

ed on George W. Gerwig, secretary of the Allegheny Board of School Controllers and enjoyed a pleasant chat with him about Lincoln and Lincoln people. Mr. Gerwig is a graduate of the Nebraska State university and is well and favorably known in educational and newspaper circles of the capital city. Although reconciled to his lot here he cherishes a deep regard for Lincoln, her people and institutions and he has an abiding faith in her future. Mr. Gerwig's lines have certainly fallen in pleasant places here. He receives a salary of \$2,000 per annum and his prospects of future advancement are decidedly bright. He comes of a good family socially and otherwise. His father, Hon. Chas. W. Gerwig, is chairman of the finance committee of Allegheny Select Council and is one of the leading republicans of Allegheny county; so the son of his father has a bright career ahead of him."

As was generally expected the *Bee* has turned its batteries on Tom Majors and is opposing the nomination of the lieutenant governor with all the force and venom that Mr. Rosewater can throw into an attack of this sort. This fight on Majors is in some respects inadvisable; but it is having its effect notwithstanding the statements of some newspapers that have attempted to make light of the showings made in the *Bee*. As a general thing it is no doubt wise in a politician not to deny the stories that are circulated about him; but the charges preferred against Majors are of too serious a nature to be ignored, and the fact that there has been no attempt to disprove the statements made by the *Bee*, which are, by the way, the way, pretty well backed up, is accepted by a great many people as conclusive evidence that Majors is guilty. In simple truth Tom Majors is not the kind of a man for governor of this state, and all republicans not unduly influenced by the bosses admit, and as all republicans know.

But Mr. Rosewater has nothing to say against the other Nemaha county politician, Church Howe. In fact he is lending the influence of the *Bee* to this candidate in his ante-convention campaign. It is getting things down to a pretty fine point when the same conscience that spews out Tom Majors will swallow Church Howe without a qualm, something that usually goes with a conscience. Howe is one of the biggest rascals in the state, a man utterly lacking in the first principles of political decency, and who is as hypocritical as the devil; to send him to congress would be an insult to the people of the First congressional district on the part of the delegates to the convention. Howe, who is smoother than triple greased lightning, has patched up the feud between Rosewater and himself, and he escapes scot free while Majors gets a XXX lambasting.

It is common report that several Lincoln citizens have cleared a handsome profit on the board of trade, in corn, this week. One gentleman is reputed to have made a stake of almost \$30,000.

Frank Burr, Ross Curtice, Forry Moore, Will O'Shea and Bing and Wittman, who, under the name of the Royal Entertainers, have for some weeks past been giving exhibitions in the towns of Nebraska and South Dakota, under the management of Mr. Hollowbush, have met with fair success, and encouraged by the reception which they have received, they have made arrangements for strengthening the company by the addition of professional talent with the idea of engaging permanently in the theatrical business. The young men, all of whom are residents of Lincoln, have unquestioned ability, and if they can withstand the rigors of the prevailing hard times and remain on the road long enough to acquire professional ease they will succeed. But the outlook is bad for any sort of theatrical enterprise at present, particularly for anything in the nature of an experience. Manager Zehrung of the Funke opera house, may give the Royal Entertainers an opportunity to entertain the people of Lincoln sometime in the early part of September.

Omaha and Lincoln and every city in the country are filled with men looking for work. One would almost imagine from the vast numbers of unemployed and the more or less moving appeals that go up from the people that it is impossible for those now out of work to find employment of any sort. THE COURIER has several times contended that opportunities to labor, even in the dullest times, are

much more numerous than those persons who complain so bitterly of enforced idleness would have the public imagine. It has been said in these columns that the unoccupied land of the country and the improved farms are capable of supporting the thousands of men now suffering the direst poverty in the cities; that there is a steady demand for farm labor that is never satisfied. The editor of THE COURIER while in Wyoming recently made some inquiries along this line the result of which is interesting in connection with the wail of distress that goes up from the "unemployed." A number of ranches were visited and the proprietors were asked whether they could obtain all the help they wanted and what wages they paid. In every instance it was said that one of the chief difficulties in the way of ranching is the scarcity of men to carry on the work. The men who are running the ranches are willing to pay \$30 and \$40 per month to good men and furnish them comfortable board and lodging and a reasonable amount of whiskey; but it is next to impossible to secure satisfactory help. There are no applicants, and it requires no end of wheedling to induce a man to go to work on these terms. It cannot be contended that the work is unpleasant or very hard. The ranches are under irrigation and are as beautiful farms as can be found anywhere on earth; the labor does not differ materially from ordinary farm labor. But employers seek in vain. In the meantime men walk the city streets and say they cannot get work anywhere at any price. It looks as though the workingman had become over particular in the matter of employment.

C. H. Cornell, of Chadron, was in Omaha the other day. Mr. Cornell will be remembered by readers of THE COURIER as a member of the senate in the legislature session of 1889, he with Frank Taggart of Hastings being somewhat noted figures in that body by reason of their comparative youth. Not long after the expiration of the session of the legislature Cornell was given a lucrative land office appointment which he held until last May. The ex-senator is as young looking as when, more than five years ago, he entered, for recreation's sake, into the frivolities of Lincoln society. He has in the passing years achieved more than ordinary success, and occupies an important position in the northern part of the state. Cornell continues to take an active interest in politics. He is strongly in favor of the renomination of Governor Crouse for a second term, which fact prevented his being elected a delegate to the republican state convention, as the Majors men had the handling of the slate in his county.

When, some months ago, the *Fremont Herald* was sold to a professional gentleman, who, it was understood, proposed to own and conduct the newspaper as a side line, there was considerable amusement among the fraternity throughout the state, some of which found expression in decidedly unkind remarks. The new proprietor of the *Herald* was apparently undisturbed by these comments. He immediately addressed himself to the task of making a newspaper out of the *Herald*, not the easiest thing in the world; and Dr. Devries, for that is the new owner's name, has succeeded admirably. He has placed his paper in the front rank of state dailies. It is a bright, cleverly edited publication, and reflects credit upon Dr. Devries and the town of Fremont, where weeds sometimes grow in the middle of the street.

The lesson taught by the American Railway Union strike had no effect on the men who voluntarily threw up profitable employment in the South Omaha packing houses because, in the face of hard times, they wanted an increase in pay which the employers could not see their way clear to granting. The packing house strike is, if anything, more foolish than the Debs fiasco. In this case there was no possible hope of success; the men merely gave up good places to other men who were willing to work on the old terms, which are sufficiently remunerative to attract laboring men from all over the west to South Omaha.

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