

Colorado again he will say things that can not be so readily disproved by a day's canvass among the best women of Denver or by the records of city elections.

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**Mashers**

A recent correspondent of the New York Sun complains that neither her forty-five years nor her consistent matronly dignity preserves her from insolent attempts to flirt with her on the streets unmolested by the attempts of well-dressed loafers to attract her attention, it is time that the police arrested this trifling but most unpleasant kind of nuisance. The masher type loafs on the street corners of Lincoln, and some of the tobacconists have put out iron settees which are infested in pleasant weather by young loafers. Lincoln is supposed to be a busy place, but the number of men who are allowed to obstruct the sidewalks, from day to day and from season to season is not an evidence of prosperity.

Lounging over the radiators in the foyer of the postoffice, leaning against the iron fence of the square, by dozens around the bank corners, this obnoxious class is allowed to amuse itself by making unpleasant remarks about and to the women who pass by. The city masher is in fear of the police who asks nothing better than to haul him to gaol. The detestable Lincoln masher is not afraid of anybody. If he choose to stand all day long in one spot and cough and leer at every woman who passes, there is not a policeman in Lincoln who will interfere with him and ask him to move on. If the few policemen who apparently have nothing to do would undertake the suppression of this increasing nuisance, the streets of Lincoln, for whose paying and orderly maintenance women as well as men are taxed, might be made passable for them.

Those who believe that the world is growing better can not reconcile their belief with the unrebuked presence of mashers at present with the condition of England in the time of Arthur when a woman could pass from one corner of the kingdom to another without being spoken to or annoyed in any way.

**CLUB NOTES****THE WEEK'S REVIEW**

The Hall in the Grove met last Friday with Dr. Ruth Wood. Mrs. Dann read a paper on "Dialects in American Literature." Mrs. Wood talked on "The Sistine Chapel." A reminiscence meeting was held yesterday with Mrs. A. M. Davis, to which all former members, both men and women, were invited.

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The Woman's club closed a very successful season with a meeting held Monday afternoon, at the university gymnasium. An exhibition drill by the young ladies of the physical training department, under the direction of Miss Barr, was the attraction. Indian club drill, Swedish gymnastics and dances and relay games were given. The club adjourned until October.

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The Belmont Woman's club met this week to continue the study of the negro problem which the members have been pursuing for a few weeks. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Henry Hartley, when the members will have an opportunity of seeing the large collection of curios which Miss Hartley brought from Japan and the Philippines. In four weeks Mrs. F. M. Hall will give an illustrated lecture on the Paris exposition, before the club at the Butler Avenue church.

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Sorosis met on Tuesday with Mrs. E. T. Hartley at Grand View. Mrs. E. R. Guthrie was the leader and gave as her subject "My Black Minorca." The talk was on chickens and was humorous and interesting, as well as practical. Mrs. Hartley had planned to take her guests for a visit to the apple orchards where a hundred acres of

bloom make a flower show not to be equaled indoors, but the rain prevented her from carrying out this part of the program. Light refreshments were served. The attendance was unusually large.



MRS. PLATT-DECKER,  
of Denver.

Prominently mentioned for the presidency of the National Federation of Woman's Clubs.

The Matinee Muscalle season will close with a reception to be given next Monday to all the members of the club by the retiring president, Mrs. D. M. Butler, who will be assisted in receiving by Mrs. E. H. Barbour, the new president. A short program will be given, consisting of a "Flower Cycle," written for a ladies' quartet, by Arthur Foote. This is a new work and the music is remarkably beautiful. It will be sung by Mrs. R. A. Holyoke, first soprano; Mrs. Joseph Grainger, second soprano; Mrs. A. S. Raymond, first alto; Mrs. E. Lewis Baker, second alto.

The cycle consists of six songs; they are:

"The Trilliums."  
"The Crocus."  
"The Foxglove" (solo)—Mrs. Holyoke.  
"The Meadow Rue."  
"The Columbine" (duet)—Mrs. Holyoke and Mrs. Baker.  
"The Cardinal Flower."  
Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond at the piano. All members of the club are urged to be present.



The humane and generous action of Boer Commandant Delarey in releasing General Lord Methuen is likely to meet with reciprocity by Lord Kitchener in the case of Commandant Kritzing, who, previous to Methuen's defeat, could look forward to no other fate than of being shot as a rebel. It is believed that the British authorities will certainly assume a less rigorous course in view of recent circumstances.



ORLANDO W. WEBSTER.

Orlando W. Webster, one of the veteran business men of Lincoln, was born in Richland county, Ohio, in 1857. After serving almost two years in the Union army he went to Wisconsin, but finally landed in Nebraska, establishing a shoe business in Lincoln in 1870.

Mr. Webster first sold shoes on the south side of government square but afterwards moved farther down O street. At present he is a member of the firm of Webster & Rogers doing business at 1043 O street. For twenty-four years Mr. Webster has occupied the present location and is perhaps one of the most widely known merchants in the city.

In politics Mr. Webster has always been an active republican. For three years, 1878 to 1881, he was president of the Lincoln board of education. He was eight years a member of the city council and twice unanimously chosen president of that body. During his membership he was seven years chairman of the finance committee.

He helped untangle several tough problems in the municipal finances and during his term of office a million dollars of city indebtedness was refunded at a lower rate of interest.

Friends of Mr. Webster have urged his candidacy for a member of the legislature and he has at last consented to make the race.

Besides his business interests in Lincoln Mr. Webster owns a ranch in Rock county.

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