

## EXCHANGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

The *University Lookout*, notwithstanding its name, is not a paper of great pretensions. But this does not mean that the *Lookout* is not deserving of some credit for its attempts to supply the hankering of Chatanooga students after intellectual pabulum. Many of its features interested us considerably, and we herewith express our belief that the exchange editor will make a mark of some kind in his work. The *Lookout* should allow him to fill with original matter a large portion of the space it now devotes to reprint. Space in a college paper has a certain value to editors, if to nobody else, and it is really wrong to fill it up with chestnuts and borrowed or stolen rot of other kinds.

THE HESPERIAN notices that some of its exchanges are already agitating themselves over the subject of intercollegiate oratory. Now it is about time for the blinking *Owl* from a sectarian college of this state to get in its work. Owing to the fact that a man from the kindergarten took third place last year, the bird may be expected to have a good deal to say during the year; certainly it will be more justified in opening its head than in former years when its champions, in competency come near costing the reputation of the entire outfit up there. We still shudder when we consider how close a shave it was. But THE HESPERIAN will patiently bear the painful ordeal of examining the *Owl's* words of wise advice and the suggestions it may feel entitled to give the association, owing to the fact that its man took third place in the contest last year. Indeed, it will be a pleasure for THE HESPERIAN to hope that the *Owl's* man may take third place again this year. It is considerable of an honor to win third place, and we hope the *Owl* will not fail to punch its man up incessantly, that he may not fall below the required third.

One of the most praiseworthy articles we have seen in any exchange for some time, appeared in a late number of the *Aegus*, under the caption, "True Import of Socialism." Evidently its author has not made the mistake, commonly committed by immature minds, of falling enthusiastically in love with either side of a highly important question. He fairly and impartially reviews the problem, displaying a remarkable knowledge of the circumstances and principles out of which the new movement has grown. THE HESPERIAN believes that a careful study of the problems presented by our present social conditions is one of the most profitable tasks a student may set for himself. Nine-tenths of the college men who have ever heard of the word "Socialism" are content to rest in the belief that it is the name of a movement whose disciples and teachers make dynamite bombs by day and by night plot for the destruction of society and its institutions. In truth the greatest minds of this age have not found it beneath them to investigate the new theories; the whole trend of modern thought is toward these problems. No student can afford to slight or neglect what in the near future will certainly concern him as a citizen and a member of society. Therefore THE HESPERIAN is glad to compliment the contributor to the *Aegus* upon the fruits of his labor.

This paper has not the honor of receiving the *Round Table* in exchange, but is occasionally permitted by some of its charitable friends to see a letter or two from that exponent of Wisconsin culture. We suppose it is only an outcome of a natural law that insignificant schools founded and maintained by religious denominations should exhibit a mortal enmity and jealousy toward legitimate institutions of higher education. At any rate we have seen it exemplified many

times, both at home and abroad. A paragraph we have seen reprinted from the *Round Table* leads us to believe that that paper may be afflicted with the feeling we have mentioned. We are sorry to find it necessary to remind the Beloit sheet that it is not its put in. When it remarks upon the condition of affairs in Nebraska which has permitted the state to be represented in the interstate oratorical association by the little school at Crete, it speaks of a matter concerning which it is evidently in dense ignorance. The University of Nebraska has never felt inclined to be spiteful towards Doane college. Assuming that life is too short for such things it has pursued the even tenor of its way, unmindful of the fact that there was either a Doane college or an oratorical association within a thousand miles. But we have no desire to reopen this subject for the benefit of the *Round Table*, and that paper and the *Owl* are perfectly welcome, so far as we are concerned, to any consolation they may gain by patting each other admiringly on the back. In conclusion we cannot refrain from congratulating the *Round Table* upon the ability with which it has succeeded in concentrating the very essence of irony and sarcasm into that paragraph concerning "wheelbarrow universities," etc. A tremendous indictment, certainly, to proceed from a paper representing an institution of such standing!

As THE HESPERIAN hoped the *Courier*, of Kansas university, has declared its position in college politics and certainly in unmistakable terms. But the *Courier* certainly grows worse and worse. A whole page of a late number was devoted to the reviling of a new paper which has lately made its entrance upon the stage at Lawrence. We desire to say that in no college paper which we have seen in the past three years—and we have carefully examined a good many—have we met with anything of a character so contemptible and so disgraceful to its editors and the student public which it claims to represent, as the rot printed on that editorial page. THE HESPERIAN cares not whether the *Courier* or the *Times* represent barbarian or fraternity elements, the fact remains that the *Courier's* treatment of a contemporary and a next door neighbor is beneath the attention of a man, who lays any claim to self respect or a desire to better himself by college culture. No matter what may be the merits demerits of the *Times*, the *Courier*—insignificant as is the place it occupies by its own right—has no grounds for opening its little head in such a manner. The *Courier* may point with pride to the record of several editors who have been in times past connected with it, but right here its present editor forever bars himself from any just right to be named as an equal of his more or less famous predecessors. THE HESPERIAN does not desire to take the word of the *Courier* for the character of the *Times*. It further must insist upon repeating its conviction that if the new paper is not fully as good or better than its reviler, then indeed must culture in the University of Kansas be at a lamentably low ebb. We desire to see the *Times* live and prosper, and will gladly exchange with it at any time. That the "babies" of the element in the University of Kansas which has no further use for the *Courier* cannot maintain a college paper we are not ready to admit; that two fraternities monopolize all the journalistic ability in that institution is, really, too absurd for belief by any one who has ever examined the *Courier*. But no matter what the politics of the *Courier*, let it show by its printed work that it is worthy the respect of its readers, and THE HESPERIAN will be as ready as ever to accord it an honorable place among its exchanges. In the name of all that the *Courier* veritates let it end its miserable contention with others who are at least as good as itself.