

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

# Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

in these columns a couple of weeks ago, said: "Croan's deal in Lincoln has done much to prejudice the standing of the individual normal school, never too firmly established, and it would be simply impossible to make anything out of a normal school at Hawthorne unless there was a change of name and a complete change of methods.

There has been a big demand, by the way, for copies of the Lincoln papers which have told the truth about Croan. Not only Lincoln and Nebraska people have wanted to see what the *News* and *THE COURIER* had to say about Croan; but requests have come from Shenandoah, Iowa and Anderson, Ind., and other places where the man is known. There have not been enough papers to meet the demand.

Lincoln young men appear to have been seized with a sudden admiration for the tinned and painted beauties of the stage. In the last few months there have been many experiences similar to that enjoyed by the women of the "Black Crook" company at the Commercial club a few weeks ago. When Eddie Foy brought his big company here the chorus girls were besieged by a number of Lincoln Lotharios, and some of them narrowly escaped trouble. Then a little later a couple of well known young men made their way to the Lansing stage and provoked something of a disturbance. Women in the "Black Crook" and "Our Flat" companies were entertained at the Commercial club, and now comes the report that two of the young women of "The Passing Show" were dined and wined by a brace of Lincoln men. This spring the young man's fancy has largely turned to fairies. What effect this latest manifestation on the part of Lincoln masculinity will have on the booking of the Lincoln theatres is a matter for conjecture. These attentions may make it easier for Mr. Zehrung and Mr. Church to secure attractions and again they may make it more difficult.

That south wind that blew with such fury the first of the week brought with it gloom and discouragement. People who have all along been hoping against hope, who have said that they couldn't believe Providence would again turn her back on Nebraska, succumbed to the harrowing influence of the gale; and while the wind blew business of every kind was retarded. Nobody thought of buying anything or doing anything. Many occupied themselves with thoughts of how to get out of Nebraska. And after all, what is more disturbing and discouraging than these winds that, gathering force and heat in the arid regions of the states to the south of us, sweep over the plains of Nebraska, sometimes for three days at a time, obscuring the sun by the impenetrable cloud of dust it raises? The south wind is a terrible discord to the nerves of sensitive people. It is rasping, producing the same effect on some people that the sound of a file rubbed across the teeth of a saw produces. When it came this week, preceded by dry weather, it was hard to bear. It told on people's nerves smothered struggling hope and seemed to foretell disaster. A wind such as blew this week from the southern fur-

nace, cruel, devastating, is enough to destroy one's faith in the Almighty. Why, we might ask, are we in Nebraska tortured thus? Have we not suffered enough with hot winds and drouth, bringing destruction and untold suffering, without a repetition of the calamities of the past two years? Why should the God above wreak such a terrible vengeance on his children in Nebraska? One could not help such thoughts as these when the south wind blew this week.

The *News* confesses to an unshaken faith in the ability of proper rainmakers to produce rain, and regrets that the last legislature did not appropriate \$10,000 for the purpose of experiments with the heavens. If the *News* had followed the operations of the professional rainmakers as closely as it follows local happenings it would have noticed that the rainmakers have generally been successful when a rain was coming their way, and that they have generally bombarded the sky to no effect when there wasn't any rain there. There has been plenty of opportunity for the rainmakers to make rain in the last two years; that they haven't done it is pretty conclusive truth that they couldn't.

Once more, this week, the men that came out of the war, marched to the sound of muffled drum, and sought the graves of the departed; and the flowers that were placed on the earthen tombs of the dead soldiers, and the words that were spoken, and the songs that were sung—all testified that in this life where forgetfulness is the common rule, there is a remembrance, keen and appreciative, of the sacrifices and heroisms and sufferings of the cruel war. Decoration day is a grateful day for those to whom the war brought a personal loss; and it is good that there should be the sentiment it occasions.

Lincoln people must regard with satisfaction the condition that makes both of the Omaha papers on one day wail over the poor railroad facilities of the Missouri river town, as compared to the advantages possessed by Lincoln in this respect. Of late there has been an early train service out of Lincoln unsurpassed by any city of its size in the country. On every line of road the *State Journal* goes out early in the morning, reaching nearly every part of the state from 9 to 24 hours ahead of the Omaha papers. As a matter of fact there are ten trains out of Lincoln on ten lines before 10 a. m., before the Omaha papers arrive. The *Bee* ingeniously remarks, "Will Omaha business men awaken to their own interests and unite in demanding better mail facilities out of this city [Omaha] or will they permit themselves to be distanced by commercial rivals, and allow the channels of trade to be flooded with their papers to the exclusion of the Omaha dailies?" This complaint is significant. Omaha seldom calls herself down in this fashion. The *Bee* in this editorial gives notice to the Omaha merchants that they are throwing their money away advertising in the Omaha papers in the hope of catching state trade, because points in the state are flooded by Lincoln papers to the exclusion of the Omaha dailies. The *World*

*Herald* gives emphasis to the wail. It says traffic and trade are dull in Omaha under present conditions, and will stay so unless the railroads give better facilities.

### TO REGULATE BICYCLE RIDING.

"W. B. L." writes to the New York *Herald* as follows:

The constantly increasing number of accidents caused by and occurring to the bicyclists of this city has prompted me to offer the following suggestion, which will, I am confident, favorably appeal to the more conservative and better class of riders, who have the best interest of the sport at heart.

The adoption of proper regulations will tend to restrict the fast, reckless riding of many wheelmen.

All persons owning or riding wheels within the city limits should be compelled to apply for and, within a reasonable time, take out a yearly

license, and receive a tag bearing the number of the same, which must be conspicuously attached and exposed on the wheel. The license should be some nominal figure, say \$2, originally and renewable yearly, unless the holder by some overt act, has willfully violated his right to the same, for, say, the sum of \$1.

The imposition of this slight tax would produce a large revenue to the city, which would go far toward building and maintaining proper roads and paths for the exclusive use of devotees of the wheel.

If this idea seems to you to be worthy of mention, its publication in your columns would be observed by the people whom it is intended to reach.

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