



Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dawes are residing at the Auditorium in Chicago.

Governor Holcomb is examining Lincoln real estate with a view to buying a house.

Rumor has it that Miss Fannie Hawley, of this city, and Mr. Fred Smyser, of Boston, will be married in June.

There seems to be no adequate foundation for the rumor that the Commercial club will give a series of daily dances in Bohanan hall the latter part of the month.

It is said that a published census of the reputable people in this city who are addicted to the morphine habit would be something more than a seven days' sensation.

The startling information was this week made public that Tom Cooke is losing flesh. It is reported on excellent authority that seventeen pounds have been lost in the last few weeks. Mr. Cooke has decided not to advertise for the recovery of the lost tissue. He says there is plenty more where that came from, and he accepts the situation with becoming equanimity.

The *News* in a note on the Outhwait shooting affair stated that it was the outcome of a scandalous story concerning a "prominent banker" and the young daughter of a reputable family in this city. As nearly all of the bankers in this city are prominent those persons who have attempted to establish the identity of the frisky financier have run against a good many rocks.

As the weeks go by and the great American drama by Sol Oppenheimer (proof reading by Toby Rex) fails to make its appearance there is increasing disappointment on the part of all true admirers of the legitimate. Mr. Oppenheimer's talents are voluminous and extraordinary, and the prospectus of the drama glows with such exultant promise that the desire to witness a production of his great work is not by any means confined to any pent up Utica in this city, but is felt by every intelligent resident of Lincoln, wherein culture runs riot. Toby Rex took a lively interest in Mr. Oppenheimer's drama at the outset, even going so far, as *THE COURIER* has previously stated, as to contribute some lines to the work, and it is to be hoped that his interest has not abated. Toby is a disciple of higher criticism and he carries a flaming sword. His assistance ought to be of material value to Playwright Oppenheimer. Bring on the new play. This suspense is awful.

J. C. Seacrest, manager of the *Journal*, recently returned from New York where he attended a meeting of leading American newspaper publishers. These gentlemen spent three days in discussing the latest improvements and ideas in the newspaper business and Mr. Seacrest, to his proud satisfaction, found that not a single new idea was advanced that had not already been taken advantage of by his paper. More than that he was able in an address lasting a half day to give the newspaper publishers of Chicago, New York and other cities of the first class, as well as the smaller fry, many valuable new and unheard of points. Copies of the *Journal* distributed at the meeting caused a feeling of intense awe, in the midst of which adjournment occurred followed by a mad rush for the nearest liquor saloon. Mr. Seacrest says his New York trip convinced him that the *Journal* is a wonderfully great newspaper.

"March to search" is the old adage. It searches out any weakness of the system, resulting from impure blood. Those who use Ayer's Sarsaparilla find March no more searching of even disagreeable than any other month. This medicine is a wonderful invigorator.

THE NATIONAL GAME

News of the Week Among the Ball Players.

Clem Kimerer will pitch the opening game against St. Joe.

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Manager Ebright has notified all the players to report in Lincoln April 6th.

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Peoria has signed Joe Cantillion and Katz of last year's Rock Island club.

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Most of the Lincoln players will report here by April 5th and then the exhibition games will commence.

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Park Wilson and James Stafford, who will be remembered as playing here in '91, are with the New York's this year.

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Omaha has signed Pete Lohman, a catcher who ended the season with Jacksonville. Lohman is a good catcher and is a hard hitter and will cost the Omaha club about \$1.50 per day for the balls he will lose over the left field fence.

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The Bloomington club in the inter-state league has signed the following players: Catchers, Cotton and Conners; pitchers, Lookabaugh and Burns; first-base, Rourke; second-base, Geiss; short-stop, Wells; third-base, Weile; right field, Waters.

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One of the best posted men in base ball in this city predicts that the New York club will not finish one two three. He says: "New York is depending entirely on Rusie and Meekin; if one of these pitchers fall down they are a dead bird as far as the pennant is concerned. I will name Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Cleveland and three of these five clubs will beat the Giants out.

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A constant reader of the *Bee* wants to know if Buck Ebright is not the best player in the Western association. And Griswold answers him by saying that he, Ebright, thinks he is, though there are a great many who think that Hollingsworth, Hutchison and several others are just as good. Well, Buck may or not be the best player. Every patron of the game has a perfect right to think either way, but one thing is certain and that is that Buck Ebright is the highest salaried man in the Western association. He draws his money for not only playing ball but seeing that there are a few others who are earning their salary.

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It is said, says the *Omaha World-Herald*, that that there were individual cases last year where the press of the Western association towns were not properly recognized. It is alleged that in several of the towns that the newspaper boys were not accorded the privileges that is rightfully theirs. If this is true it is to be hoped that the managers will see to it this year that the boys are treated fair. It is a fact that managers must not lose sight of for a minute that if the newspapers did not devote space to the sport that there would be no crowds at the games. Every newspaper in the towns in the association devotes columns to base ball, and every game is fully reported, and it is a fact that last year the papers did not roast the games one-half as much as the games in the big leagues were roasted by the papers. There is no question but what in every town there are scores of people who have annual passes who hold them for personal reasons, and who do not do the game a particle of good, while the constant notices in the papers keep interest in the team and in the association alive all the time. The matter set up in every newspaper office on base ball for a season would foot up quite a sum, but there are some who overlook this, and seem to think that it is the duty of a paper to print columns about the game and then not expect to have its staff recognized at the gate except upon the payment of big dollars. The scorers should have the privilege of taking in a friend whenever they please, for it is largely upon their reports of the game that the success of the team and of the association depend.