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BUSINESS FIELD

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the national banks was held Tuesday, resulting in some important changes, the most important of which occurred at the German National bank. Mr. C. T. Boggs, formerly cashier of the Lincoln National, was elected president of this bank, succeeding Mr. J. Bohmer. Mr. Boggs is an experienced banker, and his connection with the German means much additional strength for that institution. Mr. Shaberg was re-elected vice president and Mr. Waite continues as cashier. Messrs. N. C. Abbott and W. E. Stewart were added to the directory. At the American Exchange the annual meeting was enlivened by a presentation of silver to the president, Mr. I. M. Raymond, on the part of the stockholders. D. G. Wing, assistant cashier, and G. P. Faucon, were elected directors. At the First there was no important change. The following directors were chosen by the stockholders or the Columbia: John B. Wright, Thomas Cochran, J. E. Hill, H. P. Lau, W. L. Dayton, J. H. McClay, F. E. Johnson, W. W. Hackney, G. J. Railsback, George H. Lowrey, W. C. Miller.

"The recovery from a general business depression, such as visited this country in 1893, I believe, pretty sure to come first in the agricultural communities, and Nebraska can look with some confidence to a return of prosperity before it becomes general in the east. By fall business will have resumed something like its normal condition, and with a good crop Nebraska will be in an excellent condition. It is an indisputable fact that the tariff agitation has greatly retarded resumption in manufacturing, while the present uncertainty exists, progress must necessarily be slow. Even the democrats—the business men—regard the Wilson bill as a very unwise measure."

Mr. Dawes is of the opinion that the present year will witness a considerable influx of settlers into Nebraska. This opinion it might be said, is quite generally entertained.

At the annual meeting of the Lincoln Clearing House association held Wednesday, N. S. Harwood was elected president; J. H. McClay, vice-president and C. H. Imhoff was continued as manager.

Mr. C. G. Dawes returned the other day from a visit to the financial centers of the east. His observation of conditions in New York, Boston and other eastern cities leads him to take a hopeful view of the business situation. "There is" he said "a noticeable improvement in nearly every line, due, to some extent to the fact that dealers having refrained from buying as long as they could, are now forced into the market. Supplies of manufactured products have been exhausted and manufacturers must of necessity turn out new goods. Of course, there is very general depression, but the worst has been passed, and there is no question but that things will steadily improve from now on."

"I had occasion to come in contact with some of the large investment companies and financial institutions, and a little examination made it clear to my mind that the west has, on the whole suffered much less than the east. The investment companies report many losses; but the percentage of loss on eastern securities is notably heavy. An officer of one of the largest companies told me that he wished all of their money was loaned in the west. The west has come through the last six months with a pretty good record, and an evidence of the confidence of eastern capital in our part of the country may be found in the fact that money has now commenced to come west for investment. It will come in increasing volume and with the assurance of a good crop, good times ought to make a speedy reappearance in this locality."

BUSINESS REVIEW.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

Herman Bros., wholesale men's furnishing goods, hats, gloves &c.; this firm commenced business as above in the early part of 1893, at that time opening out one of the most complete stocks of the kind west of Chicago, and although the past year could not in any sense be considered a favorable one in which to go before the trade for the first time; still the firm has pushed out during the year and built up a large and constantly

increasing trade covering a large scope of territory; the three brothers composing this firm have for years been successfully engaged in the retail clothing and furnishing business in this city and several smaller Nebraska towns, and their success in the present business is no doubt largely due to their practical knowledge of the wants of the trade; this is a house of which Lincoln may well feel proud.

Fellows Bros., wholesale and retail oysters and fish; this firm has been in business here for a number of years; and supply the trade with the best there is in the market; have a well established trade, carry a good sized stock and regard prospects for the future as encouraging.

Teeters & Scott, jobbers of watch cases, movements and jewelry; commenced business in June 1892, since which time have made rapid progress and are now employing two traveling salesmen, besides doing quite an extensive mail order business, and include in their regular territory: Nebraska, Kansas, Western Iowa, Northern Missouri and also have many customers in the Dakota's, Wyoming and Montana; business of the past year has been satisfactory showing a total of more than \$60,000; and prospects for coming year are believed good. The members of this firm are experienced men in this line and the volume of business done in the past year speaks well for their ability and energy and places them firmly in the list of Lincoln wholesalers.

Lincoln Coffee and Spice Mills Co., this is an incorporated concern, owned and promoted by the wholesale grocers of the city, and has been in successful operation for a number of years, during which time they have made for themselves an enviable reputation among the trade who have learned that their goods are what they are represented to be, and their straightforward business methods have made the business a profitable one, each year showing an increase over the preceding one. The past year was a satisfactory one, and prospects are regarded as good.

Raymond Bros. & Co.—This is one of the pioneer wholesale grocery houses in the state, and one whose name is familiar to the trade covering a large scope of country. They carry a large and complete stock, including fancy as well as all of the staple lines. Their business has increased from year to year, and the 1893 business was not an exception to the rule, although the gain was of moderate proportions. It is believed by them that the present year will be a prosperous one, with conditions favorable to an agricultural country.

Lincoln Packing Co.—This concern is the successor of The Lincoln Packing and Provision Co., and The Nebraska Stock Yards Co., which concerns had for some years done a successful business. The present company filed articles of incorporation March 3, 1893, with an authorized capital of \$600,000 and a paid up working capital of \$316,000 and have a very complete plant, consisting of two packing houses, yards, sheds, pens, water works and are also the owner of about 400 acres of land in and near West Lincoln. The present marked success of this institution is largely due to the efforts of Mr. I. M. Raymond, who has been the business manager for two years, during which time the plant has been kept in constant operation both winter and summer, and the output has been increased from time to time until the business for 1893 amounted to more than \$2,000,000. Improvements to the amount of \$1,000 were made in the past year, and others will follow during the present year. Mr. Raymond expresses himself as being determined to increase the business of this concern until it reaches \$10,000,000 per year, and believes this high figure can be attained within a few years, acting on this determination the output of the plant will be materially enlarged the present year. In connection with the packing business the company are now feeding over 500 head of cattle and a large number of hogs. Prospects for the future are deemed good. It is believed that prices will take an upward turn, and general business activity is looked for within the year.

Houtz, Johnson & Co., wholesale cigars and tobacco; this is one of the enterprising firms that dare to commence business in the time of general depression; they commenced as above in the latter part of 1893 but their travelling representatives did not start out until the first of the New Year; Mr. Houtz will attend to the office business and have charge of the firm's affairs; while Mr. Johnson will represent the firm as travelling salesman; they are each men who have had experience in their respective duties and are familiar with the trade in the territory they expect to make. They will carry a stock sufficiently large to supply their customers on

short notice. They propose to do business in the whole southern part of the state and will push into new territory as fast as business will warrant them in so doing—and thus it is that Lincoln adds another name to her list of wholesale houses.

H. Wittman & Co., wholesale and retail harness and saddlery; this is a firm that has for years done a successful business in their line and are well and favorably known to the trade in this section of the country and number their customers among many of the best firms in the southern part of the state; trade held up well in '93 with very good collections; look for normal conditions to prevail in the course of a few months and on the whole believe prospects good for renewed activity with conditions favorable to an agricultural country.

The N. P. Curtis Co., wholesale and retail dealers in musical instruments and supplies; was incorporated with a capital of \$40,000 within the past year and is the successor of Curtis & Co., who have for a number of years enjoyed a liberal patronage; a large stock is carried by this company and they are determined to push out and do even a larger business in the future than they have in the past. A revival of trade is looked for during the year.

HON. I. M. RAYMOND.

Elsewhere in this issue of THE COURIER reference is made to the presentation of a chest of silver to President I. M. Raymond at the annual meeting of the directors and stockholders of the American Exchange National Bank held Tuesday evening. The first address, which was entirely impromptu, was made by Hon. G. M. Lambertson, who spoke as follows:

"At the close of half a decade of official service it is fitting, and I am commissioned by the stockholders and directors, to express to you our high consideration for you personally, as well as our appreciation for the valuable services you have rendered this bank. You have been its president since its organization, a period of five years, and have served it with signal fidelity and conspicuous ability. It goes without saying that the growth of the bank has been in large measure, due to your wise counsels and tireless efforts. Its success and prosperous career have touched your pride. During the late financial crisis, the most acute that the country has ever experienced, when all the banks of the country, including those of this city, endured a severe strain, your courage was an inspiration, while your personal credit and financial standing was a bulwark. Your restless energy, fertility of resource, conservative management and sagacious advice, helped in a large way to hold the bank in the high place it has achieved and now holds in the public confidence.

"It is now my privilege on behalf of the bank to tender to you this chest of silver as a token of our esteem, and with this gift give the wish of us all that you may continue your successful career and have a long life and lasting happiness."

"SWEET CHARITY."

In the artists' exhibition of 1893 at the New York Academy of Design, there was exhibited an oil-painting by J. L. G. Ferris, entitled "Sweet Charity." Its richness of coloring commanded instant attention, while the lesson it taught was so impressive that one naturally returned to it for a second view.

Its subject is a young lady of colonial times who is on an errand to one of the poorer families of the town. She has a sensible, charming face, which expresses with remarkable fidelity the sentiment of her errand. There is not a home that this charming picture will not ornament. It must be seen to be appreciated.

"Sweet Charity" was purchased by the publishers of the Youth's Companion and has been reproduced in colors in large size, 14 1/2 x 21.

It will be sent to all new subscribers to The Companion who send \$1.25 for a year's subscription. Address,

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, Boston, Mass.

Six young ladies, each wearing a white chrysanthemum, created much excitement by serving as pall-bearers at the funeral of Mrs. James McGiven, manager of a local short-hand school at Tacoma. The girls study class of St. Leo's Catholic Church had charge of the funeral services, and the pall-bearers were members of it. On the way to the church the young lady pall-bearers walked behind the mourners and continued in charge of the remains until after the interment.

M. L. Trester can suit you on coal if any dealer in Lincoln can. 1241 O street.

OBSERVATIONS

The *Journal* now exhibits a freakishness decidedly at variance with its vaunted conservatism. One of its latest unconventional manifestations is the addition of a second dramatic critic to its staff, and we believe we can truthfully say that the *Journal* is the only paper in Nebraska employing two dramatic critics, as to the reason for this doubling up process we are not fully informed. The thought suggests itself that the *Journal* management may have concluded that two dramatic critics are better able to stand the jeers of the public than one, and we are of the opinion that this conjecture is the correct solution of the dualism of late noticed in the dramatic columns of our contemporary. To tell the truth we find much to commend in this new departure. The target is more likely to be hit by forty shots than by one, and there is some chance, now that there is a multiplicity of opinion, that the *Journal's* criticisms of the drama as it is found in Lincoln, may occasionally reflect an intelligence and discrimination in keeping with the traditions of a paper that drains the state university of so much infantile and maturer artistic nerve. We are at the present writing, unable to state whether the gifted contributors who sport their knowledge of the drama in the columns of the *Journal*, are advanced pupils in Mr. Jones' celebrated kindergarten school of journalism at the university or persons of riper experience, or whether they are playful expectations of the office boy and the devil. But they are interesting, and, after all that's the main thing.

We regret that batch of the *Journal's* critics, "S. J. P." and "W. C." requested to state in their discussions of "Gloriana," that the actor who attempted to fill the leading role part, George Webster Parsons, made a grievous mistake when he entered the theatrical profession, or ever turned out of the ranks of the Roman populace. This gentleman might achieve great and lasting distinction behind a bargain counter. We are afraid that he will not find it on the stage.

Our congratulation goes out to the *Call* on two of its latest accomplishments, the issuance of the annual review last Sunday and the acquisition of Walt Mason. In view of the general depression of business it required some futtural on the part of the *Call* management to undertake a special edition of this sort, and we are pleased to observe that the venture met with the success it deserved. The review was carefully compiled and it constituted a most qualifying showing of Lincoln's progress in a dull year. It is generally free from exaggeration, and the review is a good thing to send to one's friends in the east.

Walt Mason's friends and admirers in this city includes pretty nearly the entire population, and his department in the *Call* will prove valuable to that paper.

Much has been said in the last month or two about the poor of the city, and various measures have been proposed for the relief of the suffering poor. THE COURIER has made an investigation of this subject this week and while there is some deprivation in Lincoln, it can be truthfully stated, as the result of a somewhat extended examination that the suffering in this city is probably much less than is generally supposed and considering the experience of other cities is very light. We do not mean to be understood by this as meaning that there is no hardship among the poor. There are cases of genuine destitution and particularly distressing cases have come under the observation of Elder Howe and others. But every winter brings its allotment of distress to the poor, and to the credit of Lincoln, he it said, the destitution is not very much greater than is usually the case at this season. The county commissioners have afforded much relief and private contributions have been and are liberal. Deserving cases have been promptly looked after and there is reasonable assurance that the poor will be pretty well taken care of through the winter. Elder Howe and others engaged in charitable work urge a continuance of donations of money and food and clothing.

For fine family groceries and meats Hotaling & Son stand at the head of the list; their prices cannot be beat for the same class of goods. Telephone 610, store 1425 O street.

SCRAPPY INFORMATION.

Paper is made from tobacco stalks. Massachusetts has 200 button factories.

Wool is America's seventh largest agricultural industry.

Two hundred and three blast furnaces use anthracite coal.

Pumpkins weighing 256 pounds have been grown in California.

A machine for cleaning and polishing shoes has been invented, to cost about \$25.

Cairo, Egypt has a population estimated at 500,000 of which 30,000 are Europeans.

The greatest depth recorded of Lake Michigan is 879 feet or about one-sixth of a mile.

The cost of the buildings, grounds and administration of the world's fair was \$25,000,000.

Seven hundred and twenty tons of cardboard are said to be utilized every year in the use of postal cards.

Statistics show that the average of arrests for drunkenness during the world's fair was but one a day.

Probably the finest private collection of butterflies in the world is owned by Barthold Neumogen, a New York broker.

The Chinese population in San Francisco in 1880 was 25,000. In 1890 it was 21,000. The total number of Chinamen in the United States is 108,000.

The iron lighthouse exhibited at the world's fair is to replace the Waackaack beacon, near Sandy Hook. The new tower is ninety-six feet high, thirty feet taller than the present one.

Professor Elihu Thompson, the electrical expert, offers a brass wire cage or an umbrella with brass chains hanging from the ends of the ribs as a complete protection from thunder-bolts.

New York furnishers of men's clothing are making an effort to emancipate their patrons from the shirt that goes on over the head by offering for sale a shirt that goes on and buttons up like a coat.

Thomas Keon, a one-armed hunter from Tionesta, Pa., while hunting came on a bear cub, which he killed. The mother bear came on the scene and fought him, but fell by the rifle. A little later two more cubs were found and killed.

J. H. Livermore of Augusta, Maine, in 1834 scratched his initials on a dime for a pocket piece. He spent it by mistake, but in 1849 it came back to him. In 1851 he spent it again, and in 1881 got it back. He is now holding on to it tight.

BITS OF BADINAGE.

"How about the new housemaid, is she saucy?" "Well, I should say not. Why, she won't even answer the bell half the time."

"Your neighbor appears to have failed a good many times." "Just twenty-four times. The next will be his silver bankruptcy."

Old Scragby—Jane's ankles are far from perfect. Miss Clapper—How do you know? You never saw them. Old Scragby—That's why I know.

"How is it that Dodger finds boarding cheaper than housekeeping with his large family?" "I suppose that one reason is that he never pays his board bill."—Inter Ocean.

Ruralite—That rooster's name is Macbeth, and that hen's is Macduff. Visitor—Rather curious names, aren't they? Ruralite—Well, you see the rooster murders sleep, and the hen lays on.

Teacher—Spell and define 'matrimony.' Pupil, after spelling—I don't know as I can tell exactly what it means, but it is something my father and mother say they have had enough of.

"Why did you shoot this man?" "In self-defense," answered the policeman. "Why, he was running away from you?" "I know it looked so. But I was afraid he was going around the block to attack me from behind."

"Good night," he whispered passionately at the front door, "good night, good night, good night, good!" "Excuse me," said an elderly bass voice over the banister, "but it's been good morning for the last two hours. I thought you'd like to know."

Mrs. Puffer—Men are queer creatures, but kindness will win them. "How do you mean?" "Well, I tried to break John of smoking by objecting all the time to it. I found that did no good, and then I just bought cigars myself and brought them home to him, and he stopped right away."

"A sober and honest young man" advertises in the New York Evening Post for a position "in a fiduciary capacity."

Residents of Milwaukee are desirous of having a special alcove built to contain the books of native authors in the splendid public library building they are about to erect.

The first appearance of peanuts in mercantile history was a consignment of ten bags sent from Virginia to New York for sale in 1794. In 1832 the product was 2,000,000 bushels.

The largest nugget of gold found in Mexico within the memory of white

men was picked up by a Mexican at Planchas placers, Sonora, in the spring of 1892. It weighed 14 1/2 pounds.

All the Jews of Jerusalem are to be united in one congregation. Hitherto they have been divided into three sections, a Spanish, a German and a company of poor Jews, supported by contributions from abroad.

The ox-eye daisy, so plentiful in the East, is said to have been originally brought to this country by the Hessians during the revolution. The seeds at that time were unintentionally imported in the bedding of the soldiers.

DESULTORY READING.

Mr. Midnight is a prosperous New York merchant.

Nearly 10,000 men were enlisted in the United States army last year.

The army in 1892 cost \$46,895,456, the navy in the same year \$20,174,139.

In Boston fifty families pay taxes on annual incomes of about \$1,000,000 each.

The largest meteoric stone was found in Greenland and weighs 50,000 pounds.

The air plaintiff in a Brooklyn divorce suit states that her husband has been in the habit of driving out to the cemetery, showing her the graves of his first and second wives, and telling her that he intended to bury her beside them at an early day.

The coal at Sonora, Mexico, is beyond doubt a great find—it is even phenomenal. Astonishing figures of the boring are given, namely, seventeen feet down, six-foot vein; eighty-one feet down, six-foot vein; 371 feet, six-foot two inch vein; 393 feet, 22-foot vein.

A peculiar advertisement recently appeared in an English paper. A woman describing herself as "a lady with spare time daily" offered to play bezique with invalids or other persons desiring a partner in the game. She wanted remuneration, and concludes by asking "what offers?"

What is the smallest light on the earth that would be seen on the moon? We will suppose that the sun has set a place on this side of the moon; the earth then appears as a thin crescent of light and the light which is to be noticed is placed in the dark portion of the earth. Now, an arc light of 400 candle power with suitable reflectors can be seen plainly at a distance of twenty miles on the surface of the earth on a dark night; if there were no absorption of the light by the atmosphere it would be seen plainly thirty miles. From these data, and remembering that the mean distance of the moon from the earth is 240,000 miles, we can easily find that the light must be 28,000,000,000 candle power.

JEST AND EARNEST.
"Ah—cheer!" sneezed the Vassar girl, as she passed her gum to her friend.
The following brief epistle is from a young lady to her lover: "Dere Jon, comatfaststate."
Rev. Isham Mills, a Massachusetts ex-clergyman, has applied for a patent for wetting shoes.
The "meanest man" was arrested in New York the other day for stealing pennies from a blind newsdealer.
A New York widow lately secured a husband for \$10 at an agency. The man has decamped, and the woman is advertising for his return.
There are several women blacksmiths in the United States, but it is still the fact that woman shoes a hen better than she shoes a horse.
Old Gentleman—My, my! I don't like to see little boys cry. Boys who get hurt should act like men. Boy—Boo, hoo! Then I'd get licked for swearin'.
"It does seem to me, Maria, as if you grow more foolish every day of your life." "Oh, no, Edward; I am a great deal wiser now than when I married you."
Flam, exposing a massive gold chain—What do you think of that for a chain? Film—Rather heavy for a watch, and not quite heavy enough for a watch dog.
He, as he is about to leave after his rejection—Come, Miss Sumner, help me on with my overcoat. Since you cannot be my wife, you may at least be assister to me.
Antoine Bergen, aged 70 years, of Los Angeles, Cal., has brought suit for divorce against his wife, who is 60 years old. The couple have lived together for nearly forty years.
"Smith made an unfortunate remark at Jones' wedding yesterday." "What did he say?" "Congratulated him on the treasure he had won, and every one but Smith knows Jones married her for her money."

MANY MATTERS.
Some of the fish in the Royal aquarium in St. Petersburg have been on exhibition for more than 150 years.
A copper chisel has been taken from the famous mound of Lachish, in Syria, which dates back to about 1500 B. C.
The British museum possesses an iron ax head of 1370 years B. C., the oldest authenticated iron implement known.