

STATEMENT THAT THE METHODIST UNIVERSITY WILL BE NEAR THE PEN. THEN HOW LINCOLN WILL BOOM. HOW SENATOR VAN WYCK WILL SPEND THE HOLIDAYS—COMPANIES INCORPORATE—THE SPEAKERS' CONFERENCE—OTHER LINCOLN NEWS.

ing's session, had a report from the committee on gas lighting that 200 gas lamps had been located, most of which were already placed in position ready for lighting January 1, when it is expected a much better service in the way of lighting the city will be enjoyed. The Missouri Pacific has had a force of men at work upon their round house, have the building just ready for occupancy, and for present purposes have room for their locomotives. The Elkhorn line has recently built a house of its own, but both are temporary structures that will in time have to be replaced with something more creditable both to the city and the companies.

No sooner was the Sheldon purchase made on Eleventh and N streets than a looking house was ready to make a lease for the corner room if a block were built there the coming spring. The block will consequently be built and the bank find a location. The gentleman in this city who has looked the two story rooms and basement of the Billing building on Eleventh street for a wholesale and retail dry goods establishment, is already in the east looking after the purchase of his stock. The gentleman in question is a person of means and has had former experience in the dry goods business in Lincoln.

Mr. Fred Herrmann, a gentleman who has been in the dry goods business in Plattsmouth for several years, has been in Lincoln looking for a location in which to engage in business in the capital city, where he can secure a more extensive field for trade. The celebrated case of the Herdman Bros against the stock yards company, in which the damming of Oak creek for a water supply occupies an important part, and a hearing in district court, but the question is about as far as ever from settlement.

The switching prices in the stock yards and packing house grounds in West Lincoln have been reduced from \$5 to \$3 per car. The receipts have greatly increased at the yards the past week, an average of nearly 1,400 head of hogs reaching the packing house daily. The stock yards in a weekly report of business, makes a showing of \$100 per day as the receipts from the pens and feeding stalls the past week.

C. O. Bates, Andy Miller, A. S. Padlock and Nathan Blacky were the Beatrice delegation that was recorded on Lincoln hotel registers yesterday. Matt Dougherty, of Crete, a prominent candidate for secretary of the senate was in Lincoln yesterday with an eye always open to the main chance. W. G. Whitmore, of Valley and of the Douglas county delegation to the conference of the legislature, was in Lincoln yesterday closing arrangements for his rooms for the winter. J. T. Spencer and W. C. Dibble, of Dakota City, were in Lincoln from the northeast corner of the state on a business visit yesterday.

C. W. Kayley, Red Cloud; H. R. Parkhurst, J. B. Sexton, Geneva; Harry Merriman, Omaha; W. M. Hurlbut, Norfolk; were among the Nebraskaans who were present at the capital city yesterday. For cure of rheumatism, neuralgia in its various phases of sciatica, tic douloureux, semi-erania, &c., use Salvation Oil, the greatest pain-cure on earth. Price 25 cents a bottle. The great superiority of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup to all other cough remedies, is attested by the immense demand for that old-established remedy.

OLD KING HUMBURG'S REIGN. How He Rules in the Happy Land of Freedom. The Humbug in Art and How He Thrives—Champion Literary Humbug—Humbug in Religion.

New York Dispatch: A disappointed painter once remarked: "Well, as I can't sell any good pictures, I am going to paint dubs and see how they will go." He carried his purpose out, let his beard grow, talked obscenely, and acted generally, and made a success of it. He has forgotten how to paint a good picture now, and is such a complete humbug that he really believes himself a great man. He has ceased to be an artist, but makes money as a charlatan, and is content. His doctrine has been equally successful in other cases. The public apparently like to be fooled. They revel in being humbugged and enjoy being fooled.

The humbug in art is a thriving citizen these days. Look at the painter Whistler, receiving hundreds of pounds for sketches he daubs off in an hour. People do not pay for those sketches, but they pay for Whistler's name, his vanity, and his ostentation, his impudence and professed contempt of the public, and his tirades against the critics who dare to write the truth about him. He is quoted in the papers as having patronized him as men give the organ-grinder's monkey coppers for making them laugh.

Here comes across the Atlantic another painter, with a picture as big as a panorama. He is hired by the year by a smart dealer in pictures, and his services go with his paintings when required. He is brought up the bay, in a new, smart steamer, with a champagne luncheon in the saloon. His press agent booms him to a clamor in all the papers. He holds first a reception to ministers of the state, because the picture is a religious subject, then a reception to the press, and finally a reception to the elite of the art world.

After these the show opens and the public streams in. A big crowd and the noble responses. The noise and humbug that surround humbug invite them, just as the egotism and insolence of Whistler charm the London public to his shows. Not one in a hundred who patronizes him as men give the organ-grinder's monkey coppers for making them laugh. A crazy old woman, who leaves a lot of valuable and worthless works of art that she has magpie together. She has been fooled and bled on every side by extortionate tradesmen. A smart auctioneer takes her estate in hand. He rakes up a scandal of her dotage and gives it to the press. He flings advertisements and favors right and left. He sneers at the long catalogue of names interested in the stuff he has to sell. He blethers her character in order to make a market for her property. What with the hurrah and the red-fire he works up the true picture. The whole country is interested, and 5,000 people go to see the Morgan collection. The auction sale is a historical event and brings in over a million dollars for what should at most have fetched half as much.

Turn to literature. There is a fat-headed epicure, a lubberly young fellow, the son of a sentimental Irishwoman and of a surgeon more famous for his snoring with his patients than for the cures he effects upon them. This nondescript creature writes poor poetry and babbles mysteriously about the beautiful and the true. He does not understand the great does not add anything to our knowledge of old times. His poetry is rubbish and his prose is mush. But he wears his hair long, and he goes about with his fat legs, like a woman, done up in stockings and knee-breeches. He mops, and mops, and grins, and attitudes, and the public hold up their hands. Sensible people laugh at him, but some millions believe in him, and he carries a small fortune home to London to attest the success of an Oscar Wilde among the humbug-worshipping barbarians of the west.

A squabble in two great political parties accidentally set an obscure country lawyer in the president's chair of the United States. This favorite of fortune has a sister, a school teacher, who scribbles and scribbles and knows all the big words in the dictionary. Every line she writes is adopted out of the books she has read. She is short-sighted and narrow-minded and devoted with vanity. Because she is the president's sister her rubbishy book finds a publisher, gets a tremendous send-off from the papers, and brings her thousands of dollars for what is worth no more than waste paper. Another publisher gets hold of her bankrupt magazine, and she would have made another fortune if her vanity had not involved her in contentions with the publisher and broken their connection.

take her up with open arms and the rest is humbug. This sort of humbug does occasionally fail, it is true, but very rarely. A pretty but not brilliant burlesque actress marries a man for money. She finds he has none and throws him out. A laborer and blackguard nobleman undertakes to become her manager, and when the husband grows raving, kicks him down stairs. The whole delectable family crowd the Atlantic to make a fortune in this America, where all the snobs and fools are hungry for humbug. All the details of scandal have been industriously exploited to advertise them. But they go a little better. The humbug gets so plucked of the putrid mass that it becomes disgusted. The scandals are trailed through the bar-rooms and into the police courts of the town. The show ends, the wicked lord sneaks off to Europe between days to avoid being served with a possible warrant of arrest, and the actress winds up her brief season in mourning, and says a return ticket for one Cameron on the stage. She has a score of Langryns and Fortescues. The country could not be happy without a humbug in religion. A mediocre preacher tries to make any hit in the pulpit by doing badly what he does well. He turns to sensationalism for relief. He preaches blood and fire and huris damnation around him in solid chains of fire. He preaches that he lies, he perverts facts to suit his own ends, he prances and froths, and stows and bows, and whacks his rap till the top splits. It is all noise, rant, non-sense, but they pay for Whistler's name, his vanity, and his ostentation, his impudence and professed contempt of the public, and his tirades against the critics who dare to write the truth about him.

Prof. Chas. Ludwig Von Seegar, professor of medicine at the Royal University of the Royal Austrian Empire, of the Royal University of the Royal Prussian Empire, of the Royal University of the Royal Sardinian Empire, of the Royal University of the Royal Spanish Empire, of the Royal University of the Royal Italian Empire, of the Royal University of the Royal Austrian Empire, of the Royal University of the Royal Prussian Empire, of the Royal University of the Royal Sardinian Empire, of the Royal University of the Royal Spanish Empire, of the Royal University of the Royal Italian Empire.

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