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would like to know, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Graham will manifest the same accommodating spirit that he did before election. Mayor Graham's employers would like to know the reason for his paroxysm of official zeal which lately caused the sudden closing of the gambling houses—for one night. This is a very simple matter and the mayor ought to be willing to tell his employers all about it. They have a right to know. There is another thing. It has been reported for some months that there is such a thing as an "assessment fund." Now, Mayor Graham, what is the "assessment fund?" Is it a fact, as currently reported, that six or seven gambling houses pay \$100 a month each into the hands of an officer of the city, for official protection? If so, what becomes of this money, amounting to \$600 or \$700 a month? Is it correct that this sum is further augmented each month by contributions from certain resorts in the reservation? Now there are good reasons for believing that there is an assessment fund of this sort, and the people are genuinely interested in finding out what becomes of it. If you are turning \$600 or \$700 a month into the city treasury you should not let your excessive modesty prevent you from making proper acknowledgment of your philanthropy. Of course it is not supposed that any improper use is made of the \$600 or \$700. But the question is, what is done with the money?

It was not surprising that the city council refused to hear the protest against the electric light contract recently entered into. Members of the council, better than any one else, know that the rate paid by the city under this contract is excessive. Consciousness of the fact was manifested in the peculiar manner in which the contract was agreed to.

Of course the curfew ordinance is a good thing. Of course it is a good thing to make the youth of the city get off the streets after eight or nine o'clock. Of course it is a good thing to arrest boys whenever and wherever found on the streets unless they are accompanied by either a parent or guardian. By all means let us have the curfew and when the bell rings out let no presumptuous youth escape. But how did this wholesome measure come to be introduced? A curfew ordinance seems so conspicuously inconsistent with other exploitations of the city council that one is bound to wonder the reason for the sudden virtuous activity of the councilmen. Those persons who do not regard the council with veneration will doubtless find much amusement in the curfew ordinance. Certainly it is strange that a municipal administration that opens wide the gates and doorways and byways of inequity, and bids the gambler and variegated outlaws a warm welcome, should exercise such a sudden and remarkable vigilance in protecting the youth of the city. The explanation of the introduction of the curfew ordinance probably lies in the intention of the city officials to still further "open" the town, so that it will be positively dangerous for youths to appear in the street at night unaccompanied by parent or guardian. When councilmen are afraid to permit boys to stick their heads out of doors after dark it would seem that they

must have an adequate realization of the wickedness of the place. The curfew will not effect the knights of the green cloth and other nocturnal revellers. They can stay out all night and without guardians or parents.

In Omaha there has been talk of running such men as Manderson and Kountze for the city council. It is to be hoped that the effort to get these men to be candidates will be successful. In Lincoln there is the same necessity for good men in the council that there is in Omaha, and a great stride will have been taken in the direction of genuine reform when some of the little men are crowded out by good sized men. Suppose, for instance, the council contained such men as I. M. Raymond, N. S. Harwood, N. C. Abbott, G. M. Lambertson, J. E. Houtz, H. H. Wilson, and some of the present incumbents. There would be no further municipal extravagance,

and no councilmanic scandals. The business of the city would be administered carefully, honestly, economically. The boodler would be frightened away. The taxpayers would be relieved of a great burden. It would be a good thing if good men would consent to run for the council, and it would be a good thing if the people would insist that they do run, and then elect them.

Omaha society is going in for theatricals. It is said that church fairs and suppers have temporarily lost their attraction for the gay and blase devotees of society in Omaha, and even the wild dissipation of afternoon luncheon and Five O'clock tea is abandoned for the thrilling art of mimicry, with mask and wig, and paint and powder, with the glamour of the footlights and the publicity. Things are going at a rapid pace in Omaha, certainly.

The other day somebody made another gold discovery near Crete. Interest in the Nebraska gold fields has died out, and no one seems to know whether there is any gold in the vicinity of Milford or not. "Prof." Bartlett knocked spots out of the Milford boom. When this garrulous "scientist" took the people of Nebraska into his confidence and announced that the deposit of gold in Seward and Saline counties is the richest in the world, people who had given some credence to the reports that

came from Milford became incredulous at once. The "professor" convinced everybody that the whole thing was a fake, and there has been no interest in our gold discoveries since.

A Lincoln banker estimates that \$250,000. of the government bonds could be disposed of in this city. It is hardly possible that eastern financiers will let many of the bonds get away from them.  
THE EDITOR.

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Mrs. Pyle, having purchased the Model restaurant in the Salisbury block, Twelfth and M streets, heretofore conducted by Mr. Scott, is giving her undivided attention to the work of making this the most popular restaurant in the city. Mrs. Pyle has a most desirable class of customers, and the patronage is steadily increasing. It is easy of access from the business portion of the city and the appointments and service are all that could be desired. Table board by the week, \$3; ticket good for 21 meals, \$3.50.

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