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### LINCOLN'S BANKS.

THE COURIER this week publishes the detailed statement of every bank in the city, national and state, and we invite the attention of our readers to the showing made. In an examination of the figures presented, it should be borne in mind that these statements were prepared at the close of the worst financial and business year Lincoln has ever experienced, due to the general stringency, and that during the greater portion of the year the Lincoln banks have been subjected to a very considerable extra strain occasioned by the collapse of the Capital National bank, brought about by the colossal stealings of the rascal Mosher. It was natural that the suspension of this bank should have had a most prejudicial effect on the other institutions, and we all know of the suspicion and distrust that were awakened, particularly among the smaller bank patrons. Every bank in the city had to suffer for Mosher's monumental rascality, and it was only by a narrow margin that a general panic was averted. Money thus frightened out of the banks came back slowly, and with the burden imposed by the prevailing dullness in business—the most pronounced commercial stagnation in many years, the banks have had to contend with most unfavorable conditions. But throughout the entire year the banks have endeavored to extend every possible facility to their patrons, and it is generally conceded that they have pursued a liberal and public spirited policy in marked contrast to the action of banking institutions in some of Lincoln's sister cities. The banks in this city are most conservatively managed, and without a single exception they are solidly established. They have passed through a trying ordeal in such a manner as to win the entire confidence of the public, and they are deserving of the most cordial support.

We are pleased to observe that the Journal very promptly advocated the immediate organization of some central distributing agency for charitable contributions—after our suggestion on this point. In Sunday's paper there is a timely article on the desirability of Elder Howe and the charity organization getting together with a view to avoiding confusion in the disposition of supplies for the relief of the poor, and it is to be hoped that this desideratum may be accomplished. We do not wish to disparage the efforts of any one, or of any organization, that is attempting to do charitable work; but we believe that no person or association of persons has the acquaintance among the poor of the city possessed by Elder Howe; that no one is as able to distinguish between the deserving and undeserving, and that no one has the same facilities for relieving distress. Elder Howe has made this work his special study; he is thoroughly practical and he is entirely trustworthy. The charity organization is doubtless doing a good work; but in the present emergency we are of the opinion that it would be for the best interests of all concerned if Elder Howe were made the chief collecting and distributing agent in the city. At any rate there ought to be a combination of some sort, and, as the Journal says, "there is no excuse for these two influences working at cross purposes."

### WHERE WE AGREE.

Our impetuous contemporary, the News, has, on more than one occasion stated that THE COURIER's views on the financial question are in keeping with those of the Journal. We have not always had time to follow the Journal's very learned and usually very extensive editorials on this subject, and we are unable to say whether we are always of precisely the same opinion as our morning contemporary; but we cheerfully admit that with the following expression from the Journal we are in most hearty accord:

It is true that since the repeal of the Sherman act, though the times are still hard, there is more money in the banks and in circulation in proportion to the population than ever before in the history of this country.

Hence the free coinage men are hoist with their own petard. The repeal of the Sherman act set money free that had been hoarded in stockings and safety deposit vaults, and brought it back from Europe, whence it had fled. This was just what the repealers claimed would be the result. The reason that business does not recover with the advent of "more money" is not far to seek.

Let the free coinage men acknowledge the logic of events and beseech them to serve to the removal of the real obstacle to prosperity, the threat of the devaluation of

eratic administration to monkey with the tariff and destroy values in every department of trade and manufacture.

Nothing is more certain than that the march of events during the past six months has, up to this date, tallied with every claim made by republican protectionists and sound money advocates in a most surprising way. Every business day has added its testimony to the soundness of republican statesmanship, from the falling off of imports and the flow of gold to Europe, beginning the week after the election of Cleveland and a democratic congress, pledged to a "tariff for revenue only," to the present month, when the banks are clogged with idle money and the manufacturing establishments all over the country are closed, or running on half time, or with the ordinary force of workmen.

A CONTEMPORARY in this city, whose ungrammatical grotesqueness is only a degree less ludicrous than its expressed ideas, which grow more and more hebetudinous, admits with charming naivete its lack of facility in the construction of phrases and sentences; but protests that when it comes to facts, it is GREAT, and calls our attention to its excellence in this respect. We hasten to extend to our contemporary the assurance of our most distinguished consideration, and we are able to say, in all candor, that it, and by "it" we mean the News, is somewhat conspicuously successful in the mere handling of facts. Sometimes in its reports it is a trifle uncouth; but generally it reports things as they occur, with a manifest attempt at thoroughness and a striving after accuracy that some of its rivals would do well to imitate. In the gathering and dissemination of local news it is a glowing, and, we hope, a growing success. It is when it ventures out of the reportorial path that its antics command themselves to our sense of humor. When it grapples with public questions and attempts to elucidate its own peculiar ideas, ungrammatical debauchery vies with whimsical vagary, and we cannot but be amused.

**MONTEBANKS FOR CANDIDATES.**  
The Honorable William F. Cody went to New York and caused it to be announced that he was a candidate for the nomination for governor of Nebraska. Then, after there had been sufficient advertising, the Honorable William F. Cody, gathered in his candidacy and laid it away with a view to using again sometime next spring or summer.

The only difference between the Honorable W. F. Cody and some other almost equally fantastic individuals whose names have been mentioned in connection with the governorship of Nebraska, is that the former is joking, while the latter are dreadfully earnest.

In the ranks of the republican party there are some men aspiring to the governorship and already laying plans to secure the nomination, who are every whit as grotesque as Buffalo Bill and who do not possess half his merit—and they insist on chasing a nomination.

Next year will be an excellent year for good men in the republican party, and if some of the freaks and adventurers who are annoying the public by their candidacy for office, do not observe the drift of affairs and promptly take themselves to obscurity where they rightfully belong and from whence they never should have emerged, they will doubtless experience a sensation something like that of the prairie dog who popped his head out of his hole to have it shot off.

There is a deep seated feeling among republicans that a good man at the head of the ticket can achieve a glowing success in 1894, and there is, we are glad to say, a disposition to make short work of the political mountebanks that are already clamoring for "recognition" in favor of a man who will measure up to the dignity and importance of the office.

### THE PORTFOLIO DELUGE.

The world's fair was a great and glorious achievement; it adequately represented the genius of American civilization, and it diffused throughout the country a spirit of intense patriotism, and quickened the appreciation of the beautiful in art on the part of the people. Its influence was elevating, and keen observers have already noted the beneficial results on the people at large, of the exposition. But with all the good things which it brought forth, and the noble and refined sentiment which it inspired, the world's fair was accompanied by, or we should say, productive of, some things that have a tendency toward making us tired. We refer particularly to the world's fair portfolios which our contemporaries in this city and elsewhere are literally cramming into peaceful homes. This portfolio business, in Lincoln especially, has become a terrible nightmare that stalks forth in all seasons, and everlasting worships the life out of quiet, law-abiding citizens who have never done any harm in their lives, and who do not deserve punishment, but this portfolio phantom cannot be avoided. It assails the just and the unjust; there is no immunity from its disrupting and disturbing influence. It stalks grimly at every door, and follows every human form as it wends its way through the city. It is omnipresent and all pervading. One newspaper forces the portfolios upon the public, and demands coupons and a small monetary consideration; others flaunt them before the public gaze, and make you pay a small sum for them without a coupon, but in one way or another every paper

upholds the phantom, and, flanked on all sides by this abiding horror, life is becoming a burden. We are unable to read of anything but portfolios, and when we seek rest at night we dream fantastic dreams of portfolios and coupons. It is only a question of time when we will have to eat portfolios. The world's fair, the world's fair; thy name is woe; driven to desperation by the portfolios which thou hast emitted, we must forever forget all thy benefits, and call these cursed our anathemas go out upon thee.

### A SPELLING BEE.

[Dedicated to Proofreaders Everywhere.]

You say you can spell, sir; then be good enough to tell, sir.  
How you spell me "parallel," sir; "synthesis" and "semaphore."  
And perhaps you will try "ecstatic" and "syn-categoremic."  
"Homiletic" and "hepatic," with an extra dozen more.

Can you spell "chrysanthemine," "periphatic" and "Levantine,"

Or the simple "adamantine" and the "poly-syndeton?"

Can you tackle "anachylosis?" can you spell "anadiplosis?"

"Enthymeme," "hypotyposis?" If you can't get on.

Such little words as "grieving," "gallimanchy" and "deceiving."

Oh, there's really no believing what mistakes you sometimes see!

"Pyeonstide," "paroxysmal," "earyatides" and "charismal."

Words like these, it's really dismal when they're misspelt at a "bee."

So you'd better learn "enclitic," can you con-

"analytic?"

With "teretic" and "mephitic," and a "pen-

"tameral" pause;

And there's "prestidigitation," "homocereal,"

"caechination,"

Oh, it's quite an education to learn ortho-

graphic laws!

Some long words anatomic have a sound that's rather comic,

And for verses palindromic would be simply most absurd.

There's the shorter "perineous" and "palato-

pharyngeus,"

"Sterno-cldeo-mastoidens;" could you choose a simpler word?

"Hydrostatic," "iridescent," "aromatic," "ad-

"olescent,"

"Enigmatic," "evanescent;" these are easy words, you see!

"Manducation," "macaronic," "percolation,"

"geophonic,"

"Annuation," "antiphonic;" there's a merry spelling bee!

—St. Louis Spectator.

### THE STRAIN SOON OVER.

"Now, lady, look beautiful and happy," said a William street photographer to the young woman. "So, that's it. There, I have you. Now you may resume your natural expression."—Buffalo Courier.

### The Five Great Powers.

Some one asked Prince G—, "Which are the great powers of Europe?"

He answered, straight off the reel, "England, Germany, France, Russia and women."—Conteur du Vaudou.

### A Lost Bride.

An absconding groom in Rome, Ga., forgot that he was to be married the other day, and when the time for the ceremony arrived he was not present. An examination showed that he had overslept himself. He apologized, but the father of the bride refused to accept him as a son-in-law, and the engagement was broken.—Detroit Free Press.

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