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COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1909.

WHOLE NUMBER 1,945.

Now is the time to do it
Insure in Good Companies
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BECHER, HOCKENBERGER & CHAMBERS

COLUMBUS MARKETS.
Oats..... 45
Wheat..... 96
Corn..... 52
Hogs, top..... \$5.00 to \$5.75

An opportunity will be soon given local theatre-goers to witness the big laugh-producing hit of this season, "Lena Rivers," dramatized by Beulah Poynter, from Mrs. Mary J. Holmes' novel of that name. Mrs. Holmes is probably the most popular of American fiction writers and over ten million copies of her books have been read in the past twenty years. "Lena Rivers" leading in popularity. North Theatre Friday, March 5.

Mrs. M. Maher, of south of Platte Center, died last Saturday after an illness of several months. Mrs. Maher was the widow of Michael Maher, who at one time represented this district in the state senate. She leaves four children, John G. Maher of Lincoln, and Edward, Blake and Nellie Maher of Platte Center. Funeral services were Monday at the Catholic church in Platte Center and burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Route No. 5.
H. L. Olcott returned last week from a visit at Belvidere, Ill.
Miss Mary Jahn, who has been in Columbus, returned home Tuesday.
The families of Gottlieb and Chas. Klaus have been sick with the grippe.
Mrs. A. W. Hahn was a guest at the home of the carrier, F. L. Hahn, in Columbus Sunday, and Tuesday at the home of L. Hahn.
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brian moved to Columbus last Saturday, where they will make their home. A man from Duncan has rented the place vacated by Mr. Brian and is moving on it.

Advertised Letters.
Following is a list of unclaimed mail matter remaining in the post office at Columbus, Nebraska, for the period ending February 24, 1909:
Letters—Henry Barn, C. H. Darnell, James T. Hogan, F. T. Kaiser, Edw. H. Martelle, J. H. Morrow.
Cards—Harry Durham, Miss Anna Frigge, Mary Morise.
Parties calling for any of the above will please say advertised.
CARL KRAMER, P. M.

Notice.
Notice is hereby given of the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Nebraska Central Irrigation company, to be held at the office of Becher, Hockenberger & Chambers, in the city of Columbus, Neb., on Tuesday, March 24, 1909, at 8 o'clock p. m.
J. C. FREYDIG, Sec'y.

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ASSETS
January 1, 1906..... \$ 14,500
January 1, 1907..... \$ 46,000
January 1, 1908..... \$ 93,000
January 1, 1909..... \$152,000
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Building, Loan & Savings Assn
Office with
ELLIOTT, SPEICE & CO.
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C. L. Lund has decided objections to the city allowing the Union Pacific railroad company to build a spur track in front of his planing mill for the accommodation of the Columbus Light, Heat & Power Co., and through his attorney filed a remonstrance with the council at their meeting Friday night. Another matter of importance before the council was the ordinance relating to the erection of ball boards in the city, and regulating them so they cannot become a menace to the pedestrians. The new pumps at the water works are being put in position this week, and the first payment of \$1,520 for them was allowed by the council. The important ordinance before the council was the one vacating the east twenty feet of Olive street for the use of the Union Pacific railroad. The ordinance was to come up for the third reading, but when it was presented a motion was made to refer it back to the committee. When the roll call was made the vote resulted in a tie, Elias Willard, Clark and Nichols voting to refer it back and Ryan, Gass, Bruken and Lechnit voting against the motion. In this case the mayor had the deciding vote and cast it in favor of the motion, and it was declared carried. There is no secret about the fact that there is much opposition to the proposed ordinance, and that a good deal of it comes from the south side. The councilmen who represent the First and Second wards were aware of this and voted the sentiments of their constituents when they endeavored to have the ordinance placed on its final passage last Friday night, which would have meant defeat. Tuesday of this week an entirely new ordinance covering the Olive street proposition was drawn up and will be presented to the council at their adjourned meeting this evening. The new ordinance does not vacate any portion of Olive street and requires the company to maintain the sidewalk where it is now located, and also keep it clear from trucks and baggage and express, except at such times as it is in actual use. The company does not give the city the twenty feet on the west side of the street.

Tuesday evening the Columbus Commercial club listened to the report of Messrs. G. W. Phillips, G. Frischholz, G. A. Schroeder and M. D. Karr, who were appointed as committee to look up regarding the proposition of Columbus and Columbus township voting bonds for the construction of a bridge across the Platte river, south of the city. The substance of their report is as follows: The new bridge should be of steel with a sixteen foot roadway, and will be 2,000 feet in length with spans of from eighty to one hundred feet in length. According to the estimates in the hands of the committee, the structure will cost approximately \$45,000. To meet this expense the reports suggest that the county set aside \$10,000 for this purpose, the city of Columbus vote \$30,000 bonds, and the township \$5,000 bonds. The question was raised as to whether the city could legally vote bonds to that amount, as the Loup river bridge bonds and also the city water works bonds were still outstanding, and a committee of three Messrs. W. A. McAllister, H. A. Clarke and Henry Ragatz, were appointed with power to act, and if these bonds can be voted they are to request the council at their meeting this evening, to issue a call for the bond election, to be held on the same date as the city election this spring. The club will send five delegates to the state meeting of Commercial clubs at Norfolk next month, to be selected by the president and announced later. March 26 is the date for the club's annual banquet, and President Karr announced the following committee on arrangements: M. D. Karr, C. L. Dickey, Henry Ragatz and Julius Nichols. This committee will have general charge of the banquet and has power to appoint whatever sub-committees that are needed.

Tuesday evening Albert J. Galley and Miss Grace Woods of this city were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Susan Woods, at 1514 Rieckley street. Only relatives were present at the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Dibble of the Congregational church, after which a reception was given to the relatives at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Galley. Mr. Galley is one of the prominent young men of this city, which has always been his home, and besides being engaged in the mercantile business has been chief of the city fire department for a number of years. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Susan Woods and is a Columbus girl. For the last six years she has been employed as saleslady in the Galley dry goods store. Mr. and Mrs. Galley have a host of friends in this city who extend congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness.

Mrs. Lucy Haight, sister of Chas. E. Chapin of Oconee, died at the home of her brother last Thursday morning, from rheumatism and dropsy, from which she suffered for a number of years. Mrs. Haight was formerly of Denver, but of late years has made her home with her brother at Oconee. Funeral services were held in the Oconee Presbyterian church last Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. Harkness officiating, and the remains were brought to this city and interred in the Columbus cemetery.

Drs. Paul and Matzen, Dentists.
Compton, the high priced plumber.
Dr. Vallier, Osteopath, Barber block.
Dr. W. H. Slater, veterinarian, phone 95.
First-class printing done at the Journal office.
Drs. Martyn, Evans and Ireland.
See the Columbus Hide Co. before you sell your iron and junk.
Crushed rock salt for hides, and for stock.—Columbus Hide Co.
Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ernst were guests of Schnyler relatives over Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Stevenson, Friday February 19, a daughter.
A special ice cream for parties, every day, at Hagel's bowling and billiard parlors.
The O. W. P. club held another series of their dances at the Maennerchor hall, Tuesday evening.
Charley Rieckley of Omaha was in the city Monday and Tuesday looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Scheidel of Platte Center, were the guests of Columbus friends a few days last week.
Dr. C. H. Campbell, eye, nose and throat specialist. Glasses properly fitted. Office 1215 Olive street.
Found, a lady's belt. Owner may have same by calling at the Journal office and paying for this notice.
Martin Costello has purchased the residence of the late J. A. Smith and will take possession about March 1.

Miss Maud Galley went to David City Friday evening, where she was the guest of friends until Monday evening.
Lost—A necktie pin, with a large amethyst setting. Finder please return to Pollock's drug store and receive liberal reward.
A few boarders will be taken by private family. Nice, airy rooms. Prices reasonable.—Frank Bridel, 123 East 11th street.

Superintendent Conn left for Chicago, Friday afternoon to attend a National meeting of all school principals and superintendents.
Mrs. Herman Schuster was called to Silver Creek several days ago by a message announcing the serious illness of her aged mother.
Smoke Victoria, five cent cigar, and White Seal, ten cent cigar, both Columbus made goods. They are the best brands offered in this city.

F. J. Kotlar of this city has been appointed substitute clerk in the railway mail service and will be assigned to a run as soon as a vacancy occurs.
Miss Emma Neumarker, who for the past six weeks has been visiting friends and relatives in St. Louis, Mo., is expected home the latter part of the week.

SEEDS Garden and Field **Gray's**
Miss Nettie Connelly, after an absence of one week caused by illness, has again resumed her position as stenographer for the firm of Becher, Hockenberger & Chambers.
Mrs. Jennie Walker and her brother, Gene Condon, will soon move to Denver to reside. At present they are visiting in Lincoln, but their household goods will be shipped this week.
E. W. Gassman is sojourning in sunny California, his present address being Redlands. Letters to friends indicate that he is quite taken up with the country, but the chances are not in favor of his making his permanent home there.

Carl Kramer was in Omaha Friday and Saturday of last week attending the reunion of the Pythian Veterans. Mr. Kramer reports a splendid gathering of members of the order and the reunion, which closed with a banquet, was one of the best held.
On Thursday March 7th afternoon and evening a Tea for the benefit of the Tabetha Home at Lincoln, Neb., will be given by the ladies of the German Ev. Prot. Church, at the home of Mr. Sam Gass, 1009 Idaho street. Everybody cordially invited.

The explosion of a gasoline stove in the rooms occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Kauffman and her daughter, over Keating & Schram's grocery store, called out the fire department Monday morning. The fire was soon gotten under control and very little damage resulted.
The German play given under the auspices of the Gruehli choir in the Orpheus hall Saturday evening was well attended, and was pronounced a success in every respect, and no doubt another play of the same nature will be given in the near future. The amount realized amounted to one hundred dollars.
Columbus will have twelve saloons the coming year, and no more—at least an ordinance has been introduced fixing that as the number the council will grant licenses for. The ordinance was placed on its first reading last Friday night and there will probably be some minor changes before its final passage.



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The goods are here at the rates are right. Make your selections and see how well it fits into the needs of your purse. Let us help you remember that you need some Paints and Wall Paper. We'll save you money if you'll come to
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People who get results advertise in the Journal.
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Dr. C. A. Allenburger, office in new State Bank building.
Drs. Carstenson & Hyland, Veterinarians. Both phones 212.
Dr. D. T. Martyn, jr., office new Columbus State Bank building.
Immediate private sale of household goods. Inquire of Mrs. B. R. Cowdery.
WANTED CANE SEED **Gray's.**
It pays to sell your hides where you can get the most money from them. See Columbus Hide Co.

I have a quantity of sweet cider, which I will sell cheap. For further information inquire of A. C. Mahaffey.
There are a few dwelling houses for rent on the list with Becher, Hockenberger & Chambers, including one furnished.
Advices received from Secretary Hayward of the National committee state he will be unable to be present at the republican banquet in this city tomorrow evening.

Those who have taken the trouble to ascertain the condition of the ice in the Loup river report that it is exceptionally heavy this year, it being twenty four inches in thickness in some places.
For sale—At a reasonable price, one three horse engine and a boiler. Would be suitable for a farmer who wishes to purchase one. For information, please call at Journal office.
Miss Maud Galley entertained the Senior class of the High school Monday evening at a masquerade party. The guests were dressed in colonial styles and this added much amusement to the evening's entertainment, which was devoted to music and games. Refreshments were served and the hostess was pronounced a delightful entertainer.

Burton Nixon who has presented many successes, stars and plays, has organized an unusually clever company for the presentation of the big metropolitan success "Lena Rivers," a dramatization of Mary J. Holmes' novel, by Beulah Poynter, and those who have seen the performance pronounce it one of the best ever given. At the North Theatre Friday March 5.

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160 acre farm, located near Primrose, Neb., 120 acres under plow, 12 acres alfalfa, good 4 room house, barn for six head horses, granary, corn crib, wind mill and sheds. The land is first-class soil and one of the smoothest farms in that section of country. Price \$50 per acre, easy terms.
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Wednesday of last week Mrs. George Winslow, accompanied by her brothers, F. A. Earl and Carl Scofield, left for Stuart, Holt county, in response to a message telling them of the death of their father the day before. Mr. Scofield was seventy-four years of age, and death was the result of a general breaking down. In 1888 Mr. Scofield came to Columbus from St. Lawrence county, New York and formed a partnership with H. M. Winslow in the stock business on the latter's ranch west of this city, and in 1899 he moved to Stuart, Holt county, which has since been his home, and where his wife died about five years ago. Besides the children mentioned above, there are five others, Frank, Edward, Gertrude and Bessie Scofield and Mrs. O. E. Knox, all of Holt county. The funeral was held at Stuart Thursday of last week, and he was laid to rest in the family lot in the Stuart cemetery.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Mask Ball of the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, was held in the Orpheus hall Monday evening and a large crowd dressed in many different garbs enjoyed the evening by dancing under mask to music furnished by the Orpheus orchestra, and in spite of the disagreeable weather which prevailed, a large number of spectators as well as dancers were present. At eleven o'clock the masters were invited to remove their masks and after an intermission of twenty minutes, which was devoted to the partaking of refreshments, dancing was again resumed, in which all persons who so desired were permitted to take part. W. A. McAllister in behalf of the Hookies presented to Mrs. Axel Nelson and O. C. Jones each with a beautiful parasol.

When the fire boys found out that their chief, Bert Galley, was to be married Tuesday evening, they at once began to figure out something for the occasion. They finally decided that a false alarm would be just the thing, so all members of the department were notified, and promptly at 9 o'clock the whistle blew. The chief had just arrived at his home, where the reception was being held, and but for friends who knew of the alarm he would have responded to it. However, about an hour after the alarm had been turned in the fire boys marched to the home of the chief and serenaded him.

Last Wednesday forenoon the wedding of Miss Mary Frances Borowiak of this city and Wilbur P. R. Jessup of Cincinnati, O., took place at St. Bonaventura church, Father Marcellinus officiating. Miss Borowiak was for a number of years employed in a Columbus millinery store, and the groom was a former resident of this city, but the last few years has been traveling, with Cincinnati as his headquarters. Mr. and Mrs. Jessup will make the Ohio city their future home. The couple have many friends in this city who extend congratulations and well wishes for the future.

Mrs. Edward Clark, assisted by her son Herbert, entertained a number of friends Sunday evening, the occasion being the twenty-first birthday of her youngest son Earl. A number of persons responded to the invitations and the evening was devoted to cards. At a late hour refreshments, such as the hostess is noted for, were served, and after wishing Earl many more happy birthdays the guests departed. Mr. Foley of New York, was one of the honored guests.

President M. D. Karr and Secretary Gus G. Becher, jr., and A. L. Raab of the Hord Elevator, represented Columbus at the banquet given by the Central City Commercial club last Friday evening. They report that the Commercial club of our western neighbor did things up right, and besides the local speakers, among those present were Mayor J. C. Dahlman of Omaha, E. R. Gurney of Fremont and General Manager Mohler of the Union Pacific.

There will be several speakers of state and national reputation in attendance at the republican banquet at Maennerchor hall Thursday evening. Chairman Dickinson has received assurances that Secretary Hayward of the national committee will be here, and also State Chairman J. Warren Kiefer and E. R. Gurney of Fremont. These gentlemen will be speakers of the evening, and W. M. Cornelius will act as toastmaster.

A. A. Carrick of Janesville, Wis., brother-in-law of H. G. Fricke, who has been here for some time, returned home last Friday. While here Mr. Fricke, who is looking for a location, decided to come to Columbus and when he returns again he will bring his family with him. He has purchased a lot from Mr. Fricke in the Hockenberger addition and will build a residence.

R. J. Pugsley of Monroe was in the city Tuesday, enroute home from a trip to the western part of the state. Ralph reports the snow storm very heavy in that section, and says the train they returned on was the last one to arrive from Cheyenne for some time—and when they arrived here the train was fifteen hours late.
Weather conditions cut no figure with the City Band boys. And we can say the same for our fire laddies. Did you notice the Hookies parade Monday? Of course the band had a covered wagon to ride in, but all kinds of instruments were exposed to the weather, and the music made all hands brace up and face the storm.

The Black Hand in Columbus.
It was with surprise and amazement that Columbus people learned that an attempt had been made to extort money from two well known business men of this city, but the facts, which came to light Thursday morning, are as follows: On Wednesday afternoon H. B. Robinson received an unsigned letter out of the Columbus post office, which read as follows:
Mr. H. B. Robinson:
I demand you to put \$500.00, wrapped up in so small a package as you can make it, in 5, 10 and 20 dollar bills. Put it in under the iron plate in crossing at southeast corner of the high school. Put it there tonight at 10 o'clock. Remember this is a demand, so put it there and tell no one about it. I don't want no crooked business, for if there is I will blow you off the face of the earth. Go there—put it there—then go, and go quick, too, remember.
If you don't do this, something is going to happen. Tell this to anybody, and I will kill you.

It was evident that the letter had been mailed in this city and whoever the parties were, they were not very far away. Mr. Robinson did not pay much attention to the letter, but later showed it to a friend, who at once insisted that the officers should be placed in touch with the case. This plan was followed and an attempt made to apprehend the blackmail. Guards were placed at convenient points and at the appointed hour Mr. Robinson placed the package in the designated place and hurried away. But no one appeared, and although the guards were vigilant during the entire night, they failed to catch the blackmailer. There is no doubt but that whoever the author of the letter was, his intentions were good, as threats of this character are not made for a joke. Some people are inclined to believe this was the work of some local parties who were familiar with the locality, and that while preparations for the capture were going on they were next to all the plans. While Mr. Robinson does not take the matter seriously, he would like to find out who the author of the letter was, and has stated that he will give one hundred dollars for information as to whom it was, and keep the name of the information secret.

The other case of attempted blackmail occurred some time ago, when Wm. Bucher received a similar letter, demanding that he place a large sum of money in a sack and deposit it on the top step of the northwest entrance to Buffalo square. Instead of Mr. Bucher going to the designated place, a policeman disguised in Mr. Bucher's clothing went to the designated spot and deposited the sack, but no one called to get the money. In the letter to Mr. Bucher threats were not only made against him, but also members of his family. Comparison of the Robinson and Bucher letters indicate that the author of both is the same. Whether the blackmailer is in earnest or joking, his writing such letters will sooner or later get into a lot of trouble, as there has been plenty of strong condemnation of his work.

District No. 4 and Vicinity.
Next week is hurry week, the week for moving.
Now is the time for farmers to trim their grape vines.
Thomas Lynch is commencing to move to Platte Center.
Mrs. Gertrude Zimmer will soon leave this neighborhood.
There was a dance at John Donoghue's last Saturday night.
Henry Rines sold a bunch of fat cattle in Platte Center Monday.
John Iossi has been doing considerable corn shelling last week.
Peter Zumbun of Columbus was out on the Carrig ranch last Thursday.
The good snow of Monday insures plenty of moisture for the winter wheat.

D. Donoghue marketed wheat in Platte Center last week at 96 cents a bushel.
D. Lincoln of Omaha was out on his farm Monday looking after the building and other interests.
Simon Iossi returned from Sherman county last week, where he had been looking at land and also visiting a cousin, John Heasler, who went there from this county two years ago.

Route No. 1.
Wm. Luesche shipped a car of cattle to South Omaha last week, from Columbus.
Adolph Muller is cutting down a row of trees on his farm and sawing them up for fire wood.
Joseph Boehrn and family of Shawnee, Ill., are visiting at the home of August Wardeman.

Last week John Heibel shipped a car of hogs of his own feeding to South Omaha, making the shipment from Richland.
Godfrey Meyers is moving from the David Thomas place, south of the river, to the Galley farm on Dohn creek, on route No. 1.
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Route No. 2.
The melting snow makes the roads pretty heavy for hauling.
Chas. Reinke and Wm. Bousing each have new manure spreaders.
Ben Ficks, who owns a portable gasoline engine, was shelling corn and running a saw with it last Friday.

Route No. 4.
Gny Eby will work for J. C. Dineen the coming summer.
Frank Zionas has moved on to the Murry place, southeast of Oconee, and formerly occupied by Arthur Bray.
Mrs. Ed. Stackley and son Ed of Oshkosh, Neb., who have been visiting friends and relatives in the neighborhood for the last three weeks, expect to return home Saturday.

Route No. 3.
Mrs. J. W. Albers, jr., who has been very sick, is on the road to recovery.
Fred Krausland moved from Route 3 to Route 4 last Friday, and will live on a farm formerly occupied by J. Bruckner.
Wm. Lange loaded a car of hogs for the South Omaha market Monday evening, making the shipment from Platte Center.

Wm. Behlen is packing up his household good preparatory to moving to Benton Harbor, Mich., where he will make his future home.
The Shell Creek Baptist church has extended a call to Rev. Koch of Kansas City, and he expects to arrive so as to take charge about May 1.
J. F. Goedeke made an overland trip to Monroe last Saturday, remaining over Sunday, while there he purchased two colts from his old friend, John Keeler.

Engelke Bus, one of the well-to-do and prominent farmers on this route in Bismark township, passed away at his home on February 22, aged 69 years and 18 days. Mr. Bus was born in Hannover, Germany, February 4, 1840. In 1863, shortly after his marriage, he moved to Platte county on Schaad creek, and took up a homestead. Here he prospered and was considered one of the well fixed farmers of the county. His wife died in 1894, but he leaves five children to mourn his loss, Henry Bus, Mrs. John Bachman, Fred Bus, Mrs. Ed. Bachman and Katie Bus, all of whom reside in Bismark township. The funeral will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock from the home, and the Loecke church, Rev. Denniger officiating, and the burial will be in the Loecke creek cemetery.

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