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POPULATION OF LINCOLN, 60,000.

ONE week more of March, then "April showers will bring May flowers."

No more "Burlington Flyers" after next week. Slow trains will have to suffice.

SOON the baseball player will be the idolized mortal and the centre of attraction in amusement circles.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY has written several new poems for spring. The titles have not as yet been announced.

"By Saint Patrick but there are signs of a beautiful 'Seventeenth of Old Ireland' tomorrow." So quoth the Omaha Excelsior last Saturday and St. Patrick day was a dismal, dreary, rainy day.

The Chicago Herald devotes a half column to the state law makers of Illinois under the following heading "Dry Rot in the Legislature." Evidently Nebraska is not alone bored by a sore headed legislative body.

At the primaries next Thursday it is to be hoped that the names of young men will be liberally placed on the ticket. For good work, honest enterprise and ultimate success, the young man has proven himself in matters of municipal government, superior to old fossils. Give us young blood for prosperity.

THE COURIER is the only paper in the city that prints church notices, advertisements of church affairs, etc., free. This however is not a new arrangement, such having been the rule at this office since the start of the paper. Ladies are invited to bring any such notices to the office for publication.

THE statement is made that the polite circles of Australia are filled with a terrible dread. At a juvenile performance of the "Messiah" it was noticed that the rising generation is acquiring a nasal twang. Since then much discussion has taken place on the subject, and the schoolteachers are enjoined to adopt vigorous measures against the objectionable twang, which, it is supposed by the experts, is due to the indolence that so strongly characterizes life at the antipodes.

ONE of the most important nominations made by President Harrison Wednesday was that of Whitelaw Reid, editor of the New York Tribune, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to France. Mr. Reid is thoroughly qualified for the post in every respect and he will fill it with distinguished ability. He declined the English mission tendered to him by President Hayes because at that time his private interest required his personal attention. This is a commendable appointment and shows that the president is not slow to appreciate the work of the press.

EASTERN Colorado was visited by an eight hour rain storm Tuesday and the Denver papers jubilantly speak of it as a forerunner of prosperous times for 89 to the settler whose work last year resulted in failure caused by a heretofore customary dry season. Many farmers were discouraged and moved their homes above to spots with brighter prospects but it is believed many will now return. Another rain fell Thursday. New Mexico had its first heavy snow storm Sunday. It has always been very dry there and the day being warm the snow melted as soon as it touched the earth. The denizens regard this with prospects for a season of ample water fall.

LINCOLN was never in better or more prosperous condition than at present, and today the prospects for doubling her population inside of five years was never better. Such a thing as a desirable vacant house is not a scarcity but impossible to find and owners cannot begin to supply the constant demand for rental property. There were several vacant stores in the city last fall, all of them being in undesirable location, but even these have all been rented and newcomers arriving nearly every day leave the city falling to secure store rooms. Even stores on south Eleventh three blocks from O street that were last year considered entirely too remote for live business houses are now tenanted by prominent firms doing large business which has caused that thoroughfare to become a dangerous rival to O street. Last year there was not a large firm represented on Eleventh street, while today such prominent houses as Hardy & Pletcher, Miller & Paine and others are located there in large and beautiful stores; the two mentioned above each occupying beautiful double premises. The additions in fine buildings the past year have been wonderful in fact so many costly residences have been erected that friends from Omaha have admitted the fact that Lincoln now has more elegant homes than the Metropolis. Several magnificent structures are now being completed, notably among them being the home of Mr. J. O. Phillips, which is entirely of stone and when completed with surroundings will cost upwards of \$50,000. These and other evidences are numerous that go to convince the most skeptical that Lincoln's prosperity is substantial and continuous.

FASHION FEUILLETON.

OLIVE HARPER HOLDS FORTH UPON SOME NEW STYLES.

A Comfortable Cloak for Traveling—A Waist for Lounging—Lenten Features. Bonnets That Catch the Eye—Brilliance of the Present Colors—Lace Costume.

[Special Correspondence.] NEW YORK, March 21.—As the season advances the eyes and brain become more and more bewildered by the array of new things that are displayed, all for the purpose of making women more lovely and irresistible. There are fashions for seaside and mountain wear which rival Joseph's coat in brilliancy of coloring, draped and displayed by the side of exquisite laces which are for the dainty afternoon and evening dresses, which somehow make the wearers look so cool and angelic in the weather which tries men's souls and wits their collars. But there are no more of the fleecy and transparent silk and gauzy fabrics for balls, for now is the sober and serious time of Lent, which gives the girls time to nurse their corns and bunions after so much dancing.

The Lenten costumes are sober gray, ashes of roses and black, that is, those for the very fashionable young ladies. They go walking along now demurely, with downcast eyes and clasped hands, as becomes such miserable little sinners, and some of them make a point of carrying with them a pretty little bag of black morocco, with handles, containing a prayer book and hymnal. You have to look twice at them to be perfectly sure they are not opera glasses.

The most aristocratic of the young ladies have pretty little alcoves built up in their private rooms and draped and arranged like altars, and with embroidered little footstools for kneeling upon, and they make it a point of saying their devotions there daily, while waiting for the dressmaker to fit on their new clothes. Dear little innocent souls! They think that they are doing all that is required of them when they go through that forty days' formula. That time past, they emerge on Easter Sunday like so many brightly fluttering little butterflies from their chrysalis, and we all delight in beholding their pretty flights.

I noticed in one of the largest establishments up town a dress which is now serving as a model for many others, and the style will be a very popular one for



MODEL LACE COSTUME.

tea gowns. It is of apple green, China crape, princess shape, with the back center made in such a way that there appears a fan plaiting just below the waist line, which affords fullness to the train. The side breadths are slashed up from the bottom and show panels underneath of white lace flounces, one above the other, each four inches wide, set on over pale pink satin. There is a flounce eight inches wide, of pink satin, at the bottom, on which are set two lace flounces four inches wide. This only shows where the seams are slashed, and they are all slashed up from ten to eighteen inches.

The front is open, showing the pink satin covered with the ruffles of the lace to the waist line. The waist has a wide jabot of lace on the green, interspersed with loops and fish tail ends of ribbon. There is a wide lace collar full on, but no standing collar. The sleeves are of pink satin puffed to the elbow and covered with lace, and from there to the wrist green, with a full ruffle of lace at the wrist where the sleeve is snug and coat shaped. The style is picturesque and graceful. I forgot to say that the slashes are lined up with silver cord. One gown, which was copied in style from this one, is of white and silver with rich green plush in place of the lace and satin. It would be very pretty in any of the summer tinted cashmeres or velvets.

There are so many varieties of lace and lace effects that I thought best to present a dress of that always elegant and useful material, so that ladies might make up their own dresses after it. The model is cut low on the neck, but it can be made high when so preferred, which, of course, it should be for street or afternoon. Many ladies have two corsages to lace dresses, one for day and one for evening. It will be observed that lace dresses require little draping. The flounce coming forty inches wide, all that is necessary is to gather it to the waist quite full, and in the back bring up the end to the waist line on one side, looping the other side but slightly. Some make the skirt entirely plain and very full in the back, raising the left side very slightly with a flut of ribbons to match the under skirt. When white or cream colored lace is used pink, red, yellow or blue surah or satin is suitable for the under skirt, and surah of quality quite good enough for that can be obtained for 60 cents per yard. It requires

five yards of surah for an underskirt. Six yards will make waist also.

Black lace is sometimes made over cherry satin or yellow, but for the street it is a little too pronounced. Black foundation silk is worth about 75 to 80 cents per yard. Old silk or satin skirts come in very handy for under dresses. This same model is very pretty in the new embroidered muslins, which require no under dress, and also for the lace work gingham. Indeed, the style is adapted for any summer goods.

There is a large variety of cloaks for traveling and spring wear, and they are both graceful and becoming. The illustration shows a model made up in drab, tan color, dark green and mixed heather ladies' cloth, and also in several grades of mohair and de-beige as well as raw silk. These latter are to be worn as dusters on railway trips and the others in the street.



TRAVELING CLOAK.

The yoke is usually braided or trimmed with velvet, chenille or passementerie. Some are smocked. I have seen a few made of black silk and of black and white striped silk. They are very pretty for young folks.

The waist is one of the prettiest garments of the season for slight, young figures, and can be made of almost any material. Light colored surah, or India silk, is, perhaps, the best, or striped silk in light colors, though it can be made in cashmere, veiling or washable goods. It can be worn with any skirt, and the shining under the belt makes it so that the lower part can, if preferred, be worn under the dress. Pongee silk is very durable for this kind of waist.

Pongee has been "out" for several seasons, but there is a decided revival in that excellent and durable silk, and it will be worn a good deal this season, in combination with Oriental lace and velvet of dark, rich colors.

The ladies' cloth pattern dresses are very handsome, and with the figured or embroidered borders are made up in directoire and empire styles, a mixture of both, with some Nineteenth century additions. It strikes the beholder as somewhat incongruous to see a lady tripping along with a costume alleged to be directoire style, with a bustle, a parasol of decidedly modern appearance, with suede gloves and a pocket book like a roll of music, an eyeglass and a pup, and with a hat of no particular period. It is apt to shake one's sense of the eternal fitness of things, but so it is and we must bear it with becoming fortitude. It might be worse.

Bonnets are as various as the shells of ocean. Just as one thinks this style is settled and fixed lo there are twenty more styles all just as stylish demanding attention. I do not mean twenty bonnets varying slightly, but so many distinct styles. Among them I chose three of the prettiest for my friends to see. One of them is of pearl gray Milan braid, dead fine, lined with dark blue velvet and with a band of brocaded blue ribbon around the low crown and a bow standing up in front. The brim turns down in a very ancient style renewed for this season. Another is a clamshell poke of fine black braid trimmed with black lace, bordered with gold threads and trimmed with shaded feathers from cream to dark green. The face trimming and strings are of dark green, which cannot be worn by a brunet. The other bonnet is of velvet lace and feathers, among which are perched three or four tiny humming birds. The prevailing color is a rich purplish blue, with silver daisies embroidered along the lace. These daisies have hearts of gold.

I saw at the theatre the other evening a very pretty bonnet made of pink tulle, and cream colored Spanish lace. The lace and tulle were gathered here and puffed there, and the puffings were held in places by dragon flies made of Rhine stones or possibly they were real diamonds, for extravagance in dress is now carried to such a point that it is as apt to be one as the other.



SOME MORE LATEST STYLES.

A very pretty style is now coming out of wearing deep linen turn down collars and cuffs full six inches wide that turn backward. They are very neat looking and becoming. Also lace collars and cuffs in deep vandyke points are seen. Handkerchiefs in large sizes, with fluted ruffles of batiste, are shown, and others with lace ruffles. They are eighteen inches square. There are imitations now of Brussels point and Chantilly that are so perfect that none but an expert can tell them apart, the only difference being that the one costs from \$4 to \$20 a yard and the other from 20 to 75 cents. And yet there isn't a living woman who would not prefer the real, even though you can't tell the difference. Such is life!

OLIVE HARPER.

A House Full of Company.

Thursday evening, according to neat invitations which were sent out the first of the week, the popular furniture house of Hardy & Pletcher entertained a multitude of their friends with a spring opening and it was an opening that they may well feel proud of. From seven o'clock until ten a steady crowd came and went, but not until they had viewed the mammoth establishment from top to bottom and many could not resist the welcome and charming opportunity afforded them to stop and rest themselves in the delightful easy chairs which abounded in profusion, to listen to the sweet music discoursed by the Philharmonic Orchestra.

When Hardy & Pletcher first opened this new and commodious place of business last fall, it was an acknowledged fact that they had the largest in Lincoln and that the rooms occupied would certainly be amply large to accommodate the firm's business for a long time to come. Such however was not the case and within three short months it was found necessary to seek more room and accordingly the two floors of the Stubblefield Block over Curtiss & Thiers music depot were leased for a term of years. The visitors were accordingly greatly surprised on reaching the second and third floors to find huge doorways cut through the walls and a magnificent display of furniture to greet their eyes.

The firm is enjoying an enviable reputation and there can be no reason why they should not be titled the leading furniture house in the state, barring none. They are enterprising and popular and that their past success will follow them hereafter, was certainly evident at the opening.

The line of spring novelties exhibited comprise the latest in furniture that could be purchased in the eastern markets by Mr. Hardy while on his recent trip east, and patrons of this popular house may feel assured that nothing newer can be purchased in New York City or anywhere else, today, than they now carry in their vast stock.

Little Live Locals. Telephone at the COURIER office is 235, Perkins Bros., should fit your feet if you want comfort.

See the new spring wraps just opened at Ashby & Millsbaugh's.

Florida oranges from the celebrated Indian river country, at Cummings & Morris.

Gams, oysters, and all the delicacies of the season always to be had at Brown's cafe, Windsor annex.

Black Paris De Soie, the new material in silk, makes a beautiful costume. Ashby & Millsbaugh show it in all grades.

Suppers and banquets served on short notice at Brown's Cafe. Prices reasonable and service first class in every respect.

Everybody can afford to eat at the leading resort in the city now. The price of 21 tickets now at Odell's is only \$1—reduced from \$4.50.

Sawyer & Moshier's greenhouses supply cut flowers, bouquets, etc., on short notice. Branch floral conservatory in Masonic Temple basement.

Ladies will find at Wells new millinery store 238 south Eleventh street, the finest and latest assortment of hats, bonnets, kid gloves and fancy goods in general.

Foreman & Crow have made a specialty of gloves for the coming week and have placed upon their counters a line that they "are not ashamed for any one to see."

Without a doubt the business in men's and boy's wearing apparel and fine hat-making is being done by the new and enterprising firm of Semmons & Co., whose elegant store always presents a scene of bustling activity.

John Varcoe, book-keeper for the San Jose Cal. Times, was troubled with a severe cold and especially at night had bad coughing spells. A few doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy completely cured him. Sold by A. L. Shader, Druggist.

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Advertisement for Ashby & Millsbaugh, 'Special Sale Of Spring Wraps'.

Advertisement for Charter Oak Range, 'Cooking Exhibition'.

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Advertisement for Domestic Sewing Machine Parlor, featuring an eagle logo and the slogan 'IT LEADS - OTHERS FOLLOW'.