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Another worthy project has fallen through on account of lack of support from the student body. After considerable effort on the part of the local oratorical association, final arrangements were made with Minnesota for what promised to be one of the most interesting contests ever held in the west. The Minnesota orators asked that Lincoln entertain their men this year as several important events were already scheduled to be held in Minneapolis. They were perfectly willing to entertain in turn next year. After carefully looking over the ground here, the management of the local association decided that it would be impossible to have the contest in Lincoln and was compelled to notify Minnesota to that effect. A large number of contestants appeared for the preliminary contest, insuring an abundance of material. The trouble seemed to be entirely with the way the student body here supports such events. By the Ariel we learn that Minnesota is still very desirous of seeing the plan started in the west. Nebraska, as a whole, we believe is equally anxious and it is very probable that such a contest will be pulled off in Minneapolis next year. Kansas and Missouri will be asked to enter, also.

A review of the track team is printed in another column. It will be seen that the university is well represented in all branches. This line of sport has never received proper consideration at the hands of the student body, although for the past two or three years, good records have been made by the competing men. The record last year, was excellent. In the contest with Kansas, we allowed them but one event and that on account of a lack of entries for the home team. In the Iowa meet, the score was a tie, although Iowa had the advantage of home grounds and years of precedent in track work. If it is possible to meet Minnesota and one or two other institutions this spring, considerable interest should be aroused. Last week, we announced that we were making a final plea for attendance at athletic contests. But the game with Kansas did not come off so of course we are entitled to a revision of our former statements. We want a goodly number to put in their appearance for the local field day. You will find it worth while and what ever is done will be in a good cause. As we have said before, have no mercy



The Idler was blowing rings of smoke with the manager the other day when the subject of athletics came up. It was only in a casual way at first but pretty soon things began to warm up. At the end of about four hours, three sacks of Duke's had disappeared and the manager was just reaching for another nickel to send a boy after a fourth, when the Idler called a halt. It is alright to talk athletics, but when it comes to ten grain doses, its lue taking cod liver oil. As our friend the Dutchman used to say, 'Enuff is enuff but a leetle too much is shuste abute right.' But maybe he meant beer and not Duke's.

But say, lots of funny things do happen about athletics. Its on the dead, the manager says that on the average he has from ten to twenty-five fellows after him every time there is a good base ball or foot ball game, wanting to write it up for him. Course he always says 'yes' to all of them and leaves the gate keeper to fight it out the best he can. Now the Idler is not insinuating that the fellows are dead heads. That would be ridiculous. They just want to get in for nothing. And you wouldn't say a fellow was a dead head just 'cause he was broke and wanted to see Bliss and his Babies beat.

And say, did you ever stop to think about that athletic 'lection? Its a corker. The Idler has it on pretty good authority that the candidates are in another combine. Four frat men are said to have hooked up and then gathered in one non-frat. to n... out the ticket. Now the Idler is no judge, but he just wants to make a prophecy. That combine, if it is a reality, is going to have its throat cut, three arms and a leg amputated (perhaps we had

on your roo mmate's pocket book but as long as he has a cent left, don't be afraid to borrow it. He won't miss it ten years from now.

Friday is the day when students settle the most important athletic question of the year. Every student in the university ought to pick out five men of merit for the athletic board and vote for them. In this case, there will be no opportunity to complain that partisanship has been shown in getting men on the various teams. During the past year, a great deal of complaint has been heard concerning athletic management. Many students have not been satisfied and have had no hesitancy in saying as much. This is the time to choose men who will do the work properly. In spite of complaint, we wish to thank the retiring board for the efforts they have put forth. We believe that a majority of the members have done everything in their power for the betterment of athletics in the university. A definite policy has been outlined and every effort made to follow it up. In many ways, success has been reached. In many others the result is doubtful. On the whole we are better than we were a year ago. We will get there sooner or later.

better say four limbs for propriety), the rest of it chopped into kindling wood or mince meat or any old thing and fed to the chickens at the state farm. Now that is not because four of the men belong to frats, and one fellow doesn't, but it is because all the fellows in school are tired of combine. It reminds them of a Bixby 'octopus' or something else they don't know anything about. You just ought to get out and talk to the fellows. You can't find one in ten who is willing to vote for a fellow except on his merits. They realize that the athletic board is not a horse show. A fellow has got to have saw teeth, back bone and a cast iron head to stand for what he gets there. He has to get up and tell what he thinks is right and then live up to it, or get sat upon with both feet.

The Idler believes the students of the university are getting enough of the cat fight order of things. The fellows feel like going in and sawing wood. Nebraska has men as good as any that ever struck any state institution and they can play foot ball and base ball and run races and throw hammers and all kinds of things and they are going to do it or know the reason why. The fellows supported a loosing foot ball team to the very last in the fall. It stands to reason that they would have supported a winning one ten times better. They will do it with base ball too, providing they are convinced that no one is trying to play horse with them. No one can blame Nebraska students or any other students for howling when they think things are not going squarely. The thing to be done is for every body to come to the athletic election and make 'em go the right way. And the Idler will offer a fervent 'A-men.'

LAW ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Next Friday evening, May 12, the law oratorical contest will take place in the chapel. When the students of the law college found that they had been barred from entering the state oratorical contest, they organized a local association of their own with O. W. Meier as president, N. C. Abbott, vice-president and C. O. French secretary.

Correspondence was carried on with the state law colleges of Minneapolis, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas with the view of establishing an interstate league and favorable replies have been received from each of these colleges. The date was set for the local contest and eight students have registered for this contest. A number of prominent attorneys in the city have subscribed towards a prize fund, and quite a little interest is being manifested in the affair. Dean Reese will select the judges for this contest from among members of the bar of the state.

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