

hard as in the Methodist church, and no church with a congregational form of government that allows women so little power. Probably there is no danger of their rebellion because of continued oppression, but desertion would bring the conference to terms. There is something the matter. It may with the principle that bases representation on taxation. If it apply to only one half of the race it is no principle, but a fad that time will wear out. Anyway the Methodists ought to be quiet hereafter about the assumed privileges of women in "a Christian land."

The New York Dramatic Mirror of last week has a picture of a proscenium curtain painted by Gates and Morange, for a theatre in Springfield, Mass. The reproduction is in black and white, of course, but even if the color is not on a level with the composition it can not but be beautiful. The subject is revellers leaving a masque ball. A group of ladies are descending the conventional proscenium steps to the carriages below. Over their heads is a canopy as graceful and effective as those carried in a Greek procession, where the votive offering is protected by just such an awning. The carriages wind through lovely grounds and disappear through a gate upheld by massive posts. No words can reproduce the movement, vibration, gaiety of the curtain. And again the composition is excellent. It is surrounded by cupids and lovely forms long since called by the theatrical painter Melpomene and Thalia. "These panels are treated in a quiet terra cotta monochrome, and the top panel in soft, warm yellows, in this manner avoiding any conflict with the picture." With such a curtain as this before their eyes an audience will not have that gone, desolate feeling when the curtain comes down, even upon the finest actors and the most seductive play. Any delays at the beginning or in the course of the play can be easily endured when the audience has forms so lovely to gaze at. The artists are Gates and Morange. The names are repeated so that if happily there be a capitalist in Nebraska who thinks of building a theatre or of ordering a new curtain, perchance he may see it, and our sun-dazzled eyes be rested and bathed in beauty when we make a holiday and go to the theatre. The curtain will go up for the first time on the all-star caste of "The Rivals."

S. B. H.

### For County Treasurer

Men who would be county treasurer think of the conditions that will have to be met at the special county convention and then hesitate about announcing their candidacy. There will be only one nomination to be made at this convention and consequently there can be no trading. It is feared that the most potent argument before the convention will be the financial argument. Politicians assert that the nomination will cost the successful aspirant between \$1,500 and \$2,000. If elected he can serve only three years and owing to the stringent times there will be many risks.

Of course Mr. Sullivan, the present incumbent, is a candidate. He has some good supporting strength.

Dan Kelley, who was "spoken of," looked the field over, and said he would not be a candidate.

Jake Roche is regarded as a lusty candidate. He has held the office before, but the people have confidence in him. It is whispered that Charley Branson may be a candidate. Major Pierce of Waverly is said to be halting between doubt and fear.

Harry Abbott will probably have the First ward for treasurer. Mayor Graham says he will be a candidate. It is intimated that he will use his candidacy to prepare for easier sailing next spring, when he would like to be returned as mayor. O. W. Webster has been importuned to be a candidate, but he continues to manifest a coy reticence. Aaron Buckstaff in the Fourth ward says openly that he is a candidate, while R. B. Graham of the same ward remains in a brown study. A. D. Borgelt is a candidate and there is likely to be another candidate in the Fifth. John B. Cunningham has been "mentioned."

The latest candidates are Kimmel and Mauley in the Fifth ward.

### An Undertaker on Second Marriages.

An Eleventh street undertaker doesn't believe in second marriages.

The general subject of second marriages may not be in any way affected by what the Eleventh street undertaker thinks; but, nevertheless, he is entitled to be heard.

"Say," he remarked to a Courier representative the other day, "it is my opinion that somehow a man's moral sense is blasted when he takes a second header into matrimony. Can I prove

it? Well, I guess yes. There are exactly fourteen men in Lincoln who are now living with their second wives who have never paid me for their first wife's coffin. If you don't believe what I say I will show you the names on my books. Why, day before yesterday, in walking from my place of business to the post-office I passed four men, each now provided with a second wife who have on many occasions given me the icy face and disappointing negative when I have gently intimated that it would be fit and proper to pay for the funeral expenses of wife No. 1.

"I am opposed to second marriages because when a man who owes me for the expenses incidental to the departure of the first partner takes another I know I am almost certain never to get my money. I always feel that there is some hope so long as my man remains single.

"Yes, there are some exceptions. A few weeks ago a man, he was a German, rushed into my place and demanded his bill. I had buried his wife not a great while before, but up to this time he had shown a passive, far away air every time I suggested liquidation. Now he was promptness itself. After he paid the money he inquired solicitously if that squared everything. I told him it did, and out of gratitude was just on the point of showing him some novelties in coffin specialties I had just received when he asked me to go with him. I went, and we proceeded down town to the store of a friend of his, and there in the back end was a minister and a lady who was waiting to be made my patron's bride. He wanted me to act as a witness to his marriage. It was a little out of my line, but I will do anything to oblige a friend. An undertaker's life is a very funny life."

### Federation of Women's Clubs

Lincoln will be represented at the biennial meeting of the General Fed-

eration of women's clubs to be held in Louisville, Ky., May 27, by Mrs. A. W. Field. Other representatives of Nebraska will be Mrs. Z. F. Lindsay, Wahoo, chairman of the state federation; Mrs. H. Heilar, Omaha, delegate and vice-president; Mrs. H. S. Jaynes, Mrs. W. H. Halford and Miss Mary Fairbrother, editor of the Woman's Weekly, the three latter also of Omaha; Mrs. B. M. Stoutenbrough, Plattsmouth; Mrs. M. L. Allen, Beatrice.

### CONGRESSMAN MEIKLEJOHN

Saturday Geo. D. Meiklejohn arrived in the city and established his gubernatorial boom in comfortable quarters in the Capital hotel. Mr. Meiklejohn expects to remain in Nebraska unless he should be sent for to vote on some legislation of interest to Nebraska, and he will devote his time exclusively to pushing his candidacy along. Monday night he left on visit through the state, and he will be gone most of the coming week. Much interest has been awakened in Meiklejohn's canvas, and his friends express the utmost confidence that he will be victorious at the state convention.

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