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AND the weather-man has spoken.

No, you haven't frozen your nose; it's only shedding its winter coating.

To J. STUART DALES belongs a great deal of credit for the passage of the University bill. He has been ever a most faithful official and has had the interests of the University at heart. The bill which passed the legislature and was signed by Gov. Poynter was framed by Mr. Dales, and no one felt more joy at its passage. "Now," he says, "We can have a University."

WE DOUBT if the government thermometer could have registered the extreme low temperature that existed in the Library during the recent freeze-up. It is very evident that there is something decidedly deficient in the heating apparatus of the Library, and those who doubt this need only take the trouble to experiment on some such days as we had last week. Some of the classes in European history met regularly, endured the cold during roll call, and then were usually dismissed by the professor, sine die.

THE Palladian contest was the best the society has had for several years. The five contestants were very evenly matched, and each kept the audience interested. The spirit which was shown at the contest seems to be the common spirit with many in the University.

The Delians have arranged to hold a contest soon, and the Unions are considering such a plan. The local contest committee are having no difficulty in getting students to enter. The number this year will exceed the total number who have entered in the last two or three years. The Palladians will have at least four representatives.

THE lecture at the Oliver by Supt. Nightingale of Chicago was a brilliant one rhetorically speaking, but historically it was very inaccurate. The lecturer deified Wendell Phillips, made him the center about which all history revolves. The sweeping statements made about the great agitator were not grounded on facts. Wendell Phillips was NOT the only great man that ever lived. There are others. According to Mr. Nightingale, Lincoln and Grant were but the me-

chanisms by which Phillips worked out his great schemes. Such statements as "If Luther had not lived, there never would have been a reformation;" "If it had not been for Isabella's jewels, America would never have been discovered," cannot be accepted by persons who have read and thought about history.

THE University was thrown into ecstasies of joy this week by the passage of the appropriation bill through the legislature. The bill passed the House with scarcely a vote against it, and in the Senate by 26 to 6.

The bill provides for the levying of a one mill tax, the proceeds of which are to go annually to the support of our University. This will net about \$168,000 yearly. Heretofore the tax has been three-eighths of a mill regular, and occasional appropriations whenever it pleased the legislature to grant it. This will give nearly one hundred thousand dollars annually over and above what we have been sure of heretofore, and about seventy-five thousand dollars more than we received altogether. This puts the University on a moving financial basis. Such a source of revenue to the University is enough to make any university rejoice, and well may we all join in words of exultation and say with Judge Dales, "Now we are going to have a University here."

STUDENT COMMENT.

The unsatisfactory heating of the Library has been forcibly demonstrated during the recent cold weather. It was scarcely ever warm enough in the mornings to be comfortable in any room, while the stack room was frigid all day, and those who dived into it to get a book endangered their health.

There is no building on the campus so much used as the Library and certainly no one for which comfort is so necessary for the welfare and best work of the student. The heating plant of the building has been known to be defective since its construction, and no special effort has ever been made to improve it. This certainly is one of the problems which ought to demand the attention of those in authority at once.

THE lack of public spirit was shown last Friday night at the Palladian Oratorical contest. The chapel was not full, although the speakers merited a full house. Several years ago there never was an oratorical contest or debate but that the chapel was crowded. Nebraska has proved that she has good foot ball men and good soldiers. Let her show to the world that she also has men of brains and intelligence. Very few students are content to spend so much time as it requires on an oration or debate and then speak to a house not half full. The honor is not worth the effort. We must give our men encouragement and support, if we expect to have the University win a name in oratorical contests or debates.

Remember "Ruy Blas" comes off Monday, February 27. Don't fail to see the play.

Prof. Fling is preparing a Greek History for the use of High Schools, to be published by an eastern house.

Miss Mabel Guile has recently withdrawn from the University on account of sickness. Her place as reader in the History Department will be taken by Miss Ellen Rooney.

Professor Kimball of the University Conservatory of Music, with the aid of Mr. Gillespie, has succeeded in organizing a glee club. It is expected that in the near future they will give their annual concert at the Oliver.