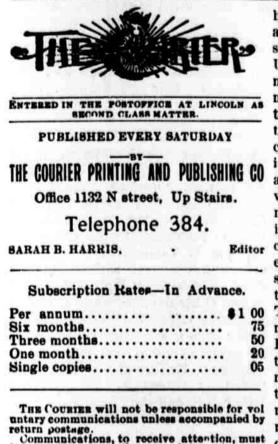
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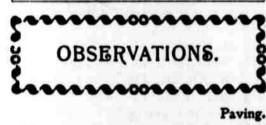
PRICE FIVE CENTS



## LINCOLN, NEBR., SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1899.



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When the brick intersections were being laid on Eleventh street and N street few poople were able to understand why it would not be better to wait until the contiguous property holders were ready to pave the blocks between the intersections. Now that the landlords on both sides of P street wish to pave the street that bounds their holdings there is no fund to pay for the intersections. In vetoing the council resolution which ordered the paving done in spite of there being no funds in the treasury to pay for it, Mayor Winnett has the support of a very large proportion of the tax payers of all parties. The Mayor has that very rare qualification of a public man-greater scrupulousness in incurring obligations which the city must pay than in expending his own income. Anxious to keep the letter of the law and obedient to the spirit of municipal government, Mayor Winnett is striving to do his duty and make no mistakes. Even the P street landlords who are inconvenienced by the very bad condition of the street must confess the singleness and purity of the Mayor's reading of the law and of his con- even the daughters of middle class who cheered John Proctor Clarke for duct. Whenever a student of economics begins the study of practical city poli- other places of entertainment with urday night. The police did not dare tics and city administration, he is im- young men unaccompanied by a much arrest Mr. Clarke but when he said mediately shocked by the reckless older, or by a married women, there that Croker's pockets were lined with spending of city funds by mayor and are very few young girls shot by im- the gold paid him by the proprietors councilmen Conservative business patient and jealous sweethearts. Not of pool rooms and an unknown man men who live within their income being granted any privileges what in the audience cheered, three policecarefully apportioning their household ever, the young men of Europe do not men immediately pounced upon him expenses to their earnings, reverse assume the right of life or death over and would have dragged him off had their rules of living when directing the young women they admire. The not the audience and Mr. Clarke per

and how and for what purpose the of society either in this country or periodical revolt against Tammany money and a very large proportion of the young woman. in September) \$55,817.50 was paid out men to monopolize the society of ers pay the tax as a special assessment killed the girl he would be revenged so that the amount cannot be sub upon her parents and justify their untracted from the income of the city. favorable opinion of him. Incident The levy for last year was \$167,385.63, ally be shot himself. Crazy young much of which has not been collected. lovers generally do. If he had not not in principle. Reckoning upon the whole amount of shot her he would have had to go to the levy being collected, which it has work or lose his sweetheart and he not and cannot be, the \$55,817.50 of in- preferred murder and death either to terest money, the whole of which the loss of his sweetheart or to the must be, and is, paid annually, is al- necessity of work. If he had never most exactly one third of the total in- seen Miss Mahoney except in the prescome of the city.

If preceding mayors had been gov- would have acquired no unreasonable erned by the standards which con- hopes and his plans might have been trol Mayor Winnett the city would tinged with temperance and reason. not now lack a paving fund. The At any rate European murderers of mayor of Lincoln is entitled to the this sort are very rare and in America loyal support of all students of eco- they happen every day. Even the nomics, of all over-burdened tax pay- young peasant girls of Europe are acers whose interests for the first time companied to dances by their parent. in municipal history are being consid- The bachellors make calls on them ered. The mayor has ignored the but the father and the mother and blandishments of the agents of the the children, who can stay awake, apasphalt company who assure him, af propriate his call and keep him from ter the manner of all agents selling vain imaginings: No young girl anyarticles on the installment plan, that where so unprotected from herself and they are not anxious about the pay- faom maddened egoism as the Ameriment for the work and are willing to can girl. In the last ten years the take chances and all that. He is a number of girls who have been killed man who does not mix propositions, by silly men is greater than the total

ence of her mother or guardian, he

how much the people shall be taxed chaperone is not a romantic feature emptorily demanded his release. The sum shall be spent. The cities of the Europe but her presence is a constant has about reached another climax. United States are all in debt. No reminder of the claims of society and It has been proven for about the matter how rich, they have borrowed family upon both the young man and tenth time that the organization exists for the purpose of enriching the the amount annually raised by taxa. Miss Mahoney who was shot in leaders by the profits of allowing crimtion is paid out in interest. In Lin Peoria last week was a victim to the inals to slug and rob the citizens of coln last year-(the city year ending American custom of allowing young New York who do not trouble themselves about politics. Such revelaas interest on the bonds, and \$18,000 young women. Her parents did not tions have succeeded in past times in was paid as interest on paving bonds, approve of the young man who want- creating an interest in municipal polimaking a total of 73,817.50. The pav- ed to marry her and he concluded to tics among those who buy and sell and ing bonds are, of course, paid by the shoot her. He supposed that he loved walk the city streets, and it is hoped Editor city treasurer but the property hold- her and he was certain that if he this election is an anniversary of the other occasions when Tammany has been defeated at the polls. The only trouble is, between Platt and Croker there is only a difference in name and

## Mediaevalisms

When we read of times and people long past and dead, of knights clad in armor who rode out to adventures of rare thrill and of import vast we are filled with a bootless longing to be, at least, a spectator in the fourteenth century. To be sure, life was not very comfortable in the seven hundred years between the ninth and the sixteenth centuries. The richest people were very cold in winter and when it rained were without mackintoshes or umbrellas. The menus served to kings and queens were unspeakable, If the same cold, badly cooked, unseasoned messes were served to an American laborer by the wife of his bosom in the year of our Lord 1899. the result would depend upon family discipline, but in most households such a revival would cause a tragedy. The men and the times were interesting but brutal and there were no bathtubs. The priests and bishops frightened peasant and peer too by threatening eternal punishment to those who stayed away from confession, or were slow in contributing what the clergy demanded. Without the discomfort and exding to it. By his own testimony, pense of presenting a play from the middle ages, leaving out the old arthe chairman of the committee Mr. mor and the costly properties and stage settings of the time of Old King Cole, Lincoln people can see a genuine survival of, let us say, the times when priests pretended they had the direction of the soul, after death. Father Reade of the pro-cathedral, to all appearances, is genuinely convinced that he can locate a soul in heaven or hell or in the intermediate place. His calm assumption of a power and perception, that even his Holiness Pope Leo XIII is slow to claim, is an unm stakable characteristic of the priest of the middle ages, Even the best and most rigid of Catholics do not claim nowadays to be able to speak positively about the exact stage a departed soul has reached. About what happens to the soul immediately after it has escaped from the body even the most plous, the most believing, are doubtful. They cannot answer the questions of little children nor their own. Father

nor allow them to become complex. number of dead in the Spanish Ameri-If there is no money in the treasury can war.

for paving he is not willing to make a contract binding the city to pay monies which will involve it in a lawsuit. Being assured by council for the asphalt company that the city is safe and that a contract for paving when there is no money in the treasury to pay for paving is expedient and will involve neither him nor the council in difficu'ties, does not seem to be effectual in inducing the mayor to change his mind. The trouble is, the mayor has had experience. It is his habit to consider only the elements of a bargain and in a contract for paving when there is no paving fund he cannot see anything but trouble.

The Chaperone.

In Europe where young women, of

## Tammany.

The Mazet committee has shown conclusively just how Richard Croker has made his fortune and is daily adevoked by the skillful questioning of Croker confessed that the patronage of the city of New York was deflected to this or to that one according as Croker gave orders. The Mazet committee has also shown that Mr. Croker controls the police and that the police do not interfere with the pool rooms, which run day and night.

In retallation Mr. Croker has accused the Mazet republicans of besmirching the fair name of the city. The police tried to drag a man to jail families are not permitted to go to denouncing Croker at a meeting of inparties, to go "buggy-riding," and to dependants and republicans last Sat-