

Discussion — Haymarket Tragedy; Paterson Settlement. Bakumín—Malatesta.

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The New Book Review club met at Mrs. W. M. Widener's on January 15. Mrs. Stonebraker read an interesting paper on The Little Minister and current events were discussed by the club. Some well rendered musical numbers were given by Mrs. Maddox on the piano and Mrs. Williams. Out of town guests were Mrs. Jerome and Mrs. L. B. Shidler of York, Neb. Elaborate refreshments were served and the afternoon proved one of the most entertaining meetings of the season.

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The Women's missionary society of the First Presbyterian church will hold its annual praise service Friday afternoon.

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Mrs. G. W. Rhodes entertained the Lotos club Thursday afternoon. The usual literary program was given.

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In Extenuation

"He is an unmitigated liar, isn't he?" "Well, there are extenuating circumstances—his father was a weather observer and his mother a society reporter."

SOME OF LINCOLN'S LITTLE FOLKS



KATHARINE ATWOOD.
Eight years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Atwood.



JOHN CHARLES WRIGHT.
Five years, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wright.



JACK MALLALIEU.
Three years, son of Mrs. Joseph H. Mallaieu.

IN THE REALM OF POLITICS

Congressman Burkett's dream of being the Dave Mercer of the First congressional district, that is, of being congressman for an indefinite period, will not be realized, if realized at all, until after a warm fight. Mr. Burkett has neglected no opportunity of making himself solid with the people of the district and has endeavored to keep in the very closest touch with all classes. He has been made a member of the committee on appropriations and it is said has sworn that he won't come back to Lincoln until he has given her a new federal building. He realizes that it won't be sufficient to introduce a bill and have it on the calendar, because there is always a large number of carping critics who would say that he was playing them. So he is putting up the pins for quick action. But his opposition is not to be placated. There is a well defined feeling that if Mr. Burkett gets a third term, he will not be again headed for a number of years. This would necessitate the laying away of the ambitions of a number of worthy young republicans, and ambitions are restless things.

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Here at home it is regarded as certain that Judge Holmes will contest the county with Mr. Burkett. The judge has not yet said he would make the fight, but that is probably because the hour is not yet come. He has a host of friends, all of whom are political workers and influential. His nomination would go far to heal the breach between local factions and end an internecine war of considerable bitterness. His ability as an organizer and as an orator will stand him in good stead; he is an excellent mixer and as a judge has made a good record. There might not be any determined opposition to Mr. Burkett here at home were it not for the fact that all the signs point to trouble in other parts of the district, and if that is to be the case local embryonic congressmen desire to be in it. Down in Otoe county it is understood that Judge Jessen will certainly enter the race, and already Judge John Stull of Nemaha county is out for the nomination. The judge was a candidate two years ago and remained in the fighting until after the balloting. Then there is George M. Spurlock of Cass county, ex-county judge. Mr. Spurlock is one of the most popular young republicans in the district, and is equipped with all of the facilities

for making a hard fight. A Richardson county man in Lincoln the other day said that his county was for Spurlock. Mr. Spurlock has made no sign.



JUDGE EDWARD P. HOLMES,
Of Nebraska District No. 3, a possible candidate for Congress in the First Nebraska district.

however. All of which indicates that it won't be long before things are doing in the congressional line.

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The friends of Ernest M. Pollard, of Cass county, want it understood that he should not be omitted from the list of aspirants for governor. Mr. Pollard has been doing some traveling the past fortnight and has been meeting with considerable encouragement. He was a member of the legislature four years ago, and in 1900 had charge of the organization of republican clubs throughout the state. This gave him a wide acquaintance. He is a graduate of the state university, and this, too, gives him some strength among the alumnae. He does not come from a part of the state, however, that gives him any strategical importance and unless some powerful influence bestirs itself in his behalf he will have to depend upon the turn of events to land him. There is some talk of R. B. Windham of Cass taking a shy at the governorship himself, and this would mean trouble for Mr. Pollard right at home.

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The attitude of Governor Savage in the matter is something of a puzzle. Some one ran across a copy of a Kansas City paper the other day, wherein the governor was briefly interviewed. In that interview he said that the governorship did not have very many at-

tractions for him, that he was a ranchman by occupation, did not care much about being governor and would be glad enough of the day that would allow him to return to his old tasks on the ranch. This is a little strange in view of the understanding that one of the reasons why the governor granted the Bartley pardon was that he thought it would make him governor again. In explanation of this interview, however, it may be stated that it occurred the day he left Nebraska, and he was then suffering from the effects of the first withering blast of indignation from the republican press and was just before he met Mrs. Savage, who was much opposed to the granting of the pardon.

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Governor Savage is going to have a pretty hard time of it if he does stay in the fight, but the opinion is somehow taking root that when the time for the convention comes around the governor will chuck the whole thing over in disgust. He will, however, be in a position to have his desires in the matter of his successor recognized, although he will not possess the power to name him. A Lincoln man who is vastly interested in the game of politics made the prediction this week that the man who will be named for governor next fall lives in Lincoln and that his name is Charles H. Morrill. Mr. Morrill has twice refused the kindly crown, that is, he could have been named for governor on two different occasions if he had said the word. He refused, but he may not this time.

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Senator Currie is authority for the statement that Governor Savage will be unable to secure the Custer county delegation for renomination. Mr. Currie and Mr. Savage both live in the very small town of Sargent, and as is natural when two great men hail from the same small place there is always more or less rivalry between them. In the case of these two gentlemen, although outwardly they are friends, in fact they are at war. Therefore the senator's declaration must be taken with the customary grain of salt. At the same time Mr. Currie says he is a candidate for congress. He will naturally need the Custer county delegation in his business. Just how he is going to get this with Savage in the opposition is a problem he must solve. If what drifts in to Lincoln is true neither man will be able to get what he wants unless both are good.

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The indictment of former State Treasurer Meserve at Omaha for receiving interest on state money in his hands is pretty certain, no matter what the outcome, to retire him from the list of gubernatorial possibilities. Mayhap this is the object of it. The prosecution is understood to have had its inception in the Bee office,

and it is likely that Mr. Rosewater got the idea into his head that Meserve, whom he does not like any too well, was slated for the fusion nomination. It will be possible to drag along the prosecution of Mr. Meserve until after the state conventions have met, and with that hanging over him Meserve could not be named. The constitution prohibits the state treasurer from receiving interest on public moneys and the criminal law buttresses this with adequate punishment for violation thereof. It has always been understood that state treasurers took most of the interest money as perquisites of their office, a practice sanctioned by precedent but unauthorized by law, and if Meserve is to be prosecuted maybe there will be others placed in the same boat.

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Servants Had No Easy Time

Even in the royal household the post of house maid is apparently no sinecure, and I remember long ago hearing a story of a lady who, while engaging a new servant, naturally made the inquiry as to "why she had left her last place." It came out then that she had been last employed at Buckingham palace, and that she had left because "really her majesty (the late queen) was that particular that after you had done dusting everything, quite as much as necessary, she would pass her lace handkerchief across a table or a chair and notice even the tiniest speck." Even Buckingham palace is not good enough for servants nowadays, it seems.

It was told of the late queen that she was so difficle as to the making of her bed that it took the chambermaids two hours daily to make it, as the undersheet had to be most carefully and smoothly stitched to the lower mattress, so that there never was the slightest wrinkle, which story recalls the fairy tale of the princess and the crumpled rose leaf.—London Onlooker.

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Some women may forgive cruelty, but none forgives indifference.

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