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LEGISLATIVE DOINGS

The pretended arrest of a reporter a few days since for a refusal of his part to divulge to a committee of humorists, who would do themselves credit as end men in a burnt cork soiree, the source from which another reporter secured information upon which to base an item, suggests that the serious reflection that there should be some protection afforded reputable reporters. It quite frequently occurs that facts of great value to the public, especially facts relating to the administration of public affairs, are brought out by the

drivers of speed horses. The honorable gentleman has not, apparently, discovered any prodigies on his horse farm recently.

The lack of favor shown any proposition to appropriate additional funds for the Nebraska exhibit at the World's Fair is to be regretted, but it is the logical result of the extravagant and almost knavish policy of the commission in squandering the former appropriations.

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TALK OF THE TOWN

It is very much to be regretted that the people have not thus far been afforded every authentic idea possible as to the probable deficiency of funds in the Capital National bank. People have naturally exhibited a feverish interest to ascertain how much their claims against the bank are likely to net them, and yet those who have been best qualified to give them such information as is available have studiously sealed their lips, except to a few favorite satellites or men engaged in banking. This painful and unnecessary state of suspense on the part of depositors has spurred the newspapers on to the exertion of every energy in endeavoring to secure for the public the information it so craved. Being unable to secure the most reliable information, the reporters have been obliged to get the next best—or such as they could get. Of course information gained from such unofficial and unauthentic sources is not always accurate, and probably many things have been printed concerning the liabilities and assets of the Capital National that were harmfully inaccurate, but if so it is due more to the mysterious policy of secrecy observed by the government examiners and allowed by their successors in the conduct of the affairs of the broken bank. Perhaps it would make but little difference to stockholders and depositors, except that it might allay their anxiety, but to the other banks of the city, and to the financial community, it makes a serious and severe difference. If the truth were known, all agitation and anxiety would be at an end, but in the present state of uncertainty the agitation will still go on. Every time the memories of the failure are stirred, public confidence will sustain a shock that is reflected in every business house in the city. One result of the agitation will certainly be the withdrawing from circulation by the banks of large sums of money which they will feel constrained to hold in reserve for their own protection. Large sums now employed in business enterprises will be collected into the banks and locked up in the vaults as unaffiliated reserves, and the enterprises from which they are drawn will be severely crippled thereby, a condition that will be reflected upon the entire business of the city. Another result will be the curtailing of rediscouunts, from which source large sums of money are now brought into Lincoln's volume of business from eastern banks. The banks of Lincoln have always been very liberal in this matter of rediscouunts, but the constant agitation of the Capital National bank affair so works upon public confidence, which enters so largely into the capital of a bank, that the bankers will be obliged to discontinue their liberality in rediscouunting. This will deprive the Lincoln business public of another heavy financial resource. It is to the interest of the public that no unnecessary delay be permitted in appraising the people of the approximate condition of Capital National finances, and meantime it might be profitable to say as little about them in an unauthenticated way as possible. Charley Mosher has more for which to be blamed than the wrecking of the Capital National. He has seriously impaired public confidence which it will require some time and careful financing to restore.

that regard for health, comfort and convenience, at should mark school buildings, while other pupils are unable to attend at all for lack of rooms and accommodations.

While the Lincoln schools sustain a steady growth from year to year, their clothing is getting frayed and distended. Not only is the board denied new facilities, but it is denied funds sufficient to meet the absolute running expenses, and it must needs curtail the length of the school year or plunge the city into debt. No one has pointed out any instance in which the board has wasted or stolen any money, or misapplied it, and until such light is thrown upon the situation it must be believed that it has regulated its expenditures by the economic needs of the schools and that the council did not provide the funds it should have done. The city of Lincoln cannot afford to let the council trifle with its school interests upon the flimsy pretense that the council is the only body to be trusted with the key to the public purse. People will be slow to believe that the school board is not as reliable, both as to economy and honesty, as the autocratic aldermanic body. There is absolutely no sense in allowing the council to control the school levy, and it is only permitted in two or three school districts in this state. If there is any economy in such a system, then the school board should be given the same power over the funds to be expended by the council. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

these various ventures had subscribed to \$35,000 of the stock of the new company before they gave their scheme any publicity, and some of them have bespoken enough additional stock to run the total up to \$450,000. The projectors of the enterprise believe that no difficulty will be experienced in securing the additional \$150,000 needed, as the venture promises more substantial returns than can be realized in other lines of business. It is asserted that the dividends which accrued to stockholders in the Lincoln Packing and Provision Company were such as would excite astonishment among capitalists were they made known. There is no reason why Lincoln should not be one of the foremost western packing centers, and everyone will be pleased to learn soon that the stock of the new enterprise is all taken.

It is an old convict on among observant Nebraskans that when a winter is long and severe, and plenty of snow falls and remains for long periods, such a season is invariably followed by a season of prolific vegetation. The winter which everyone is now hoping to be at least closed, has been exceptionally fruitful of conditions upon which the farmer depends for auguries of smiling harvests. Especially has there been plenty of snow, and it is many years since a winter season has been experienced in Nebraska wherein the snow remained on the surface so long. If there is any truth in such an augury, and it is certainly founded upon the principles of science, we may look for exceptionally luscious harvests this year. And with bountiful harvests, we of the toiling and fruitful west may anticipate good times.

Real Estate For Sale or Trade.

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newspapers, and the men who secure the information for publication get it from parties who exact pledges that the source of the information shall not be revealed by the reporters. There ought to be no way of requiring a reporter to violate such a pledge except in case it be untrue, and then only upon his own motion and to vindicate himself. In other professions there are "privileged communications." A lawyer may confer with his client, a doctor with his patient or a minister with a member of the laity, and no court can require them to testify what passed between them, even though the substance of the conversation may be of the most vital importance in the conservation of the ends of justice. In fact, in many instances, the law positively forbids such testimony. With reasonable provisions for punishing writers of libelous matter, some such protection should be afforded members of the fourth profession. As it is now, any reputable reporter who conforms to the unwritten code, to guard with a sense of honor sources of truthful and valuable information, is liable to find himself in the clutches of the law's avengers.

arrests, if any. These are not cheap trashy spoons, but just the same as jewelers sell for \$2 or more.

All Right.
Mr. Richard Harding Davis, in "Ranch Life in Texas," says that a live steer or horse is just as valuable in Texas as in the east—even more so.

On the road from Corpus Christi the conductor sprang from his chair in the baggage car one day and shouted to the engineer that he must be careful, for we were in Major Fenton's range and must look out for the major's prize bull, and the train continued at half speed accordingly until the conductor espied the distinguished animal well to the left and shouted:
"All right, Bill! We've passed him, let her out!"



In Boston.
Mr. Rawston—Do you enjoy taking a stroll with your pug, Elsie?
Elsie—I am fond of perambulating with my retromuse.—Truth

With Good Reason.
The introduction in our cities of apartment houses in which a considerable number of families live under one roof has given rise to many amusing occurrences. In an eastern city recently two physicians were walking together on the street, when one of them lifted his hat to a lady whom they met.
"A patient?" asked the other.
"Oh, in a way," answered the first doctor. "I treated her the other day for a small difficulty."
"What was it?"
"A wart on the nose."
"And what did you prescribe?"
"I ordered her to refrain absolutely from playing the piano."
The other doctor was astonished. "Ordered her to leave off playing the piano for a wart on the nose! Well, I can't understand your treatment."
"If you knew the circumstances, you would," said the first doctor. "She occupies the flat just under mine in the apartment house."
"Ah, now I understand!" said the other.—Youth's Companion.

The manufacturers of the "Auxiliary Home Savings bank" for the purpose of introducing them in Lincoln, have authorized the Industrial Savings bank to offer \$5 in cash prizes to those using them during the next twelve months. The "Auxiliary bank" is a

Interesting, but sensitive.
"What an interesting animal!" exclaimed Fwedly, approaching the cage of the orang outang. "I wondah, bah Jove, if I'm distantly related to him!"

At this point Fwedly was interrupted by a scream from the caged simian, so full of anguish, horror and sudden, desperate, ungovernable rage, that the entire menagerie was thrown into a state of violent excitement, and the keeper hastily ushered the young man into the apartment where the mummies and stuffed snakes were on exhibition.—Chicago Tribune.

An Inventive Genius.
Little Boy—What's a genius?
Fond Mother—A genius is a very smart person.
"Well, I am one. Teacher said so."
"Did she? Bless her heart! Of course you are."
"Yes'm. She said I had a genius for inventing."
"That's glorious! What did she say you could invent?"
"New ways to spell words."—Good News.

A Preliminary Issue.
"Where are we going to lunch—at Delonico's, or some other place?" asked a neeny young man of Charlie Bondclipper, with whom he used to be intimate in his more prosperous days.
"That all depends," replied Bondclipper seriously.
"Depends on what?"
"On who is going to pay for the lunch."—Texas Sittings.

Too Impertinent.
Miss Struckile—Mother, you are too impertinent in your behavior.
Mrs. Struckile—Too which?
Miss Struckile—You shouldn't order people around the way you do.
Mrs. Struckile—I'm rich enough.
Miss Struckile—Yes, but I'm afraid folks will suspect that you began life as a cook.—New York Weekly.

Possibly True.
"Well, what fish yarn have you now?"
"You know Pickett's brook?"
"Yes, I do. Forty-pounder, I suppose—and you threw it back."
"Nope. Fished there for eight steady hours and never got a bite."—Harper's Bazar.

Not Tested Yet.
Laura—What a quiet young man Mr. Timpkins is!
Flora—Have you invited him to dinner?
"No, not yet."
"Before you call him wait until you hear him out."—Texas Sittings.

Hard Luck.
Beals—Is Bagley head over heels in debt?
Beals—Yes, I hear so. He signed a contract with his tailor to pay \$2 a night for the hire of a dress suit until it was returned. After the second night it was stolen.—Truth

Placed.
Jack A. Knape—Ah! So you spent last evening at Miss Sears, did you?
Hiram Scarrum—How did you guess it?
Jack A. Knape—I recognized the tids on the back buttons of your coat.—Exchange

David P. Sims, dentist, rooms 42 and 43 Barr block.

It begins to look as if the opposition, headed by the city council, is bent on defeating the scheme of the board of education to acquire power to control the tax levy for school purposes, and it is likely to secure its defeat before the legislature. Just why members of the council are so wildly anxious to retain to themselves the control of this levy is not apparent, unless it be that they assume that the board of education to be either dishonest or incompetent. The average citizen will experience some difficulty in discovering in the board of education any more apparent evidences of dishonesty or incompetency than can be found on tap in the council at almost any meeting. Perhaps it is natural for men whose ponderous wisdom has marked them out as sacrifices upon the altar of aldermanic honors to deem themselves immeasurably better qualified to regulate the schools than the members of a board upon which women are permitted to serve. But to the disinterested spectator, the question of qualification does not cut much figure, although the odds would certainly be in favor of the school board if it did. The truth is that the schools are running down at the heels somewhat. The school buildings are not large enough to accommodate the pupils. The appeals of the school board for an increase of facilities have been disregarded, and hundreds of pupils are housed in store buildings and other structures not built with



so profitable that he has had no difficulty in securing the aid of capitalists of Lincoln and other cities in a project to increase the capital stock to \$600,000 and organize a company to operate the plant to something like its full capacity—from 200,000 to 300,000 hogs per annum. The new company will absorb the Lincoln Packing and Provision Company, as well as the stock yards, mortgages and the owners of both packing houses. The gentlemen who have heretofore been interested in

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