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## CURRENT REMARK.

There would be no complaint, from the pedestrians at least, if the ordinance requiring people to keep their walks clean was more strictly enforced.

The Law and Order League has made a start and is attempting to suppress gambling in Lincoln. The great mass of the people are with the movement in spirit if not in deed.

We would suggest to the correspondent of the Omaha *Excelsior* that the "University Notes" are typographically wretched. Of course this is the fault of the compositors; and if the said correspondent would visit them personally they would probably rectify the matter.

Now that a patient has gone from Lincoln to Pasteur's hospital in Paris, more attention will be given to his theory and his work. Certainly the so-called cure is worthy of careful study; and if it is, as it seems to be, reliable, a hospital will be established somewhere in the United States.

Lincoln may not be the most populous city in the state, and probably is not, for the Omaha people dispute it. But is it not a little strange that all state meetings, of almost every description convene here. There is scarcely a week in which there is not a state convention of some kind held in the city of salt. Straws show which way the wind blows, and we can not blame our Omaha friends for feeling unfriendly toward Lincoln.

If any thing was necessary to bring Senator Beck before the people of this country in a prominent and favorable light, he has found the right key in his position on the silver question. Seldom has Congress listened to a more able speech than Beck's late one on Silver coinage. Taking a broad view of the right side of this question, and supporting it by an eloquent and convincing argument, Senator Beck has placed himself in the front ranks of his party, if not of the whole country.

"Whom the gods wish to destroy, they first make mad," holds good in the case of the "Nebraska State Oratorical Association." One year ago it started with bright prospects, flourished for awhile, and seemed destined to be successful, but was made mad and has gone to pieces. Whether this is for the best or not, we will not attempt to say, as we were the first to leave, but the fate of the association shows that it takes a very little thing to cause trouble between rival colleges.

The difficulty with which the St. Paul M. E Church in this city was kept warm during the cold wave is a warning to people to patronize home industries. The steam in that building was put in by an eastern firm and is very imperfectly done; while the other churches, where the work was done by resident firms can be kept comfortable. There are but few, if any, things that we have to send out of the state to get done, and the sooner this fact is recognized by the people the better for all parties.

Presidents Eliot and McCosh will debate the question of "Religion in Colleges" at the Nineteenth Century club, New York, on Feb'y 9th.

An invoice of 169 books has just been received for the chemical laboratory. Among others are thirty-nine volumes of the *Chemical News*, fifty-six volumes of the "*Chemisches Central-Blatt*;" twenty-eight volumes of the "*Berichte der deutschen chemischen gesellschaft*;" (All the above mentioned comprise the entire number of issues from the beginning;) twenty-three volumes "*Fresenius Zeitschrift fuer analytische Chemie*;" nine volumes "*Jahresbericht der reinen Chemie*;" six volumes of Kopp's "*Geschichte der Chemie*;" one French German English dictionary. These works are all standard, written in German, and form a good nucleus for a model library.

It is difficult to see why there should be any discussion over the admission of Dakota as a state. She has population sufficient and more, and keeping her longer as a territory is depriving her of her just rights. If the Democratic party could see beyond its own nose, it might see something to cause a change in its attitude toward the territory. If the Democratic Congress should heartily endorse her admission, Dakota might send Democratic Senators and help elect another Democratic President. But Dakota is bound to be a state some day, and when the time comes she certainly will oppose the party that has kept her from her rights so many years.

At last Lincoln has a Base Ball association and will join a league. If this could be made simply an amusement or an exercise there would be no objection offered. But that is not the object. It is only another method of gambling. It is not pleasing to think that men will spend all their time and energy in training horses for the track, so that some one who knows less about horses will lose his money thereby. But how much more disgusting to think that human beings will devote their lives to training themselves for the same purpose. The writer never attended many match games of ball but ventures to assert that there is more gambling, more drunkenness, and more general deviltry at the average base ball match than at any other out door amusement. For this reason, and this alone we are sorry that the Capital City has taken the fever.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to our brethren at York college. Trouble has been abroad in their midst. For some reason the President of the college became dissatisfied with the management of the *Collegian*. The editors were discharged and a new board appointed by the President. And as the oratorical association, under whose auspices the paper had been published, did not take kindly to the action of the president, it was immediately disbanded by the great head of the college. That is about the situation at present, and we feel sorry for the boys at York. From our standpoint it would be hard so be obliged to render an account to the faculty for everything done, and we do not believe that it is the best plan. However we do not desire to moralize on college government, but simply to extend our sympathy to our friends at York. Boys we weep with you!