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CURRENT REMARK.

Lincoln has a miniature strike. It has not assumed very serious proportions—just brings it nearer home and illustrates the fact that a great many laboring men think that “the winter of their discontent will be made glorious summer” by a strike, in which belief they are a trifle “off.”

Lincoln is to be favored again in the near future. The “Schubert Quartette,” of Chicago, will give a concert here sometime early in April. Doubtless everyone knows that this is the same quartette that created such a furor at Chatauqua last season, as well as at Chicago and many other places this winter. There is no doubt but that this is the best male quartette in the west, if not in the country, and it is certainly a good thing that we are to be given the chance of having such a musical treat as they will give.

There seems to be a greater rage than ever for progressive euchre this winter, and the papers almost every day have an account of some card party. Cards are a very good thing by way of amusement but it does seem as if the rage for progressive euchre was going a little too far. The question is how near does it come to gambling. Still there is not much use of any excitement over the affair as it is a rage which, like all other rages, will die out in a short time and people will wonder that they ever saw any fun in it.

The authorities of Omaha are having quite a struggle with the gas company. The city proposes to cut down the price of gas to something like a moderate rate and the company objects and threaten to shut off the gas. Mayor Boyd says he knows that gas can be furnished at even a less rate than that proposed. The outcome will doubtless be that the company will have to give in and let the people have light at a reasonable rate. If some kind of a movement as this could be inaugurated in Lincoln it would be a good thing for the city.

While exchanges from other colleges are bemoaning the lack of interest in literary societies and are vigorously exhorting their patrons to care for them lest they die, we of Nebraska University have cause for congratulation in the prosperity of our societies. Whatever of competition and strife is found in other colleges between college classes is here found, minus its brutal phase, between the literary societies. Thus they are made to flourish. It is for the interest of the students and University to maintain our societies, even to the “John Green” chorus at the foot of the stairs. Long may they wave!

Lincoln may be and doubtless is a very moral place, but there would be more outward evidence of it, if the bill boards could be kept a trifle more free from disgusting pictures. It is an outrage on decency to allow such advertising pictures to be posted up all over Lincoln, as those of the Black Crook combination. It may be out of place for a college paper to notice such things, but some one ought to do it and nobody else seems inclined to say anything against such popular com-

binations. It does seem as if the city authorities ought to take hold of the matter and see if the public places can't be posted with decent pictures or not at all.

If, as is claimed, a man can be made sick merely by telling him he is sick, modern mortality is easily accounted for. One cannot open a newspaper, look at even a rail fence, the side of a barn or the sidewalk without being reminded that some part of him is out of order and needs repairing. The patent medicine advertisements which flood the modern press and meet the eye at every turn are enough to make a well man sick. We protest that the common sense of readers ought to banish a large part of this class of advertisements from newspapers, and aesthetic taste should banish from public places the glaring posters which are constantly pasted and repasted by industrious agents.

The late discussion between Presidents Elliot and McCosh concerning the place which religion should have in our colleges touches a phase of our educational system more important than most think. In these days when men's minds are busy questioning what place the religious idea should take and will take in our social organization, it becomes an important question as to what shall be its status in that most potent in that society, our educational system. Although the discussion above mentioned touches a comparatively small part of the whole subject, yet as the expression of the opinions of our wisest and sincerest men, the respective arguments are worthy of our most careful study.

The city election will soon be here. There are prospects of a strong fight between liquor and temperance. If the temperance people will only put up good men, not those who are sound on one question and cranky on all others, they stand a good chance of carrying the city. The great trouble with the temperance party is that they are apt to put up some second class politician who has been unsuccessful in other places, and hence he is a temperance man, and expect those people who do not advocate saloon power to vote for him, regardless of his unqualification for the office. If they would take pains to pick out solid men who are sound on temperance and other questions, also, and let the political mucks alone there would be more hopes of the city going for temperance.

It is almost time for some one to get up another “City Charity” entertainment. We have not had one for some time. They are good things; for they give those who have charge of them a chance to go around among the people and get acquainted while trying to sell tickets. They also give a great boost to amateur talent of all kind. They are all right and should be encouraged, therefore their entertainments are beneficial, but as far as the poor are concerned they do not amount to much. Those dependant on charity would be beyond help if they looked to these entertainments alone. Our Omaha friends have a different plan. They get up a Charity Ball and make over \$4,000 for the poor and don't make any fuss about it. Wouldn't it be well for our people to get some pointers from the gate city?