

be benefitted? Of course the representatives of the other nations may be expected to derive some advantage by observing our prosperous condition and by learning the causes of our prosperity, but we must confess that the advantage which we may derive from this congress is purely imaginary. We certainly cannot feel the need of an alliance with any of the nations that are represented in the congress, because, while such an alliance might embroil us in any amount of trouble, it would be of no value to us, for we are big enough to protect ourselves, and we ought certainly to be noble-minded enough not to intrude upon the rights of others.

Looking at the affair from another point of view, will trade be benefitted? The high protective tariff shuts out all, or nearly all, foreign products. Now if trade with the states of South and Central America is to be increased, the tariff must be reduced and thus the very issue upon which the republicans rode into power must be abandoned.

How would it please the wool growers of this country to be compelled to compete with the wool producers of South America? In the vast plains of South America there are immense numbers of sheep raised with scarcely any cost to the owner, while many of the rivers are navigable for large ships hundreds of miles from their mouths, thus furnishing cheap transportation to our seaport cities. Again, how would it please our farmers and stock raisers to be compelled to compete with South American capitalists on an equal footing for our home market? All these things combine to make Jim Blaine, the great apostle of high tariff, appear exceedingly ridiculous. But some one may say that we can ship manufactured goods to South America and preserve our tariff laws in their present form. Now we must not suppose that the representatives of these counties can fail to observe the great progress in population and wealth that our nation has made during the last twenty-five years, and, if they are of an inquisitive turn of mind, may ask Mr. Blaine, "What is the cause of your extraordinary success?" and then Jim, with a heart full of patriotic enthusiasm can answer, as have the campaign orators, "Our prosperity is due solely to our tariff laws." Then when the strangers go home perhaps they may wish to profit by our example and accordingly frame such high tariff laws as will drive our manufactured wares entirely from their markets.

Again we repeat that we fail utterly to see how this congress is to benefit us unless through it we gain the right to trade freely with our Southern neighbors, and then if it be a good thing to have free trade with South America, why not have free trade with Canada? And if it be a good thing to have free trade with America, why would it be a bad thing to have free trade with the rest of the world?

#### FOR SALE.

The business manager has for sale a little gymnasium outfit that is the neatest thing of the kind going. The advertisement may be found in another column. This is just the thing for any student, lady or gentleman. It is easily put up, or taken down, takes scarcely any space in the room and is most effective. Three of these machines are in use among the students, and reference is made to E. R. Holmes, J. S. Peery and J. B. McDonald as to the merits of the machine.

Special prices to students at T. Ewing & Co's.

Students, you can save money by buying your boots and shoes of Webster & Rogers, 1043 O street.

For instruction in book-keeping, penmanship, short-hand, type writing or telegraphy, the Lincoln Business College is the best place to go.

#### MISCELLANY.

No, dear prep girl, you must not think that all the boys in the upper classes are mashed on you, even though you receive numerous invitations to attend society and church. You are young, and as yet unaccustomed to the cold, cruel world. Doubtless you are flattered by the attention that the various societies lavish so profusely upon you, but then time will surely open your eyes to the foolishness of your way. Perhaps after you grow accustomed to our habits you will cease to think that every boy who greets you with a smile is smitten by your charms. Of course you are pretty and we do not blame you for that, but then you are slightly at fault for being vain and conceited.

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We would like to see the great body of students take more interest in the affairs of the University than they do. It seems to us that it would be a good plan to establish a column for communications in THE HESPERIAN, if the majority of the students would take sufficient interest in the paper and in the condition of affairs to make such a column profitable and interesting. A beginning was made in that direction in our last number, and we hope that in the near future it may be found convenient to reserve in each number a column in which each student may have a chance to express his views upon any subject or to call attention to any reform that might be advantageous.

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There is a noticeable lack of system in all associations in the University. The societies are run in a sort of go-as-you-please manner. Few members know the provisions of the constitution, and unless there is a crisis in politics, it is allowed to slumber in sweet peace the whole year through. The parliamentary proceedings consist principally of "usual motions" and suspension of rules. THE HESPERIAN association has run without a constitution for three years. There is a strong tendency to have just as little formality as possible in all meetings, no matter for what purpose. This is not right. Order, system, parliamentary rules, are useful, and the efficiency of every organization in the University would be increased if there were more of these things introduced.

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When our friend, the promiscuous Fie-Delta Frata, gets completely snowed in, it is a cold day. A very good story has been going the rounds at his expense.

One day soon after Dr. Kingsley had reached here, as he was standing looking at notices upon the bulletin board our promiscuous '89er sauntered up to him and opened up the ball with, "Ah! I believe I have forgotten your name. Let me see. What class did you say you were in?" Dr. Kingsley informed our incorrigible that he was a member of the faculty. After learning that Dr. Kingsley was not an instructor but that he had charge of a department, our friend talked seriously of taking twenty or thirty hours of work under him, then slid gracefully in pursuit of smaller game.

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The growth of enthusiasm on some particular subject, in the University, is a little curious to an onlooker. First a few individuals will talk about some project. It seems to fall on deaf ears. If the agitators are persevering they will endeavor to arouse interest by some decided move. This usually fails. Then the original agitators grow disgusted and cease to trouble their brains. From time to time some one mentions the subject, and that is all. Then, through some accident, some outside pressure, the subject is revived, is taken