



CHARLES W. RIEGER.

One of the many men who have come to Lincoln from various parts of the state in the past five years, invited by the promising conditions, is Charles W. Rieger, treasurer of the Matthews Piano company. The town seems to be the center of gravitation for many of the most enterprising business men of the state, and he is one of them.

The subject of the above sketch was born in Stephenson county, Illinois, where he spent his early young manhood on a farm and in the mercantile business in Freeport, Ill.

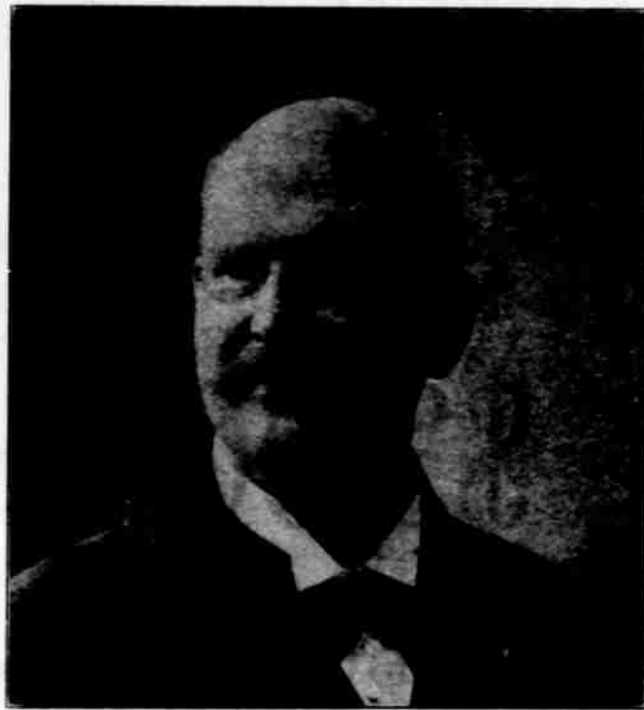
In 1886 he came to Nebraska and engaged in the banking and grain business, locating at DeWitt, which vocation he followed until 1897, when he removed to Lincoln and associated himself with the Matthews Piano Co., at 1120 O street, as its treasurer and one of the principal stockholders. The company does a large wholesale and retail business and, by reason of its fair and courteous treatment of patrons, and liberal, yet conservative, business methods, has built up and enjoys an extensive and far reaching trade.

Mr. Rieger has great faith in Lincoln's future growth and has a hearty regard for the ideals of the city, its appearance and progress, and is inspired with the belief that it has no more than reached the dawn of its prosperity. As a proof of his fidelity he is contributing his share towards the upbuilding of Lincoln, having erected several new houses, among them a fine residence at Thirteenth and J streets, where he and his estimable wife now reside.

Mr. Rieger takes an active interest in the affairs of St. Paul's M. E. church, being a member of its officary.

Considerable of a flurry has been caused in the village of Clyde, New York, says the New York Tribune, because the members of the women's club have recently devoted more time and enthusiasm to cards, than to their families. Husbands say that their home life is completely broken up by the absence of their wives from their homes at night. It is said that dinners are hurriedly devoured, after which the women go to the appointed place and spend the evenings playing bridge, euchre, whist or other games, while the lone lorn husbands console themselves as best they may. The men organized a club of their own to which they went nightly, as an offset to this, but the women managed to keep later hours than they, and they gave it up. Now they are discussing the passage of an ordinance compelling delinquent wives to be at home every evening at half after eight o'clock, and the wives are appropriately indignant. In other towns and cities in the east dinners exclusively for women are given, to be followed by whist, which continues until midnight. Why the men are not invited to these evening affairs is not stated, nor is it stated why, if women wish to entertain women only, they do not choose the afternoon for it. Let us hope that this very foolish example will not be followed by the women of the west. There is good reason for women learning to sail yachts, for that brings pleasurable excitement, owning them, too, if they have money enough, as several wealthy, fashionable women in New York do. Coaching, too, is another peaceful invasion of masculine territory. The women's coaching club of New York has nearly as many members as has the men's club, and many of the women, it is said, handle their teams with the dexterity of experienced drivers. For women to go unattended to theatres is now considered perfectly proper, and absolute freedom of action is allowed them in every way. Perhaps this is right; it gives to maids and matrons opportunities for pleasure which they could not otherwise

have, and will prepare them for responsibilities which, with the broadening of women's sphere, must come to



FRANK N. PROUT.

Frank N. Prout, attorney general of the state, was born in Newark, New Jersey, in 1852. When four years of age his parents removed to Illinois, where, in Stark county, he attended the common schools and studied law. He was admitted to the bar in Springfield in 1875, having read law under Judge Wright. In 1881 he came to Nebraska, settling in Gage county.

For eight years Mr. Prout was city attorney in Blue Springs. After this he served in the same capacity in Beatrice. In 1899 he was elected to the state senate and served one term. He was chairman of the revenue committee and a member of five others.

In the fall of 1900 he was nominated for the office of the attorney general. He was elected by a substantial majority. He will be unanimously renominated by the republican state convention which meets next month.

Mr. Prout has always been active in political matters and has every year worked untiringly for republican success. He has won a high place in the councils of his party on account of sound advice relative to matters local and state policy.

In 1880 Mr. Prout was married to Miss Julia Robinson in Berea county, Illinois. His daughter, Miss Vera, is now a student in the high school of this city.

them. Will this broadening of woman's sphere make women or men happier, or will it only add to the cares of the former, and lessen the self respect of the latter?

 Mesdames L. J. Dunn, C. I. Jones, J. C. Harpham and O. A. Faulkner entertained the members of the southeast circle of the First Presbyterian church and their friends delightfully Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. Dunn's beautiful home. Chairs and rugs were placed on the spacious piazza and a pleasant hour was spent there and on the lawn, then the guests were invited into the house where a play, "The Sewing Circle," was charmingly presented by Misses Josephine Poynter, Garnet Geer, Helen Tuttle, Florence Roberts, and Robinson, and never was so much gossiping done in so short a time, but the young actresses assured the ladies afterwards that theirs was not a Presbyterian circle. The hostesses served a dainty two-course luncheon. The house was decorated with American beauties and garden roses. About fifty ladies, including the officers of the aid society, were present.

 The social circle of Holy Trinity church gave a reception Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. H. Rudge, in honor of Mrs. John A. Ames. Mrs. Rudge, Mrs. Ames, and Mrs. F. W. Eason received the guests, one hundred of whom were present. Mrs. Rudge's house was decorated with a profusion of roses, and the piazza was furnished with oriental rugs and divans, and adorned with palms. Mrs. Pirie served punch and wafers on the piazza, and Mrs. Guenzel presided over a table on which souvenir spoons with a reproduction of Holy Trinity church in the bowl, were exhibited.

 Mrs. H. J. Winnett entertained the north side circle of St. Paul church Wednesday afternoon. Miss Stearns gave an interesting talk on the work of the Young Women's Christian association. Light refreshments were served to the fifteen ladies present. The next meeting will occur in June at the home of Mrs. T. B. Beach.

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The Faculty Women's club met Wednesday morning with Mrs. C. H. Gere. The following were elected officers for next year: president, Mrs. E. B. Andrews; vice president, Mrs. Ellery W. Davis; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. G. Loveland.

 Mrs. Callen Thompson and Mrs. Ralph E. Johnson will entertain informally Tuesday morning at the home of Mrs. Thompson, in compliment to Mrs. Henry P. Eames, who will leave for Europe in about ten days.

 Mrs. D. B. Brace entertained a dozen young ladies informally on Wednesday in honor of Miss Katherine Weston of Beatrice. The guests were old friends of Miss Weston.

 Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Spalding and family will leave on June sixteenth for Madeline Island, to be absent three months. Mr. Spalding owns a cottage at this pleasant resort.

 Professor and Mrs. H. W. Caldwell gave a dinner Saturday evening in honor of Professor and Mrs. George E. Howard. Covers were laid for twenty-four.