

great deal of good, economically speaking, for his country. The influence of which has been marked in later times.

Now then, was Silesia seized for personal motives? There is, undoubtedly, a question here. Frederick's pretense in getting hold of Silesia was that it was his according to a treaty made in the sixteenth century. According to the modern way of thinking Frederick, certainly, had no moral right to make such a claim, but taking into consideration his times and the princes with whom he often came in contact it is not surprising that Frederick acted as he did. Indeed it would be surprising if he had acted in any other manner. Austria had possession of Silesia and perhaps rightfully. What had been the position of Austria towards Prussia? She had assumed the position of lord and master over her, was very domineering and would show no good will towards her whatever, but, all this time, she expected Prussia to do everything in her power for Austria. This fact alone would, at that time, have been almost sufficient to cause Prussia to go to war with Austria. Again, the territory of Silesia was very desirable. The soil was fertile, but the people had been misgoverned, hence the land, to a great extent, had lain idle. When we take into consideration the stimulus given to agriculture, the manufactures founded, and the religious toleration practiced by Frederick, we have good reason to believe that it was not altogether selfishness that prompted Frederick the Great to seize Silesia; but that he really had the good of the country in mind when he made the conquest. If the writer of the article in the *Herald* would estimate the character of Frederick the Great according to the time in which he lived, if he would compare Frederick with the rulers that he associated with, Maria Theresa herself for example, he would gain a more correct idea of the character of this great man. The article on the whole is well written but it does not conform to history in some of the statements made.

Again from that sarcastic sanctum of sage sayings has come another roar, but this time the roar of the lion is as the bellowing of a calf or the bleating of a sheep. The exchange editor of the *Niagara Index* has opened his mouth and there has flowed therefrom a superfluous amount of ungovernable gush. In what he thought to be a sarcastic manner he has told what proves to be the truth. Listen to the warble of the crow. "That college journalism is not worthy of a rank in current literature is a slur that can no longer be hurled in the face of college scribes. Literature has at last reached its culmination, and that too in a college journal. 'Every well informed person knows' that we refer to none other than THE HESPERIAN—that beacon of wisdom and literary enlightenment that is hoisted semi-monthly on the roof of the University of Nebraska." O, wise and witty saying of a child! We always had a suspicion that THE HESPERIAN would sometime attain all that the above quotation implies. Our suspicions have been verified quicker than we expected. What is surprising is that the exchange editor of the *Niagara Index* should be the first one to admit and inform us of the fact. We have known for some time that the aspirations of this ex-editor have been to raise his paper to the height which THE HESPERIAN has attained. He has frequently made us the subject of attacks that were like the croak of the tree toad, loud but not dangerous. From this fact we have rightly inferred that we were looked upon as the most formidable check to the success of the editor's high aspirations. Knowing the utterly insignificant and child-like inability of the exchange man's writings to effect THE HESPERIAN in the least, we have allowed them to hit against our coat of mail, giving us a pleasing sensation before they glanced off harmlessly and were gone forever to be forgotten. This aspiring editor has perhaps, at last, come

to realize his real condition and has concluded to give credit where credit is due. We do not wish to discourage this would-be-editor because he has not fully realized all the grand hopes, brilliant ideas, and over-reaching aspirations that have been running in his head for so these many years. There are perhaps some real marks of genius in him. He has not shown many of them yet, but, undoubtedly, time will do a great deal for him. When he emerges from that period of babyhood in which he now is, into the childhood period in which he says our comment editor is now living, his ideas will be enlarged, and he will be better able to take up the responsibilities that necessarily belong to one that has reached that stage in life.

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#### STRAY PICK-UPS.

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Where is the joint debate?

Come to the benefit concert.

The benefit concert, December 4.

Mr. Lehmer has a music class at Syracuse.

E. M. Pollard ate turkey with Harry Barber.

Talbot and Thomas were among the missing.

Regent Burnham visited the university last Friday.

Rev. Ludden conducted chapel exercises last week.

C. M. Skiles went home last Friday to see his mother.

Pike Chapman rode his wheel to Omaha last Wednesday.

U. G. Cornell made a business trip to Falls City last week.

Only fifteen pages of French for the juniors the next lesson.

Miss Lewis entertained a company of six Thanksgiving evening.

A silver dollar was the price the boys paid for turkey at Omaha.

November 19, 115 students were at work in the chemical laboratory.

The wind will no longer whistle through Clement's whiskers.

Ask Barber about the little black eyed girl. He says she's a beauty.

Mr. Gerrard and Mr. Tefft dined together at the home of Mr. Tefft.

Paul Colson went to his home at Fremont after the Omaha ball game.

Helvie's sphygmograph operates rather slowly—so the co-eds say.

The Misses Gray went home to spend Thanksgiving day with parents.

Thirty-eight out of forty-four freshies flunked in trig. on November 17.

A special program will be given by the Delian girls, December 11.

Professor Fulmer had a number of his students take dinner with him.

Mrs. Canfield entertained nearly a score of students Thanksgiving day.

Messrs. Ewin and Coleman took Thanksgiving dinner with Attorney Collins.

Roscoe Pound succumbed to the inevitable, and went to Omaha to yell for the U. of N.

Messrs. Almy, Haughton, Stroman, Cameron, and Shafer tasted mother's Thanksgiving dinner.