

# THE COURIER

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## OBSERVATIONS.

**W**HEN Mr. Croan left Lincoln he carried with him the following testimonial:

My Dear Mr. Croan—I have read all of the articles published about you by two of the papers of this city, but have not seen fit to make any reference to them whatever in the Journal. I am satisfied that they are untruthful and unfair, and when occasion offers the Journal will say as much. I happen to know personally that the failure to develop the Western Normal College into the greatest school of its kind in the country was due, first, to the drouth and panic, and second to the failure of the real estate syndicate which brought you here to meet its agreements. This failure was caused by the hard times and it seems to me that there is nothing of a hard nature that can be said about anybody connected with the enterprise. Assuring you of my personal esteem and confidence I am, cordially yours,  
WILL OWEN JONES,  
Managing Editor Neb. State Journal.

This precious thing was published in one of the papers in Anderson, Ind. I didn't know Mr. Jones' capabilities in the way of testimonials. His services ought to be secured by some patent medicine concern like Hood's or Ayer's. If this beautiful letter that he gave to his dear friend Croan, about whom "nothing of a hard nature can be said," had only been accompanied by one of those big two column cuts that nearly always go with letters of this kind, how much more effective it would have been! For instance if Mr. Croan had had printed, immediately following the testimonial, a zinc etching of the writer, with a bottle of ink in one hand and a tennis racket in the other, his chubby cheeks glowing with health and beauty, people would have been attracted to the letter in much the same way that flies are attracted to molasses.

Mr. Jones is a prize testimonial writer. He brings to bear that powerful imagination of his when he sets himself out to give a "character," and the effect is fine. Mr. Jones has done so well with "Dear Mr. Croan" that it might be well for him to try his hand at a testimonial for Charlie Mosher. I believe he could do well with Mosher. He could use parts of his Mosher editorials and supplement what he has already written with some of his exquisite fiction, and assure the fallen Napoleon of his "personal esteem and confidence," and the result would be something to be proud of. By all means give us a Jones testimonial of Mosher.

Few people, including what the society papers sometimes call "the contracting parties," consider the significance of the various observances that go to make up the wedding ceremony. Many regard the ceremony as a mere form, and as such dismiss it with little thought. The Rev. John Hewitt discusses the religious marriage service elsewhere in this issue of THE COURIER in a particularly interesting manner.

One of the most interesting weekly papers that come to THE COURIER is the *Saturday Review*, of Des Moines. This is a well edited paper, and I am surprised to find in it an article entitled "Persecuting a Preacher." The article is abusive of newspapers that have had the temerity to rebuke Prof. George D. Herron. That iconoclastic pedagogue is defended with an enthusiasm that reflects more credit on the *Review's* zeal than upon its good judgment. The *Review* says:

"The treatment accorded by many of

these newspapers, including our own non-intellectual *Des Moines Register*, to Prof. George D. Herron, of Iowa college, demonstrates it to all who really know what manner of man Dr. Herron is, but does not demonstrate it to many good people who, not knowing him, do not realize that for the past year or more scarcely a word of the many thousands that have been published in their columns about him can be justly characterized as anything less than *coarse and brutal lies*. What offense Dr. Herron may have committed to justify such continued and such cruel persecution it is hard to imagine. He is, if ever there was one upon the earth, a man of good heart and noble purpose, and certainly, to the unprejudiced, thinking minds that have read his books or listened to his lectures or sermons he has written or uttered no thought that, in its proper connection, justifies any one of the many accusations that are so loosely put into circulation with respect to the character of the doctrine that he preaches."

Following the Herron address in this city a year ago, the Lincoln papers, or most of them, expressed themselves very plainly; but I do not remember that

many evils to be remedied in our social institutions; but the mere saying that these institutions are wholly bad will not accomplish the result thinking people are striving for. The Herrons, along with the red shirted anarchists, only delay the progress of genuine Christian socialism. They are enemies of the public peace, and as such they should be restrained. The newspapers that have rebuked Herron have exercised one of the highest functions of the press—that of standing between clamoring, gibbering disorganizers—revolutionists, and the honest sober thought and impulse of rational people.

A few days ago as I was hurrying along O street I was stopped by a well dressed, sleek looking darkey, grip in hand, with the query—"Say, mister, do you know that great speaker that lives here, Mr. O'Brien?" The African gentleman admitted after some questioning that he was in search of that patriot William Jennings Bryan, and I directed him to the McMurtry block, first telling him that "O'Brien" was out of the city. O'Brien, indeed! Such is fame.



A PAIR OF LINCOLN CYCLISTS.

anything was said that could be characterized as "coarse and brutal lies"; and none of the criticisms published elsewhere—none that I have seen at least—is deserving of this characterization. The *Review* says it is hard to imagine what offense Herron has committed. Not very hard. Mr. Herron has sought to take a short road to popular favor by the most blatant appeals to a sentiment that should be checked instead of advanced. He has, in his sensationalism, set himself against the sober, earnest thought of the time that is trying, reasonably, and calmly, to solve the vexing problems now before the people; and he has arrayed himself on the side of the anarchists and all those who disseminate ideas of disloyalty to government and propagate the tenets of communism. Mr. Herron attacks, in his public addresses, the institutions of government with all the venom of a Herr Most, and he has no remedy to apply to the evils that exist. He fosters the spirit of distrust in those principles and ideas on which this nation has been builded. He assails in a reckless manner much that is good and desirable and caters to a tendency at once unpatriotic and demoralizing. There are,

THE COURIER last week contained the announcements of four births in Lincoln's social circles. All of the births chronicled were girls. The new arrivals are all girls now, just as last fall they were all boys. If a prevalence of male births signifies a war twenty years hence what does it signify when the children born are practically all girls? Maybe it portends a boom in the new woman movement—perhaps it will be found on examination, that twenty years ago, births were largely confined to female children.

Leaving all outside considerations aside there is a very general unanimity in the view that the appraisers who fixed the price on the Dorgan penitentiary contract, did their duty honestly and fairly. Of course Mr. Rosewater is not pleased. He never is. The *World-Herald* which is not slow to criticize anything in any way connected with republican administration, says:

"In 1891, when Charlie Mosher was free and prosperous, the editor of the *Bee* went before a legislative committee and defended the prison contract. Now that Mosher is down the *Bee* cannot say

anything too mean about him. The *Bee* is now engaged in a bitter denunciation of the appraisement of the prison contract. It is hardly necessary to comment upon this situation. The appraisement has been certified to by Captain Broatch, whose integrity has never yet been questioned by any decent man, and J. N. Gaffin, who is known to be a man of absolute honesty. In the light of these facts it is not even necessary to go into details. The only person who questions the integrity of the prison appraisement is the editor of the *Bee*, and everybody knows that the *Bee* man delights in misrepresentation and abuse of men whom he cannot use. The *Bee* will find that it has a very difficult task in making the people believe that Governor Holcomb, ex-Speaker Gaffin and Captain Broatch would knowingly indorse a corrupt deal."

The *Bee* has been having hysterics daily over the award. Mr. Rosewater should try Munyon's.

The Rev. John Hewitt, rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, is the centre of a rather interesting controversy just now that will have its finale in Minneapolis next October, at the general convention of the Episcopal church. It will be remembered that the recent council of the diocese of Nebraska failed to elect its full quota of deputies to the general convention. Mr. Hewitt, who has always encountered opposition for what may be called the extreme high church party, has been a deputy in recent conventions, and was elected to the last, held I believe, three years ago. He was the fourth deputy. At the council three deputies were elected, and Mr. Hewitt was voted for for the fourth place. The high church people opposed him, and finally the council adjourned without electing a fourth deputy. It is contended by the controversialists in Omaha that this place is vacant; but Mr. Hewitt avers that he is entitled to a seat in the convention as a hold-over deputy, and he proposes to go to Minneapolis and take the same. He seems to be in a fair way to get it.

M. Hewitt in a recent letter to the *World-Herald*, in answer to a communication signed "John Williams," says, in part: "Mr. Woolworth's opinion, as given in the article of June 8, is apparently warped by his prejudice. If he says that when delegates are elected to a general council and that body has adjourned sine die, they are in no wise eligible to seats in a subsequent meeting unless regularly elected to that council, he either does not know the law or, as I have said, his opinion is warped by his ecclesiastical bias or prejudice. Let us see. Title 3, canon 1, section 1, paragraph 3, with regard to special meetings of the general convention, says: 'The deputies elected to the preceding general convention shall be the deputies at such special convention, unless in those cases in which other deputies shall have been chosen in the meantime, etc.' But Mr. Woolworth is represented as deciding that the term of office of deputies end when the convention to which they were elected adjourns sine die! If this were so, a diocese could not be represented at a special meeting of the general convention without calling a special meeting of its own council to elect them. There is no provision for this in this diocese, and the absence of such provision brings the diocese under the operation of the provision of the general convention in such a case as that we are considering. Again, article 2 of the constitution says