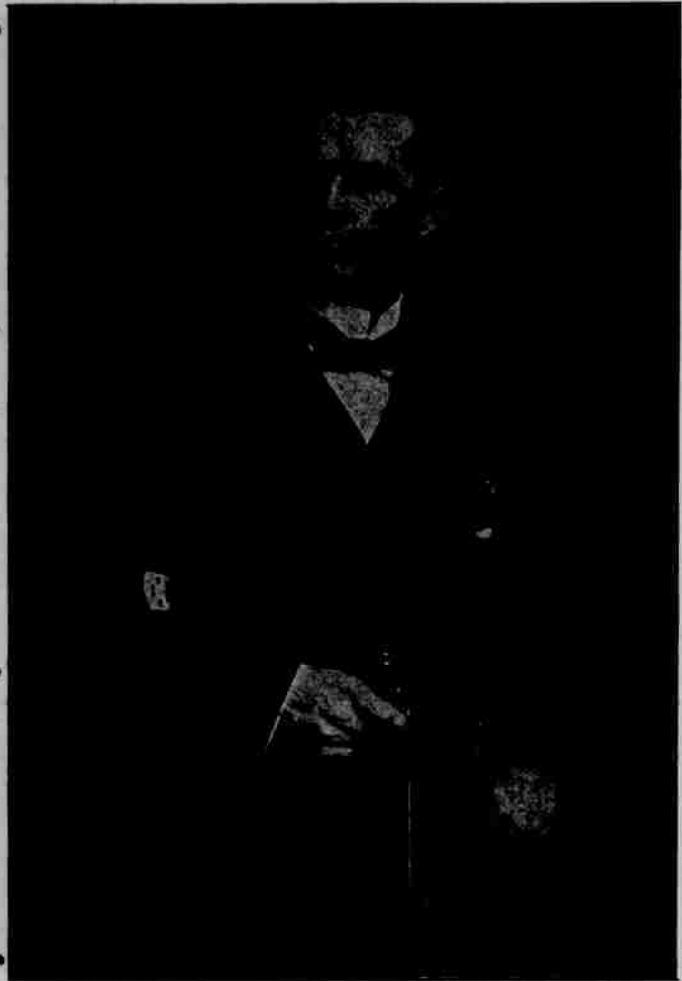


### THE MOLZER VIOLIN SCHOOL.

Lincoln is recognized in artists' circles as one of the great musical centers of America, and the fame of some of this city's musicians has penetrated to the uttermost parts of the musical world. Among those who have achieved fame as a musician of the highest type is August Molzer, director of the Molzer Violin School. Prof.



Molzer was born in Bohemia in 1881, but at the age of 7 years brought to Nebraska by his parents. His musical talent was early displayed and he was given every opportunity for development. Proficient instructors took him in charge, and when they realized the talent possessed by the lad they encouraged him to the limit, urging him to seek instruction from Prof. Otakar Sevcik, who was the instructor of Kubelik, Kocian and other musicians of international fame. This advice was followed, and for two years the young student was under the daily instruction of the noted teacher. He was taken to Prof. Sevcik's home and enjoyed the master's company and instruction several hours each day. After two years of such training he began to prepare pupils for the noted instructor, and for Prof. Stefan Suchy, now head of the violin department of the Prague Royal Conservatory of Music. In 1902 Prof. Molzer entered the Prague conservatory, remaining there for four years and receiving daily instruction from Sevcik and Suchy. Before returning to America Prof. Molzer had the honor to play under such masters as Dvorak, Grieg, Richard Strauss and Sigfried Wagner. Returning to Nebraska Prof. Molzer established the Molzer Violin School in Lincoln. He has achieved marked success in this field, several of his pupils having already earned much more than a local fame. He has surrounded himself with a capable corps of instructors and the school is rapidly becoming known in the best musical circles of the country because of its high merit and the genius displayed by its graduates. Prof. Molzer gives every department his personal supervision and takes a personal interest in every pupil in the school. Few violinists and violin instructors have been honored as Prof. Molzer by the commendations of the press for artistic work, and by recommendations for ability signed by the world's acknowledged masters of the violin. The Molzer School is in every way worthy of the patronage of those who seek instruction from those known to be capable of imparting the best methods. This violin school is situated at 1229 M street, Lincoln, Nebr.

### BASE BALL BOOSTER DAY.

When Hugh Jones, the owner and manager of the Lincoln base ball team, took hold he found things in rather bad shape. But Mr. Jones knows his Lincoln, all right. He knows that it is the best base ball town of its size in all America, including New Jersey and Missouri, and that all that the "fans" want is a team that is trying to win and a manager who is trying to give us a winning team. Mr. Jones took hold of the team, investing a big bunch of real money therein, and announced his willingness to do his share if the people would stand by him. As an earnest of their willingness, to do this the "fans" immediately started working up a "Booster Day" session. July 16 has been fixed upon as "Booster Day," and opposed to the Antelopes will be the aggregation of pastimers headed by the grand old Isbell. The visiting team will benefit a bit from "Booster Day," and if we scoured the country we couldn't find a man we'd rather see get a piece of the money than this same polished-domed old scout we call "Izzie" for short.

A committee presided over and directed by Kernel Chawles Bills is whooping things up for "Booster Day," and it is going to be the biggest thing of its kind ever pulled off in the middle west. It couldn't be anything else with such a bunch of loyal "rooters" pushing it, with such a bully fellow as Hughie Jones to benefit by it, with such a fine aggregation of pastimers to enthuse by it and such a lot of fair-minded patrons of the game to enjoy it. Be a "booster" and buy as many tickets as you can. Make your friends buy 'em, then turn your enemies into friends by presenting them with "booster" tickets.

### THE MATTER OF INSURANCE RATES.

Lincoln, Nebr., June 12.—Editor Will Maupin's Weekly: I wish to thank you for the marked copy of your late paper on the subject, "A Plea for Fair and Common Sense Treatment of Our Own Insurance Companies." My only regret is that you did not sing this song three years ago. So far as I know there is not a single old line fire insurance company left in Nebraska. Throughout almost the entire state the policy has been pursued by the older companies of writing business at such rates that the home companies could not live, and they retired as a consequence. We do not wish to charge that there was any concerted action to bring this result—it was a battle in which the fittest survived. Fire insurance is one of the

few articles sold that has no known fixed cost. The loss record varies with companies, with localities and with years. It is entirely possible that I could sell a \$1,000 policy for \$1.00 a year, and sell a thousand of them and not have a loss on any kind of property, yet it is a matter of common knowledge that a rate as low as this would be unjustifiable. The absence of proof as to the cost leads the public to believe that fire insurance can be sold profitably at any old rate. The fact that nine out of every ten companies that have started in the last thirty-five years have retired either by way of reinsurance or "a la F. & M. of Lincoln" seems to have no bearing on the subject. Fire insurance agents and company managers are themselves not guiltless in this matter. The demand for a big volume of business, and indifference, has produced as much havoc as the desire of the public to get insurance at a low first cost—I say "first cost" because we all know that cheap insurance, like everything else that is cheap, may not be what it seems.

It seems conclusive to my mind that open competition in fire insurance rates has proven as complete a failure as did open competition in freight rates. Fire insurance by its nature should be a monopoly so far as rates are concerned, and if the profits are too great, lower the rates; if not enough, raise them. Insurance companies have scientific, or at least semi-scientific information on this subject, but in the absence of permission to exercise this information, and particularly in the face of Anti-Compact laws, it is of little avail.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,  
ERNEST C. FOLSOM.

### THE ANIMADVERSIONS OF COL. MAHER.

Col. John Maher is a delightful conversationalist, so delightful that when we are sitting under the spell of his musical voice we are loath to tear ourselves away. Col. Maher has it all doped out. He says that Taft will be the republican nominee and that Harmon will be the democratic nominee, and that the wise men who do not believe in rantankerous fanaticism will then turn to us progressive fellows and say: "What 'nell boys!" This, according to the logic and philosophy of Col. Maher will sound the death knell of progressive fanaticism and put us back on the safe and sane political basis so valiantly defended by the Old Guard, composed of such republicans as Depew, Payne, Aldrich, Penrose, Lorimer, and such eminent and respectable democrats as Roger Sullivan, Guffy, Bailey, Underwood and Maher.

As we remarked in the beginning, we love to sit and listen as the words of political wisdom flow musically from the lips of Col. Maher, even as the waters musically murmur over the rocks of Seven Falls, or tinkle rhythmically over the rocks of many a purring mountain stream. The promised spectacle of twelve or thirteen million American sovereigns who know what they want and are determined to get it, allowing themselves to be balked by a lot of reactionaries in both parties will be well worth going many miles to view. Yet,

we repeat, we love to hear Col. Maher telling us just how it is all going to happen. It is like listening to the singing of the birds, the sighing of the winds through the trees of the forest.

### TALKING GAS COMPROMISE.

Lincoln gas consumers might as well understand the situation. The Gas Co. will not compromise on any basis that includes the refund of the so-called overcharge. Why should it? No matter how the case is finally decided the Gas Co. wins. Why? Because the interest on the overcharge will amply repay the company for all the legal expenses it incurs by reason of the fight—and then some. Lincoln ought to have dollar gas, and it is possible to get it. The only thing that stands in the way is the \$300,000 "overcharge." The company will not refund that in cash until it has to—and it is in a position to keep up the fight for a long time.

Now let Will Maupin's Weekly suggest a compromise. Let's get dollar gas now, regardless of the refund being made in cash, allowing the company to make the refund by discounting monthly bills to the amount of 10 per cent until the discount equals the amount that would be due in the event the supreme court decides the case in favor of the consumers. This will provide cheaper gas, and will not compel the gas company to refund the \$300,000, or whatever the "overcharge" may amount to, in cash. Let's quit "stalling" on this gas matter and get down to business.

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# Telephone Announcement!

The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company has completed the installation of the cables connecting the Automatic and Manual—formerly Bell—toll line boards and are prepared to furnish universal long distance service to all its patrons, no matter whether they have Bell or Automatic telephones.

Users of the Automatic telephone will be able to talk directly from these telephones to patrons of the Bell company at Omaha, Chicago, New York and other eastern points, as well as to Denver and all points reached by Bell toll lines. Users of the Bell telephones will be furnished connections with several hundred thousand subscribers heretofore reached exclusively by the Independent toll lines, and all Lincoln subscribers will enjoy complete toll line service.

The consolidation of the local systems is being pushed as rapidly as possible. The ground is being cleared for our new building, and every effort will be made to hasten the work.

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