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Only a little more than two months of this school year remains and a great many subscriptions still remain unpaid. The management, this year, has been very patient so far but it will be more emphatic hereafter. See Edgerton at once and pay up. Or stop at the Students' Supply Store and pay Roper.

There is a great deal of misunderstanding among university students in regard to the appropriation by the legislature. Many thought, that when the one mill levy was so generously voted last month that all our troubles were over. But, now, every day or so there comes the report from the capitol that the appropriations have been cut. While the one mill levy will furnish sufficient revenue, yet not one cent of it can be used until the legislature appropriates it. The Regents can only recommend such appropriations. The Regents asked for some \$240,000 for salaries next year and the House cut this to \$210,000. They asked for \$90,000 to build a gymnasium and this amount was cut to \$30,000. The party in power seems

to care to spend more for building insane asylums and one-horse normal schools than to build up the University. There is no joke about this matter. The party that strikes at the University will surely regret it. Why, the one thing above all others that Nebraska can point to with pride is her university. It is the great equalizer of the state. By its influence, class feeling is obliterated. A great university has been built up, and whether the legislators think so or not, it is the pet of the state. The taxpayers will never have anything but praise for a wise and judicious expenditure of money for the university.

**Debates.**

The Unions will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the jury system at their next meeting.

Next Saturday night the Palladian club will discuss the proposition, "Resolved, That the benefits resulting from the Greater American Exposition at Omaha will justify the undertakings."

Colorado has consented to put off the debate with the University on account of the conflict with the oratorical contest here. The date will be a few days later than previously arranged.

The Delians at their last meeting discussed the question in regard to increasing the standing army to 100,000. The topic for next Saturday is, "Resolved, That the single tax on land would be a more equitable system than the present one." In the election of officers, Chas. Jones was elected president.

The Delian club has made arrangements to debate with Wesleyan April 7. The question is, "Resolved, That the United States should form a protectorate over the Philippine Islands until the inhabitants are capable of self-government." Wesleyan affirms the proposition. The debate will take place at Wesleyan.

**Union Girls' Program.**

The following is the Girls' Annual program to be given in the University chapel Friday evening, March 24, 1899.

**Music.**

"Perdita," statue recitation.....Elsie Mae Blandin

**DRAMA.**

"The Ladies of Athens."

Xanthippe, wife of Socrates.....Lillian Chase  
 Aspasia, wife of Pericles.....Amy Shively  
 Sappho, poetess.....Bessie B. Brown  
 Nicostrata, wife of Sophocles.....Louise Van Camp  
 Damophila, wife of Damophilas.....Minnie Wilkinson  
 Philesia, wife of Xenophon.....Greta Mumau  
 Phthias, wife of Aristotle.....Mabel Cole  
 Cleobula, sister of Demosthenes.....Julia McCune

Everybody cordially invited to attend

Mr. Turpin gave the second of his general fraternity parties last Friday evening, and the second party proved to be even more enjoyable than the first. These weekly parties will continue until Lent is over.