

Never Buy a Carpet

UNTIL YOU HAVE SEEN THE
MAGNIFICENT STOCK
—AT THE—
Exposition Carpet House
ALL THE NEWEST EFFECTS IN
COLORINGS AND DESIGNS.

In Draperies

we show all the newest things in house
drapes, and have an attractive line of
Lace Curtains
—AND—
PORTIERRE

Always see the Exposition Carpet Store
before ordering.

MANICURING AND HAIR DRESSING.

Mrs. J. C. Bell desires to acquaint the
ladies of Lincoln and vicinity with the fact
that her
Handsome New Establishment
is now open, and assisted by a competent
corps of artists is ready to serve all callers
with the best of work and the finest mate-
rials. We carry a complete and very fine
line of

Toilet Articles and
Pure Cosmetics
Ladies are cordially invited to visit our
parlors. Prompt and polite attention as-
sured all.

Mrs. J. O. BELL,
114 N 14th St. New Alexander Block.

If you Deposit your Savings

Lincoln Savings Bank

Safe Deposit Co.

8, E. cor. 11th and P Sts.
THEY WILL EARN INTEREST FOR YOU
At the Rate of

5-Five per Ct. per Annum-5

Save \$50 a week and it amounts with
interest in five years to \$1,500.00.
Bank opens at 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. and
Saturday evenings, 5 to 8 p. m.

Saves to Rent in Burglar and Fire
Proof Vaults.

THE First National BANK

Capital \$300,000 Surplus \$5,000

Offers the Best Facilities for transacting
Legitimate Banking.

J. D. MACFARLAND, President
C. B. LIPPEN OTT, Asst. Cashier.
DIRECTORS:
John Fritts, William M. Clark, J. D.
MacFarland, T. M. Marquette, Charles
A. Hanna, A. M. Raymond,
John L. Carson.

American Exchange National Bank.

L. M. Raymond, President
S. H. Burnham, Cashier.
Lewis Gregory, Vice President
D. G. Wing, Asst. Cashier

Columbia National BANK.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.
Capital, \$250,000

Officers and Directors:
John B. Wright, Pres. T. E. Sanders, V.-P.
J. H. McClay, Cashier.
F. E. Johnson, H. P. Lau, Thos Cochran, E.
R. Sizer, J. W. Lowery, W. L. Dayton.
General Banking Business Transacted.
Collections a Specialty.

C. L. RICHARDS, ATTORNEY.

RICHARDS BLOC
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

CAPITAL CITY COURIER

A Popular Paper of Modern Times.
Published Saturday.
Address all communications direct to the office
WESSEL PRINTING CO.
PUBLISHERS.
Courier Building, 1192 N. Street.
TELEPHONE 258
L. WESSEL, JR., Editor and Sole Proprietor.

Entered at the Postoffice of Lincoln, Neb.,
as second class matter.

POPULATION OF LINCOLN, 65,000.

All experienced cooks prefer "Star of
fancy patent flour. Lincoln grocers sell lots
of it.

E. R. Guthrie has arranged to continue
in the carriage line. Customers wanting
first class work will do well to wait for a
new line of the very finest jobs on the mar-
ket which will arrive in ample time for
spring trade at 1540 O street.

New England Crystal meal, the latest and
finest production for mush or baking pur-
poses. Ask for it at grocers.

Nothing like New England graham for
breads or graham gems. Dealers sell it.

The Whitbread Coal and Lime company
is always at the front supplying the finest
grades of all kinds of coal

The Radiant Home is no new fake but has
an established reputation for economy and
beauty. Dunham & Buck, sole agents, 1120 O
street

Miss Anna Dick, Modiste. Corner Elev-
enth and P streets over Lincoln Savings
Bank & Safety Deposit Co., entrance on P
street.

All meals at Odell's new dining hall re-
duced to twenty cents. No credit and no
tickets to anyone. The meals are same as
formerly and the price lower than ever.
This makes the board at Odell's cheap and
the best in the state for the money.

Give us a call before buying elsewhere
and you will find our prices the lowest.
The Great 10c Store 118 south Twelfth
street.

China firing every Thursday at Conserva-
tory of Music. Edith Russell.

Our work speaks for itself. It needs no
brag or bluster, simply your own opinion
will testify to its merits. The Studio La
Grande is on the ground floor, centrally lo-
cated and a beautiful place. Call and see us
at 124 south Twelfth street.

Coal of every size from the best mines
in Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Color-
ado and Wyoming for sale by Geo. A. Ray-
mer. Telephone 380. Office 1134 O street.

Henry Harpham, harness and saddlery,
142 north 11th street, opposite Capital hotel.

Eye and Ear Surgeon.
Dr. W. L. Dayton, oculist and aurist, 1203
O street, telephone 375, Lincoln, Neb.

Youthlens - European Face Preparation.
Ladies, if you want most elegant face pre-
paration, try this one. It is pure as spring
water; no lead, sediment or other injurious
substances. It makes your skin soft, fresh,
and clear; removes tan, blotches, discolora-
tions, and imparts a pearly complexion.
If your face is not what you desire it, try
"Youthlens". I guarantee it to give perfect
satisfaction. I have sought for a prepara-
tion that will make complexion fresh and
young looking and now have found it, re-
tained at two dollars or three for five. I have
secured the agency for this trusty article.
J. H. HARLEY, Druggist, Lincoln, Neb.

Only Ten (10) Cents a Pack.
The celebrated "Burlington Route" apply-
ing cards are now sold at ten cents per pack.
(50 cents is the usual price) for such cards.
Whit, high-five and such parties will soon
be in order, and we would suggest that you
buy in a stock of these cards for future re-
quirements.
A. C. ZEMER,
City Passenger Agent.

Call on Henry Harpham, 142 north 11th
street, opposite Capital hotel for harness,
whips, surcingle, curry combs and brushes,
harness oil, axle grease and axle oil harness
soap.

The "Walking Alligator" to be found only
at the great 10 cent store, 118 south 12th St.

Latest novelties in Christmas presents at
the Great 10c Store, 118 south Twelfth
street.

The new Lincoln frame and art company
make a specialty of frames for fine crayon
work, with Elite Studio 236 south Eleventh
street.

Henry Harpham, harness, saddlery and
turf goods, 142 north Eleventh street, opposite
Capital Hotel

When buying horse blankets, plush lap
robes and fur robes, just enquire at 142
north 11th street, opposite Capital hotel.

Now is the time to get stoves for the winter.
Dunham & Buck have a big line of all
the finest makes. They also repair old
stoves, set them up and furnish parts needed
at reasonable cost. Call, 1123 O street or tel-
ephone 390.

The famous Rambler wheels still take the
lead and E. R. Guthrie still maintains the
agency at 1540 O street. In connection with
his establishment Mr. Guthrie has a school
of teaching how to ride. With each sale of
a machine goes a guarantee that he will
teach you how to ride perfectly—and no
charge for instruction.

We sell the genuine Canon City too.
Bets, Weaver & Co., 1045 O street. Tel-
ephone 440.

Clear, delightful baths at Sam West-
field's, Burr Block, 13th & O streets.

TOWN TOPICS.

The following caustic comments from the
pen of a prominent, public spirited citizen
who has opportunities for inside observa-
tion, are likely to be read with more than or-
dinary interest, seeing, as they do, with mat-
ters of everyday life.—Ed.]

Water! Water! That is what the city
council is after. The COURIER will mildly
suggest to the wise men who are more or less
disgracing Lincoln by their weekly wrangles,
that an artesian well would settle all the
difficulty and give our city all the water
necessary for the next fifty years. They
will find it much cheaper than the present
system, and the water will be ever so much
better. But how deep shall we have to go
for water? exclaims Councilman Limpfoot.
We cannot tell; but we can tell the council-
man that such as he should not be heard on
the subject for he is totally n. g. in the mat-
ter. We write this for the gentlemen of the
city council who desire to take care of the
city's interests, and not for those who desire
to barter away the city water plant to a pri-
vate company. Some of the largest cities
in the world depend on artesian wells alto-
gether for their water supply, and it never
fails. True, the artesian well in post office
square would not answer the purpose, but
because its water is salty is no reason why
sweet water cannot be secured in this local-
ity. Under this soil of ours, there are lakes
and mighty rivers flowing the very best of
waters; dig for one of those until you find it
even though it were two thousand feet deep.
The ridiculous idea of having several wells
some seventy feet deep for a constant and
lasting supply does not speak well for the in-
telligence of our people.

The council may be reminded of the fact
that instead of turning over the city water
works plant to a private corporation, that it
would be much better for them to pull into
the custody of the municipality the electric
light plant. Steps taken to that effect will
meet with the entire approbation of the peo-
ple. It is to be feared; however, that the ar-
tisan city council is beyond redemption; in
fact it is not a city council at all; they do
not represent the people in the least, they
are the agents of the B. & M. R. R., of the
street railway, of the electric light company,
and of a few money scalpers thrown in.
The time for the selection of candidates is
near at hand, and it is the duty of the better
citizenship of the place to see to it that men
are selected in the various wards who can-
not become the instruments of the corpora-
tions. A stop must be called or else the
pride of Lincoln is doomed to decay; in-
stead of a boom, it will be a general gloom.
It will not be out of place to state here
that the electric light company does not live
by its contract with the city; the lights have
to burn until twelve; often they are out at
half past eleven; the company also takes un-
due advantage of the moon—nothing is out
of their reach. It needs a rigid stand; the
city has the right to exact it. If it cannot be
secured otherwise the contract with the elec-
tric light company should be annulled and a
city plant be put in.

Is Chief of Police Dinges the victim of cir-
cumstances? No indeed; he is the victim of a
ridiculous system which allows law breakers,
thugs and thieves to invoke the law in their
defense. Crime cannot claim protection; the
liberty of the criminal classes is dangerous to
the liberty of the people. Laws are made
to protect the law abiding people; and such
persons have for nearly one year been obliged
to run shy of the chief of police imagine
themselves persecuted. It is too silly for
anything. But that which is not so silly,
but really dangerous to our society, is to find
that we have judges who believe that the law
breakers have rights that society is bound to
respect. It will be impossible to enforce
the laws if this state of affairs is allowed to
exist much longer, and it is a shame upon
our judiciary to find among them men who
will take the part of law breakers against
the man whose duty it is, in the name of the
people to break up their nefarious and crim-
inal schemes. The press is partly respon-
sible for this state of affairs, since it would be an
easy matter for it to give the chief of police
the support that he so richly deserves. It is
better for our people, if he goes even further
than the law allows him when occasion re-
quires it, than for him not to enforce the
law at all. The Lincoln dailies should stand
by the chief of police under all circum-
stances; by so doing the crooked gentry
would soon find the place too hot to hold
them.

The people can rejoice that they have at
last one judge who does not believe in allow-
ing the law to shield the law breakers against
whom Chief of Police Dinges has made such
a relentless and thankless war; the name of
that judge is I. W. Lansing. All honor to
him for his decision. He does not mean to
have the crooked gentry run the chief of
police into jail, no matter how much they
can swear; he rather have it the other way.
He knows well enough that the oath of the
ordinary and average blackleg and crook or
his acolytes cannot be relied upon. He
knows well enough that the sooner the gang
is driven off, the better for the morals of our
young men, for it is indeed a bad and dan-
gerous example for our youth, to see a lot of
scoundrels whose only duty is to steal, to re-
fer in name with those of the sneak thief and
house breaker, sport their fine clothes and
diamonds upon the sidewalks, in the bar
rooms and in the lobby of our hotels with
the most audacious impudence while assum-
ing the airs of gentlemen. Luckily they
cannot deceive any one except the very
greenest greeny; their countenances are
stamped with a capital R and they even
smell offensive, the scent of the "bagny"
All hail to Judge Lansing, and may the
smaller fry judges of the city take example
by him or else the day of judgement will
hit them hard.

It is not a lack of intelligence that is want-
ing among our councilmen, or at least that
lack is not sufficient to hurt the city; it is
the lack of honest purposes; and it is this
that is fatal. Some of them never were fit
to be councilmen, either by character or in-
telligence; but as bad luck will have it, these
are the very ones to prove the sharpest and the
most energetic as well as the most unreliable.
How then can the city's affairs be adminis-
tered in the interest of the people? It is held
by all people that the mayor is an honest
man; but what can he do against a majority
of the council. So is Dinges held as a man of
honest purpose; but how effective can he be
no matter how hard he tries, when the men
that should stand by him side with the rogues?
The excise board, the police judge,
and the justices of the peace seem to conspire
with the law breakers, and have been the
main reliance of those men whom it was
Dinges' duty to punish. The gamblers would
long since have been in the jail or pen, if the
mayor and his chief of police had but their
way. It is really too bad; and what is the
use of being an honest man and an honest
official, if this sort of things to prevail? It
is to be hoped that both Weir and Dinges

will not get discouraged; that they will keep
up their efforts with increased energy; this,
and this alone will bring about success. They
may be assured that the people of Lincoln
regardless of political parties will stand by
them at all hazards.

MET HIS MATCH



He had fought the polar bear
And the lion in his lair,
He had monkeyed with gorillas on the
shores of Madagascar,
With a box constrictor big,
He had often danced a jig,
And he kept a petted monster of the
Credited name of Gila.



He had ridden on the tail
Of a North Pacific whale,
He'd attended shark remissions off the
coast of Madagascar,
He had flipped the heel and toe
With an elephant or so,
And had fought a dozen duels with the
deep and deadly Lascar.



But he took himself a wife
In the very prime of life,
And she sent him out for ribbons and
some things that he might fetch her;
And he started on a hop
To the very nearest shop;
But just fifty minutes later he was
brought home on a stretcher.
—Tom Masson in Cloak Review.

The Trouble with Him.

The young man twirled his hat nervously
and cleared his throat.
"If I understand you rightly," he said,
"you decide that the further continuance
of our acquaintance with a view to closer
and more intimate relations in the future
is inexpedient and not likely to be pro-
ductive of such result. Am I correct,
Miss Jibboom?"
"You are, Mr. De Ennis," answered the
young woman.
"If that is your decision," he rejoined,
twirling his hat the other way, "I pre-
sume there is nothing for me to do but
submit. I had hoped for a different result.
The reason for the ill success that has at-
tended my effort to place our acquaintance
on a more confidential basis," he went on,
"is, I apprehend, that I have failed in some
way to bring myself into full and complete
sympathy with the idea and purposes that
animate and sustain you. I have not suc-
ceeded in becoming in rapport, if I may so
express myself, with you as regards the
things that go to make up what we call
geniality, affinity, co-ordination. To
change the figure slightly, I have been un-
able to place myself on the plane where
your sympathies, instincts, in short, your
inner self abides, or to establish that fel-
lowship of soul that grows out of harmo-
nious views, preferences and habits of
thought. Am I right, Miss Jibboom?"
"Yes," she answered softly, while tears
of pity for the wretched young man stood
in her lovely eyes; "you don't seem to
have caught on to my style a little bit."
—Chicago Tribune.

His Ultimatum.
"Madeline, will you marry me?"
His voice had a husky, appealing sound,
his heart thumped audibly and his knees
began to tremble.
"No, Horace, I will not."
"This is your final answer, is it,
Madeline?"
"It is, Horace. I am sorry I cannot."
"This is the end of all my fond hopes, the
waking from the dream I have been dream-
ing, and the winding up of the fool's para-
dise in which I have dwelt for the last
three months is it?"
"—I suppose it is, Horace, but do not be
utterly cast down," said the young woman
scathingly. "Time softens all our griefs
and turns sorrow into joy. In the future,
Horace, when the pain of this refusal shall
have"—
"Miss Shuckers," he exclaimed, rising
with dignity, as became a man who had
received a temporary setback but had re-
covered himself, "talk not to me of the fu-
ture. It may have its consolations, its
joys and its repose, but it cannot reawaken
old delusions. Henceforth, Miss Shuck-
ers," he added, reaching for his cane and
hat and moving with unruffled self pos-
session toward the door, "I can never be
anything more to you than a brother."
—Chicago Tribune.

Really Astonished.
Billings—Most astonishing thing I ever
encountered. Here's a black hair in the
butter.
Mrs. Hasheroff—So you are really sur-
prised, Mr. Billings?
Billings—I am, indeed. This butter's
hair ought to be gray.—Indianapolis Jour-
nal.

Remembered in His Will.
There is grim humor in one clause in the
will of the late Solomon Abrahams, of Bos-
ton. After making a number of charita-
ble bequests the testator remarks, "I re-
member all my cousins, aunts, uncles and
grandfathers, but I give them nothing."
—Boston Globe.

Appropriate.
Von Smashkeys—I come next on the pro-
gramme. What should I play?
Ponderowski (glancing through the
curtain)—I think you'd better play a
march. The people are all going out—
London Tit-Bits.

CUT IN HALF!

The stock of Clothing belonging to the
well-known firm of Semmons and amounting
to \$41,762.17, was this day sold to the Whole-
sale Clothing House of Bettman & Co., Cin-
cinnati, O., at Fifty Cents on the Dollar, or

One-Half Its Value or Cost.

These parties, who have abundant means
and facilities intend to conduct a branch
Wholesale Clothing business in Lincoln, and
to that end will bring a stock of at least \$100,-
000. In order to make room for this immense
stock they have concluded to inaugurate a

Slaughter Sale for 30 Days

on the Semmons' stock. They will give the
public the benefit of their bargains, and goods
will be sold at a slight advance of

50 Cents on the Dollar of First Cost

Or just enough to cover the expense of con-
ducting this sale. This is a rare chance for
country merchants to supply their wants in
Clothing, as they can save 25 per cent of job-
ber's prices. The public is invited to attend
this great sale, beginning next Monday,
February 8.

BETTMAN & CO.

SUCCESSORS TO
SEMMONS CLOTHING COMPANY.

1029-1031 O Street.

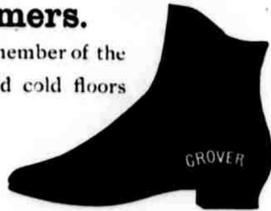
NEWS— SUBSCRIPTIONS, —STATIONERY
ARTISTS' MATERIALS & NOVELS
—AT—
THE GOTHAM, 1136 O ST.
Give us a Trial Order. —CANVAS STRETCHES

Dick's Footwarmers.

Have a pair of them for each member of the
family and then cold weather and cold floors
won't give them colds.

ED. G. YATES.

1129 O STREET.



S. H. BURNHAM,

SUCCESSOR TO
BETTS & WEAVER.

COAL AND WOOD.

Office 1045 O Street.
Yards 6th and M Sts.
Phone 440.

JOHN DOOLITTLE,
Manager.

WHEN YOU WANT FINE JOB PRINTING

See the WESSEL PRINTING CO.