

TOWN TOPICS

Hardly a week passes but some convention or assembly is held in Lincoln. Hundreds of strangers visit the state house every week and of this number probably not one fails to notice the abandoned pile of stone and brick, at Thirteenth and L streets that was to be the new conservatory of music.

Table with financial data: Interest 5,500.00, Miscellaneous expenses 1,000.00, ESTIMATED INCOME, Saloon licenses \$47,000.00, Haek licenses, etc. 3,500.00, State funds 15,000.00, Police court fines, etc. 7,000.00, Tuition of non-residents 150.00, Balance to be raised by taxation 64,657.24, Add for new buildings 25,242.76, Valuation of district, 1892 6,089,681.00, Total to be raised by taxation \$90,000.00 For the year beginning September 1.

POLITICAL TALK

The Central City Nonpartisan assures its readers that Judge Maxwell will be re-nominated by the republicans, and elected.

The Lancaster county conventions will not be held early this year. The World-Herald's suggestion that the independents nominate John M. Regan for the supreme bench has called forth a variety of expressions as to that gentleman's fitness for the populist nomination.

An interesting note in that great book of humbug called the Farmers' Alliance of Kansas, is about to appear. The farm laborers of Kansas are said to be forming a union for the base utilitarian purpose of shortening their hours of labor and lengthening their pay.

What can be done to punish these wretched hired men who are trying to embarrass the alliance in its noble mission of doing good to itself? How can they have the presumption to resist the application of the great alliance principle that the world exists for the benefit of the alliance farmer only?

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The heat has sapped all the life out of local politics. There is absolutely nothing doing. Once in a while a wan smile is observable on the face of Ike Lansing or County Clerk Woods or Major McArthur, or Maxey Cobb, but that is all.

Maxey Cobb, who had both hands on success four years ago, and then missed it, has a very encouraging prospect of gathering in the treasuryship this time.

The Nebraska state band's visit to Beatrice on the Fourth of July was most successful in every way. The band, under the untiring direction of Professor Irvine, is now in excellent training, and the concert at Beatrice was thoroughly artistic.

A Novel Shoe Sale. E. G. Yates, the well known O street boot and shoe merchant, has made arrangements for disposing of his retail stock by September 1 and embarking in the wholesale business.

Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Sower is unquestionably the best preservative of the hair. It is also curative of dandruff, tetter, and all scalp affections.

There may be some nicer and cooler places to enjoy a plate of delicious ice creams than Chas. June's pavilion, but they are not to be found in this neighborhood.

WITH THE AUTHORS

Israel Zangwill, who, with Jerome and Barry Pain, represents what is called "the new humor" in England, is expected to arrive in New York this week.

The Argonaut says that Linn Boyd Porter, otherwise "Albert Ross," author of certain sensational novels, is extremely proud of his monetary success.

An uncut copy of Thackeray's "Virginians," in the original boards, has been sold in London for \$150, that price being the consequence of the fact that it contained the following inscription in the handwriting of the author:

"In the U. States and in the Queen's dominions All people have a right to their opinions. And many don't much relish 'The Virginians.' Prizes my book, dear R.; and if you find as little to your taste, I hope you'll burn it. Peter Rackham, Esq.; with the best regards of the author."

In India the father of Rudyard Kipling is not considered as the father of his son. The India Daily News, of Calcutta, in reporting a farewell banquet given Mr. J. L. Kipling makes no reference to Rudyard, but says: "We are sorry to lose our Kiplings," meaning husband and wife.

In old times it seemed to be thought that a medicine must be nauseating to be effective. Now, all this is changed. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, one of the most powerful alternatives, is agreeable to most palates, the flavor being by no means medicinal.

The World's Fair. Fifty years hence, the local old-timers will still tell about what they "saw in Chicago in 1893."

And what they say will be worth listening to. Time and old age and infirmity will make no difference; their memories will not hold more pleasant recollections than those connected with the great fair.

The glorious magnificence of the exposition buildings—the crowds of strange, foreign looking people—the delights of the trip to Chicago by the Burlington route. All these and a thousand other equally pleasant topics will be referred to over and over and over again.

Call on the agent at depot or city office corner O and Tenth streets who will be pleased to furnish any information desired.

Fine new line of business suitings from \$25 to \$40 in Scotch and homespuns. Jeckell Bros., 119 north Thirteenth street, near Lansing theatre.

Professor Swain's ladies tailoring and dress cutting school. Thorough instructions. Lessons not limited. Dress making done with dispatch on short notice.

June the caterer, Thirteenth and O streets is anxious to serve all parties, picnics and festivals with ice cream, ices, cakes, etc., and will appreciate a call from all intending entertainers.

HOLLIE'S LETTER

CHICAGO, July 7, 1893. [Special Courier Correspondence.] "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" and a week or ten days at the world's fair without amusement recreation would be equally as severe a fate.

"America" at the great Auditorium seems to have captured first position. It is a Kiralfy creation up to date—a kaleidoscope of scenery, history, drama, opera and nonsense from the time Columbus left Spain to the time of the opening of the world's fair.

What it cost to stage "America" I have not heard but the amount no doubt was enormous. Its losses the first month numbered away up in the thousands.

Manager Temple of the elegant new Schiller theatre looked a prize winner

Sol Smith Russell at the Grand is playing the longest engagement of the world's fair season—April to October. The play "April Weather," is the title illustrating the alternating sunshine and sorrow of an every day romance that sways the audience with emotions of mirth and sentiment such as only Sol Smith Russell can evoke.

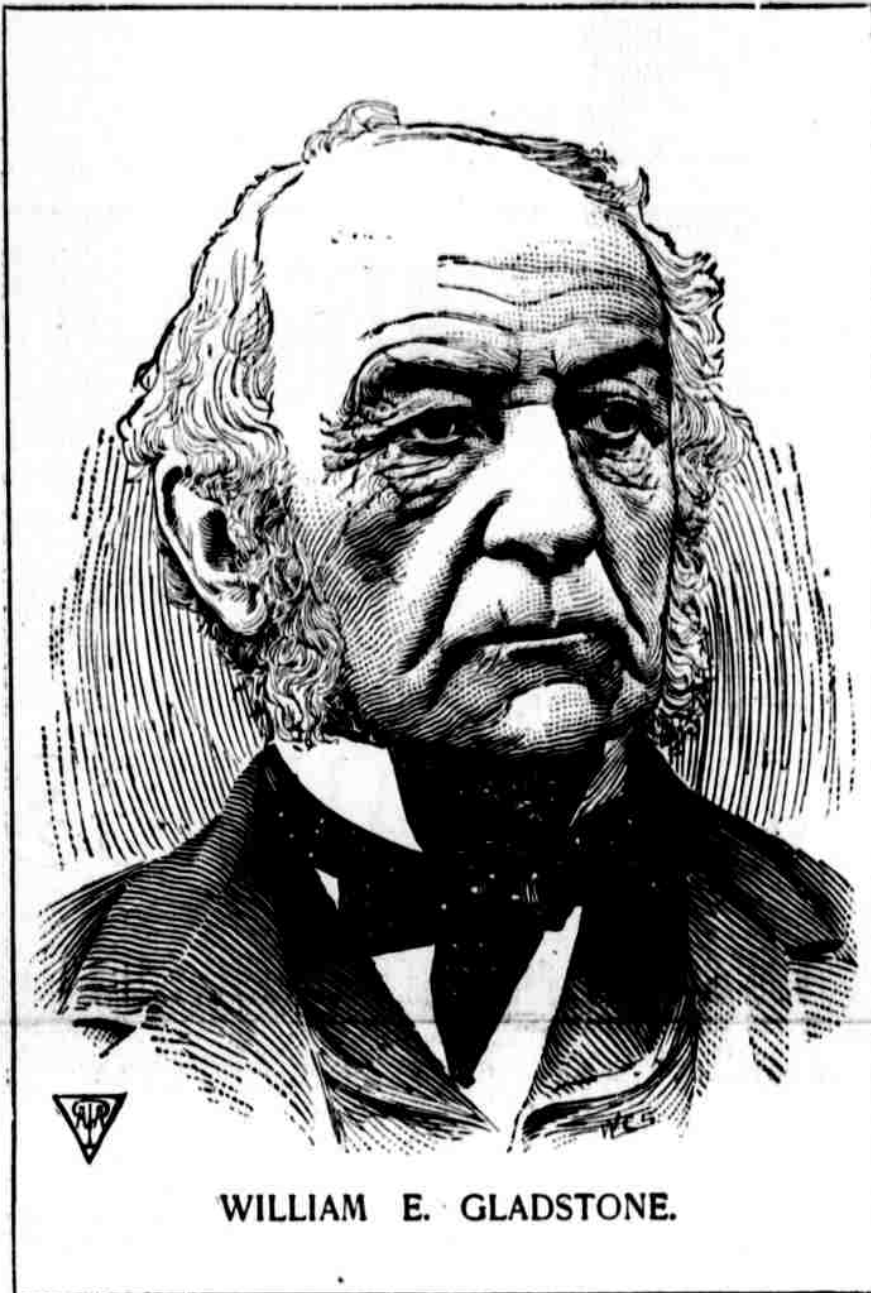
The Columbia's rich drawing card for the season is that probably most beautiful woman on the stage—Lillian Russell—with a brilliant comic opera company, including Wm. T. Carleton and Louis Harrison.

Buffalo Bill's "Wild West" out at the fair grounds surpasses all modern circuses combined, and the 20,000 capacity of his arena is regularly tested.

Chicago is a world of hotels, this summer without a parallel in history and you who have not been here may prepare to look upon some stupendous structures. One of them—The Great Eastern which I see you are advertising, covers an entire block, is three stories high, and has 1,100 rooms.

Is what Hood's Sarsaparilla vigorously fights, and it is always victorious in expelling all the foul taints and giving the vital fluid the quality and quantity of perfect health.

Fruited ice cream soda water made from the natural fruit, at Rector's Pharmacy.



WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE.



LEO XIII.

Business men that want a clean economical lunch at noon, instead of going home, will find a fine dinner at the Cafe Royal, 124 North Tenth street. Price from 50c up.

Mrs. McClave and Mrs. Ensminger, fine dressmaking, 1238 O street.

The finest grocery store in the city, Miller & Gifford.

Why let your furs remain a home where moths are almost sure to get into them, when F. E. Volker, a practical furrier, will store them until next winter and guarantee to return them in perfect order. Call and see him at the Y. M. C. A. building.

Canon City coal at the White breast Coal and Lime Co.

sort is apt to carry away with him unpleasant ideas of Lincoln's unprogressiveness or lack of thrift. The necessity for doing something with this unfinished building is almost as urgent as was the demand for the rescue of the Y. M. C. A. building. If it can't be completed it ought to be torn down.

People have got in the habits recently of complaining of hard times. The financial flurry has flooded the country with soreheads. A two by four bank in Podunkville fails and straightway many good people in this city fall to weep. It is the fashion to weep and complain. The stories some people tell are enough to give one the blue fever.

What is the true condition of affairs in this city? A COCHRAN representative this week interviewed merchants in nearly all lines of business, and the result of this investigation may be summarized as follows: Business generally is as good, if not better than it was this time last year.

The board of education was quick to take advantage of the new law giving it the power to force a 15 mill levy on the people.

There are people who contend that if the law authorized the board to make a 30 or 40 mill levy, the board would keep right up to the limit.

The board of education is composed of two factions. One is for piling up the expense and increasing the tax, and the other is for running things on a conservative basis.

At last week's meeting the first named faction was in the ascendancy, and it was voted to petition the county commissioners to make a 15 mill levy for school purposes. Under the new law the county commissioners are required to make the levy in accordance with the demand of the board, providing the estimate does not exceed fifteen mills.

Last year, when the council had a voice in the matter, there was a 6 1/4 mill levy. Now it is proposed to make it more than double.

Table with financial data: Salaries of teachers below fifth grade \$80,219.56, High school teachers 12,000.00, Janitors 8,000.00, Fuel 3,500.00, Lots purchased 2,500.00, Superintendent's salary 2,800.00, Office salaries, etc. 2,700.00, Repairs 3,350.00, Purchase of books 5,000.00, Rent 2,000.00

1892, the school board sent in its estimate as follows: Salaries, teachers and supt. \$73,850.00, Janitors 7,500.00, Fuel and lights 3,000.00, Furniture and supplies 6,700.00, Repairs 4,000.00, New buildings 9,000.00, Interest 3,000.00, Miscellaneous 7,800.00

The total salaries in the 1892 estimate were \$73,850.00; in the 1893 estimate they are \$95,019.50. There is a difference here of \$21,169.50. There is an increase of \$1,000 in office salaries, which makes a total increase in salaries of \$22,169.50.

As has been previously explained a considerable portion of this large increase in the item teachers' salaries is occasioned by a two weeks extension of the school term. It is a good thing, of course for the teachers, to get another half month's pay, but many of the people who pay the taxes and whose children attend the schools insist that nine months is long enough for the school term. They claim that July and August and the last part of June and the first part of September constitute but a reasonable vacation. It is also claimed that nearly every estimate of expense can be shaved without impairing the usefulness of the schools.

The two cash sales made by Holm & Reed this week may be taken as a straw indicating a favorable turn in business activity. Mrs. May L. Chipman transferred her residence, No. 1637 G street, to Max Kohn, of Block & Kohn for \$5,000 through this real estate firm, and E. B. Barney, by the same means, disposed of his property, No. 1415 B street to Mrs. Harriet E. Robbins, for \$5,000.

Auditor Moore in barring the doors of the state treasury against the merciless assaults of Commissioner Garneau is upheld by the people of the state. It is to be hoped that he will not recede from his position.

Mr. Fay, the gentleman who raised the \$40,000 for the Y. M. C. A. had many able assistants. The State Journal rendered very timely aid. Indeed, it is doubtful if the total required would have been reached if it had not been for the Journal's efforts.

Something good, "White Leaf Flour" \$1.40 per sack. Miller & Gifford.