

EXCHANGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

Nebraska numbers one more among its institutions of learning. Bartley is the place and Mallalieu University the proposed name. Success attend it.

Nebraska Central College at Central City is to have a \$10,000 addition soon. Nebraska's appreciation of her educational institutions is rapidly developing.

A college has recently been put to a unique use. The Methodists of Orleans, Harlan Co., succeeded in ridding themselves of saloons by threatening to remove their college if licenses were granted.

A general wail goes up from college papers, headed by the *Pharos* and *Sibyl*, because of the unwillingness of students to use their valuable time in writing contributions. This is perhaps due to the unusual amount of work necessary to be done by the average student during the spring term. Our advice is, Make your paper more a paper by the editors, even if it takes a larger board.

The *Hillsdale Advance* and *Notre Dame Scholastic* should consider what will be our feelings before they perpetrate such a scheme upon us again. We have schooled ourselves to endure the scanning of a single copy, but we are afraid we could not stand a double dose. So, in all earnestness, if you consider the balance of our mind of any consequence, mail us but one copy of the same number hereafter.

The *Northwestern* contains a very interesting account of the commencement occurrences of the Garret Biblical Institute. A reader of the description is impressed with the progress of that institution as well as the reporting abilities of the writer. This is well; a student, turning back to commencement numbers, finds rare pleasure in such a description, recalling as it does many of the happiest events in a college life.

What a relief to pass from the dry, pithless articles of most of our exchanges to the refreshing and elevating article upon "The Aim of Life" in the last number of the *Occident*. The skillful manner in which the true aim is presented and the necessity for the adoption of the right spirit, attracts and rivets the attention. This production has a double merit, as it comes, presumably, from a member of the board of editors. While that fact does not effect the intrinsic worth of the article, yet it shows the spirit of the editors and accords well with our idea of a college paper.

The number of those papers which, in order to give their subscribers a true idea of their standing among college papers, print all the favorable comments made upon them by other papers and forget to print all which are unfavorable has lately been increased by the adoption of that plan by the *Normal News*. This, however much the subscribers may wish to know the true standing of their college paper, is not, in our eyes, the true aim of a college paper. Egotism crops out however plausible the excuses may seem. Look about you, *Normal*; and see the class of papers whose ranks you are joining in this respect, and we think you will soon strive to be classed in a little higher grade of college journals.

The idea of state rights, at first predominant, gradually lost its adherents until, after a desperate struggle of many years, it found, as other dying institutions have found, some stout hearted and obstinate men to uphold its worn out principles and make a last grand struggle for its re-establishment. Many of us, though not of an age to fully appreciate the situation, have since, through the vivid descriptions of older ones, realized and appreciated the position; what giant efforts

were made by the zealous supporters of a dying principle; how, with the last throes of a despairing people, their all but exhausted energy was united for one grand trial of strength which, while exposing their weakness, disclosed with astonishing vividness the depths of despair to which they had fallen. Few could gaze on that fearful struggle without being inspired with both pity and contempt; pity for their blind obstinacy and contempt for their motives. Such spectacles, though on a smaller scale, are, even at this later day, brought continually before us. Beginning under a management which was comparatively able, the *Aurora* has rapidly lost its former position, and now when all but dead intellectually it gathers together its exhausted energies for a grand final effort. And what an effort! Despair and idiocy are written on its very face. Despairing of ever equalling our "sole literary article," it attempts to render its own literary capacity less conspicuous by making the rash assertion that our "literary article" was the work of a professor. O! beneficent Creator, have mercy upon the dauntless(?) exchange editor of the *Aurora*! Grant that he may be rescued from his great affliction, so that, should he ever again write an article, he will not, then, merit the contempt of his fellow students.

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