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BOOSTER DAY DOINGS

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LINCOLN vs. DES MOINES

DOUBLE HEADER

FIRST GAME AT 2:00 P. M.

Booster Tickets One Dollar Each

☛ A general boost for the Lincoln Base Ball Club, its genial manager, Hugh Jones, and the City of Lincoln. :: ::

*Boost, and the world will love you,
Knock, and you'll be in bad;
For the man who shoves
The whole world loves,
But the knocker makes us sad.*

MEN AND MATTERS

Nebraska loses a very valuable citizen in the death of Hon. E. C. Calkins of Kearney. Mr. Calkins rendered distinguished service to Nebraska as regent of the State University and as a commissioner of the supreme court. He was one of the oldest lawyers in the state in point of service, and none stood higher at the bar than he. He was always ready to respond to the call of duty when a movement was put on foot to forward the cause of civic righteousness or physical improvement. One by one the earliest of our pioneers are passing over the river. Their places can never be filled, but we can, and we will, pay tributes to their memories as the years go by.

An echo of the Capital National Bank failure comes with a telegraphic report that Charley Mosher is in Chicago and engaged in a business that is frowned upon. It seems that under the name of "Thayer & Co." Mosher has been transacting a "salary loan" business. Just now he is up in court on the charge of having extorted usury. Of course the charge is true if Mosher has been engaged in that sort of thing. But proving it will be another matter.

Speaking of the "salary loan" business, the promoters of that sort of thing have profited by working upon the fears of their victims. After securing an assignment of salary they threaten to notify the employer if the payments are not made, and heretofore employers have had a habit of discharging employees who became entangled thus. All efforts to abolish the "salary loan" business by legal enactment have proved futile. But the big employers of labor are now pursuing a policy that promises to put the "loan shark" out of business. Instead of discharging the employe they now help him prosecute the "loan shark." Deprived of their chief weapon, "fear," the usurer is up against it.

Of course it should not be necessary to call attention to the fact that next Tuesday is "Booster Day," and that every loyal citizen of Lincoln and every lover of the national pastime ought to get out and make the occasion one long to be remembered. Of course professional base ball is a money-making business, and men engage in it for profit. Yet a good base ball team in a substantial league is a valuable advertising asset for any city and should be looked upon as a civic asset. The Lincoln team may be perilously close to the cellar position, yet it is made up of young gentlemen whose actions on and off the field reflect credit upon the city. The team will not long be near the bottom, for it is playing good ball. And Lincoln people ought to be proud of an opportunity to get out next Tuesday and show Manager Jones and his pastimers that we think a lot of them. Let's make it the biggest crowd that ever turned out to a ball game in the city of Lincoln.

The State Board of Irrigation and Drainage promises to give us a decision in the Loup river priority cases inside of the next thirty days. That sounds good, but why wait thirty days? The board has had the report of its engineer for two months, and it is upon the engineer's report that the board must make its findings. It doesn't matter much, under the circumstances, what the board decides; the matter will have to be adjudicated in the courts. Why

not decide now, upon the basis of the engineer's report, so that court proceedings may be instituted at once?

Col. Jay House, who edits the Topeka Daily Capital, says he admires Governor Wilson not at all, because the governor changed his mind too quickly. Consistency is a virtue of the small-minded. Col. House is a warm admirer of the warrior of Oyster Bay, and if there is a man on earth today who can change his mind more rapidly, or do it oftener, than Col. Roosevelt, we sure would like to meet him.

The New York Sun opposes Wilson but supports Marshall. We congratulate Wilson. Governor Marshall may enter the plea that he can not help what the Sun does. If you see it in the Sun it's a plea for dollars.

WE TOLD YOU SO.

We told you Nebraska was going to harvest a banner wheat crop. We kept right on telling you when a lot of other people were croaking like frogs, so all-fired pessimistic that they had faces on 'em long enough to eat out of a churn. We said so because we know the wonderfully recuperative powers of Nebraska soil. We maintained it because we keep in touch with Nebraska conditions. We kept on saying it because it is just as easy to say cheerful things as it is to say grouchy things—and a darned sight more satisfactory in the long run.

Of course not every wheat field is turning out a bumper yield. Some sections haven't got very good wheat. But the average for the year is equal to average for the ten-year period, the price is good and the acreage greatly increased. Nebraska's 1912 wheat crop is going to put fifty millions of dollars into the pockets of Nebraska farmers. It will not stay there forever. It will be spent with Nebraska merchants—and we hope chiefly for Nebraska made goods. Anyhow, we've got a wheat crop. And the corn is looking mighty good, even if a bit late. The gentle rains are coming and the corn outlook is as pleasing to the eye as a sweet-faced maiden of sixteen. In short, this is going to be a mighty good year in Nebraska. Just how good depends a whole lot on you—and the rest of us. We can make it better by keeping cheerful and boosting all the time. Or we can decrease its benefits by whining and knocking. Nature is doing her share to make the state prosperous. It's up to us to do our share. Come on!

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

The people up around Chadron way now have an opportunity to be represented in the state senate by a "live wire" in the person of Ben Brewster. Ben is the democratic nominee for state senator, and he ought to be elected. The twenty-eighth senatorial district couldn't do better, 'cause why Brewster is a booster. He knows Nebraska, knows her people and her needs; he is as square as a die, upstanding and full of ginger. We've known him since Hector was an infant canine, and we'll bank on him until the dairy herd returns to the parental domicile.

Ten to Fifty per cent discount on all low shoes and slippers. Rogers & Perkins Co., 1129 O street.

MAKE LINCOLN BETTER

Many business men were requested to write an answer to the following question, propounded by Will Maupin's Weekly: "How can we make Lincoln a better city in which to live and do business?" There were but one or two responses by mail, but a number took occasion to talk to the editor and tell him a few things. They seemed loath, however to be quoted, and diffident about writing a letter for publication.

L. J. Dunn, of the City National Bank, says: "The park board should be given greater power and supplied with funds for extension by a moderate bond issue and for maintenance by a fixed levy. Excellent results have been obtained by the small sums already expended, as a careful inspection of the parks will prove. Every dollar invested in the extension and improvement of the park system will make Lincoln a better city in which to live and do business."

T. J. Thorpe, president of Thorpe Machine Co., says: "Lincoln needs more manufacturing establishments, and better support of those she already has. She needs a stronger spirit of co-operation among her people to the end that everybody talks for Lincoln, works for Lincoln and boosts for Lincoln."

G. F. Truman, proprietor Merchants Laundry, says: "Lincoln needs more establishments that will employ labor. There are splendid opportunities for the establishment of such enterprises."

Frank W. Brown, ex-mayor, says: "Lincoln is already a mighty good city in which to live and do business. It is growing better all the time as we get closer together in a business way. The more each citizen realizes his responsibilities to the community the better Lincoln will become. And this sense of individual responsibility is growing every day."

W. F. Schwind, of Schwind & Maher, real estate, says: "If I did not think Lincoln a mighty good place to live and do business I would move. It might, of course, be made better, but perhaps my ideas of betterment would not be acceptable to my neighbors. We are doing pretty well."

SOME POLITICAL NOTES.

Lancaster county people are to be congratulated upon the legislative situation. Both parties have nominated good tickets, and the people win no matter which ticket or what men are elected. This newspaper is especially rejoiced to be able to give support to the candidacy of such an upstanding, four-square candidate as Edwin Jeary. Possibly Mr. Jeary and the editor of Will Maupin's Weekly would not agree on the tariff, or upon the currency question, or upon some other national questions. But we are pretty generally agreed on the questions of direct and vital interest to the people of Nebraska. Mr. Jeary served in the legislature in 1887, and his record was approved by his Cass county constituency without regard to party affiliation.

We have noticed that some papers roundly denouncing Morehead for having opposed certain "reform" insurance bills are supporting Howard, the republican candidate for auditor. If there is an insurance lobbyist or a representative of old line insurance in the state that isn't backing Howard, we haven't been able to locate him.