

A GAIN the soup rolls merrily around the U. of N's candidate for oratorical greatness in the late state contest. But we are not discouraged. We shall try again next year. Perhaps by that time the Wesleyan will have graduated some of her ministers of rather mature years and will be no more dangerous than was Doane after she graduated the man who defeated us on two different occasions. We presume that anything is fair, however, and so we will not make any objections even though some of the minor institutions see fit to send some of their faculty to represent them at the state contest. In these contests some one must be defeated and it is the proper thing for us to take our defeat with good grace and see that the man who represents Nebraska in the inter-state contest has the strongest support possible. Sail, in Brother Ferguson, we hope that you may be as successful in the coming contest as you were in the one that is past.

WE are glad to see that several of the colleges of the state have entered into a state athletic association and have taken steps toward arranging for a series of base ball games to be played during the spring term. Athletic sports have always been neglected by the colleges of the state and we hope that the inter-collegiate association may be able to arouse a great amount of interest in manly sports. There is no use for a man to go through college and come out with a body so weakened by over study and neglect of proper exercise that he is utterly unable to undertake the work of life. It would be far better for some of our students to leave off striving only for high marks and to pay more attention to proper exercise for their physical development. When that plan is adopted whereby physical culture shall receive as careful training as the mental, then our educational institutions will be pursuing a course more nearly in harmony with natural laws, than is the present arrangement.

CONSIDERABLE dissatisfaction has been expressed by the visitors to the state contest on account of the treatment which they received. Now this reminds us that in a few weeks there will meet in this city as the guests of the university the largest and most representative body of college students that has ever assembled in Nebraska. These people are coming here expecting that they will receive courteous treatment and it behoves us as loyal students of the university to do our part and that well. There is a most excellent opportunity for us either to make the name of the University of Nebraska a synonym for hospitality and friendship or another term for indifference and selfishness, to be praised for kindness or abused for unkindness. Now it must be remembered

that nine progressive western states will be represented. The University of Nebraska will surely receive considerable advertisement and it is in our power to have the public think well or ill of us. Seeing that this is the state of affairs we should wake up and be doing something. The faculty should not remain indifferent. The matter concerns them as well as the students—it concerns the whole institution—regents—faculty and all. There is only a month until the contest. There are many preparations to be made. Let us stir ourselves a little and be fully prepared to receive our visitors in a manner that will be both gratifying to them and pleasing to us.

ALTHOUGH the faculty have decided that THE HESPERIAN editors must do as much work in the English department as those who are not connected with the paper and seem to be determined to treat all alike, and to regard nothing but work done in the class room, yet we venture to make one more suggestion and hope that it may receive some consideration. It is only fair that each student entering an oratorical contest be excused from one essay or oration, and the person who represents the university in the state contest be excused from three or all the work of a whole year in the English department. Now this is nothing more than what is fair. The person who enters one of the contests here certainly does a great deal more work than it requires to write an essay or oration, while the one who goes to the state contest will, at the least, put as much time upon his oration as he would upon a three hour study. It is unjust to demand anything in the line of essays, themes, etc. from the person who does the necessary amount of work to represent us in the contest; it is an injustice to the student and an injustice to the institution. In justice to the student, he should not be hampered in any manner whatever. In justice to the institution its representative to the state contest should be assisted in every possible manner, instead of being treated pretty much as if he had done something wrong in entering the contest. All this has been said without wishing to blame anybody for past conduct, and at the same time having in view the fact that there will be a state contest next year and in that contest the university will be represented.

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