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### TEXAS VS. MINNESOTA.

School spirit has always been an important factor in the various institutions of higher learning in Texas and after graduation the student usually continues in his loyalty to his Alma Mater. Now it seems that all these school spirits will have to combine into a state spirit to uphold the honor of the state of Texas against the slanderous and libelous statements issued by the commissioner of immigration of Minnesota. This statement charges that "the stage is being set in Texas for an artificial boom" and also that "the best agricultural districts in Texas are hardly comparable to the poorer sections of Minnesota."

When we stop to consider the cotton production of Ellis, Bell, and Williamson counties, which lead the world; the citrus fruit growing all the year long in the entire Rio Grande Valley; the Pine forests in southeast Texas; the rice fields in the southern part of the state and the many other districts that are noted for some production and then think that this is incomparable even to the poorest part of Minnesota we gasp, awe-stricken, for breath and marvel at what a wonderful place Minnesota must be. It might be surprising to Minnesotans if they were presented with the facts that Texas leads the world in sulphur production and petroleum refining; that it leads the South in manufacturing with a billion dollar annual manufacturing output; has exports three times as great as those of the Pacific coast; and that the banks have deposits of over nine hundred million dollars. But we should not let this worry us—such a small remark can do little harm to such a big state. Daniel Webster once said before the United States Senate that Texas was a desert, so desolate and barren that a crow would starve to death in attempt to fly over it. In speaking of Texas the famous General Sherman said that if he owned both Hell and Texas he would live in Hell and offer Texas for rent. We have lived over these remarks so why should we let the statements of an ordinary uninformed immigration officer worry us?

### ABOUT MUCH WRITING.

Someone has suggested that if Sunday came every three days we never would get through reading the Sunday newspaper editions.

In America, people are trained to read constantly a great deal, anything—advertisements if nothing else. There is one condemning feature to this condition. People pay little attention to such condensed writing as editorials. Poor Richard would not be noticed now-a-days. What's the good of reading editorials, people say, when the world all around us is full of throbbing, living maxims.

Yet, on the other hand, reverting to habit, the modern American will read a three hundred page novel just to get one small spark of a new thought on how to better live. Again, they will spend two nights at the theatre listening to a long philosophical play by Shaw or Ibsen.

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