

A bill has been introduced into the legislature, providing for a thorough geological survey of the State. The advantages of such a survey are manifold, and the earliest possible moment, in which such a survey could be completed is to the interest of the State. It is now known that portions of the State are marvelously rich in organic remains. Coal has been discovered to exist in many portions of the State, but the quality and extent of such coal beds have never been determined.

The survey would disclose all the material resources of the State, and the experience of other States shows that, aside from settling the coal question, the survey would be of great pecuniary importance, and more than defray the expenses of such survey.

Through the enterprise of Prof. Aughey, a choice selection of specimens has been procured and placed in the University cabinet. It is the duty of the State, and should be its pride, to spare no effort in procuring a cabinet of these remains for the investigation of its people.

Hayden, in his survey of the Territories, made a partial survey of a small portion of the State, but the report of Mr. Hayden is narrow and exceedingly limited, although so far as it goes it reveals the fact that a thorough survey, such as the one in question, would be of great value to the State. Compared with like actions of other states, the appropriation asked for to be used in this direction, is exceedingly meager, and although the distracting cry of economy is upon the lips of all, it is not economy to longer postpone this survey.

An agreement has just been perfected, between our managers and the students of the Normal School, by which, for a slight consideration, certain space of the STUDENT'S columns have been allotted for the exclusive use of that institution. The movement has been considered a wise one, and

thus far has met with universal approval among the students. During the present year the University has had its number of students greatly increased, a large number coming directly from the Normal School, thus bringing us in closer connection with the institution than ever before. By this movement our subscription list has been greatly increased, with fair prospects for the augmentation of our already extended list. The Normal students, not having the means at command, are unable to procure the necessary material for the issuing of a paper, and consequently made use of the rare opportunity afforded, and have entered into the matter with much interest, assuring us the success of our undertaking, viz: the enlargement of our subscription list, and spreading the STUDENT in that portion of the state, which thus far it has failed to reach. The students of the Normal school have elected Mr. L. A. Bates as editor, and Miss Ella Logan as an assistant, who will, no doubt, do justice to the STUDENT and the institution which they represent. We feel that the undertaking is a good one, and one that will benefit all.

There lies upon our table the fifth annual report of the board of directors of the Nebraska Institute for the Deaf and Dumb. The report shows the institution to be in a most flourishing condition, and satisfying all reasonable expectations of the public in the accomplishment of the work for which the institution was organized. Over fifty students, during the past year, have been connected with the school. In connection with the institution a paper is issued monthly, the *Mute Journal*, edited and printed exclusively by the members of the institution. The *Journal* is a regular visitor to our sanctum, and, for a beautiful typographical appearance, can not be excelled.