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THINGS DULY OBSERVED.

COMMENTS AND OPINIONS IN T.PE.

What is Heard, Seen, Learned and Pertinently Suggested to the Multitude.

And now it is whispered that the Pleasant Hour club is to furnish another couple for matrimonial honors, but who it is I am again forbidden the pleasure of making public, but I suppose all those who attend the Pleasant Hour club parties or know the members intimately will readily know who I mean. The young couple referred to may be seen most any pleasant Sunday going to church, always together at the club affairs, frequent visitors at the theatres, etc., and as I now hear it, they are engaged, and the fatal day—or rather, I should say, the happy event—will soon take place, thus taking out of our circle of active society young people a lady who has been a prominent mover in all the select affairs and an originator of several very pleasant entertainments in the past. As for the young gentleman he will, I am inclined to think, be more content at home than in the ball room, and thus we will see less of them than formerly. Now I don't mean to say too much, but just enough, so as to put those who don't know to guessing, and to those who think they know more about this affair that has been kept so "mum" than the Observer, I want to say again, that few contemplated weddings take place in Lincoln that do not reach my willing ear which is always open for news and spicy items.

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I hear it casually talked of that Lincoln's elite society is planning for a grand charity ball, one that is to be gotten up on a magnificent scale. What more worthy object could there be fonud, or at what season could there be a better time for it than now? The prime movers of the scheme are a couple of the Pleasant Hour's prominent members and should they conclude to push the matter, I have no doubt whatever that it would prove a brilliant success. Every city of any note has such an affair yearly and Lincoln is now large enough for such a benefit. Chicago had its charity ball only two weeks ago and it was the most elegant social affair of the season. The success financially was marvelous, having cleared over $20,000 for that great and worthy cause. Omaha had its charity ball last week and it proved a bonanza for the poor and suffering and just the other day I received an elaborately gotten up invitation to Philiadelphia's charity ball which occurs next month.

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These affairs are not gotten up cheaply and do not include everybody in the participants, but on the contrary, everything is gotten up in the richest manner and the most select and refined people of the city usually comprise the attendance. The most elegant programs and invitations are issued, ladies attire in their very finest, and the tickets are placed at a price that brings the amount up to a snug sum, and are never sold at less than five dollars each and up as high as twenty-five. A committee of ladies and gentlemen many of whom would never dream of or entertain such an idea as to go out and sell tickets, take special delight in calling on friends to supply them with admission cards. It is not expected that five thousand dollars could be realized, but I feel fully satisfied that at least two thousand dollars can be cleared. Many of our wealthy citizens will take from three to twenty tickets and none of our regular social leaders would refuse to take one or more. It is for sweet charity's sake and in this way it may be served and two ends accomplished, *i. e.* a brilliant social success, as well as doing a noble deed for the deserving.

I sincerely hope the project may be, as my friend of the *Call* would say, a winner, and certainly such can only be the result if proper action is taken, the right persons put on committees and sufficient energy used. The COURIER will do all in its power to further the cause.

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From the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* of Sunday I take the following bit of news regarding a gentleman of the Missouri metropolis, who numbers his friends in Lincoln by by the score and who will be pleased to hear of his good fortune:

"Last Friday Prof. Jacob Mahler, the dancing master, bought a vacant lot 50x145 on Olive street, about 200 feet east of Grand Avenue, on the north side of the street, from Dr. H. W. Spencer, for $5,000. He will improve the property to cost about $20,000, and to be used as a dancing academy. The building will be three stories high, 50 feet wide and about 100 feet long. It will have a handsome front of stock brick, terra cotta and stone, with arched windows and doors decorated with cathedral and plate glass. The first floor will be taken up with a reception and waiting room, a dressing room and parlor-like office and library. The second floor will be taken up almost entirely by the dancing hall, with oak floor, and several adjoining ante-rooms. On the third floor will be the banquet hall and billiard rooms. Every room will be perfect in finish and artistically decorated and furnished. The stairway will be a gem."

Handsome Office to Rent.

Desk room with use of telephone, steam heat, light and office boy, to rent at the new COURIER office, 122-124 north Twelfth street. Ground floor and best location in the city. Rent reasonable.

Attend the red mark sale at Ashby & Millspaugh's.

Monday, Herpolsheimer & Co. will open an elegant assortment of fine Embroideries which include all the new Herring bone, Hemstitched effect, a style entirely new. They will hereafter have that department on the first floor in their former cloak room. It may be well to add, the above goods are much cheaper than ever before. They invite their inspection of close buyers.

Brown's café is now open day and night, so that lunches can be had at this popular resort at any time.

NEBRASKA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting Largely Attended and Very Successful.

Thursday evening the Nebraska Press Association met at the Elk club room in annual session and transacted a very pleasant and profitable order of business. President Bushnell was in the chair and all the officers of the association were present. The attendance was very large, numbering nearly one hundred quill drivers from various parts of the state, among them some of our most noted writers. The meeting was composed of a very pleasant lot of scribblers and throughout the evening good fellowship and a feeling of fraternal interest seemed to prevail.

President Bushnell in opening the meeting made a few brief remarks regarding the association's career during 1888, congratulated it on the success of the Chautauqua building project, and upon the prospects of the body for the future. He briefly reviewed the trip af the Nebraska Press delegates who attended the national convention in Texas and paid the Elks a pleasing tribute for the cordial welcome the association had been tendered by that order in extending the use of their handsome apartments. After concluding his remarks the president called on Mr. H. M. Wells, of Crete, to give a detailed account of the doings of the national association and the trip to Mexico, which that gentleman did in an interesting manner. The secretary Mr. F. G. Simmons, of Seward read his report which showed that body to be in comfortable circumstances, after which Col. A B. Hays of this city read an interesting paper on Benjamin Franklin. In the report of the secretary it was announced that the indebtedness on the Crete Chautauqua building erected last spring, was $60 dollars, and donations were in order. Mr. Heildebrand, of the St. Paul *Press*, subscribed $10, Mr. Lou Wessel, of the COURIER, falling in line with $5, followed by Col. Hayes, of the *State Journal*, Mr. Barrett, of the *Herald*, Mr. Emmons, o the *State Democrat* for similar amounts and thereafter smaller contributions soon swelled the list and more than balanced accounts.

The following committees were appointed: On resolutions, F. M. Kimmell, of McCook *Tribune*; C. M. Hubner, Nebraska City *News*, E. A. Merritt, Hastings *Nebraskan*. On memorials, J. G. P. Hildebrand, St. Paul *Press*, W. W. Haskell, Ord *Quiz*, J. G. Dundas, Nemaha *Granger*.

Mr. Hammond, of the Fremont *Tribune*, chairman of the legislative committee, presented a bill which the association after adopting by sections referred to a committee to see it passed during the present session.

Next thing before the house was the interesting subject of a summer excursion. The president was instructed to appoint a committee of three with Lou Wessel, of the COURIER, as chairman, and Messrs. Ross Hammond, of the Fremont *Tribune*, Mr G. P. Marvin, of the Beatrice *Democrat*, were the other two appointed, and it seems to be the choice of the association to journey either to Winnepeg or the Yellowstone National park, the latter, however, being the most favorably mentioned.

Election of officers was held with the following result: President, H. M. Bushnell Lincoln *Call;* first vice president, T. J. Picket, Ashland *Gazette;* second vice president, F. M. Kimmell, McCook *Tribune;* third vice president, Judson Graves, Neligh *Advocate;* Secretary, F. G. Simmons, Seward *Reporter;* Treasurer, W. W. Haskell, Ord *Quiz*. Executive committees is composed of Major Kleutch, *Freie Presse*, J. G. P. Hildebrand, St. Paul *Press*, T. M. Hopewood, Holdrege *Nugget*, H. M. Wells, Crete *Vedette*.

The election of five delegates to the editorial convention at Detroit in September resulted: President and secretary, exofficio delegates; H. M. Wellls, Crete *Vidette;* Major Kleutsch, Lincoln *Freie Presse*; Eric Johnson, Holdrege *Progress*; J. F. Wellington, Sidney *Democrat;* C. W. Hyatt, Fremont *Flail*. Alternates elected were: J. H. Dundas, Auburn *Granger;* Fred S. Hassler, Beaver City *Times;* E. E. Chamberlain, North Loupe *Advocate*; M. A. Brown, Kearney *Hub;* L. Wessel, Jr., CAPITAL CITY COURIER.

A number of invitations from several of Nebraskas third cities, bidding the association welcome within their fold were received. Fremont, Beatrice, Superior, Kearney and other cities were mentioned, the latter, however, extended the most liberal inducement, Kearney was chosen and the association adjourned to accept the hospitalities of the Elks. Lieut. Townley had extended an invitation to partake of refreshments and shortly after the meeting was closed, the scene of former labors were transformed into a resort that proved interesting to all present. Mr. Will Heiskell done the honors of the evening in the absence of the lieutenant and creditably entertained the large assembly, for which the boys all felt duly grateful; and complimentary remarks were heard on every hand.

A Sporting Event.

It is not often Lincoln has the opportunity to welcome such distinguished visitors as the many champion professional bicyclists who will visit this city and compete in the twelve hour race, two hours per night, which commences in Bohannon's hall, Monday evening at 8:30, and great credit is due the Lincoln bicycle club for their enterprise in getting up such a race and inducing the noted riders to enter a race here. Ten thousand people saw the very exciting and brilliant finish of the great Omaha race in Omaha on Saturday, and Knapp, the winner, who received the purse of one thousand dollars, will compete in the Bohannon Hall race. Mlle. Louise Armaindo, the champion lady bicyclist who has charmed Omaha ladies and their escorts last week by her graceful riding of the sparkling wheel, will also be a competitor with a limit start from her competitors here next week. The distinguished riders will be met Monday morning at the depot by a band and an escort of the Lincoln bicycle club who will proceed to the Capital hotel. The members of the Lincoln club, especially Messrs. Case, Kelly, Van Horn, Pollock, Van Horn, Young and Dinsmore will compete in a six nights race, one hour each night, from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m., which will give the spectators an attractive program.

THE TRADES EXPOSITION.

A UNIQUE AND SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

A List of the Principal Costumes and and What They Represented.

One of the most novel and pleasing entertainments of the week was the trade exposition given at the state Capitol Wednesday and Thursday evenings by the Pipe Organ society of the St. Paul M. E. church. About fifty of Lincoln's fairest daughters were handsomely and uniquely attired in various costumes emblematic of the houses they represented, and many were the attractions presented. At half past eight o'clock the grand march was formed and for some twenty minutes the movements of the gaily attired bevy of beauties interested the large assembly of spectators. The Philharmonic orchestra rendered new selections and a program of musical and literary features was included in the evening's pleasures and all went merry for the ladies of the Pipe Organ society and their friendly patrons.

The firms represented were many and to give a complete description would occupy too much time and space both of which are limited this week. However we will enumerate the most attractive ones.

Miss Jennie Marine, wore a very becoming dress of white opera flannel, artistically decorated with drugs, chemicals, and toilet articles from the pharmacy of Kennard & Riggs. The bottom of the dress was trimmed in fancy cartoons, fine panel on one side of celluloid combs in color, following which was a variety of paint brushes and whisk brooms. Around the drapery was a border of fine silk sponges and on the back a fringe of cuttle fish bone. A Fringe of tiny bottles edged the basque. On each cuff was a fancy purse, the back of the sleeves was covered with fine combs in bright colors, a coil of rubber tubing surrounded either arm at the the shoulder, beautiful white bracelets were made of assorted capsules and a necklace of star annis. Chamois draperies covered the back of the dress. The chatalaines were made of pill boxes, ivory and rubber rings with pendants of smelling salts bottles, rubber rattles, unique little duster and baby brush. A box of large bath sponges around her neck, while the collar was fastened with a brooch of viols filled with cachous. The coiffure was ornamented with tooth brushes, and she advertised her firm carrying an oiled silk fan lettered with silver and distributed fancy cards and bottles of the latest odors "Nanon" and "Tycoon."

Georgia Taylor represented H. R. Nissley & Co. She wore a cream wool dress, lace trimmed, and draped with cranberries and small bronze shoes. On one panel of the dress H. R. Nissley & Co., was printed with gilt and steel buttons, with a pair of kid gloves so arranged as to attract attention to the name. A cape of green plush lined with pink quilted satin and trimmed with swansdown. This was decorated with doll's shoes on the shoulders. A cape of embroidered silk haukerchiefs, ornamented with clothes pins, also a corsage boquet of dried apricots, apples, and bunches of white grapes, lettuce and celery. It was a novel arrangement and reflected much credit on both the lady and the popular house she represented.

Ashby & Millspaugh, dry goods, were represented by Mrs. M. A. Warren. Her costume consisted of ruby plush with a handsome figured India silk. The basque was composed almost entirely of point and duchess lace, garnatured with roman pearl trimming. From the left shoulder hung in graceful folds, a heavy sash of a delicate shade of yellow silk. She wore black silk shoulder mitts and carried a beautiful cream satin fan. The whole effect was very artistic and aside from the firm name which was printed in gilt on a band of white satin, and hung from the left shoulder diagonally across the back, the costume was not inappropriate for full evening dress and made a most beautiful representation for the opera house dry goods princes.

Miss Grace Ashton, as the "Flower Girl" acceptably filled her position as the representative of L. C. Chapin's green house. A dress daintily and tastefully decorated with smilax and cut flowers, together with a straw hat completely covered with flowers, composed her costume. In her hand she carried a boquet of button hole boquets that were afterward offered for sale.

One of the best representations and one that certainly was greatly admired was that of Miss Inez Dorris representing the wholesale cigar and tobacco firm of Brown & Houtz. The dress was of buckskin, embroidered in the skirt with colored beads in the design of a trailing vine. The bodice and sleeves were solidly emproidered with colored beads, the bottom being trimmed with strings of skin. The dress alone weighed twenty-five pounds. This was the original dress of a Sioux belle and was kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr. Smith, of Kendall & Smith. The beaded bands and bag were from the Winnebago tribe, and the moccasins from the North river Indians. The latter articles kindly loaned by Mrs. Prof. Aughey. The strings of beads, shells, ear rings and other ornaments were furnished for the occasion. Miss Dorris made a model "injun" and certainly carried out the idea of the character in a very becoming manner.

Miss Burch, represented H. W. Brown and wore a band painted skirt with mortar and pestle, and druggist's scales. Sash of chamois skin, row of smelling salt bottles for a necklace and gave away small sample bottles of cologne as souvenirs.

The well known fashionable millinery establishment of Mrs. W. E. Gosper was well represented by Miss Lillie Harman. She was richly dressed in electric blue silk and brocade velvet, the entire waist being covered with long white and pink plumes, while a very large white plume was worn as a crown on the head and encircled the throat. Draperies were arranged with tips of feathers in the most artistic style. Long white ribbons floated from the shoulders with the name of the firm printed thereon. A lovely cream empire sash bow, reaching nearly to the edge of the skirt gave the entire costume a beautiful effect and the lady carried in her hand an exquiste basket of flowers, some of them being little souvenirs, tied with white satin ribbons, bearing the name of Mrs. Gosper. These were distributed by Miss Harman among the ladies and gentlemen throughout the hall. Much credit is due the young lady as well as the firm she represented, and all spoke praise of the taste displayed.

The Lincoln Ice Co. made an artistic showing by their representative Miss Jennie Parker, who wore a dress of white flannel sprinkled with diamond dust and ornamented with long crystals, representing icicles. She carried a large white fan bearing across its face red letters which make up the name of this firm who are in such chilly business. A red sash, lettered with white, and altogether, considering what material the lady had to work with, made a fine appearance.

Mrs. Charles M. Keefer, represented the *State Journal*, in a dress of white, trimmed in pink and blue tissue paper, wearing cap, decorated with heads of papers. Thursday evening Mrs. Keefer represented Geo. H. Poehler, baker and confectioner. Her dress was of white, trimmed with nuts, candies, bread fruits, pretzels, figs, etc., wearing a paper cap bearing the name of the advertiser.

The carpet house of A. M. Davis & Son was represented by Mrs. C. M. Keith, who wore an over dress of pale blue nun's veiling draperies of different curtain materials, which were fastened and looped with cords tassels, chains, etc. The front of the dress was covered by two curtains, one of light blue silk, and the other of white lace, which were laid in folds at the neck and draped low over a panel of crimson velvet carpet. In the back was suspended from the shoulders a silk curtain, by a brass pole and rings, and then caught to one side with a chain. The angel sleeves were made of sash curtains looped high on the shoulders with cords and tassels. Her necklace was of fancy curtain pulls. She wore long black mitts, and around her arms were coiled curtain chains. The dress was finished at the bottom by a wide silk fringe. From her waist was suspended a bag made of carpet, which was filled with business cards. Her head was arrayed a la Grecian twist and wound with chains and ornaments. The name of the firm was in gold letters on a background of rich black satin ribbon, and worn diagonally across the dress. Band of crimson silk and ornaments on the shoes completed the costume.

The display of Hargreaves Bros. the wholesale grocers was handsome in the extreme. They were represented by Mrs. J. H. Fawell who was almost covered, and yet not heaped upon her, but arranged in a truly artistic manner. We learned upon inquiry that Mr. Geo. Bender is specially credited with the artistic display. Mrs. Fawell's dress was of black velvet, but seemed to be covered over with everything that was rich and rare to be found in a grocery stock. The trimmings were much more edible than they usually are on a ladies dress, and stretching from the front from side to side was a broad panel made of rice and teas and edged with gun powder tea with the name of Hargreaves Bros. in large letters in the center. The hat was made of tea and trimmed with toy brooms, radishes, parcely, etc., and in her hand Mrs. Fawell carried an elegant basket of the various foreign fruits for which this house is so well known. We ought not to omit the notice of the necklace and bracelets of this lady, the first made of nutmegs and the latter of maccaroni.

Mrs. C. O. Strickland was dressed in blue silk with swansdown. Spring wheat and corn encircling neck and wrists, and louped around, form and panels on each side of dress composed of couple of fancy brands Hubbard Superior and Minnesota Best, with powdered hair—representing C. O. Strickland's wholesale flour.

Woodworth and Mr. Fail's harness and saddlery store was represented by Miss Millie Patmore, being tastefully arranged almost completely in harness, with bells suspended from her waist in the form of draperies which tingled with every move. Necklace and bracelets of different colored rings, dog collars and straps around the arms and epaulets were of brown bands. Her hair was ornamented with nickel bits, while riding whips, cow boy hat bands, etc., suspended from her waist and altogether it was a good advertisement and showed up the goods of the store in a splendid manner.

Herpolsheimer & Co. were elaborately represented by Mrs. A. K. Fair, decorated in draperies of delicate silks over plush panels, panel of fancy table napkins, a back drapery of black silk lace. The ornaments for the neck and wrists were spools of bright colored silks and twists, strings of buttons, etc. while there were baby bonnets and bootees, passementerie trimmings, in fact everything that was ever found in a dry goods store fastened on wherever there was space. Herpolsheimer & Co. spared no pains in having as grand a display as possible and they were well paid for their efforts. And certainly the showing made ably represented one of Lincoln's most prominent business houses.

Miss Clara Carmody, representing H. Wittiman & Co., harness shop, was attired in a black riding habit very elaborately trimmed with spurs, bits, bridles, stirrups, red and white rings, whip, fly nets, sleigh bells, martingales and numerous other articles belonging to the saddlery department.

J. E. Miller, the dry goods merchant was represented by Mrs. F. A. Falkenburg, who wore a very rich costume consisting of beautiful china silks of various shades draped with the latest patterns of cream laces. The sleeves of her costume was made of silk handkerchiefs, also a jaunty little cap of the same. Bracelets of fancy buttons, and a very unique card pouch with a handle of spool twist, hung on her arm. Besides these were ornaments of many kinds too numerous to detail. The manner in which the entire costume was arranged was highly creditable to the lady and to the well known firm she represented.

H. J. Hall & Bro. were largely represented by Miss Lulu Gruninger, the dress being of deep red with real chain and padlocks, imported mouse traps, and corsage boquet of gun cleaners. Also by Miss Laura Tyrell, who was artistically draped in tinware.

James Bailey was well represented by Miss Martha Funke. The dress was beautifully made up and in its several ornamentations the skillful work of the artist was plainly visible. The skirt was covered with materials used in papering and decorating the home, while from the rear of the hat were floaters of wide black ribbon on which was Mr. Bailey's name painted in gilt letters.

Mrs. J. Edwards Riggs appropriately chose a black satin dress, with draperies of black chantilly lace, on which to pisplay the jewelry and silverware of E. Hallett. The bottom of dress was a fancy border of knives, a fringe of teaspoons on a golden panel bearing the firm's name. A bell of pie, table, dessert, tea and coffee spoons. A string of napkin rings were fastened on one shoulder and looped up to a bracelet. Long guard chains of gold draped over one side of dress and chatelane of watches on the other. Arms were filled with bracelets and angel sleeves of lace were held in place by diamond pins. Beautiful rings covered the fingers. Amber beads surrounded the throat and lace at neck held by magnificent diamond cresent and star diamond dagger. Fancy sugar tongs and spoons, fish and cheese knives and forks and pretty pins were caught in at odd places. The hair arranged high was filled in by Rhine stone comb on one side and pickle forks on the other. Diamond ear-rings. The shoes were golden. A fruit basket of unique design holding the firms cards was carried also. Gold headed cane, and gold and silver dust sbattered over head and dress made the costume one shimmer of of light and beauty and completed this elaborate display.

Mrs. A. E. Kennard, who represented the millinery of Mrs. Blair was dressed in a garnet cashmere, covered with black lace, looped with flowers plumes, birds and wings. The corsage of red roses and cream tips finished by a necklace of tips around the throat. Angel sleeves of lace caught on one shoulder by a nest of birds and a large bird held the folds of the other. The name of Mrs. Blair made of apple blossoms on black velvet across the breast, and a panel of the velvet covered with flowers; completed the front of the costume. In the back was a V of birds and wings. The draperies were hung with clusters of snowballs, plumes and roses. The bottom of the skirt was trimmed with a row of wings. Bows of pink ribbon and steel buckles on the shoes, black gloves and bracelets of ribbons and ornaments. Her hat was a large white beaver trimed with plumes and faced with black velvet and steel braid which completes the costumes.

Mrs. Jessie Johnston's representative was Mrs. Frank Graham, whose appearance on the floor created many complimentary remarks. The dress front was V shape filled in with white curled hair, on either side of which were deftly arranged in various shades, several kinds of bangs. On the shoulder were epaulets made of long curls and the dress generally was beautifully ornamented with switches, wigs, etc., one of the latter being worn by Mrs. Graham which formed a neat surprise to many of her friends. The skirt consisted of various designes made of switches and hair work. Although considering the subject to advertise, it made a very fine and extraordinary showing.

Miss Effie Leese, representing the popular hardware firm of Rudge & Morris, was appropriately attired in a costume of brown novelty suiting, trimmed with silvered tin selled braid. The basque was profusely decorated with silver spoons and gilt screws. Over this was draped a brass chain, several yards in length, on which was clenched rings, small bronze tea kettle, and various articles, while the skirt was elaborately trimmed with rulers, gilt screws, match safes, graters, curling irons, skimmers, a carving set, coffee strainers, gimlets, rigs, iron rests and numerous other articles found in a hardware establishment. A large red sash decorated with advertising cards of the firm, an elegant crown of tin, trimmed with scroll brass, and colored cut glass balls, on which was the name of the firm, completed the costume.

Miss Maggie English, representing the Lincoln Saddelry company was attired in a plum colored head cloth elabartely trimmed with bits, stirrips, rings, flynets and sleighbells without number, made a very handsome and attractive costume. It was unique and much care was taken in its preparation.

Miss Grace Snelling represented Lincoln's elite society journal THE CAPITAL CITY COURIER and very cleverly did she fill the bill. Her dress was of cream nun's veiling, the front of the skirt being a panel filled with COURIER headings, the entire being bordered with ball programs and invitations of numerous descriptions and colors. Diagonally across the waist was a wide pink ribbon on which was printed the same headicing as appears at head of this page. From each shoulder were streamers also having the papers title printed thereone and a cap made of a fan shaped program covered the head. Cards were distributed reading, "Miss Grace Snelling, Ladies Trade Exposition, special reporter CAPITAL CITY COURIER" and a note book used in jotting down names made up a most attractive representation of society's weekly visitor.

Mrs. E. B. Green represented Raymond Brothers & Co., wholesale grocers, in a unique costume. A black dress with a fringe round the bottom of the skirt of spools of thread and clothes pins. The skirt was covered with festoons of nuts, candies, corks, etc., fastened at the waist. The waist was adorned with chains of nuts, spices and coffee. Bracelets of white sugar, spices and pickles were worn and a string of cigars across the back and pipes adorned the hair. She carried a large fan covered with tea, coffee, etc. The name of the firm in large silver letters on a black sash was fastened to the the shoulder and extended to the bottom of the dress.

Mrs. Rudolph Rehlander ably represented Lincoln's most popular men's furnisher, Mr. W. R. Dennis. She was attired in a dress made up of articles that usually make the sterner sex attractive if not too badly ruined in face and form by nature. The skirt was made up of silk mufflers, draped with silk handkerchiefs, neckties, collars, etc., part of which formed a beautiful panel. Silk embroidered neglige shirt and a "plug" hat completed the costume. Mrs. Rehlaender assisted in leading the march and carried a silk gold headed umbrella around the edges of which was a silk ribbon bearing Mr. Dennis' name and business. It was one of the most novel features of the evening.

Miss Clara Agey was the centre of attraction and the envy of the fair sex. Her costume represented R. O'Neill's jewelry store and that gentleman lavished an immense amount of jewelry and diamonds on this dress to make a good show. It was the most expensive one in the room and caused many expressions of surprise. Miss Agey wore eighty-seven genuine diamonds, in various settings such as broaches, rings, bracelets, necklaces, charms, hair ornaments, etc., all forming a dazzling array of brilliancy. The diamonds all told were valued at three thousand dollars.

Mrs. A. L. Guile in representing the Elite studio, was dressed in white albatross corsage filled in with red broende satin. Skirt elaborately trimmed in different styles of cabinet photographs. Head shoulders and skirt were draped with black Llama lace. Gilt easel and frame on shoulders with pallet and brushes in right hand and two large photographs fastened with ribbon on left arm.

Thomas Fawell of the Lincoln Book Emporium was fortunate in having Miss Laura McGrew to represent his business, especially because of the taste she displayed in making such a beautiful effect with books and stationary placed at her disposal. Her dress was of white material, but it was almost hidden by the showy books and fancy stationary with which it was almost covered. On one side was a rich blue panel with the name and business represented, in large guilt letters. Portraits of the best known American authors were also shown to good advantage and near them we noticed the much talked of "Robert Elsmore," in large letters. Miss McGrew's head dress of fancy stationery was so tastefully arranged as to be subject of much admiration. From a fancy basket which she carried she distributed to all comers an elegant embossed card with Mr. Fawell's compliments.

Mrs. T. H. Benton's dress, was of a cream colored albatross, skirt of red poppies, draperies caught with scarlet tips and poppies, scarlet grosgrain sash with the name of the firm in white letters. The neck was trimmed in scarlet plumes and cut steel ornaments, large cream leghorn hat elaborately trimmed with scarlet plumes. Mrs. Benton carried a beautiful scarlet and cream ostrich feather fan.

Miss May Newton who represented W. B. Walcott, hardware, 230 South Eleventh street wore a costume of black satin elaborately trimmed with brass cheins and many bright articles gracefully suspended from her girdle. Neat Acorn stove signs in yellow and black formed a panel on the skirt while wire nails were used ingeniously as trimming for the basque. A silver (?) coronet and cluster of marshal-nells were added to the attractiveness of the costume. Mr. Walcott is to be congratulated upon his representative being so very attractive.

Mrs. W. A. Green, represented O. J. King & Co., and wore a black dress, the front of the skirt being trimmed with a pyramid of cookies, and a panel of fancy cakes formed one side, while a large sign O. J. King & Co. fine teas and coffies, was placed on the other. Bracelets of radishes, necklace and hair trimming of cranberries. A fringe about the waist of loaf sugar and pickles, raisins, strings of nuts and potatoes hung from the bust. A fan covered with small groceries in design finished the costume.

Foreman & Crowe represented by Mrs. Holman, exhibited a costume unique as well as costly. Her dress was completely covered with the various articles offered for sale by in their store such as hand lace handkercheifs valued at 10cts. each kid gloves, a yarr long and a fit guarnteed, hosiery and a thousand and one articles which aggregated $395 went to complete one of the most elaborate make ups on the floor.

A RECORD WORTH HAVING.

Remarkable Growth of a Business House in One Year.

Just about a year ago it was the pleasure of the COURIER to note in these columns, the opening of the new music store of Messrs. Curtice & Thiers. They started on a small scale in the large room on O street over Perkins Brothers shoe store and according to our prediction, in less than a year, moved to better quarters, subsequently they soon leased the store room in the Alexander block opposite Funke's opera house, fitted it up in attractive style and their patronage continued to increase until now the firm is unable to longer do their volume of business in the present location, and will soon move into the new Stubblefield building, 207 South Eleventh Street, between the new American Exchange bank and Hardy & Pitcher's new location. The store room is large, light and airy, being 140 feet deep and the full number of feet in width. All moderate conveniences are at hand and every facility for the transaction of their business has been provided, a new elevator of latest improvements being among the number.

This firm certainly has good reason to feel proud of the success they have achieved in so short a time and to say the least it has been duly worked for and fostered. Both gentlemen are young men and having always been untiring in their efforts to gain trade, please patrons and retain the good will of the best classes of our citizens for whose trade they have particularly catered, their success is certainly well earned. Their stock now carried is a large one and equals any in this section of the country, but in their new location even a larger and a finer one will be shown.

The firm handles a fine line of musical instruments in every department and are fully prepared to compete with any and all competition. Their facilities for buying is unsurpassed and handling as they some of America's most popular instruments it is quite apparent that they need recognize no superiors in offering the best at popular terms and prices. Their line of pianos embrace such makes as the Weber, Haines, Mason & Hamlin, Shoninger, Peace Brothers and others while in organs they have a great variety prominent among which are the Packard and Mason & Hamlin. These goods have a standard reputation and need no extended advertising to introduce them to musicians who are acquainted with the merits of instruments made today.

In their new location more room will be had to further their interests in the music branch and notwithstanding that they have kept a complete line of the latest musical publications, in their new store more space will be allotted to this department and a larger stock than ever will be offered the trade. It might also be stated here that the repair department is now under the skillful management of Mr. William Shaefer, a gentleman who has spent most of his life in this particular branch of industry, having had nearly twenty years of active experience with the largest factories of New York and the east. Tuning and refinishing receive personal and prompt attention.

After fully settled Messrs. Curtice & Thiers will give a grand opening on which occasion their patrons and friends will receive their compliments, all of whom may feel confident that with the increased facilities offered the trade will be better cared for than ever in the new store.

Ladies Bathing Parlors.

Commencing Tuesday next the Palace Bathing Parlors in the Burr Block will be open from 12 to 5 o'clock P. M, for ladies exclusively, under the management of competant lady attendents and on Tuesday and Friday of each week hereafter.

The entrance is on twelth street where polite attendants will be on constant duty.

Robert Elsmere.

No work of fiction has been more extensively read during the past few months than Mrs. Humphreys Ward's novel, Robert Elsmere, and although the same may have been burlesqued by the local editors of nearly every country newspaper, the fact that such men as Gladstone, Joseph Cook, President McCash and other leading minds have given reviews and criticisms, while many of our most distinguished Doctors of Divinity have discussed it in their pulpits, leads an intelligent public to desire to know what there is in the book.

Hon. J. G. Tate chaplain of the senate of Nebraska, having ably presented this subject to other audiences, has consented to give a lecture on Robert Elsmere, on Wednesday evening Jan. 30, at St. Paul M. E. church.

Those who have read the work will be glad of this chance to hear it ably reviewed. Those who have not read it can here have an opportuity to get a synopsis of it in so brief a time and such an agreeable manner that we feel will be appreciated.