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In spite of all predictions to the contrary, the new oratorical association seems to be a go. The constitution has been drawn up and arrangements already completed for the first contest. The best wishes of the Nebraskan-Hesperian are extended to the move. We feel that the action on the part of Nebraska was justified and should be supported by the student body.

The Nebraskan-Hesperian has over one hundred exchanges from colleges all over the United States. Inasmuch as there are many students in the university from all sections of the country who are interested in other institutions, we wish to offer each and every student the use of these papers. A large per cent of them are consigned to the waste basket soon after their arrival. But each one is carefully gone over and items of interest clipped from them before they are put to one side. Any student who will call at our office may have any exchanges that he may desire at any time.

The opportunity about to be given to the people of Lincoln to hear one of the world's greatest musicians is one that should be accepted by as many as possible. It will also be the first event excepting the ball that will be given in the new auditorium. The two features should bring out a large number of people. Add to this the fact that it is the first opportunity that residents of Nebraska have ever had of hearing Paderewski, and will be the last that they will have for some years to come, we find still greater inducements for a large attendance at this time.

Tables of statistics published in this issue of the paper will prove of great interest to our readers. This work has been done by the registrar in a most thorough and complete manner, requiring a vast expenditure of time. The results are very encouraging in many ways and instructive in others. The overwhelming majority of church adherents speaks well for the institution. In the occupation of parents the same general trend is noticed here as in other state institutions, namely, a predominance of the agricultural class. Many persons elsewhere have spent considerable time trying to explain this characteristic, but as yet nothing

satisfactory has appeared. As a rule, however, it is urged that the city boy finds more field for his thoughts elsewhere and for this reason tends to neglect the educational side. By the figures on preparation it is seen that the high school is rapidly replacing the academy and institutions of a private nature. This has been brought about by the boards of education in many places in an attempt to make the high school a form of preparatory school. Other statements are equally interesting and should be investigated by students.

One-half of the issues of the Nebraskan-Hesperian is now completed. In that time the editors have attempted to raise the paper to a higher plane than it has ever before occupied. We feel that our efforts have been appreciated by a large number of persons and wish to thank those accordingly. Many hands have been extended willingly to make the paper better and the result of this willingness has been much more news than has ever been contained in a Nebraska university paper before. During the second semester we wish to raise it to a still higher standard. To do this we must have the co-operation of each and every student, professor and instructor in the institution. The question is not with us, but with our readers. We urge you to help us in this work, that our university may have the leading paper in the western college world.

Minnesota seems to have awakened. For the past few years that institution has done more than any other in the west to arouse a genuine university spirit, but until this year efforts seem to have been unavailing. In some manner they have struck the proper pace at last and if the debate with Northwestern at a recent date is a criterion of what they can do they deserve a vast amount of commendation. At the debate about two thousand students and friends attended, all wearing the maroon and gold. The enthusiasm was so marked as to call forth a great deal of comment over the country. The spirit seems to have started during the foot ball season and has now transmitted itself to other lines. We trust that it is with Minnesota to stay.

It is with the sincerest of regret that we are compelled to chronicle in this issue of the paper the death of one of Nebraska's most promising alumni, Dr. Amos G. Warner. As a student, as man of business and as professor he has been alike successful. Wherever he has gone he leaves friends. Whatever he has done, it was thorough. Although still a comparatively young man, he had already made a name for himself that has been heard from ocean to ocean. His character is portrayed in his forbearance of suffering, evenness of temperament and good will toward all. Although a constant sufferer for several years, he uttered no words of complaint, his only regret being that he would be unable to carry out the work that he had mapped out for himself. His name will live in the annals of the University of Nebraska as one of the noblest sons of the institution.

Some time ago the editors asked for comments upon the proposed alumni foot ball game. Several have been received, which will be published in another column of this issue. The popularity of the idea was apparent from the start, and it is now hoped that it will develop into a certainty. The prevailing idea seems to be that it will arouse interest among the alumni in the university team, and they will not only be able to come here and play the game, but will also learn to show their

appreciation by staying a few days to assist with coaching. Inasmuch as the alumni would probably put up a team composed of former stars, it is safe to say that the new men would receive many points beneficial to their work later in the season. Heretofore, the great trouble experienced by the management has been to arouse enthusiasm early enough in the season to get out the best material possible. The alumni game would go a long way toward blotting out this evil. Expressions are still desired from foot ball men on the subject.

In the eyes of the world at least, the University of Nebraska is full of fortune. Not long ago it came time for the members of the general assembly of the state of Iowa to come together. They did so and their excellency, Governor Shaw, sent to them a message prepared after much labor. It was extensive and exhaustive and touched the needs of the people in turn. It came finally to those of the state university, and much was to be said upon the management thereof. And to show that this most excellent institution was being outstripped by neighboring seats of learning on account of a lack of dollars and pennies, his excellency, the governor, brought forth many points, among which were the following: "Nebraska expends annually over \$80,000 in support of its university; Minnesota and Illinois each expends over \$350,000; Wisconsin over \$400,000, and Michigan over \$500,000, while the annual income of the University of Iowa is \$150,038. Iowa cannot compete with other states without fearlessly meeting the conditions." Of course, we would not care to speak for the other states mentioned, but for Nebraska we are here to talk. Had the legislature which met in this city one year ago given \$280,000 annually for the support of the university there would have been such an uproar from all sections of the state as has never yet been heard. Had the university that sum at her disposal from all sources, it would cause little less than a tumult. We feel that we have been misrepresented for the benefit of another institution. The levy placed upon the people one year ago amounts to \$167,000 in round figures annually for the present biennium, or a total of about \$335,000 for that length of time. From the government, from the sale of public lands and from fees collected in the institution this amount for the two years is increased to a grand total of \$496,000, which covers all appropriations for the university. Compared with other institutions, especially those having professional schools where heavy dues are extracted, practically no fees are collected here. In Iowa the moneys collected from the law, dental and medical departments are almost sufficient to make them self-supporting. Leaving, then, the \$150,038 mentioned in the message for the support of the other departments, it would seem to an observer that Iowa is not faring so badly after all. It might be added that the difference in attendance between the institutions would seem to make it necessary that Nebraska have considerable more money to fall back on than her neighbor.

GIFT TO COLUMBIA.

Columbia university has just received the first gift from John D. Rockefeller. It amounted to \$100,000 and the terms of the deed of gift provided that it should be used for the endowment of the chair of psychology. The Columbia trustees were particularly gratified to receive this gift from Mr. Rockefeller, as it affords a precedent long desired for the endowment of university professorships.

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