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## TALK OF THE TOWN

Rosewater, Roggen and the Red Willow representative got tangled up at the capitol Thursday forenoon, and the affrighted air with a shudder bore the terrible rumble and grumble and roar, telling a bottle was on once more, but Sheridan wasn't twenty miles away by any means. On Tuesday Representative Sheridan, in a speech in the house, rubbed Col. Rosewater's fur the wrong way a little. Rosewater is something of a fur rubber himself, and Thursday morning the Bee intimated that Sheridan had endeavored to extort money from insurance men to control his action on a certain bill affecting insurance companies. Thursday forenoon Sheridan approached Rosewater in the corridor near the door of the house of representatives and demanded an explanation of the squib in the Bee and the diminutive newspaper king bluntly told him that he had heard from Hon. Geo. J. Stensdorf of Omaha that Sheridan had tried to hold him up, and was inclined to believe it, but would give him all the space he desired in the Bee in which to deny it. An hour or so later Rosewater and Sheridan met again in the corridor and the former asked Sheridan whether he had decided what he wanted in the matter. The inquiry infuriated the poker novice from Red Willow and he reached for the Illinois. After slapping him twice he was just getting him into position to punch his nose right hard when Hon. Ed Roggen, the Bee's heavy-weight, chanced to look around and see what was up. With one bound he landed a left-hander upon Sheridan's forehead. Sheridan was in it, however, to stay, and releasing his hold upon Rosewater he turned his attention to Roggen. The latter weighs 200 pounds and Sheridan nearly as much. A very pretty mill was promised had a tan incident occurred, as to the nature of which authorities differ. Some say that Roggen slipped and fell, while others insist that Sheridan, by a blow that brought a crimson stream from his nose, knocked him down. Representative Wildman of Hitchcock county and Charles Williams, a good-looking and muscular newspaper man from Grand Island, pulled Sheridan away from his fallen antagonist and the cruel war was over. There was plenty of blood on Roggen's shirt front to tell the tale of Sheridan's prowess. It is presumed that this episode will amply compensate members of the present session for any disappointments entertained over not enjoying an oyster supper on Texas bivalves, as did the session of two years ago. Somehow or other the good things of this life are usually pretty fairly and equally distributed.

But the state house has not enjoyed a monopoly in pugilism during the week, as County Commissioner Joe McGraw and ex-commissioner H. H. Shaberg came together with a clash last Wednesday in the county commissioners' rooms at the court house and Shaberg wore a black eye next day. The trouble grew out of the legal battle now being waged in the courts to prevent McGraw from drawing \$150 per month salary as commissioner. Mart Howe has appealed to the courts from the allowance of the salary, and Shaberg is on Howe's appeal bond. This made the pugilistic official from the fighting Fifth ward sore at Shaberg and he accordingly introduced before the board of commissioners a resolution directing the county attorney to begin suit against Shaberg to recover some \$1,700 which he claimed Shaberg had drawn in excess of the salary allowed him by law. The board declined to entertain the resolution. This was the situation when Messrs. McGraw and Shaberg met Wednesday and the latter informed the former that he was a liar. Just how they came together no one present could tell with any great degree of accuracy. There is a strong suspicion extant to the effect that the people of the Fifth ward will welcome the day when they will have redeemed themselves from the blunder of ever having elected Joe McGraw as commissioner.

In the usually felicitous ranks of the city government there was also an official row this week. Some ten days since the board of public works singled out from among the twenty-four bidders for the erection of the big O Street viaduct the Milwaukee Bridge and Iron Works as the best bidder and recommended the acceptance of its bid. At the last meeting Councilman O'Shea, chairman of the viaduct committee, submitted a long report in which he opposed the recommendation of the board on the ground that the Milwaukee concern had been allowed to

change or modify its bid after all had been opened. The claim is not without foundation, and the question as to whether the bid had been changed or simply explained has been referred to the city attorney. Meantime neither the board's recommendation that it be let to the Milwaukee concern nor Mr. O'Shea's recommendation that it be let to a Leavenworth company, has received the sanction of the council, which is about evenly divided on the question. It is such little differences of opinion as this that often lead people to suspect that city councils and boards of public works can be hoodled.

The lines are drawn in city politics for one of the hottest campaigns that has ever been fought in this city. There are three candidates for mayor. R. B. Graham is the choice of the republican convention, but he is not likely to receive nearly the full republican strength, although there are elements very zealous in his interests that may bring to his aid enough to compensate for the loss of republican support. There are, however, evidences of a very considerable disaffection, and it is noticeable that as yet not one of the three republican daily papers of the city has had a word to say in his behalf, and it is doubtful if either of them will afford him any very active support. His most formidable opponent is Mayor A. H. Weir, who has been nominated by the independents and endorsed by the democrats. His friends claim that he will also carry the active support of the element of republicanism that elected him two years ago. The prohibitionists have nominated E. S. Hawley, who will probably not carry the full strength of his party.

For city treasurer the republicans have nominated Elmer B. Stephenson for a third term, chiefly because he had \$21,000 of city funds in the Capital National bank, which he would be required to make good to his successor were he to have a successor. But he has been an obliging and faithful official and is a politician of no mean ability, which may pull him through safely to success in spite of the animosities engendered by his renomination. His chief opponent is H. M. Leavitt, who is the nominee of the independents and democrats, and will make a rattling canvass. A. N. Wycoff is the prohibition candidate, but stands little show.

For city clerk John W. Bowen, a well-known Grand Army man, is the republican champion. He stands the best show for election of any man on his ticket. J. W. Jordan, bookkeeper for Ed Hyde's printing establishment, has the independent and democratic nomination, and J. M. Hamilton of the New Republic that of the prohibitionists. For the other offices the candidates are simply too numerous to mention. The school board has separate nominees from the non-partisan convention, the republican convention, the independent, prohibition and mass convention of women. The democrats endorsed the non-partisan candidates. The bitterest fight may be expected over the excise board, which will go hand in hand with the fight for mayor, as the saloons and gambling houses will strive hard to secure the election of the men most likely to be as friendly to their interests as James Kelly has been during the past two years. The probabilities are, however, that the lawless element is likely to meet with a rebuff that will take its breath away when the votes are counted if the law-abiding and christian people of the city see their way clearly to their duty at the polls.

Whatever may be the outcome of the present controversy over the power to levy school taxes, Lincoln people may as well make up their minds that steps must be taken during the current year to add to the capacity of the school buildings. At present over 700 children are attending school in school house basements and rented store rooms, with poor light, poor ventilation and poor school facilities. They are mostly small children, and it is of the utmost importance that no time be lost in getting them into comfortable, attractive and healthful quarters. The money that is paid out annually in rentals would pay the interest on a sum sufficient to build the additional school room needed.

The non-partisan school board meeting last Friday evening at the court house was well attended by fully a hundred and fifty of the very best people in the city—people who appreciate the importance to any community of the best school facilities available. The meeting selected three or four non-partisan candidates for membership in

the board of education, all excellent men and well qualified for the position. They are J. E. Miller, recently elected to membership to succeed J. H. Edson, C. J. Ernst and Prof. Lawrence Foster. The meeting adopted resolutions declaring in favor of continuing the schools to the full term of the present school year; in favor of enlarging the school room by building new ward schools as needed, and directing those who may by the legislature be endowed with the power of controlling the school levy to provide funds to meet the deficit so that there need be no such difficulty next year as has been experienced this year. The meeting was in every way a gratifying one, until, near the close, Mrs. Belle G. Bigelow entered a characteristic protest because no woman had been chosen for a place on the school board and Hon. Albert Watkins felt called upon to say

men have been assaulted upon the streets at night—Mrs. Kingman and sister on North Sixteenth street, Miss Tibbitts and Miss Morrissey on South Sixteenth, Miss Atchison and Miss Fitzgerald at Eighteenth and F and two young women employed as domestics in the homes of Ed Bignell and J. P. Maule, at Eighteenth and E streets. In every instance the design was robbery and in each instance at least one of the ladies was severely injured. The ninth lady was an actress who was murderously assaulted at Twelfth and O streets, presumably by a man who mistook her for his wife. The perpetrator of the latter assault was not the same as in the other instances. In fact the others were not all perpetrated by the same man, as it was a white man who did the first two and a colored man the last two. The police have been powerless to locate the rob-

traveling man calmly waited, grips in hand, while the entire company held an indignation meeting at the foot of the elevator, and when the manager's renewed roar was met by the polite assurance from Clerk Whitmore that he could do no more for them, there was not a traveling man present who would have kicked if he had been assigned quarters in a dry goods box on the roof. When a big show company's kick don't go, the commercial tourist who is onto his job knows that he might as well lay down, although a pretty good kicker himself.

Rev. L. P. Ludden and his right hand man, C. J. Ernst, are pushing Grace Lutheran Church right to the front. They have just purchased a \$5,000 lot on the northwest corner of Fourteenth and F streets upon which to erect a fine pressed-brick church, to cost about \$20,000. The church floor will comprise the auditorium, Sunday school room and church parlors, with a total seating capacity of over 800 and so arranged that all can be thrown into one big room with a pulpit midway, around which the seats all curve in a semi-circle. In the basement will be parlors, cloak rooms and toilet rooms for ladies and gentlemen, a large reception room, a still larger dining room and a capacious kitchen and pantry. It will be one of the neatest churches in the city, and when completed it will be all paid for.

W. Morton Smith, who has ably presided over the editorial columns of the Evening News for the past year, has severed his connection with that paper. It is not known yet to what he will now direct his attention, but in whatever direction he may turn his talents he will undoubtedly be successful. He is succeeded as editor of the News by Sam Low, a young attorney who sees in the journalistic field more that is alluring and promising than in the practice of law. He is a young man of bright intellect and fine mental attainments, and what is as much as either to the purpose, a genial, clever and companionable man. He will be a success as an editor.

If the inventor of anathema were alive today he would hardly find language of sufficient force with which to satisfy the demand for suitable characterization of the sort of weather dished up to us. The weather since the second day of February has demonstrated the fact that the ground hog is not by any means a dead issue. His six weeks of added seclusion are now up and still if he is as level headed as he is currently reputed to be he will slumber on a while yet. Meantime the bad colds, grip and rheumatism that that six weeks has brought out would be a bonanza for any health resort. There is a suspicion current that the doctors have stood in with the ground hog this year.

The return of the county fair from Hickman to Lincoln affords substantial encouragement to ladies who are wont to exhibit art and needlework, as it will enable them to secure the premiums offered by both the state and county fair managers. Ladies will not be slow to realize the fact and the exhibits in art hall next fall promise to surpass those of all previous years.

Some men who appear to have started out to make politics a study seem to have done so on a mighty shallow foundation of common sense and a still more pitiable lack of common honesty and common decency. Such men will learn more about politics in a very short time than they have calculated upon learning in many years.

**A Delicate Operation.**  
J. M. Snow of Bladen, who has been under the treatment of Dr. O'Connor, formerly, has returned home permanently cured. Jonathan Martin, of Blue Hill, who was cured of the same ailment five years ago referred him to the doctor. Mrs. M. S. Norton, Kenesaw, Neb., Mrs. M. S. Springer, Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Lou L. Hunt, Aurora, Neb., who have been under doctor's care, return home today.

These are a few of the five hundred cases cured within the last seven years without the use of chloroform, ether, or knife, and without the loss of a single drop of blood.

**Reprinting the February Century.**  
A new edition of 5,000 copies of the February Century is now printing. The demand for the magazine this season has been very great. The publishers were for a time entirely out of the January number; and they are now printing this new addition of February which has for some time been out of print. The March addition, which has already been increased, proves still in-

adequate, and yet a larger supply is in preparation for April. Among the recent attractions in the Century have been Mrs. Burton Harrison's story "Sweet Bells Out of Tune," Mark Twain's "Million Pound Bank Note," the reply of the Russian Secretary of Legation to George Kennan, General Sherman's correspondence with his brother, Senator Sherman, the remarkable reminiscence of Napoleon at Alma, etc. The April number will contain an important article on the trial of the Chicago anarchists by the judge who presided.

Beautiful souvenir spoons are now being given to new subscribers to the COURIER. Present subscribers may also secure one of these handsome premiums by paying a year in advance and

The opening of J. H. Mauritus & Co.'s new millinery department occurs next Thursday, instead of Monday, as was announced in their display advertisement in this paper last week.

Latest novelties in French, German and English Dress Goods in Silk and Wool at Bloch & Kohn's.

In Mrs. Gosper's hair goods department you will find all the latest head adornments. Hair dressing by competent artists.

Take your prescription to Faulkner's drug store in the new Lansing theatre building.

Millinery in all the exquisite novelties just in at Herpolsheimer & Co's. Novelties in single style, insuring you against any one else getting the same.

W. A. Coffin & Co. have just added the largest and finest line of fancy groceries to be found in the city. Remember this when buying your holiday supply.

Halter's market 216 North Tenth street, Lincoln's old reliable market, is where ladies should call for their meat orders. Telephone orders over No. 100 receive prompt attention.

H. W. Cowle, funeral director, successor to Fred Thomas. Embalming a specialty. 119 South Twelfth street.

Frames, frames, frames, of every description at Lincoln Frame and Art company's, 226 South Eleventh street.

The great feature of Herpolsheimer & Co's Dress Goods, Silks, Cloaks, Capes, etc., are they will not buy of anyone who sells to any other house in Nebraska and the result is their styles are not shown elsewhere.

Ladies make big money canvassing for the CAPITAL CITY COURIER. If you want nice, profitable work call at the office, 113 O street.

Ladies, I would like to have your trade for toilet articles. Bring us your family necessities to fill. Faulkner's New Lansing Pharmacy.

Full line of artist's materials at Lincoln Frame and Art company's, 226 South Eleventh street.

If you enjoy dancing go to your drugist and get a bottle of Positive Corn Cure, which insures comfort.

Wait for the opening of Herpolsheimer & Co's new shoe department, of which Frank E. Perkins will be manager.

E. E. Faulkner, druggist, successor to J. R. Carter, in the Lansing theatre building.

See Herpolsheimer & Co's fine her ring bone serges at 67 cents, bought to sell for 85 cents a yard.

See the new shoe department, Frank Perkins manager, at Herpolsheimer & Co's.

Miss Anna Dick, Modiste, cor. 11th and P streets, over Line in Savings bank.

K. C. Baking Powder, 25 ounces for 25 cents. Absolutely pure. Have you tried it?

Genuine CANON CITY COAL at the Lincoln Coal Co., southwest corner of Eleventh and O streets.

Ask your groceryman for the "Wilber Rolling Mills" Flour. Chas. Harvey, proprietor. Enquire for "Little Hatchet," "Nickle Plate," and "Baker's Constance." Every sack warranted.

Faulkner's New Lansing Pharmacy, telephone 126.

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