

AN OBSERVER'S THOUGHTS.

COMMENTS AND OPINIONS IN TYPE.

What He Sees, Hears, Thinks and Imagines.

I am quite surprised at the manner in which my esteemed friend of the Democrat handles the Observer, and it seems that in this case truth did hurt the brilliant quill-driver. However, my friend, it was entirely unnecessary for such personalities, as my few remarks were entirely with the Democrat, and not directed to its able editor, whom I think allowed his pen to run away before cool judgment was considered. Neither THE COURIER or the Observer has any desire to enter into a newspaper quarrel, and when remarks regarding the Alma wrecks were made in this column last week, and the course of the Democrat taken before and since the strike, they were simply to show facts, to express the public comment, why the change in the Democrat's course, and not to open an argument which, if the evening contemporary desires to continue, it may do so at its pleasure and to amuse itself, not its readers or the Observer.

On the dead walls of the city I notice advertising matter calling the attention of the multitude to the advantages and inducements offered by the great northwest, Portland, Oregon, and the country thereabout. I am pleased to note that this celebrated part of Uncle Sam's domain is being introduced to the nation, and that by consistent enterprise and continued efforts the biggest boom ever enjoyed anywhere will be witnessed by the people of that new and glorious quarter within the next few years. It has everything to make a prosperous commonwealth, and there is no reason why its resources can not be developed and materialized to the benefit of all corners. Iron, coal, timber, agricultural pursuits, fine climate, excellent transportation facilities and everything necessary to enrich mankind is there in abundance, and in order to settle up the country the railroads are offering specially low rates to prospectors and land seekers.

The Omaha and Lincoln milkmen at present can now soliloquize over the situation of the water question. For a long time Omaha has tried, and tried hard, to purify its muddy water, but with no entire successful result, and as a consequence the glass of milk after standing a few moments shows the settling and gives the milkman's auxiliary dead away, while the Lincoln milk dealer is trying to solve the problem of what sort of agent to use in place of our salt water.

Alden's Library Magazine.
Among the notable articles in the Library Magazine for May are the following: The Negro Question in the United States, by Geo. W. Cable; the concluding paper on the Constitution of the United States, by Hon. E. J. Phelps, U. S. Minister to Great Britain; the fourth of a series of scholarly articles on Post-Talmudic Hebrew Literature, by Dr. Bernard Pick; the article on Hans Sachs, the cobbler-poet of Nuremberg, from the West Minister Review, is very curious. Besides numerous articles on subjects of general interest, the editorial miscellany, entitled, "Current Thought," is unusually full and interesting. The issue contains 190 pages, in large type; an extraordinary amount of high-class literature for the price of \$1.00 a year, or 10 cents a copy. John B. Alden, Publisher, 393 Pearl Street, New York; 218 Clark Street, Chicago.

Ladies, it is almost an inducement for you to get married to see those new wedding invitations received at Wessel & Dobbin's, COURIER office, this week. "They are perfectly grand" is what one of our readers said yesterday, and so they are. The assortment comprises all the novelties just introduced, and a look at them will convince every one that they are the prettiest ever seen. A line of party invitations, ball programs, leap year announcements and programs were also received with this invoice. Call and see them.

LOST—"I don't know where, I can't tell when, I don't know how—something of great value to me, and for the return of which I shall be truly thankful, viz.: a good appetite."
FOUND—"Health and strength, pure blood, an appetite like that of a wolf, regular digestion, all by taking that popular and peculiar medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla. I want everybody to try it this season." It is sold by all druggists. One hundred doses one dollar.

It is surprising that people will suffer with rheumatism, as many do, when a remedy that will promptly relieve them can be procured for fifty cents. The remedy referred to is Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Many severe cases have been cured by it. Sold by W. J. Turner.

Democrats.
Union Pacific.—"The Overland Route" will sell through tickets to St. Louis, Mo., to parties desiring to attend the National Democratic Convention, to be held at that place, on June 5th, at one fare for the round trip from points in Nebraska and Kansas. Tickets going good June 2nd to 5th, inclusive, good for continuous passage only in each direction.

Republicans.
Union Pacific.—"The Overland Route," will sell through tickets at rate of one fare for the round trip, from points in Nebraska and Kansas, to parties desiring to attend the National Republican Convention to be held at Chicago June 19th. Tickets good going June 16th to 19th and returning 20th to 25th inclusive, with continuous passage only in each direction.

The Lincoln sanitarium.
Located in Webster block, is the popular resort for ladies and gentlemen. Finest Turkish and Russian baths in the city. Polite and experienced attendants always at the service of patrons. Baths of every description are given, and those especially for the sick receive careful treatment by Dr. Richards. The electrical baths have become quite popular and are doing excellent good. Call at the sanitarium for baths of all kinds. Finest Turkish bath in the city, 428 South Eleventh street.

Special Notice.
Do not forget to bring your lawn mowers, bicycles, umbrellas, fans, or anything that is broken or needs sharpening to the
Novelty Mfg. Co.,
346 South Eleventh street,
Old Fellows' Building.

NOTES ON BICYCLING.

Items About the Sport,—Local News and What is Being Done in General.

The latest American team are riding Ridge wheels.

What's become of that boulevard scheme which was talked of this spring.

L. H. Wise, L. I. W., has already ridden 1,194 miles this season, up to May 1.

Finally our roads are in quite wheeling order, and our wheels begin to revolve.

The Bulletin, an influential society weekly of Pittsburgh, will devote two pages to wheeling during the entire season.

Boston will have a bicycle track on the Union grounds, which will be kept in first-class order from June 1 to October 1.

Samuel P. Hollingsworth, the long distance bicyclist, was married to Miss Lottie Hann at Russville, Ind., where both reside, May 2.

We are glad to note that blocks are being put down again. Let the good work go on in what all wheelmen wish. We are tired of mud.

Emma Abbott has been elected a member of the Star Bicycle club of Detroit, and wears an elegant club badge, presented to her at a recent reception.

Mr. F. Gerry, representing the Holmes Knitting Co. of Boston, was in the city this week. He reports business in his line better this year than ever before.

Edwin Oliver and R. D. Gardner are interested in a Chicago sporting weekly, to be called The Referee, which will make its first appearance on Monday next.

An attempt is being made to match F. W. Allard, the fastest English professional three-wheeler, against Horace Crocker, who has shown great form on the tricycle.

The new club house of the Omaha Wheel club was opened last week. It is very complete in its arrangements, and nothing but praise can be said of it. It is the finest club house west of the Missouri.

The English "hook down" caps have nearly driven the old style club cap out of use in Boston. The change is decidedly for the better, provided quiet colors are used, being more comfortable and less like a horse car conductor than the old style.

The day and date has finally been decided upon, and on Monday evening, May 21st, at 8 p. m. sharp the Lincoln wheelmen will meet at Mr. Aldis' place, 829 O street, and organize a club. Notices are being sent out by Mr. E. E. Kaufman, and it is hoped that as many as can will be present.

Wheelmen and tennis players will be glad to learn that Mr. W. R. Dennis has secured the agency for Holmes & Co.'s celebrated knit goods, and in a few days will have in a few days a complete line of bicycle stockings, knee pants, jerseys, etc. Mr. Dennis' enterprise we hope will be appreciated by all who use anything in this line, as heretofore such goods had to be sent for, and caused many vexatious delays.

Shopping Styles.

Just at this season of the year is when the demand for ladies' traveling trunks are greatest, and before going to the mountains, lakes or seashore, it would be advisable to call at this establishment to see what they have in stock, or if you have any peculiar idea of your own, anything you may suggest will be put into reality as desired. Alterations and repairs are neatly made on any and all kinds of trunks, satchels, etc., at reasonable prices.

This is the only factory west of Chicago, and as regards their stock on hand and displayed at their spacious warehouses on Eleventh street, it is the largest in the entire west, and the variety embraces all the various shapes, makes and styles of the day. An elegant line of traveling bags, hand satchels, straps, and everything in that branch of the trade is well represented, including leather goods of the very finest. Several traveling men on the road have established a large wholesale trade which consumes almost the entire output, and oftentimes during the busy season orders remain on the hook awaiting their turn for shipment. The goods of the Lincoln trunk factory have an AI reputation all over the west, and for durability, style and finish are never surpassed and but seldom equaled. The firm will be pleased to have our readers and the public generally call and see them, to inspect their stock and convince themselves that right here at home we have the largest trunk establishment in the entire west, and that better prices can be obtained than elsewhere. Wholesale orders are especially solicited.

Tother Fellow.

It was the day after election. An usually respectable appearing citizen strolled limply down Madison street. Mr. Citizen just now looked the reverse of respectable. His right eye wore craps, his nose was split in three different directions, and his lower lip was swollen until it bore a close resemblance to a frostbitten tomato. One arm was convulsively in a sling, and nearly every other member bore evidence of having seen more or less service in a losing cause. Along came a friend, who inquired of the perambulating hospital:

"What's the matter, old boy; somebody been doing you up?"

"Yes; but you ought to see the other fellow."

"Good gracious, man alive! you don't mean to say that the other chap is worse off than you?"

"No; there isn't a scratch on him."—Chicago Herald.

Too Much to Stand.

Sambo—See here, Mr. Johnsing, what's all this talk 'bout duels mean?"

Mr. Johnsing—"H't it an all true. I've bound'ter vindicate my character. That yaller feller, White, he 'sulted me, actually 'sulted me, sah, an' hit an only be wiped out wif blood, b-h-u-d, sah."

"Mr. White 'sulted you?"

"He did, for a fact. Jist 'vame I got tight at the Ancient Mariner's ball an' called his sister yaller trash wif freckles, an' smacked his wife's mouth when she jawed about it; he said I was no gen'man, no gen'man, sah."

THE THEATRICAL WORLD.

A WEEK'S REVIEW AND PROSPECTIVE.

Amusements for Next Week.—What Some of the Favorites are Doing.

PRESS CLUB ENTERTAINMENT.
The entertainment at the opera house Wednesday evening for benefit of the Press Club was not a success. Mr. Burlank is a charming eloquent, and a brilliant and pleasing impersonator, but he was overshadowed by the big musical attraction at the Congregational church. Those present were delightfully entertained, however, Mr. Burlank, whether in the comical or the pathetic, showing himself to be a perfect master of his art, and it is to be regretted that more did not have the pleasure of listening to him.

DAN'S BOONE.
The romantic drama of "Dan" Boone, the Pioneer, was produced at Funke's Monday evening to a good house. The drama treats, as its title indicates, of the adventures that befell Daniel Boone and his band of pioneers in peopling the wilds of Kentucky. There was a great many climaxes in the play which was mostly of the blood-curdling order, and appealed chiefly to the gallery. The plot turns on the endeavors of the renegade, Simon Girty, to obtain possession of Boone's daughter, Susan, and with Indian warriors, scouts, trappers, etc., the play is rounded out.

A Notable Enterprise.
But few of our people know what a large concern we have in Lincoln that makes the manufacture of trunks a business. Some few years ago Dr. Dorris opened what was termed the Lincoln trunk factory, on Eleventh street, near O, and from the start business was good and a foundation for a substantial trade was laid. Dr. Dorris not finding sufficient time to devote to both his practice and this important industry, about two years later sold the trunk interests to C. A. Wirrick and Charles Hopper, two young gentlemen who had at that time just located in this city and engaged in the real estate and loan business. Both energetic and enterprising, they took to their new calling like a duck to the water, and from the time they became proprietors of the Lincoln trunk factory, now just thirteen months, the trade has increased materially, and their products have become well and favorably known everywhere. It is not generally known, but a fact nevertheless, that all trunks handled at their establishment, 208 South Eleventh street, except the very finest goods, are made at home and in their own factory, where a large force of competent workmen are engaged in building all kinds of trunks, from the cheap paper-covered trunk to the better qualities in canvas, zinc, leather and other materials, with finishes from the ordinary to the strongest made, a specialty being the manufacture of sample trunks and cases of any size and dimensions.

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"Books That Have Helped Me."

Young Wife—John, did you post my letter asking Mr. Potts, of New York, to send me a new bustle of the largest size?
Young Husband—No; I didn't think it was necessary.
Young Wife—Why not, if I may ask?
Young Husband—Editor Tomney is going to enlarge his paper next week.—Judge.

An Enduring Suit.

Bagley—That's an awfully durable suit of yours, Tom. It just seems to wear like iron.
Gagley—I've got another that's lasted nearly as long.
Bagley—Which one is that?
Gagley—The tailor's suit for his bill.—Texas Siftings.

Business College Notes.

Albert Huff, class '87, is bookkeeper for a firm on Tenth street.
Miss Mortimer has entered for the commercial course and is doing nicely.

Charles Stewart has secured a position at Hills City.
Ed Mockett, stenographer for the Fourth judicial district, made the college a pleasant call a few days ago.

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Roscoe Barnes, another of our good boys, now a bookkeeper for a lumber firm at Grant, Neb., writes that business is good.

Arthur Byons works up a neat set of books. He goes about his work in a business-like manner, everything being done neatly and promptly. These are the requirements of a first-class business man.

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A NEW DANCE.

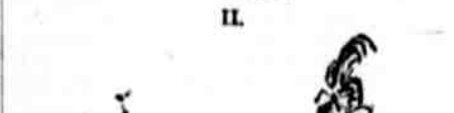
An Impromptu Composition in Schottische Time by Mr. Mahler.

While giving a lesson to some ladies the other day, Prof. Mahler invented a new step in military schottische, which he described as follows: The first eight counts (four bars of music) consist of the step of the military schottische. The next four counts (two bars of music) consist of four gipsies, or slides, to the side; wait four bars more, commence at beginning and repeat ad libitum.

N. B.—Gentlemen always begins with the left foot; lady with the right.
The above dance will be dedicated to Mrs. A. W. Jansen and Miss Lillian G. Potvin.

Miss Hawkins' Reception.
The reception and german to be given by Miss Anna Hawkins, which was to have taken place Saturday, May 20th, has been changed to the night previous. This was done to accommodate a number of gentlemen whose business would not permit them to attend. The affair, which will be a very enjoyable one, will commence promptly at eight o'clock, at which time the grand march, composed of Miss Hawkins' dancing classes, will be formed, followed by an interesting series of fancy dances by little ones. At half past nine general dancing will be inaugurated.

Not That Kind of a Bird.



"WELL, MY LITTLE BOY, WHAT DO YOU WANT?"

A Nice Servant Girl.
Mother—What, novel reading again, Mary? Daughter (pulling up the heel of her slipper)—Well, there's nothing for me to do. You do everything about the house.
M.—I have to. I'm sure I don't know what's to become of you, Mary. You can't cook, you can't make bread, I can't trust you to make a bed. If my father and I should be taken away what would become of you?
D.—I'd get married.
M.—But suppose you couldn't get married?
D.—Well, if the worst came to the worst, I could hire out as a servant girl.—Boston Courier.

A Boy Again.
"Henry, you were talking in your sleep," said Mrs. Jones to her husband.
"What did I talk about?" inquired Jones, anxiously.
"You spoke of 'raking in the chips.'"
M.—"Ah, yes," said Jones, with a relieved look, "early associations, my dear. I dreamed I was a boy again. I was always the one to rake in the chips."—Detroit Free Press.

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THE NATIONAL GAME.

NEWSY NOTES FROM THE DIAMOND.

What is going on in the Baseball World. The Lincoln Team.

VanDyke is a great fielder, and his base-running is away up. . .

Shires was released Wednesday. The company was too fast for him.

Fresh wrenched an ankle Wednesday, but pluckily caught the game out.

Moore is suffering from a lame arm, principally due to the damp weather.

Wright, the new catcher from Springfield, arrived yesterday and was sent on to Denver.

Casey is a safe and hard hitter. He has done good work with the willow the past week.

Denver is showing up strong in the race, having just captured four straight from Leavenworth.

"Pop" Shaffer says he hasn't got his eye on the ball yet, but he notices he makes some very timely hits.

Curry and Long were released Thursday. Neither was in good batting or fielding form, and they had to go.

The management have several good players on the string, and all the weak points will soon be strengthened.

Selby is showing up in fair form. In fact, both pitchers are doing well, but their support has been wretched.

Dugan of Hutchinson is a tricky player of the Danny Starns order. He needs to be taken down once or twice.

The boys departed yesterday afternoon for Denver, where they play today. We want at least two games out of the four.

Hutchinson has a good ball team. They at present lead in the race, with Denver close up and Leavenworth leading Lincoln by one game.

Joe Quinn is undoubtedly one of the best second basemen in the country. He made several marvellous stops and catches Wednesday.

Bob Bender, captain of the Fort Smith team of last year, has been signed by Lincoln. He is one of the best all round players in the southwest.

Between one hundred and two hundred people went up to Omaha Sunday, to see Des Moines do up the local team, which they did by a score of 1 to 0.

Shaffer received quite an ovation when he came to bat in the first inning of Wednesday's game. The "old man" has hosts of friends in Lincoln, who were glad to see him.

All Chicago turned out Tuesday to see the 89,000 battery, Clarkson and Kelly. Rain prevailed during most of the afternoon, but Boston managed to roll up 30 runs to Chicago's 5.

It is rumored that Omaha wants to sell her ball team. With the patronage extended the club so far, the management must be making money, and they would be extremely foolish to sell out.

Manager Selee, of the Omaha club deserves credit for the manner in which he has brought out his team. He is an excellent manager, is very popular, and Omaha has cause to feel proud of his work and the team.

Beisack, our new second baseman, arrived from Cincinnati Thursday. This will strengthen one of our weak points, leaving Captain Sylvester free to take his old position at centre, which he plays in first-class style.

Rai prevented the fourth game of the series with Hutchinson, but the boys from Kansas managed to secure two out of the three played. The games were not distinguished by any brilliant play on the part of either team, but considering the disagreeable weather and the poor attendance, they did as well as could be expected.

The Des Moines club gave the home team a little whirl Wednesday in the presence of about 500 people. From the start it was evident our boys were greatly overmatched, and after the sluggers had made sure of the game they played circus with our boys. The game was not devoid of interest, however, as the visitors did some fine fielding and base running, merely to show what they could do. The score at the close was 18 to 5.

The baseball reporter of the COURIER had the pleasure of witnessing Tuesday's game between Des Moines and Omaha at the latter place. The Des Moines boys are all ball players from the ground up, and if they keep up their present pace will win the championship hands down. The Omaha team appears to lack the cohesive quality necessary to win against a good team, their strength lying mostly in their pitchers. Lovett and Burdick are great twirlers, but they can't win games alone.

Now that Hamby has gone we would like to say that as an umpire he was the rankest we have ever seen. His errors are not the result of malice toward any particular club or man, but he gave all a rough deal, but rather errors of judgment. His decision in the eighth inning of Monday's game, declaring Bryan safe on third after he had fallen on Muesey, who had the ball, caused a small-sized row. Sylvester called his men off the field, and had it not been that the management did not care to disappoint the crowd, the game would have stopped then and there.

An Affair in High Life.

First Man of the World—What's the matter, Plattagenet, with you and Maud; are you no longer friends?
Second Ditto—A trifling misunderstanding. I drove the governor's coal cart around to her house last Sunday to give Maud a drive on the avenue. When I reached the door the thought struck me that the horse, being a white one, and Maud's hair a bright red—
Third Ditto—Ah, she thought it a put up job!

Second Ditto—Exactly; and we haven't spoken since, although, egad, I believe she loves me still.—Life.

TRAIN, TRACK AND TRAVEL.

Railroad News Gathered at City Offices, About Depots, Etc.

Railroad travel is said to be better west than east.

Intentions are that a bigger business will be done to the northern lakes this season than ever.

C. H. Fitzgerald of the L. & N., and B. P. Humphrey of the Erie, were Lincoln visitors Thursday.

Capt. Tibbets the veteran traveling passenger agent, representing the D. & R. G. was a Lincoln visitor, Tuesday.

The Burlington city passenger office is receiving a new coat of paint. They are painting the exterior in a deep red.

City Passenger Agent Ziemer of the Burlington has fully recovered, and is as usual smiling and happy at his post of duty at city headquarters.

H. H. Marley, the Michigan Central representative, was doing the town Tuesday and Wednesday, and as a souvenir of his visit many very elegant calendars are to be seen.

And now all the Iowa lines are putting on vestibule trains, and it is expected that within the next few weeks the service on the Burlington will include this luxury through to Denver.

John Phillips, Mr. Zeimier's right bower is becoming a valuable assistant. He is "shuck full" of knowledge on matters of railroad information, and answers problematic questions, both easy and difficult, in a very pleasing manner.

The Omaha Bee's baseball reporter is the most interesting writer on the subject in the country. His accounts of home games are always pithy and never fail to arouse mirth and interest. His notes from the diamond are very good.

A. A. Jack, of the Northern Pacific, with headquarters at Des Moines, was looking up his company's interest at the Nebraska hub the early part of the week. While here he distributed some interesting matter pertaining to the road northwest.

Now that the Chicago-Omaha lines have adopted, or are about to do so, a line of vestibule trains, will the Omaha-St. Louis lines do the same? It is to be hoped so, but it's not probable. They don't have to, and until they are compelled to will probably run the old way.

George Foreman, the Ekhorn's efficient city passenger agent, made a trip to Omaha Tuesday, returning next day. George says the company's new headquarters at the metropolis in the Merchants' national bank building are bonities. The Ekhorn officers will locate themselves in the second and third floors of the coming week.

A new pamphlet just issued by the Burlington describing Northeastern Colorado and Western Nebraska is being distributed by Mr. Ziemer. It contains, besides a very complete account of these sections, a map of Nebraska, showing section and railroad lines, corrected to March 1st, and is considered one of the best maps of the state ever issued. It not only shows the exact right of way of its own lines, but also that of other lines. A copy of this work may be had gratis by applying to the city passenger agent.

The veteran B. & M. conductor, Tom Ryan, has been assigned to duty on the Nebraska City-Lincoln run. This is considered one of the best runs on the line, leaving Nebraska City at about 10 o'clock, arrives in Lincoln at 1:10 p. m., and returns at 3:45 p. m., arriving at home at 6 o'clock, and has no Sunday work. This is a deserving compliment to Mr. Ryan, for during the last seventeen years he has had some long runs to contend with, and the change to a "snapp" like this, as the boys call it, shows the company's appreciation of a reliable servant, and Tom is to be congratulated, not only on the new run, but for the fact that he will again live in his former home, Nebraska city, where he has legions of friends.

At a Tea.

Mr. Tynbasher (who has been obnoxiously persistent in his attentions)—I have not had the pleasure of finding you at home for a long time, Mrs. Bond.
Opulent Widow—No. There seems to be an obstacle.
Mr. T.—Can't I remove it?
O. W.—Possibly.
Mr. T. (stenderly)—At least, let me know what it is.
O. W. (coolly)—The front door.—Life.

An Unfortunate Remark.