah-ha, La-wa-tha, is the story of Omaha City by Mrs. Fanny Reed Giffen. The book is illustrated by Mrs. Susette La Flesche Tibbles (Bright Eyes) and was the Souvenir presented to President McKinley and party during the recent visit to the Omaha Exposition. For sale at Herpolsheimer & Co's Book Department, 19c each.

Professor Kimball is pushing the project of securing the exposition organ for the University. This organ is valued at \$7,000 and Mr. Kimball says that if the students and alumni will raise \$2,500, the University may have the organ. It will stand as a fitting memorial of the love borne by the students for their Alma Mater.

The Burkett Male Quartette, which made its initial appearance at the Oliver theatre last Saturday evening in honor of Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn and Judge Hayward, went to Hickman last night, and sang for a republican rally at that place.

Mr. William Armstrong, musical critic for the Chicago Tribune, will deliver a lecture on some musical topic some time in November. Mr. Armstrong ranks high among musical critics and his lecture will be well worth hearing.

Mrs. Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler of Chicago, America's most accomplished lady pianist, will give a recital under the auspices of the University School of Music on December 3, at the Oliver theatre.

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