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TALK OF THE TOWN

Citizens generally are being requested to sign a petition addressed to the proper authorities requesting that C. W. Mosher be let off with a fine provided he pays over in cash the sum of \$10,000 to relieve the wants of needy depositors in the Capital National bank, and conveys to the receiver of the bank at some future time \$150,000 to further indemnify depositors. The plea of the depositors, or of those interested in the matter of securing signatures, to the effect that it will be impossible to punish Mosher anyway and that he cannot be compelled to hand over the money by legal process, and that the only way to obtain anything like a satisfactory settlement is on the basis embodied in the petition, appeals with some force to the average citizen, and a great many people have signed.

"I am opposed to any scheme of this kind," remarked one business man to whom the petition was presented. "Of course I would like to see the depositors get their money, but I would also like to see Mosher punished to the full extent of the law, and I believe there is a design to permit Mosher to escape without paying the money. If the law is worth anything at all Mr. Mosher ought to be compelled to disgorge \$100,000, or whatever sum may be necessary to pay depositors, and I believe he can lay his hands on the money without serious trouble, and in addition suffer the penalty of imprisonment."

This remark probably voices the sentiments of a large class of people. Apropos of this petition I ran across one person who was quite emphatic in his denunciation of the attempt to stave off the prosecution of the bank wrecker. According to this authority Mr. Mosher does not intend to pay the \$100,000 in cash but in securities. In other words, said my informant, "Mosher expects to go free and in return therefor saddle a law suit on the bank." It seems that immediately after the failure of the Capital National bank certain stock in the Lincoln gas company, the Farmers' and Merchants' Insurance company, and the Western Manufacturing company, alleged to be the property of Mosher, and amounting to a sum quite as large as the amount named in the petition, was attached by certain creditors of the bank. These attached securities are the material with which the great Lincoln financier purposes to meet the claims of depositors at least such is the theory advanced by one who ought to know something about the matter. As the ownership and title to these stocks are in litigation it will readily be seen that the transfer of the "securities" to the bank would in reality be the transfer of a law suit.

The query naturally arises, why did not the bank examiner gather in these securities himself as soon as the bank failed, for the benefit of the innocent depositors?

Notwithstanding all that has been said and done, there are still not a few people who have implicit faith in the various promises which have been held out; faith that Mr. Mosher is acting in good faith; that he will promptly pay over the \$100,000 in real money, and that every depositor will be paid in full, provided the accused is let off with a fine. In the meantime the ex-bank president is in Omaha, extracting as much enjoyment out of life as can be obtained in that particular locality. He is under surveillance but is allowed the freedom of the city, and he takes it. A great many Lincoln people have talked with him during the past ten days.

"I don't believe anybody can ever be convicted of anything in Lincoln, provided the person accused has money or influence." Thus spoke a gentleman who has lived in the city twenty-two years. He continued, "There have been a good many murder trials in Lincoln during my residence here, but has anybody ever been hung? No; and I don't think there ever will be. Look into the state penitentiary. Is there

any one confined there who has either money or influence? If there is I am not aware of it." The speaker possibly had a touch of the grip, which would account for his rather gloomy view of things. It certainly cannot be true that the law is powerless in cases where the defence is backed with money. Can it?

More than one petition has been going the rounds this week. For instance, there is one that is being quietly circulated among business men addressed to the excise board, praying that the saloons be allowed to remain open until 12 o'clock. Are you in favor of midnight saloons? If so you will have no difficulty in finding an opportunity to add your name to the list. As the matter has been kept very quiet, no protest has thus far been prepared, at least none has been heard of up to date.

A Lincoln lady, whose literary work, under an assumed name, has already received favorable recognition, will in a few days bring out a juvenile story over her own signature. "For Mamsie's sake; the Story of a Boy's Ambition," by Mrs. J. P. Maule, is now in press, and will be issued, almost immediately. Mrs. Maule's charming book is designed for boys. It is a touching story for boy's bravery and devotion and will be found an attractive volume. It will be on exhibition in the women's department of the Nebraska building and also in the women's department at the World's fair.

Dave Rowe, the ex-manager of the Lincoln base ball club, made a profitable visit to Lincoln this week. He was only here a few days but he picked up the neat little sum of \$2,000 and trimmings. It will be remembered that two years ago F. W. Little, of the Lincoln street railway company and Dave Rowe joined hands in a laudable endeavor to secure a good ball club in this city. Dave did the rustling and Little he paid the bills. After a while the financial backer got tired and quit. Whereupon Rowe brought suit against him for salary for himself and other members of the club. This week the case was settled by the payment of a sum nearly equal to \$2,500. It is understood that the money will be used to take up some outstanding notes held by a leading bank, about the last remaining relics of Lincoln's base ball days.

The Iowa state band has for some years been a valuable advertisement of the Hawkeye state. It is really a superior organization and its services are constantly in demand, not only in Des Moines and Iowa, but in adjacent states. Believing that a similar organization could be profitably maintained in this city a number of well known business men interested themselves in a scheme to form a first class band and for some weeks they have given the project a vast amount of earnest thought and hard work, with the final result that on Monday of this week articles of incorporation of the Nebraska state band were filed with the secretary of state and the county clerk. The officers are: President, A. C. Ziemer; vice-president, Ed. A. Church; secretary and manager, L. Wessel jr.; musical director, Harry T. Irvine. The director, Mr. Irvine, who has catered to the best class of patronage in Omaha and Lincoln for many years, and who is widely recognized as an exceedingly talented artist, has surrounded himself with twenty-five carefully selected musicians, and full rehearsals have been held regularly for some weeks past. Elaborate uniforms costing about \$2500, have been ordered and will be received in a few days. The instruments are of the finest make and the equipment will be on a par with that of any like organization in the country. The first concert will probably be given about May 19. It is the intention to furnish only music of the highest grade, and it is believed that the band, which is backed by ample capital, will be warmly supported by the people of Lincoln and the state. The need of such an institution has been felt for years.

The first week of the impeachment trial has been unexpectedly devoid of sensational points, and the proceedings before the supreme court have awakened

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POINTS IN POLITICS

Nebraska politicians are generally content to address themselves to the affairs of the present, and let the future take care of itself, knowing that they will be ready for the emergency when the time comes. Hence, although there is to be a state election this fall, absolutely no interest has thus far been manifested in the matter. The term of Samuel Maxwell, judge of the supreme court, expires this year, and his successor will be elected in November. The office is an important one, but there is no scramble yet, and there probably will not be any excitement over the nomination. Judge Maxwell is, of course, a candidate for re-election and he has a large following, particularly among the republicans who incline toward the independent party.



FANNY DAVENPORT
in costume as Cleopatra, her latest success.

Some of his opponents urge that he is too old for re-election for a term of six years; and a number of so-called "straight" republicans are against him on general principles.

Some people are curious to know the outcome of the deal that was made, or reported to have been made in Nebraska City last fall, when Judge Allen W. Field was nominated for congress. Judge Samuel Chapman, of Cass county was Field's principal opponent, and up to the very eve of the convention it looked as though there would be a bitter fight. At the last minute, however, everything was arranged beautifully. Judge Chapman withdrew from the race, and he placed Field in nomination in a particularly happy speech. It was understood that Chapman's friends formed a deal with the Field's backers whereby the latter pledged their support to Chapman as a candidate for the supreme bench in 1893 in consideration of his withdrawal from the congressional fight, and now there is some speculation as to how much weight this alleged deal will have in bringing Chapman to the front. Just now it looks as though Chapman would be Maxwell's principal competitor. The democrats have thus far said nothing.

The democrats have been doing some scheming in another direction, however, and they are looking ahead not to this fall, but to a year from this fall. The friends of Congressman Bryant have always been particularly wide awake, and they have never been more active than they are right now.

Republicans have not given a thought to the campaign of 1894. It is too far off, and the benefit of the passage of the maximum freight rate bill and the impeachment proceedings against the state officers, and other

things "too numerous to mention" are too uncertain admit of any close figuring on political developments over a year in the future. But the democrats, at least the Bryan wing of the democracy, are confident, and they have fixed up a beautiful scheme.

Mr. Bryan will not be a candidate for congress again. He will aim higher. At the proper time he will announce himself as a candidate for governor, and he will make the fight of his life to secure the nomination and election. Mr. Bryan's experience with fusion has thus far been successful, and he will continue to rely upon independent support. The scheme, as it has been arranged by leading Bryan democrats and independents, is to nominate a full fusion state ticket next year, with Bryan the candidate for governor and a good level-headed independent the candidate for lieutenant-governor, the balance of the offices to be given alternately to the democrats and populists.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Hon. A. E. Cady, chairman of the republican state central committee, was in the city this week. It is no secret, by the way, that the relations between Mr. Cady and some of the most prominent members of the party, or perhaps it would be quite as proper to say, some of the most exalted office holders of the party in this state are not conspicuously cordial. It was observed by a number of people that Mr. Cady was not in this city once during the entire session of the legislature, when the party was in such peril and everything seemed doomed to everlasting distress. It was also noted that the chairman visited Lincoln a few days after adjournment. Republicans know that Chairman Cady and Secretary Tom Cooke performed marvelous work in last fall's campaign, and that the splendid results obtained, so far as the state ticket is concerned, were due in no small measure to the skillful management and untiring energy of these two indefatigable workers. The vote cast for Mr. Crouse and the entire state ticket was obtained by effective management. The ticket was a strong one, but without Cady and Cooke it would not have been elected. After election the chairman and secretary and the whole committee in fact were absolutely ignored by some of the powers that be. In the attempted organization of the legislature the committee and its officers were distinctly turned down. These men, who have had years of experience in politics, were put aside and the important work of organization was placed in the hands of men who in many instances were comparative novices in practical politics. The result was as might have been expected. Then when it came to filling the various posts at the disposal of the state officers, the chairman and the committee received the same kind of treatment. Mr. Cady was particularly careful in the matter of endorsements, recommending only a very few persons, and the applicants so endorsed were, with scarcely an exception, unsuccessful. In fact, since the election the chairman and the committee have been supposed to be dead. And there are other reasons why things are not as pleasant as they might be. Mr. Cady is one of the most efficient campaign managers the republican party has had and he has a record to be proud of.

Messrs. C. L. Burr and W. E. Clarke took advantage of the pleasant day Tuesday to take a sixty-five mile drive in the country. They left Lincoln at 5 a. m. and drove to Germantown, a distance of twenty-three miles, thence to Centerville and then home again, reaching Lincoln at 6 p. m., and they were not particularly tired, either. Charles Mayer is entertaining his brother, Dr. Emil Mayer, of New York. The doctor is surgeon to the throat department of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, and is also a member of the American Academy of Medicine. Rev. C. C. Lashby, the pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, has been appointed a member of the council on religious congresses, in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition.

R. R. Greer, of Kearney, known to thousands of people all over the state as "Bob," has been in the city this week attending the impeachment trial at the capitol and looking after private business interests. Bob's friends were desirous of having him appointed to his old place at the head of the Nebraska Columbian Commission, but Governor Crouse re-appointed Mr. Garneau, and Bob is not finding fault. Greer is heavily interested in La Porte, Texas, and spends a portion of time at the incipient metropolis of the South. George J. Woods was elected to the council; he took the oath and his seat in the chamber and then he got sick. George isn't the first man made sick by the city council; but he has a strong constitution and his chances for recovery are good. Lieut. Gov. Tom Majors, who recently returned from an excursion out west, called by some newspapers a "junketing trip," was in the city this week.

Edward Pogue, who has been assistant cashier of the Columbia National

bank in which position he made hosts of friends and won an enviable business reputation, left Lincoln Wednesday evening for Denver where he has accepted a responsible position with Harris Bros. & Co., the grain firm. Mr. Pogue's place in the bank will be taken by Joseph Bigger, who has been with the institution since it started. Phillips Andres, who succeeded John Jenkins in the state bureau of labor and industrial statistics, gave way to a republican appointee this week, and will hereafter represent the Krug Brewing company in this state. Gov. Crouse's appointee, Mr. Erion, is a newspaper man from South Omaha. Mrs. Packard of St. Paul will be employed as clerk.

Frank Woods, the successful orator of the Colorado State Oratorical contest, stopped in Lincoln this week en route to Columbus, Ohio, where the inter-state contest was held. Mr. Woods is well known in this city. He was a student at the State University last year. Fred C. Howe has taken charge of the Lincoln office of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company. He has been appointed district manager with the South Platte portion of the state for territory. Mr. Howe has been in the employ of the state for four years, as secretary of the state banking board and deputy state auditor, and he has friends in all parts of the state. He has the necessary qualifications for success in his new field, and his association with the Pacific Mutual is sure to prove profitable to the company and himself. Among the uncrowned kings Dave Rowe stands out with a prominence that if not conspicuous is at least distinct. Two or three years ago Dave was the crownless king of base ball in this part of the country. At present he is making more money and achieving less glory as the traveling representative of a Chicago liquor house. The ex-base ball magnate was in the city this week on business which is referred to elsewhere, and he said among other things; "Yes, base ball is dead in this section, but in Chicago and the east there seems to be an unusual interest in the sport. I believe the big associations will have a profitable season."

M. A. Brown, the dapper editor of the Kearney Hub, was in town this week doing some figuring on printing contracts. Mr. Brown presents a cheerful aspect; but it will be years before he recovers from the disappointment occasioned by the failure of A. S. Paddock to induce the last legislature to re-elect A. S. Paddock United States senator. The Kearney editor will never be fully convinced that the country is safe while Paddock is out of the senate. T. S. Allen who has had one or two narrow escapes from office, being saved only by the inadequacy of democratic votes, had another escape this week. This time it was from a railroad wreck, on the Missouri Pacific near Nebraska City. The train and a cow came together, and the latter was shoved along nearly two hundred feet, finally throwing the tender off the track, over a trestle, and down twenty feet into the mud. The engine and Mr. Allen, who was somewhere in the neighborhood, escaped uninjured.

F. F. Roose, of Omaha, was in the city this week on business connected with the litigation between himself and Sizer & McClay, in regard to the Lincoln Normal University. Mr. Roose is now president of the Omaha Business College. Elder Howe is in the western part of the state. Professor Fling, of the State University, will officiate in the penitentiary chapel, tomorrow morning. The professor will talk to the convicts on church history.

W. G. Durrell, the attorney, who has resided in this city for several years, left Thursday with his family for Cincinnati, where he will engage in the practice of his profession. Jacob Mahler and his interesting family arrived Monday from St. Louis, and are quartered at Hotel Lincoln. As usual, Mr. Mahler is being well received by the people of Lincoln, and his classes, which as yet are not fully formed, are very large and still increasing. It has been three years since his last visit, and Mr. Mahler expresses great surprise at the improvement Lincoln has undergone since then.

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