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TALK OF THE TOWN

In the last issue of THE COURIER some criticism was indulged as to the uninteresting nature of the proceedings of the current session of the legislature. It was probably not due to that somewhat fainting criticism that, in the matter of interest, there was a startling revival during the past week. On Thursday a committee of attorneys to whom had been referred a lot of testimony taken by committees of the legislature bearing on the administration of state institutions, reported its findings, which were to the effect that the state has been systematically plundered for years past by the contractors who have been furnishing supplies—especially relating to the conduct of affairs in conducting the insane hospital and the penitentiary in this city. This report promises to make of the present session one of the most intensely interesting ever held since the days of Governor Butler's impeachment, or more interesting than any session ever held in this state, as it recommends impeachment proceedings against Secretary of State John C. Allen, Attorney General Hastings, Land Commissioner Humphrey and ex-Treasurer Hill, charging them with malfeasance in office. It declares further that evidence is at hand to warrant such proceedings and the filing of suits to recover from these officials and contractors for supplies under them the money of which, it alleges, the state has been plundered. All of this testimony has not been made public, but some of it has found its way into the public prints, and it is of such a tenor as to lead to the conclusion that Gorham F. Betts, now in jail awaiting trial for alleged frauds in the sale of coal to the asylum, is a martyr as compared to the beneficiaries of some of the big frauds that have been perpetrated against the state. This investigation business is decidedly a wholesome process, and all good citizens want to see it go on. People have long suspected that the state was being robbed for years past. Now their suspicions have been strengthened by the findings of a committee of lawyers acting as a legislative tribunal. They are naturally anxious to have the inquisition go on to the end that the innocent may be exonerated and the guilty punished, if any there be who are guilty. Let it be understood that punishment will surely follow official corruption, but let it come as a matter of justice and not as a source of political capital for any political party. All are interested alike in preserving the revenues of the state and the honor of its officials. The taint and general suspicion of corruption that continually hedges about every state official and clings as a stench around the state house corridors should be at once effectively wiped out, and the state house walls placarded with emphatic declarations that corruption will not be tolerated. An effort is being made to implicate numerous officials, and a proposition is made to extend the investigation back into former administrations. The current session promises to be sufficiently interesting, thank you, ere it is over.

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Citizens who have moved since last fall's registration of voters, and have not secured the enrollment of their names in their new precincts, can do so today. And they will find it no child's play. The man who was not registered last fall has simply to go to the registrars in his precinct, submit to the prescribed inquisition and have his name duly enrolled, but he who was registered and has moved into another precinct don't preserve so easily his right to vote. He must first go to the registrars of the precinct from which he moved, submit to a course of questions and secure a certificate. Then he must carry this to the registrars in his new precinct and have his name duly enrolled. The man whose time does not usually hang heavy on his hands often finds it hard work to keep in line with the new-fangled ideas of what American citizenship means.

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There promises to be a larger vote cast by the ladies this year on members of the board of education than ever before. It has heretofore been supposed that only ladies who had children of school age or who paid taxes in their own names possessed the right to vote. A decision of the attorney general and the state superintendent of public instruction, however, is to the effect that the wife of a man who pays taxes is also entitled to vote, probably upon the equitable theory that she is a joint owner in the property taxed.

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A woman's appetite is said to be as conspicuous as her desires. Before the world she nibbles daintily at a cheese sandwich, and in the sacred silence of the pantry she eats pork and beans with a tablespoon and wipes off her cherry lips with the dish cloth. A new amusement has been introduced that will work a betrayal of her deception. It is known as the progressive pie party. The game is given in the dining room, and the players sit down hungry. The pie is brought in and the couple finishing first gets a credit mark, and the winners of four rounds of pie are presented with a souvenirs spoon. The booby prize is a turnover made of leather. The game is growing in popularity and pie factories are advertising their wares in society journals.

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Let people who believe in at least a semblance of effort to enforce the law regulating the lawless elements remember that this question does not hinge entirely upon the election of a mayor. It is important that two men who will not turn the city over to the lawless and lawbreakers be placed upon the excise board. Messrs. F. W. Brown and A. E. Hargreaves are men who can be relied upon to see the law enforced in a manner that will be a credit and advantage to the city, as they have promised to do. The better element of society should see to it that these men be selected on the lawless element will prevail for two years more.

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With all due respect to the deluded men and women who embrace the faith of the Christian Scientists, this occult belief seems to be in disfavor. Within the past few days one faith-healing scientist has taken down his sign, and shadows of doubt hover over his household. He was a middle-aged gentleman, who was sensible in many things, but utterly demented on the subject of Christian Science. His wife was a good woman and did not take the pains to either verify or disprove the mystic ideas of her husband.

the central roadway will be twenty-five feet wide, exclusive of the six-foot walks. At Third street one approach will lie north on that street, and another will come in from the west. The contract price is about \$100,000, but the cost will undoubtedly run beyond that figure.

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People may reasonably take with several grains of allowance most of the damaging statements now being circulated concerning a good many citizens of this city. An examination of the official ballot to be used in the coming election will disclose the fact that the gentlemen whose names oftenest appear in these impassioned personal attacks are printed thereon, so, therefore, if your house is robbed or your horse stolen or your henroost sacked, it will hardly pay you to have one of these gentlemen arrested on suspicion. He may not be the thief, and if he is he may be able to fasten the guilt upon the other fellow. The alleged fact that a man is a horse-thief, thug, blackleg, robber or falsifier, when demonstrated in the heart of a political canvass, may not be safely taken as proof that he is not always a consistent and conscientious Christian and a gentleman in every respect.

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The stranger who should drop down into Lincoln without first having heard of its numerous military academies would certainly be startled to note the number of uniforms to be seen at any time upon the public streets. Just that useful purpose the modern military academy conserves in college economy is not apparent to the casual observer, but it must serve some useful purpose in the line of discipline, as they all seem determined to have it. The day will certainly come when the government will be asked to assume an espionage over these immature schools of war and exercise a liberal policy in their encouragement. There is no question that to hundreds of thoughtful people the thought of war is repulsive and to those the idea that even denominational schools, supported by the churches, are pumping military zeal into the minds and hearts of their pupils is almost inexplicable. Peacock ambitions seem to such people much more consistent with the teachings of christianity and the American spirit of progress. But to the people the sight of the crowds of young men in blue and brass buttons is not by any means an unwelcome one, and the more of them that can be seen here the better.

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The Burlington is preparing to lead another material march of improvement in western travel. It is preparing to establish an all-Pullman car train running on fast time from Chicago to Denver—such a train as no

western road has yet offered its patrons. A new class of improved engines has been ordered especially for this train and are now being distributed along the line. This train, it is understood, is to be known as the Denver limited and will comprise only Pullman and baggage cars.

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An amusing story is related concerning a somewhat ludicrous blunder committed by a well-known professional man of Lincoln up at Fullerton a few days since. The story involves a physical failing concerning which the gentleman is extremely sensitive, but the result is so extremely laughable that he can hardly fail to forgive the recital of the facts here, especially as long as his name is withheld. The gentleman referred to is very-near sighted. He was in Fullerton at the time to deliver a lecture and a lady acquaintance, a member of his church, had invited him to her home to dinner. She was to send for him in time for the meal. She did so, and the gentleman started for the house following his guide,

in his rooms at the Lincoln communing softly with a case of rheumatism. Within the past week he has recovered sufficiently to get down stairs on crutches, and those who met him would have hardly realized the excuse for his complaisance but for his proffered explanation that "legislators are now working overtime, for which they draw no pay."

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All who have for years been hanging persistently to the argument that Nebraska's winter climate is among the finest are ready to let go. The past winter has thoroughly disgusted them—even the most ardent friends of Nebraska. The unfailing regularity with which each halting promise of genial spring has been chased away by a snow storm to give place to two or three days of exasperatingly disagreeable weather has weakened the faith of all in the pleasure and healthfulness of the Nebraska climate.

The Lincoln College of Music Recital.

The Lincoln College of Music closed a very successful Winter term, and will open its spring term April 3d with increased numbers. The students second recital will be held on Tuesday, April 11th at Y. M. C. A. hall, to which invitations or tickets can be had free by applying at the office, Bruce Building.

Persons contemplating taking a musical course should not fail to call at the college office before making an engagement elsewhere. Professors Frank, Irvine and others of the faculty are worthy of the success that they have met with in the short time they have been with us in their honest endeavor to make the school the best in the city. Those interested in music should attend the recital Tuesday, April 11th.

Something Fine in Optical Goods.

The Hirshberger Optical Co. of St. Louis, one of the most successful and best known institutions of its kind in the country, has placed its Lincoln agency in the hand of Eugene Indett, the Eleventh street jeweler. An expert optician will soon visit this city to start the business, after which the company will have another professor here to make visits of a week at a time. The high standard of the company and the popularity of their agent here will win large practice.

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

No such line of canned fruits in the city as shown by W. A. Coffin & Co., 143 South Eleventh street.

For new carpets, curtains, draperies, fine linens, new capes, cloaks, kid gloves, millinery, etc., see Herplesheimer & Co.

White sewing machines at 208 South Eleventh street.

L. S. Gilliek, Fashionable Tailor. Latest novelties in gentlemen's spring goods. Gilliek still caters to the wants of the public. Call on him and be suited. 1619 O street, Room 10.

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

When you want prompt service and fair treatment and the selection from the largest stock of groceries in Lincoln call on W. A. Coffin & Co., successors to L. Miller, 143 South Eleventh street.

L. A. Binstead is selling W. & B.'s famous \$10 made-to-measure spring suits. Call and see the latest. Satisfaction guaranteed. Lindell hotel block.

Call on the Zehring Glass & Paint Co., southeast corner Twelfth and M streets, for all kinds of glass and high grade paints.

Hulter's market 216 North Tenth street. Lincoln's old reliable market is where names should be for their meat orders. Telephone orders over No. 100 receive prompt attention.

David P. Sims, dentist, rooms 12 and 13 Blue block.

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

You will always find a full supply of fresh fruits and vegetables at W. A. Coffin & Co.'s store, 143 South Eleventh street.

Another case of those elegant lined Ladies' Vests at the Bon Marche, 1236 O street.

Two talk, the pretty Cashmere for boys and girls at 50¢ a yard by the Bon Marche, 1236 O street.

For household, floor, earring and all kinds of paints, vases and brushes, see the New Zehring Glass & Paint Co., southeast corner Twelfth and M streets.

Herplesheimer & Co.'s new shoe department will be open next week.

New millinery at Herplesheimer & Co's.

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West & Tracy, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

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Half's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 75 c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

Going to Our Business.

Owing to the fact that our store has been sold and will be torn down to make room for a new building and not being able to secure another central location, we have decided to close out our entire line of ladies', men's, boy's, misses' and children's shoes at or below cost. We must give possession within sixty days and therefore this "Quitting Sale." All goods have been marked down regardless of cost and our salesmen have been instructed to sell them at any price to close them out. Our new line of beautiful spring footwear has just been received and are all included in this sale. Be sure and call before purchasing elsewhere at J. SPEER, 1915 O Street.

Ladies will find pleasure in an examination of those artistic "Japanettes" at the Bon Marche, 1236 O street.

Strawberries, water cress, California cucumbers, spinach and all fresh goods as the season advances, at the "Good Luck" grocery.

Easter kid gloves in all the newest and most elegant shades are being offered today at Bloch & Kohn's, Funke's opera house block.

All suburbanites are welcome to the desk and stationary, provided by the Bon Marche, 1236 O street.

Eye and Ear Surgeon.

Dr. W. L. Dayton, oculist and aurist, No. 1203 O street, Lincoln, Neb.

Mrs. W. E. Gasper's new spring stock of millinery, the finest in the city, is now complete.

Miss Anna Dick, Modiste, cor. 11th and P sts., over Lincoln Savings bank.

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

Mrs. McClave and Mrs. Ensminger, fine dressmaking, 1236 O street.

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"The Best" Laundry, 2208 O street, telephone 579. H. Townsend & Co., proprietors, Lincoln, Neb.

Miss Mabel Merrill, the well known artist, is again at her studio, room 3 Webster block, where she will be pleased to execute orders in pastel and oil paintings. Lessons given.

Miss Bertha Snyder, stenographer and typewriter. Correspondence, law work and all kinds of short-hand work promptly and neatly executed. 4334 O street. Telephone 233.

Latest novelties in Spring Millinery, the finest in the city. Caldwell Sisters, 208 South Eleventh street.

Mrs. H. H. Demarest, Hair Dressing and Manicuring, rooms 101-102, new Brown block, 1526 O street.

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the youths strayed out from the Hotel Lincoln taking their cans with them, they were in an apparent hurry and did not look where they were going and soon collided with disastrous results. They caught on in Grace's Roman fashion and will now be confined to the hospital for a time.

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Church Howe has not been able, in the language of the illustrious Sam Elder, "to do much legislatin'" for the past two weeks, as he has been laid up