

MEDITATIVE MUSINGS.

ITEMS IMAGINATIVE AND OTHERWISE.

In another city in which I have ever been and I have seen two or three—have I heard so much swearing on the streets as in Lincoln. One cannot pass along our streets after dark without having his eyes assailed by oaths and language that would disgrace a bar room.

I am of the opinion that a snow shovel brigade would be a good thing for Lincoln. In spite of the ordinance which calls for the removal of snow from the pavements within twenty-four hours after it has ceased falling, the beautiful is very seldom removed unless the sun melts it out.

Tomorrow is New Year's day and I suppose the young men who are addicted to vices, great or small, will have their regular annual swear off. Don't do it, boys, you know you won't keep your good resolutions, and will only lower your self-esteem when you break them.



Two policemen on sidewalk talking in storm. "Happy New Year's, is it? Nobody's offered me a nip or a tip today!" "No, too!" "The dog does not testify."

The usual dullness which follows the brisk business of Christmas has not been felt at Hallett the jeweler's, 1135 O street. The great inducements he has been offering in watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, etc. prior to his moving to his new quarters on Eleventh street, recently occupied by Geo. Fawell, has attracted many buyers.

The COURIER will as usual be headquarters for New Year cards, and the assortment this year is without doubt the finest ever shown. Place your orders early and secure the choice ones.

This is the temptingly made by a clothing house as a special inducement to their patrons to lay in their needs for the winter at once. Messrs. Mayer Brothers, 122 North Tenth street, give to cash purchasers of five dollars worth of goods, a ticket which entitles the holder to a chance for drawing the cash, not something you have no use for, but the real hard, sound legal tender coins of national value.

It is readily to be seen that by purchasing your clothing, gents furnishing goods or anything in their line of them, you have the opportunity of adding to your riches without paying for the chance or any extra outlay. This firm is known for its excellent values given the trade, being low class goods for living prices.

Canon City Coal at the Whitebreast Coal and Lime Co.

The Union Pacific has inaugurated a new service between Lincoln, Topeka and Kansas City and has placed free chair cars on the new train, leaving Lincoln at 8:35 p. m. and arriving in Kansas City at 6 a. m., making close connections in the union depot with all lines for the east and south.

The latest and best thing out is the Elkhorn Valley and Chicago and Northwestern palace sleeping car line running daily between Lincoln and Chicago.

Three rooms, nicely furnished, close to business centre, 1236 P street.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

Christmas Festivals of the Various Churches of the City.

Trinity M. E. church held their Christmas tree Saturday evening. The program of exercises was excellent, the singing especially being very fine. Three well loaded trees adorned the pulpit platform, and the gifts were there in plenty to gladden the hearts of both young and old.

The Second Congregational church Christmas will long be remembered by all. The exercises were held Monday evening, and consisted of music, reading and the distribution of gifts, and the breaking of jugs containing offerings for the building project.

The Seventh Day Adventists celebrated Christmas in a very interesting manner. The exercises were of the usual order, singing recitations and the like, all of which were well received.

The Congregational Sunday school gave their annual Christmas entertainment at the church Tuesday evening. Instead of dispensing gifts to the children, the custom was reversed and all were expected to bring gifts to be distributed among the poor of the city.

The festival of St. Marks Lutheran church was held Sunday evening in the Y. M. C. A. lecture room. A handsome tree, laden with gifts, and flanked with nuts, candies and fruits, stood on the rostrum, and after exercises, consisting of music and recitations, these were distributed among the expectant scholars.

Grace M. E. church celebrated Christmas in good style Monday evening. The church was filled to overflowing and the program of exercises very interesting. The children were treated right royally, being remembered with bags of nuts, candies and sweetmeats.

The Sabbath schools of the Church of the Holy Trinity and St. Andrew's chapel held their Christmas exercises at Masonic Temple Monday evening. After the program was taken up Miss Nettie Hallembeck received as a reward of excellence a fine prayer book and hymnal, presented by Superintendent Seaman.

At St. Paul's M. E. church Monday evening the cantata of "Santa Claus' Mistake, or a Bundle of Sticks," was produced. Characters in the cantata were taken by Miss Minnie Gaylord, Miss Winnie Jackson, Miss Marine and Miss Mabel Doyle and Louie Atkinson.

The scholars of the Presbyterian church gave a very pleasant entertainment Sunday evening. The pulpit was very prettily decorated with flowers and evergreens, and beheld an arch of evergreens in which was worked the words "The Star of Bethlehem," was placed the choir. A large audience was gathered, and all were highly pleased.

The elegant large mansion of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burr, Sixteenth and L streets, was the scene Wednesday evening of a very successful parlor musicale.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Nebraska State Historical Society will be held in the Chapel of the University building, Lincoln, commencing Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1888, at 3:30 p. m. The following is the program: Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 8 p. m.—Regular Proceedings. Report of Officers. Election of Officers. Papers and discussions, Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 8 p. m.—Paper by Hon. W. W. Cox. Paper by Hon. J. A. McMurphy.

Low Rates to California. The California excursions via the Burlington route (the scenic line of America) have become so popular as to necessitate a train of this kind every week. Denver, Colorado Springs, Manitou, Royal Gorge, Marshall Pass, Black Canon of the Gunnison and Bad Lake city are all on this route.

A TALK ON BOULEVARDS.

SOMETHING THE CITY SHOULD HAVE.

The subject of parks has been agitated off and on for some years, but no definite action has ever been taken. Since the arrival in the city of Mr. E. O. Schwagerl, the noted landscape architect and engineer, however, interest has been awakened and it is very likely the subject will receive serious attention.

"Would it not be difficult to properly place these parks at this stage of development?" "No, indeed, this is the very time when the people of Lincoln should seriously consider the subject of parks and park boulevards.

"What do you mean by a park boulevard?" "A park boulevard is a system of 'attenuated' parks with boulevards running along and through their center. By the word 'attenuated' I mean a long rather narrow park skirting the sides of the boulevard.

"But wouldn't this be a very expensive improvement to make?" "I do not think so. There would be comparatively little grading necessary, and this is the principal cost of such undertakings.

"What should be the first steps necessary in such undertakings?" "A matter of such vast interest and importance should be made a subject of careful investigation as well as thoughtful consideration and should call out every citizen of ambition and sound judgment who ought to carefully select a few of their soundest and most cultured intellect to act as a committee to make such investigation upon the ground itself, and into the subject relating to such improvements.

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The Comus Club. The Comus Club gave a very pleasant entertainment at Temple hall Thursday evening. About twenty-two couples were present, and enjoyed themselves hugely.

The Capital City club, composed of former pupils of Mr. Jacob Mahler, gave a very pleasant dance at Temple hall Saturday evening.

HOLIDAY PARTY.

The Pleasant Hour Juniors Entertain the Seniors.

The Pleasant Hour Juniors gave their holiday party at Temple Hall Wednesday evening on which occasion the Pleasant Hour Seniors were their guests. The ball was one of the largest and most successful ever held in the city, and the enjoyment correspondingly greater.

Following is a list of those present: Mr. and Mrs. Muir, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Gregg, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Burr, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burr, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Burr, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Perryman, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. Coffroth, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Lumberton, Mr. and Mrs. Macfarland, Mr. and Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. Bernard, Misses Lillibridge, Chis Brown, Hooper, Allen and Belle Oakley, Ollie and Minnie Latta, Perry, Maud, May and Bertie Burr, Funks, Hawkins, Balentine of Omaha, Hammond, Walsh, Stout, Burns, of Omaha, Wells of Cincinnati, Browne and Nellie Baum, Hardy, Elliot of Kansas City, Zerrung, Georgia Hawke of Nebraska City, McKinzie of Panama, D. T. Berch, Pickett, Closs, Gruninger, Andrew, Sculling, Helen Mullon, Hathaway, Wilcox of Nebraska City, Ashby, Boker, Barnard, Lewis, Kamalio, Messrs. Richter, Lemist, Van Duyen, Thompson, Tompeter, Zebrung, Will and Charlie Clark, Hardy, Funks, Aaron Buckstaff, Maxwell, West, McClay, Hammond, Frank and Charlie Burr, Lewis, Will and George McArthur, Nissley, Rob. Muir, Heiskell, Scott, Higgenbottom, Magoon, Young, Hathaway, Fornsman, Wiley, Andrus, Walsh, Simons, Wackbush, Smith, Binford, Holmes, Edwards, Storrs, E. B. C. Y. and A. B. Smith, Houtz, Baum, Folk, Kingsbury and others.

A Complimentary Party. Tuesday evening was an extremely cold one, but interfered not in the least with a party that had been previously arranged for several visiting ladies, given in their honor by a number of young gentlemen of the city, at Masonic Temple.

The affair in every sense of the word was complimentary to the guests of the evening and as such they certainly appeared to appreciate the situation.

At the table, well wishes for the ladies were expressed and after bidding two of the ladies, goodbye the party was at an end.

Christmas Party. The Pleasant Hour club held their Christmas party Monday evening at the Windsor Hotel. About thirty couples were present and enjoyed the terpsichorean exercises to the fullest extent.

Messrs. and Mesdames W. R. Dennis, Sheldon, Mason Gregg, Myron Wheeler, Ed. F. Ewing, H. L. Perryman, K. K. Hayden, H. P. Foster, Muir, Buckstaff.

A very pleasant euchre party was given Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Guthrie, Twenty-seventh and M streets. The cosy residence was very handsomely decorated with beautiful flowers, whose fragrance lent charm to the scene.

Messrs and Mesdames Mason Gregg, Ed Ewing, J. H. W. Hawkins, Henry Lewis, Frank Lewis, H. L. Perryman, A. B. Coffroth, C. T. Brown, D. L. Brace, and Mrs. F. Pickett of Ashland. Miss Hawkins, the Misses Alger, Clara Funke, Clara Walsh, Maggie Mullon, Cora Hardy, Flora Elliott, Miss Burns of Omaha, Miss Lewis of Omaha, Minnie Latta, Ethel Marstrand. Messrs Chas. Alger, A. B. Law, Frank Zebrung, Bert Smith, C. W. Loomis, Will Still, Will Hardy, A. S. Tibbets, D. C. Van Duyen, Clair Phelps, Mr. Wiley. Mrs. Guthrie was assisted in receiving by Miss May and Mr. Will Pickett.

STRAY JOKES.

An old traveler's idea of an earthly paradise is a hotel where the hall boys are deaf and dumb.—Hotel Mail. Riber Haggard's brain may appropriately be called a novel apparatus.—Rochester Post-Express. Rhe—Do humorists get paid, Charley. He—Oh, no, they write for fun.—The Waterbury. A Parisian dentist has been "founded in the suburbs." We don't know what part of the anatomy the suburbs may be, but it is a great pity the other fellow wasn't founded in the contiguous neighborhood.—Norristown Herald. They tell of a young Lincoln man that he is so able a contortionist that he can see without difficulty the bald spot on the back of his head.—Lincoln (Neb.) Journal. Santa Claus is said to be of German origin. His favorite oath, we presume, is "By Chimney!"—Norristown Herald. Among traveling salesmen order is heaven's first law.—Life. "Kosuth is remembered in this country by the hat he wore." A great many ladies have been remembered in theatres by the hats they wore, but the remembrance did not afford much pleasure. On the contrary, quite the reverse.—Norristown Herald. A petrified sandwich was dug up near Swan Creek, Ills, the other day. They put it with the collection at the railroad station and the purchaser said it was the tenderest sandwich he had ever bought at that place.—Judge. Andrew Carnegie advises all young men who want to get rich to keep clear of speculation. If Jay Gould had followed this advice he might have been a worthy mechanic to-day, working for \$10 a week, instead of being a millionaire sailing up the Mediterranean on his own yacht, and being the target for mean newspaper slurs.—Norristown Herald. Nervous wife to husband who is writing—The squawking of that pen is dreadful, John; what are you writing? Husband—A poem. Wife—I don't wonder the pen squeaks.—The Epoch. A lady, who supported a worthless husband by keeping boarders, had him cremated when death relieved her, and an old boarder to whom she applied for an inscription for the cemetery turn gave her this: Here rests the husband of a wife Who kept the rows that well; She earned his ashes while he lived And turned his ashes dead.—Washington Critic. Mistress of the House—What is this blotch on the wall paper, Bridget? Bridget—That's an ink painting, m'om. The stopper kin out of the can.—Burlington Free Press.

Jealousy at the Doctors' Drivers' Ball. Mr. Clay (soliloquizing)—Ef dat Em Lufley done knowed dat dat Balhitto' ooon driv fer a hose doctah, reckon she wudn' be quart ser fraish er ter darnce fo sets wiv him.—Judge. Somewhat Mixed. The mother of two sons, twins, met one of the brothers in a field one morning. "Which of you two boys am I speaking to?" asked the mother; "is it you or your brother?" "Why do you ask," inquired the lad, prudently. "Because if it is your brother I will box his ears." "It is not my brother, it is I." "Then your brother is wearing your coat, for yours had a hole in it." "No, mother, I am wearing my own coat." "Good heavens!" shrieked the mother, looking at him intently, "you are your brother after all."—Ararata Herald. Street Car Incident. Omaha Man (reading to friend in street car)—Venezuela has offered a prize of \$4,000 for a process by which locusts may be turned into grass or some other useful article. Stranger—Ef Beg pardon. What is that amount? "\$4,000." "Oh! Only \$4,000. I thought you said \$40,000. Sorry I disturbed you. Ah! Here is my street. Good day, sir." Omaha Man—Who is that gentleman? Friend—He is Mr. De Fatts, the great butter manufacturer.—Omaha World. He Was Not a Tramp. "Poor man!" exclaimed the benevolent lady to the seamy and haggard man who had called at her house; "what can I do for you! you are suffering for food and clothing, are you not?" "Ma'am," he replied, with offended dignity, "I am not a tramp. I have called to ask you to subscribe for this book, of which I am the author, and to the preparation of which I have devoted an extensive experience and the best years of my life." "What is the book?" "It is a treatise on 'How to Make Money.'"—Chicago Tribune. The Warm Wave Nemesis. Merchant—Come now, move on. I've got nothing for you. Tattered Specimen—Please, sir, I'm not a beggar, sir, I want to buy something. I've got seventy-nine cents. "Humph! What do you want?" "One of those seventy-five cent thermometers, but I want you to fix it so it will register about 60 degrees lower than it does. I want to hang it in front of my office." "Do you mean to say you have an office?" "Yes, sir, I'm a coal dealer."—Omaha World.

WEST LINCOLN.

This infant of Lincoln is now but one year old. Its location is useless to describe as it is familiar to every school child in Lincoln. The first residence was built one year ago by S. P. Mann; today there are one hundred and fifty cottages and handsome residences ornamenting the hill, and over 500 souls are living happily in those homes, rejoicing over the prospects of her marvelous growth.

West Lincoln has but one school and the number of school children is about one hundred, too many for the building, hence a cry for more room. In connection with the business houses just mentioned there are other buildings not yet completed, that will be occupied by the banker, clothier, etc., as soon as finished.

Besides the above, there are other enterprises worthy of mention the oldest of these is the Lincoln Brick and Tile works, owned and operated by Mr. John Fitzgerald.

These works have been in operation the past summer and gave employment to over one hundred men. The Lincoln Stock yards are located here, and receive all the hogs consumed by the packing houses. New sheds and other buildings have been added to them the past summer and another season passes these yards will be exceeded by none.

Packing house No. 1, is the property of the Stock Yards Co. but is operated by Messrs. Jordan & Co., who give employment to about seventy-five men and slaughter about 500 hogs per day, but when running a full force can dispose of 1,000.

The largest house, No. 2, or more familiarly known as the Lincoln Packing and Provision company, is run and operated by W. H. Silberhorn & Co. This house is much larger than No. 1, and of course has a capacity of slaughtering more hogs.

The West Lincoln water works are not to be slighted, for it is a living necessity, besides supplying the brick works, factory and the packing houses with the necessary amount of water. The water pipes find their way into the dwellings.

The Lincoln Canning and Provision company plays quite a prominent part in the West Lincoln enterprises. The canning season is now over, but they will continue the manufacture of yeast and vinegar during the winter.

Then last but not least is the West Lincoln Horse Company No. 1, a corporation that cannot be dispensed with. It is voluntary, and the apparatus is owned by the company, hence dependent on no one. W. C. Austin, is Chief and C. H. Curran Secretary.