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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

On Saturday last Mr. G. E. Towl, who has been the publisher of the Journal for the past six months, disposed of his interest in the paper and retired from the management of the same to accept a position on the World-Herald at Omaha.

During the time Mr. Towl had charge of the Journal he made many improvements in the paper, and has worked hard to wrest success from what had been a failure for some of his predecessors, but an offer of a situation in Omaha induced him to leave Plattsmouth and the Journal. During his stay here he established a reputation for being a congenial gentleman, and in going away leaves a clear record for business integrity and honesty behind. May every success attend him in his new field of labor is the wish of all his Plattsmouth acquaintances.

On Tuesday evening of this week the plant, good will, and all property belonging to the paper was sold to the undersigned, who immediately took possession and began the work of getting out this issue. The time allowed for the work being limited, and the general confusion incident to an entire change of management, has resulted in the present issue being considerably below the usual standard, but we hope that in the future to make up for present deficiencies.

As to the future policy of the paper it will continue as in the past, to fly the flag of democracy and to advocate the principles of that party. It will be our earnest endeavor to each week present the news in a truthful, concise manner, and to publish facts on matters of interest to our readers, and to treat everybody fairly.

Personally, the publishers do not need an introduction to the people of Plattsmouth and Cass county, both having resided here nearly all of their lives, and being personally acquainted with nearly all the readers of the paper. We expect to obtain a share of your newspaper patronage, and will honestly and consistently seek to deserve the same.

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The open air concerts given by the B. & M. band on Main street each week is a popular and drawing attraction, as is attested by the crowds which assemble each concert evening. Director Schulof and the members of the band deserve much credit for the fine musical programmes.

When Senator Foraker introduced Senator Hanna as permanent chairman of the Ohio republican state convention he described him to the delegates as a man who "knew his business and how to attend to it." There can be no question of Senator Hanna's knowledge of his business. It is his business to run the republican party in the interests of syndicated monopolies of this country. He was placed in public life to attend to this business. He is strictly attending to it.

It is to be commonly observed in this wicked world of ours that those who boast at all boast of that they have least of. The rich man, though never so purse proud, does not, as a rule, go around bragging about his money, albeit he may sometimes make a vulgar display of its power and uses. The lady who talks overmuch of her virtue will bear watching. Vanity may sustain a bully in a corner, but we men leave their valor to take of itself as occasion requires.

From the reports which have come in from over the state, State Superintendent Fowler believes that the establishment of adjunct districts under the free high school attendance law was defeated in every county in the state. The matter was brought up at the recent school elections. It seems that the people do not generally understand the new law. In many cases the result was because of technical mistakes by the officers of the school boards. These adjunct districts comprise all of the county not included in the high school district. The vote taken was on the establishment of the district. Many school men think that the new plan will continue to fail even after the people come to understand it, because it imposes a slight additional tax on the districts. This will make it unpopular. Superintendent Fowler has written a circular letter to every county superintendent in the state, asking for information as to the reason for the opposition to the law, and requesting their opinions as to whether the question should be submitted again next June, and if so what kind of a campaign should be waged to insure its success.

The board of county commissioners, while sitting as a board of equalization, has discovered that the law defining the powers of the board to change assessments as returned by the assessors limits their action to a very narrow scope, and is sadly in need of amendment or alteration. For instance, the total assessed valuation of the county as returned by the assessors can not be materially disturbed, and should any large increase in any assessment be deemed equitable a corresponding decrease must be made elsewhere, in order that the total may not be affected. Again, should any assessment be found too low, and such fact be known to the members of the board, they are powerless to make any change in such assessment unless the matter is brought to their official notice by complaint being made by some citizen or tax-payer. The entire plan of levying and collecting taxes in this state is faulty, and apparently the legislatures which have sought to give the people relief were unable to devise a more equitable or better plan, although one is sadly needed.

The new fish and game law, passed at the last session of the legislature, is developing into a gigantic farce. Beyond providing places for a half dozen political parasites to fasten themselves upon the state treasury to the extent of several thousand dollars per year for salaries, it is doubtful if any attention whatever will be paid to the enforcement of the new law. A license which costs \$1 per year is one of the requirements before a person can legally catch fish in a county of which he is not a resident, and the county clerk is the officer authorized to issue such license. The law went into effect July 1st, but thus far no licenses can be procured.

It has long been the custom when a new paper is established, or when a change of publishers takes place, for the new or incoming editor to announce that he "has come to stay." In the case of the present publishers of the Journal, both of whom have been residents of Plattsmouth and Cass county for more than thirty years, such an announcement would appear superfluous, but the fact remains that they have undoubtedly "come to stay."

The political pot is beginning to boil in Cass county, and within a few weeks the campaign will be on full blast. Already many candidates are being talked of for the county offices to be filled, and a hot fight is in prospect. The new publishers of the Journal are not strangers to the political situation in the county, and expect to keep up their end of things political.

Curious, isn't it, that those foreign countries are unable to realize the advantage it will be to them to admit our products free, while we put a prohibitive tariff on what they have to sell? But these foreigners always were dense.

The county commissioners have decided that hereafter the pay of assessors will not be as extensive as formerly. A plan has been agreed upon by which a certain sum will be apportioned to each ward and precinct for doing the work and if the assessor cares to undertake the work for this sum he can go ahead, and if not he can resign and the board will appoint some one else who will accept the work for the amount agreed upon. Heretofore the assessors have filed claims for as high an amount as the board would allow, based on the rate of \$3 per day of eight hours, for the time actually employed in doing the work, which has resulted in claims which many people consider excessive.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, July 1, 1901.—Secretary Gage is chafing under the muzzle that has been put upon him by the administration, and some predict it will result in his resignation. Since turning over to the diplomatic branch of the government with a hope that the tariff war with Russia, into which the secretary's blundering construction of the law plunged the country, the president informed the secretary that he must cease talking for publication about his acts which led to the tariff war. This Mr. Gage regards as a double reflection on his judgment, but whether he will take it so seriously as to resign is not yet apparent. Those best informed seem to believe that the [banking] interests which placed Mr. Gage in charge of the financial branch of affairs will intervene, if necessary, to prevent his resignation, as they do not wish to take any chances with a new man.

The republican fight over controlling the pension bureau is growing sensational. Commissioner Evans has made a statement—his first public resistance to the demand for his removal—that breathes defiance between the lines, and may be considered a dare to Mr. McKinley to redeem the written promise of the republican national committee to Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, during the campaign last year, that Evans would not be continued at the head of the pension bureau during this administration, if Mr. McKinley were re-elected.

Mr. Evans intimates that in addition to the desire of the pension agents—sharks—to control the work of the pension bureau there are republican politicians who wish a change because they have not been allowed to dictate in defiance of law appointments and promotions in the bureau. This statement of Mr. Evans would be "hot stuff" in much colder weather than that which Washington is now passing through, and his friends say he has unlimited ammunition for more of it, and, having become tired of being abused for doing his duty and standing between the treasury and a ring of pension looters, he will use it without regard to who is hit if the fight against him is kept up. Democrats are interested spectators of this fight. Gen. Sickles, who is a leader on the anti-Evans side, was a McKinley stumper both in 1896 and 1900, and Corporal Tanner, who seems to be second in command, who was summarily kicked out of the office of pension commissioner by the late President Harrison for doing the very thing for which Evans has been fought for not doing.

The opinion is increasing among democrats that the republican talk of revising the tariff so as to hit trust-controlled articles is nothing more than a vote-making bluff. In many congressional districts in the west and middle-west there is a strong sentiment among republican voters against trusts. It is to keep this vote from being lost to the party that tariff revision talk was begun, and is expected that a considerable number of republican congressmen from that section will make speeches during the coming session in favor of taking the tariff off trust-controlled articles, not because they expect or really desire legislation along that line, but because the speeches will make good campaign documents in next year's congressional fight.

It seems that Secretary Gage's order imposing a countervailing duty on Italian sugar, on the suspicion that Italy was paying an export bounty on sugar, was as big a blunder as that he made about Russian sugar. The Italian government has officially informed this government that it does not pay a bounty on sugar exported, just as Russia did. Matters of this sort are too important and far-reaching in their effect to be determined upon without absolute knowledge of all the facts.

Within a few days—probably this week—the advisory headquarters of Ohio republicans will be established in the Canton home of Mr. McKinley, and the advisor-in-chief will be no less than Mr. McKinley himself. Although there is no national issue in the Ohio campaign this year, unless the election of a legislature to elect Senator Foraker's successor can be considered such, Mr. McKinley is very anxious that the republicans shall win, not that he would grieve to see Foraker lose his seat, but because of its moral effect on the congressional campaign next year. As a shrewd politician he recognizes that unless the republicans can retain control of congress many of his plans concerning the Philippines will be upset, as he has no idea that all those plans can be put into effect through legislation by the present congress.

Jones & McGowan, the liverymen, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Jones retiring. The business will be continued at the old stand by Mr. McGowan, while it is understood that Mr. Jones will travel and sell his remedies for horse diseases.

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