

NOTES AND QUERIES

What is the most popular material for party dresses this season? *Caroline.*

At the opening party of the Patriarchs given at Delmonico's, all the dresses that were described by the papers were of satin. I conclude that fabric is the best.

"Is it right to say "parquay" referring to the central part of the opera house? *John A.*

The word is spelled parquette and is pronounced parket.

How do you pronounce the name of Yvette Guilbert? *Annie H.*

Evete Geelbear, g hard as in get unless come local or personal deviation from the rules have affected this as it has so many other proper names.

What is the best life of Napoleon? *Alex S.*

In the last four years so many lives of Napoleon, his wives and ministers have been written by soldiers, secretaries and valets as to make this a difficult question to answer. Some of the lives are devoted to his campaigns, some to his political intrigues, some to his amours. This question came in too late to answer fully. In next week's Courier I will give a list and short review of the lives of Napoleon that may be procured in Lincoln.

HISTORICAL

It will be a matter of great interest to the many editors and printers of the state to learn something of the first press in Nebraska. I am sure that they will co-operate also in finding that press, and finally bringing it back to the "Treeplanters' State" to rest as a memorial of the work that has been done since the Palladium was printed in 1854. After doing such good pioneer work, it is time the worthy old press had a rest among the things of historic value in the Nebraska State Historical society.

JAS. AMOS BARRETT.

AURORA, Neb., March 27, 1894.—Jas. Amos Barrett, Lincoln, Neb. Dear Sir: Yours of the 21st inst. to hand, and as to that "old press" I will say that I disposed of it some eight or ten years ago. At that time I felt the need of a faster press and not being able to keep it, I turned it in as a part payment on another press. I think it went to St. Louis, or it might have gone to Kansas City. I was looking over some of my old papers yesterday with a view of finding out, if I could, where the old press went, but so far I have failed to trace it up.

Yes, it was the old press (a "Washington") from which the first copy of the Nebraska Palladium was made at Bellevue, sometime in November, I believe the 14th, 1854. This paper was only published a short time, after which the old press went up to Omaha, and the Nebraskan, for a time, was printed from it, so I have been informed. After that it did service in the Omaha Republican, and from it the first issue of that paper was printed. Then it went out to Lincoln, Neb., and the first copy of the Nebraska Commonwealth was published from it by Gere and Carder. Mr. Carder has seen the press while it was in my office and identified it as the "old press." After it published the Commonwealth it went to Seward, where F. M. Ellsworth found it, and in June, 1873, brought it to Aurora, and started the Aurora Republican with it. I am sorry I could not have kept the old press. I wrote to parties in Lincoln about preserving it, but at that time no one seemed

to take enough interest in the matter to take it off my hands. At the present time I have only one or two things left of the old office material that was used in connection with the old press, in starting and publishing at least five pioneer papers in this state. I have one font of the old German text with the case rack it belonged in, when it first came across the Missouri river from St. Mary on the Iowa side, in 1854. These things I have preserved, and I could not part with them unless it is for the purpose of making them more memorable in history than they otherwise could be in my possession. Yours respectfully,
L. W. HASTINGS.

I Know a Maid.

I know a maid with scarlet hair
And cheeks of a livid hue,
Her lips are crimson touched with fire,
She has vivid eyes of blue.

Her gown is yellow, barred with tan
And 'broidered with red and gray,
Her sleeves are large like great balloons
And her sleeves are orange gay.

She stands on a bank of brown and green
'Neath a violet stretch of sky,
The flowers that spring near her tiny feet
Are the queerest I ever did spy.

She stares at me and I stare at her,
But she never stirs or speaks,
The reason is this, she's a paster maid
One of those Beardsley freaks.
—William Reed Dunroy.

Love's Burial.

[Written for The Courier.]

Kiss me and bid me the last farewell,
Touch my lips coldly; our love is dead.
What was the question so carelessly put?

Yes, I can see you depart without dread
One bitter thought only wrings my heart
Laden with hopes that have passed away.

God heard our vows to love until death:
Both live and the passion we pledged is clay.

Now we shall bury it at mirk midnight
While the dim tapers so ghastly glare
Over the face of the spirit dead
And the coffin is reeking with eglantere.

Requiems chanted by broken hearts,
Priests unchanging and changeless love
Dirges comprised of forgotten vows
Guide those who mourn to the lonely grove.

Bury the phantom of former love;
I'll shed no tears and your eyes are dry.
God's angels weep when love buries its dead;
So kiss me and leave me, good-bye.
—Amherst.

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