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AMUSEMENTS.

MONDAY.—Corinne in "Hendrick Hudson" at the Lansing theatre.

TUESDAY.—Corinne in "Hendrick Hudson" at the Lansing theatre.

WEDNESDAY.—John T. Kelly, in "McFee of Dublin" at the Lansing theatre.

THURSDAY.—James O'Neill in "Monte Cristo" at the Lansing theatre.

FRIDAY.—"Tuxedo" at the Lansing theatre.

SATURDAY.—"Wang" at the Lansing theatre.

FUNKE OPERA HOUSE. ALL WEEK.—Corse Payton Comedy Company.

THE GOVERNOR'S GOOD POINTS.

The Nebraska City Press emerges from the almost imperturbable placidity of its long Rip Van Winklian sleep to remark, in a becoming desultory manner, that THE COURIER is not altogether flattering to the Honorable Lorenzo Crouse, governor of Nebraska.

The Press, whose long doze has added to its original stupidity until it has become the dullest and most doltish troglodyte of the state's journalistic crew, thinks that we are "incapable of appreciating the good points of the governor."

Our tiresome contemporary is mistaken. We do appreciate the good points of the governor, and we have, on more than one occasion, bestowed on his excellency our most favorable consideration.

For the Press' benefit we will at this time reiterate that Governor Crouse has many good points. He does not go out with the boys; he never, so far as we can learn, paints the town, and we have never heard of his disturbing the public peace to any very considerable extent.

He keeps good hours, avoids evil companions, and generally disdains bad language. If he looks upon the wine when it is red he nearly always satisfies himself with looking, and we do not believe he plays poker or craps.

Governor Crouse does not write open letters every other day like Mayor Weir and he doesn't play leap frog in the streets. Altogether the governor is a pretty good sort of man. He would make a good Sunday School superintendent or vesterman. He is of good size, good disposition, and he wears a very good beard.

His good points are many and multifarious, and we hope now, that we have gone into particulars, that our somnolent contemporary will crawl back into the dingy recesses of its hole, and enjoy another decade of uninterrupted sleep.

A CONSIDERABLE number of Lincoln's citizens suffer from an acute form of the letter writing mania, the most distinguished sufferer being Mayor Weir. There ought to be some way of curing this dreadful mania. It is almost as hard on newspaper readers as the portfolio nuisance.

Our friend, the News thinks, we devote too much space to the defects in it, and other local contemporaries. Our friend should remember this is a large, we might say, a very large, subject;

WILL NOT STAND IN THE WAY. Mayor Weir, whose threatened explosion has kept the city in a state of high tension for some months, has finally gone off, with an appropriate accompaniment of pyrotechnics in the form of open letters to the public and remarks to newspaper editors.

The mayor has convinced himself that there is more or less wickedness in the city, and he has decided, or he pretends that he has decided, to clean up the town, not to-day or to-morrow, but beginning March 1.

While we are not entirely assured of the mayor's sincerity in this, his latest departure, we are bound to accord to that sensational official the benefit of the doubt, and beyond a discussion of some phases of the situation in this issue of THE COURIER, we do not intend, unless new conditions arise, to say anything that might, in any way embarrass His Honor in his much heralded reform crusade; and we are sure the other news-

papers of the city will not interpose any barriers in his way.

The mayor's chief cause for solicitude seems to be a fear that the newspapers will attempt to throw cold water on his work. This fear, he should know, is groundless. The Journal has supported him right along, and, in pursuance of its policy of standing in with the powers that be, will continue to uphold him. The News is his special organ, subsidized in his interest, and the Call is just now in high communion with the mayor because his announced crusade seems to parallel the course of that paper with reference to "the bottoms." As for THE COURIER—it is always fair.

The newspapers will not give Mayor Weir any excuse for not enforcing the law and achieving his expressed ambition of ridding the city, to the greatest possible extent, of the social evil and gambling.

EX-GOVERNOR JOHN M. THAYER voices the true American sentiment in his article on the Hawaii question in this issue of THE COURIER.

If Secretary Morton needed a vindication; he has certainly received it at the hands of the fool populist so-called farmers who have "resolved," against him. Mr. Morton is a politician who is not a demagogue, and we admire him for the enemies he has made. We are very glad to say a kind word for Nebraska democrats.

COUNCILMANIC CANDIDATES.

SEVEN councilmen will be elected this spring. As usual there are half a dozen small fry candidates in each ward, and there is the usual prospect that little attention will be paid to the fitness of the aspirants, and that the successful candidates will be those who possess, not the best qualifications for the office, but the longest political pull.

Lincoln has suffered much at the hands of inefficient, profligate councilmanic bodies, and now, if ever, is the time to begin the work of reforming the council.

The men who are elected to the city council should be practical business men, men who do not want the office for the paltry \$25 a month that it pays, men who have something at stake.

What Lincoln wants is an economical, level headed council, one that will give the city a business administration.

City taxes are unreasonably high. Public money, despite Mayor Weir's protestation to the contrary, is wasted, and property owners are needlessly burdened.

Some members of the present council are careful and conservative on this point; but there is altogether too much looseness in voting away the public money, and now when all business institutions are forced to economize it is but right and proper that the city should adopt a policy of retrenchment.

Taxes can be reduced without interfering in any way with the interests of the city.

This spring the chief issue upon which candidates for the council should be selected for nomination, and elected, should be economy in administration, and candidates should be pledged in favor of low taxation.

The republican party can accomplish a most valuable work for the city and at the same time strengthen itself, by electing this kind of councilmen at the coming election.

ELDER HOWE is a happy man during these days of mild winter weather, and he is earnestly praying for a continuance of this variety of winter; but he is kept busy looking after the poor and needy. He knows more about them and where they are, than any twenty-five men and women who can be named in Lincoln, and he should be upheld in his good work. Scientific charity may do for the city of London, with its millions of inhabitants, but hardly for the city of Lincoln, with only its seventy thousand people.

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