

will be unable to prepare and commit any oration. Minnesota desires that the contest this year be held in this city, owing to the large number of other events that have already been scheduled for Minneapolis. As both of the interstate debates occur here in May, it is hoped that the contest may be pulled off in April.

If a success is made of this attempt it will mark a new epoch in college oratory for the country. Nothing of the kind has ever before been tried. The Minnesota students are enthusiastic over the plan, and in case the contest is brought off are certain that they can carry off the scalps of the Nebraskans.

WORK FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

The board of regents will hold its charter day meeting at the university Wednesday and Thursday of this week, at which time it is expected that they will transact considerable business pertaining to the welfare of the university. This will be the first meeting of the new board, J. L. Teeters of Lincoln and Edson Rich of Omaha being the new members. At this time it is expected that the various departments of the university will be visited as well as the experiment station, where they will inspect the new buildings.

While most financial matters will be attended to at the regular April meeting of the board, there are various needs due to the overcrowded condition of nearly all departments which require immediate attention.

COMPETITION NOT APPROVED.

The California universities have abolished the system of experienced coaching for their athletic teams, and judging from the following from the Californian their next step may be toward abolishing the teams themselves: "American athletics in general are conducted far too much with the single eye to rivals and contests. American universities ought to be the first to free themselves from such a spirit. The broader basis should be the physical welfare and advancement of the whole race. We are too prone in athletics, as in other things, to specialize and to make no effort toward our own and general advancement in lines where we cannot excel. Athletic development ought to become a feature of all culture, a part of the furnishing of every well-ordered man and woman. Such a change, moreover, would mean the raising and not the lowering of the plan of intercollegiate contests. These would then become the sign and symbol of the athletic excellence of the whole student body."

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