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EDITORIAL.

"WHEN you throw a stone into a pack of dogs," said a certain wise man, "the hit dog howls." THE HESPERIAN, in its last issue, told a few plain truths about fraternity politics and politicians, and incidentally undertook to cast some light upon Mr. L. C. Smith's sore spots. And now the Delta fraternity, that strictly moral and religious home of classics and literature is dinning pandemonium about our devoted ears. Under the *nom de plume* of "F. T. Riley" this brotherhood says all manner of horrid things about ye wicked scribe. We are an "idiotical writer," have "lost all sense of honor and veracity" that we "may have

possessed," we abound in "littleness and personal spite" and "gross exaggerations," we are "degraded below the level of self-respect," our "editorial" was a "scurrilous compendium of spite and untruthfulness," etc., etc., *ad infinitum*.

Truly, there is hope for western journalism so long as the *Arizona Kicker* and "F. T. Riley" abound. The ability to sling epithets and call names has not yet departed from our midst. That marvellous development of gray matter which suggests "you are a horse thief!" as a complete reputation to all the argument of an adversary, gives us room for pride in western resources and college training.

THE HESPERIAN ventured to remark that fraternity politics were a disgraceful combination of the methods of the ward "heeler" and the professional spoilsman, or words to that effect. We did so because we knew of votes contracted for, bartered, and the instruments signed, and of contracts broken; we knew of combinations and rings that were a disgrace to the University, held together simply by "the cohesive power of plunder." So we ventured to say a word or two about this condition of affairs. *The Nebraskan* and the Tammany crowd behind it answers everything by calling names. THE HESPERIAN stated facts. *The Nebraskan* shrieks imprecations.

Such methods of "argument" may be very well suited to the capacities and limitations of Deltaism; indeed, when all the circumstances are considered, it is hard to see how any other line of argument than "villain" and "cut-throat" could have been adopted. But such gauzy subterfuges will not deceive disinterested parties. The facts are undeniable, fraternity politics are a disgrace and a contamination. They should be handled