

LINCOLN, NEB., SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1895.

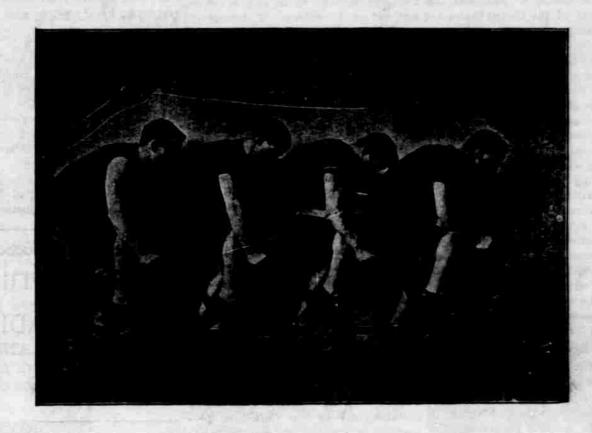
## **OBSERVATIONS.**

T is reported that Superintendent Strong took his contract with the board of education, drawn by himself, to a prominent lawyer for an opinion as to its binding quality. The lawyer looked the document over carefully and handing it back to Mr. Strong, said: "Inasmuch as the board is opposed to you I would advise that you tender your resignation." Mr. Strong promptly acted on the advice.

As I said a couple of weeks ago Mr. Strong is not of the submissive or giving up kind, and the fact that he resigned when his contract period is only twothirds expired is pretty good evidence that he was convinced he could not hold his position. The retiring superintendent has an abnormal capacity for making himself objectionable, and particularly in the last year, this capacity was bound by no limitations of wisdon. or propriety. He was apparently actuated by a desire to arouse the board and every member of it to a course of earnest opposition, and he succeeded. At the meeting Monday night it is doubtful if Mr. Strong could have induced one member to support him.

I asked one of the members if it was not a fact that, admitting ail that had been said about the manner in which Mr. Strong had conducted himself, he had made a fairly good superintendent -if his methods were not practical and effective. "That's just it," he replied. "Mr. Strong hasn't any methods. He didn't do anything at all. He did not visit the schools, and made no attempt to acquaint himself with the efficiency or inefficiency of the teachers. He just let things take care of themselves. All day long he sat in his office with his feet on the table, reading some magazine or wspaper. We thought that \$3,000 a year was a pretty big salary for this kind of work. If Mr. Strong had made anything like a reasonable effort, had shown any disposition to take hold and manage the affairs of the school district, the board would have been perfectly willing to allow him to stay the three years out. But he did nothing at all and it's a good thing he resigned." Asked if a change in superintendents would not cause much inconvenience to the teachers he said he thought not. The board will make an effort to find some energetic, able man, who will discharge adequately the duties of superintendent for a smaller salary than

25 per cent. This reduction of the such unalloyed absurdity that the peo- in the Bee building, that much adver- has purchased a controlling interest in reduction in the expenses.



The old lady with the motherly face at the funny capers they cut. But it is by Mr. Rosewater's own admission, excence, replied, -"No mom, I am a guard at the penitentiary." Bill Dorgan, who sat near by, was so overcome that he man?," and received as a reply. "No. I am working for Dick Jones just now."

who rides up and down on the Four- doubtful if it was worth the Journal's cluded from Nebraska towns by the teenth street car line, looking for souls while to whitewash Croan, especially at State Journal, the Bee has lost, possibly to save, had an experience the other day the expense of reputable Lincoln citi- one-half of its former circulation; and that furnished some amusement to a zens. Nobody believed what it said. the revenues from all sources have been number of people who happened to be The Journal so often acts as apologist very materially reduced. The best men in a position to observe it. The car was for men of the Croan type, from on the Bee are being discharged to meet about leaving O street when the old various motives of self-interest, that it the demands of the counting room, and lady, Bible in hand, accosted a big, ought to be able to make a far better those who remain are compelled to do burly young fellow with the query job of it than it usually does. It is true double duty. So that Rosewater is not "Young man, are you a Christian?." Croan is not an easy subject. But if it in a sweet frame of mind. Things The young man turned his rather could not have made a reasonable vindi- annoy him. heavy German face toward his interro- cation it might better have kept its gator, and with a look of sublime inno- peace. There is no u.e courting ridi-

When the members of the executive had to be carried into Harley's drug committee of the state republican store and treated. This experience of league, sitting in this city, refused the Lincoln salvationist was something to send E. Rosewater to the Cleveland like that of another co laborer who convention as a delegate from Nebraska, stopped a man on the street with- they did not realize that the pudgy "Are you working for the Lord, young little man would suffer so extensively. Mr. Rosewater must have desired this recognition very much, for seldom has he been in a more excited frame of mind than since the meeting of the committee. The people of Lincoln have probably He has broken out several times, once heard all they want to about Croan by in a signed editorial, one of his specialthis time, and THE COURIER doesn't pro- ties, and the members of the committee pose to waste much more space discuss- are classed with the howling dervishes, ing this man. I cannot refrain, however, and called a number of names. Mr. from some expression of amusement at Rosewater courted the humiliation put The teaching equipment of the district the Journal's peculiar and ridiculous upon him. and his ravings will not help will be cut from 111 to 100 or less. The attempt to give the departing "professor" the matter any. His present state may board has, by rearranging teachers and a character. Self-interest oftentimes be in part accounted for by the business rooms, made a saving of approximately draws the Journal into a position of depression which has settled permanently Ashland, was in the city Monday. He teaching force will make a still further ple who conduct the great morning tised "pride of two continents." Driven the Wahoo Wasp, and will take charge newspaper, must be themselves amused out of Iowa by the Chicago dailies, and of that paper July 1.

The News which has always been strongly tinetured with Rosewaterism. ambiguously says: "It is an axiomatic fact that the man who assumes to criticise politics and politicians, who wages battle against them or defeats their schemes for personal advantage at the expense of the public, has no business seeking favors or honors at their hands. The politician is essentially selfish, and the man who joins with him in anything must make concessions to him. No man can therefore assume to be fighting for the general good when he is always scheming to get some honor or emolument from the politicians. It is an anomaly that cannot

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