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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, DECEMBER 22, 1894.

Our clever contemporary, the *Kansas City Star*, noting the coming debate between students of the state universities of Nebraska and Kansas, says: "There is to be debate between the students of the State University of Kansas and the students of the State University of Nebraska next year and the following is the list of propositions from which the debaters are to choose and agree upon a question: 'The Moral Influence of the Novel is Stronger than that of the Newspaper;' 'The Initiative and Referendum Should Be Introduced Into the United States;' 'Natural Monopolies Should be Controlled by the General Government;' 'Less Weight Should be Given to Precedent in Legal Decisions;' 'The Standing Army of the United States Should be increased.' From this list it will be observed that the young people of this country are occupied with modern ideas. An inter-collegiate debate a quarter of a century ago would have interested itself with the influence of Greek art upon Roman life with the question of Martin Luther's real part in the reformation with the question as to whether or not Washington was 'really a great general,' with the wisdom of Napoleon's march to Moscow, or with the comparison between Caesar and Alexander as statesman. As a result of this sort of training young men and women were left to face the larger problems of life and of society unprepared when they came up in later years. The result of such training as the old education gave, has made many a college man a conservative even to the boundary line of fogyism. The man of the world—what is called the self-made man—has been oftener a leader in the march of progress than the collegian. The tendency of the modern university is toward the practical. The student who takes the "modern scientific" or the "German scientific" or the "economic," or "civil engineering," or the "electrical engineering," or the "sociology," or the "modern language" course is the rule. The "classical course" is left to the men who are going in for the theological seminary at the end. Utility is the word that is written over the door of the modern university. The school boy gets a whiff of life in the public schools and before he has graduated from the university he scents the battle from afar. He is taught to take a square, fearless look at every proposition and then to go ahead. The boys and the girls go into the modern university thinking as their parents thought, and their grand parents before them. They come out with no traditions and as free moral agents. The university today is the dynamic force which is shattering partisanship in politics and bigotry in religion. Utility and liberality and progress, these are the products of modern ideas in education. With such a heritage, the coming century will advance even beyond the dreams of the present."

Within the last week or two an interesting rumor has been going the rounds to the effect that Mr. Thurston will on January 1st or thereabouts tender his resignation as general solicitor of the Union

Pacific road. Mr. Thurston is assured election as United States senator beyond all peradventure and his resignation coming slightly in advance of the election would strengthen him before the legislature. It would be a wise stroke for him all around. There has not at any time been any opposition to Mr. Thurston within his own party except on the basis of his connection with the railroad company. There is good reason to believe that he will speedily dissipate the only obstacle.

The landslide to Thurston which occurred some weeks in advance of the date for the assembling of the legislature has taken all life out of the senatorial situation and this feature of the legislative session can hardly under the circumstances be anything but the most tame affair. Mr. Thurston's senatorial career will begin with the ringing speech of acceptance which cruel fate would not let him deliver two years ago. Mr. Thurston will go to Washington the same whole-souled, genial man that he is at present and always has been. Nebraskans in Washington will always be able to secure the attention of Mr. Thurston. He is fortified by ability and eloquence and the state will look to him to perform distinguished service.

Some years ago the report went out from the *Bee* office in Omaha, whether it really came from Mr. Rosewater we do not know, that Mr. Rosewater was on the lookout for some man whom he could make editor of his paper, a position that up to this day has never been filled by anyone, and it is a fact that in the intervening years several young men have gone to a great deal of trouble in an attempt to try to measure up to the Rosewater requirements. Mr. C. F. Royce, formerly Lincoln correspondent of the *Bee* and now an editorial and political writer on that paper is one of the men who aspire to this place. Another is J. W. Cutwright, editor of the *News* of this city.

The Christmas holidays will probably be celebrated in Lincoln with much the same spirit and good fellowship that have ever characterized the observance of this season. The shops have been busy throughout the week, and the down town streets have on more than one occasion shown a considerable flux of people. Probably not quite so many Christmas trees and so much green stuff have been for sale on the streets as formerly; but generally speaking, the outward and visible signs of the approach of Christmas are the same as usual; Nebraska very seldom has real Christmas weather at Christmas time. A good many of us still remember a climate where grim winter begins as early as December 1, or with Thanksgiving day, where the Christmas holidays usually find the earth hidden under four or five inches of snow, and to those of us who cherish such memories it is somewhat difficult to realize, after the balm that has been with us most of December, that Christmas day will come next Tuesday. The weather during December has been exceptional, even for Nebraska. The greater portion of the time it has been too warm to wear coats or wraps in the middle of the day, and the exceedingly mildness has not contributed to the general health.

"A snake in the grass" is all the more dangerous from being unsuspected. So are many of the blood medicines offered to the public. To avoid all risk, ask your druggist for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and also for Ayer's Almanac, which is just out for the new year.

Some people are wise. Likewise these people are not above saving a \$ or \$\$. After they save enough of them to buy a home and—but that's another story—to save \$\$ is the point. It can be done this week by buying your Christmas presents of E. Hallett, 1143 O street.



Courier Coupon

DECEMBER 22, 1894.

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