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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

To the Alumni: Send in items of interest concerning yourselves and all other old students with whom you may be acquainted. THE HESPERIAN would be a living bond between you and your *alma mater*, but cannot act effectively in that capacity without your active co-operation. Drop us a line now and then, even if you have nothing in particular to say. We are interested in you.

The necessity for accuracy in educational training finds constant illustrations. Lately the readers of the press were horrified and angered to hear that a southern mob had killed an engineer who attempted to work. The sins of strikers are great enough and we were gladdened later to learn that the engineer remained unhurt, and the engine alone suffered. There was something of the ludicrous about it, but it had its lesson.

THE State Teacher's Association will meet in the chapel during the vacation. This organization contains five hundred members whose influence upon Nebraska educational affairs is, of course, great. The Faculty, we are glad to know, is preparing to greet them cordially and to do all that can be done to make closer than ever the union between the common and high schools of the state and the crowning piece of the whole system, the University.

WHEN winter and snow and ice and mud and slush make it impossible for any outdoor sport to be carried on, excepting perhaps the snow-balling of the

small boy, the gymnastic enthusiast need not have any special regard for the accuracy of his statements; but now that these games will soon be possible, it becomes those who have so loudly talked either to tone down their speech or prepare to make base-ball and foot-ball lively as soon as the mud becomes dry.

The excesses of striking workmen occasion a feeling of anger in the minds of the most sober-minded. Undoubtedly the laboring class have grievances which they justly demand to be righted; but the wanton destruction of property and the disregard of others' rights and the combination against competition should be met with the severity they deserve. Napoleon's way was cruel but really merciful, and we cannot but think it would be a wholesome lesson for the modern mob to be raked by a battery of cannon loaded to kill.

IN spite of the fact that the University is not connected with the State Oratorical Association,—the name, by the way, should have an interrogation point after it—the spirit of oratory is not dead. THE HESPERIAN has heard it said repeatedly of late that orations should be made more of in society programmes. While we do not sympathize with the extravagant ideas of some, we think the suggestion a good one. The rule should be that every society programme should have its orations. An oratorical boom would be the proper thing.

IT is now proposed that during the coming term the graduating classes of the high schools of the state be given an opportunity to visit the University for a day or two. Such an arrangement, besides giving the classes a pleasant excursion to the Capital of the State, would undoubtedly result in increasing the size of the next Freshman class. When the Chancellor makes a trial of the plan it devolves upon every student to become a committee of reception to give the visitors a most hearty greeting. It will be pleasant and it will pay.

THE third session of the Medical Department is now closing. It has been a quiet year among the young doctors, but it seems that the work done has been very satisfactory. In coming years it would be well for students of that department to take more interest in the affairs of the University. At present the Medical College cuts but a small figure in our community, largely through the indifference of those in attendance. As this paper remarked early in the year, a little working up to an appreciation of duty to the University would be beneficial to the work in the Medical Department.

THE amount of outside reading done by the students is gratifying to those who believe in that sort