

## EXCHANGE.

The *Sophomorian* still keeps on in its light and merry vein. Long may its merry soul grow in copulency.

Washburn wants to come to Lincoln a hundred strong to support the Kansas orator. Let every orator have as many supporters and we will have a jolly time.

The *Scholastic* for March 1 is an illustration of how a college paper may become altogether too literary. It is chiefly a collection of essays possessing but little interest to the average student.

The *Stylus* of Sioux Falls university has at least one article that is to be commended. It is entitled "The Siege of Jerusalem." This subject is not trite and is, moreover, of vast interest. This siege is probably one of the most terrible and destructive recorded in history.

Many exchange columns may be set down in either of two classes: The class that flatters and the class that carps. In either class there is but little thought displayed and less sense. May not a happy and respectable mean be found? We would advise some to try for that mean. It is worth the effort.

Isn't it about time for the college papers to wake up on the subject of the inter-collegiate press association? For two months we have looked in vain in exchanges to find a word about it. We fear it has come to that state that is described by ex-President Cleveland's pet phrase. Ought this to be so? Shall it be so?

Will the *Coup d'Etat* please tell us why its former friendly attitude has changed to one of such hostility? Have our utterances on the fraternity question spoiled our style and literary merit? We fear *Coup d'Etat* is biased beyond recall. We will try, however, to bear up under its reproaches. Still we hate to lose a friend thus.

Consolidation is the word in all affairs in these latter days of this century. Accordingly the *Lance* and the *Advocate* of Kansas Wesleyan have united and formed a new paper, the *Advance*. It presents a creditable appearance, but if we might have suggested a name, we would have hyphenated it, *Lance-Advocate*. It is, you know, more in accordance with the spirit of the times.

The *College Star* wishes to know what there is to hinder the formation of an inter-collegiate editorial association. Brother, there is such an organization and THE HESPERIAN is the official organ. You may become a member by sending to our business manager the sum of one dollar. Other exchanges please take note, for so far the association has not received any support, financial support we mean.

The fraternity question is still the subject of vigorous discussion among western college papers. For the most downright common sense view and presentation of the same we would award the palm to THE HESPERIAN, though, to its credit be it said, it has neither been so caustic in its language nor so malignant spirited in the maintenance of the controversy as have many of its opponents. A perfect agreement with the sentiments voiced in its columns on the subject leads us to a hearty admiration of its pluck and energy in waging the battle so valiantly against the combined forces of the Greek letter societies.—*Annex*

Thank you, friend *Annex*. That more than repays for all the carping criticisms and blasterings of frat papers that are able to see nothing beyond their own policy and inclination. The *Annex* is a friend indeed.

THE HESPERIAN receives many high school exchanges. All show commendable enterprise and some considerable talent. Their high school origin is, of course, readily apparent, but a high school paper affords an excellent preparation for work on a college paper. We have no doubt that the editors of the *Lever*, of Colorado Springs, will find it so, and certainly they are doing well in their preparation.

Among most college papers there is one noticeable feature in the exchange columns. It is the statement of news; clippings they may be called. They are seldom to be relied on. It is remarkable what errors creep into these statements. It shows that but little care is taken by the editors in stating the news. There are more news items that are mistakes than there are those that are true. This is not as it should be. The noble editors should be more careful to keep near to the truth.

The *Washburn Reporter* dissents from the comment of THE HESPERIAN on the recent decision of the North Platte school authorities to employ no one but a college graduate for principal of the high school. *Reporter* thinks that a live man is always better than a stuffed dummy. That is true but a live man, with a college education, is better than a live man lacking that education. So all that is necessary is to choose the live man, for surely there are many from college.

Here is some fraternity gush from the *Tuftonian*: "The language of a frater is the language of love that brightens the fires of the soul; the language of encouragement which cheers a brother's heart and smoothes the thorny paths of life the language of sympathy which dries the founts of sorrow. The object of a fraternity is to strew life's path with flowers; the cultivation of social character; the improvement of one's mental and moral condition; to render mutual assistance and support to each other." Mighty loving, ain't it? It's a great scheme to get mutually helped through school.

K. U. *Courier* has opened an exchange column. Its editor is something new in the line of "frats." He is at once the unqualified advocate of the literary society and the staunch friend of the fraternity. He says: "Even if we accepted so fallacious a principle that these organizations are diametrically opposite would we then be compelled to lessen our love for the one or our loyalty to the other." Hearken, "Ye cannot serve two masters, etc." As we have before said, Kansas university shows the results of Greek rule in the helpless condition of its literary societies. Here it has always been the boast of the Greeks that they would kill our literary societies. They have succeeded in killing their own repeatedly and they will do it again ere long.

George Kennan, by his magazine articles, aroused great interest in the struggles of the Russians for liberty and in the fearful sufferings of the czar's victims. Sympathy has everywhere been expressed for the sufferers but no practical aid has been extended. At last, however, something has been proposed which, if carried into effect, will certainly at least show the feeling of a part of the world about this matter. It has been suggested that monster petitions be sent from American colleges to the czar as a protest against the inhuman treatment of the Siberian exiles. Many of our colleges have been greatly stirred by Mr. Kennan's lectures before them. The iron is hot. Let it be struck, and with a vigor. Let the suggestion mentioned be acted upon. It will be the mighty protest of freedom against tyranny. Some of our exchanges have spoken on the subject. Let the discussion be continued.