

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Mr. A. K. Andriano, superintendent of the mercantile reporting department of Snow, Church & Co., Omaha, writes of the business situation for THE COURIER as follows:

Retailers report a falling off in trade owing to the warm unseasonable weather of the last few days. With wholesalers business continues to keep up in dry goods, boots and shoes and clothing. Furniture men report only a fair trade and in hardware business is rather dull. Politics is very freely discussed by business men throughout the country and the coming elections although principally of a local complexion are influencing trade to a surprising degree. Very few loans are being made and capitalists are holding off pending results. This does not apply only to Nebraska but is true of all the western states. The commercial world is actively interested in politics this year and there is little doubt that the best class of citizens will figure very prominently in the coming elections, both in the east and west. The extension of the Burlington road and its connection with the Northern Pacific is a matter of paramount importance to Lincoln and Omaha jobbers. It is now stated that the opening of the new extension will be somewhat delayed pending the ratification of the rate agreement by the courts. Under the new schedule the through and local rate to points on the line of the Northern Pacific will be the same to Nebraska jobbers as to St. Paul and Minneapolis dealers. This will enable Lincoln and Omaha to enter into direct competition with those cities, a territory hitherto not open to competition. The advantage to these cities will readily be appreciated. Business in the northwest territory is very good, money is plentiful and merchants are prosperous. The accession of this new territory will be doubly welcome to Nebraska jobbers this year.

AT THE THEATRE.

"Rush City," an attraction with a minimum of plot and a maximum of play, pleased those people who like a so called "specialty" show, at the Lansing theatre Saturday evening. Possibly there was a fungus growth on some of the alleged comicalities; but the people laughed; and the specialites on the whole were on par with those of the average production of this class.

The Corse Payton company, at popular prices, is at the Lansing theatre this week, presenting a change of bill nightly. The engagement closes this evening. There will be a matinee this afternoon.

Monday night there will be a double bill at the Lansing. "A Chip o' the Old Block" and "A Cold Day." Robert L. Scott, Miss Adelia Crawford and Charles B. Boyd take the leading parts in the play. In "A Cold Day" Perkins D. Fisher, Edward Cogley, Miss Ollia Redpath and Jean Delmar will appear. These two plays are given by two separate companies.

"A Trip to Chinatown" will be given at the Lansing theatre this month.

"Friends" is soon to appear at the Lansing.

Wednesday evening at the Lansing theatre "The Hustler" will be given, its third presentation in this city. The principal role *Con McFadden* is played this year by J. I. Tiernay. E. J. Hefferman appears in songs, including some new parodies; James P. Smith and James F. Cook do the tramp acrobatic acts; Harry Watson and Alice Hutchins, the German comedian and comedienne; James Bradley, Thomas H. Humphries, Ernest Wilson, M. C. Reynolds, Irene Hernandez, Mamie Mayo, Julia Taylor and May V. Warren are other members of the company.

Additional attractions for next week at the Lansing are "Star Gazer," a breezy comedy, on Friday, and "4-11-44," a farce comedy, on Saturday.

At the Funke next Friday Dewey Heywood's grand concert company, including Flora Drescher, violinist; W. Scott Heywood, cornet soloist; Frank M. Fuller, pianist; Miss Marie McKenzie, prima donna soprano, and Miss Clara Mae Bryant, dramatic and humorous reader, will give a most attractively arranged concert. The company is one of the strongest, most artistic concert companies now touring the country, and the concert promises to be one the leading musical treats of the season.

HOLMES' WISDOM.

We must have a weak spot or two in a character before we can love it much. People that do not laugh or cry, or take more of any thing than is good for them, or use anything but dictionary words, are admirable subjects for biographies. But we don't care most for those flat pattern flowers that press best in the herbarium.

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There are three wicks to the lamp of a man's life; brain, blood and breath. Press the brain a little, its light goes out, followed by both the others. Stop the heart a minute, and out go all three of the wicks. Choke the air out of the lungs, and presently the fluid ceases to supply the other centers of flame, and all is soon stagnation, cold and darkness.

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The trees may outlive the memory of more than one of those in whose honor they were planted. If it is something to make two blades of grass grow where only one was growing, it is much more to have been the occasion of the planting of an oak which shall defy twenty scores of winters, or of an elm which shall canopy with its green cloud of foliage half as many generations of mortal immortals.

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Our thoughts are plants that never flourish in inhospitable soils or chilling atmospheres. They are all started under glass, so to speak; that is, cherished and foetered in our own sunny consciousness. They must expect some rough treatment when we lift the sash from the frame and let the outside elements in upon them. They can hear the rain and the breezes, and be all the better for them; but perpetual contradiction is as pelting hailstorm, which spoils the growth and tends to kill them out altogether.

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There are all kinds of hustlers in this world. A man to be a success in any business must be a hustler. The butchers, bakers, grocerymen, laundrymen all have men who do nothing but solicit your trade. In the jewelry business a man has to hustle in a different way. It would not look well to have a man going from one house to another asking if he could not sell you a watch, clock, chain diamond ring or a cane, but when he writes an advertisement soliciting your trade he is asking you just the same as though he were the grocerymen knocking at your door asking you if you would not like to have a bushel of potatoes or a pound of coffee. All of our readers are acquainted with the way Mr. Hallett asks you for your trade, and it is the only way for a jeweler to solicit. If you have an idea that you would like a watch or chain or anything in the jewelry line but do not think you can afford it go into Hallett's and you will be surprised how cheap you can get it. He does not follow the leaders, he leads the followers. There is only one store owned by E. Hallett and it is located at 1143 O street, where gentlemanly and obliging clerks are always glad to show you anything from a 10c pin to a \$400.00 diamond. If you looking for a cane for a present, do not forget that Hallett has the finest line in the city.

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