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FAREWELL.

A deal has been made whereby THE SIOUX COUNTY JOURNAL will change hands on March 1, 1897, at which time the new proprietor, Mr. Geo. D. Canon, a newspaper man of experience, will assume control, and in the next issue of the paper he will outline the future policy thereof.

For nearly eight years the undersigned has been editor of THE JOURNAL and in that time he has passed through all the vicissitudes incident to the business in a new, unproven country. In that time many controversies have taken place and while the policy of THE JOURNAL has not always met the approval of all, its honesty of purpose has won and held for it the respect and confidence of the fair-minded people, and the paper has never yet turned its back to a friend or an enemy.

To those who have been his true friends the writer extends thanks; to those who have been open, honest enemies he entertains the highest respect; for those hypocrites who have attempted by smirks and smiles to get a better opportunity to injure him he has the most supreme contempt; for those whom he has befriended and assisted and who have shown themselves so lacking in the attributes of manhood and honor that they have been so ungrateful as to seek to injure him he has the patience to wait to see them reap the reward merited by such a course.

The conditions now existing in Sioux county at this time are vastly different from those of eight years ago, and the change in the ownership of THE JOURNAL cannot but assist in making some difference. Mr. Canon comes here a stranger to all past controversies, and with no occasion to take them up, and the retiring editor commends him to the people of Sioux county and trusts that under his control THE JOURNAL will continue to stand up for justice and right in the future as it has in the past.

Thanking the people for patronage in the past years the writer as editor of THE JOURNAL bids them farewell.

Respectfully,

L. J. SIMMONS.

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Greece is hot, therefore it is in the proper condition to taste Turkey.

The opening up and the developing of the Wyoming oil fields is another resource upon which the west may count for industrial recuperation. The oil deposits of this region will, without doubt, furnish the larger part of the world's supply before many years. The man who overlooks this important factor in the advancement of the great west makes a mistake which will weaken all his conclusions.—Omaha Bee.

A law restricting immigration is very likely to be passed by congress. The bill which has been agreed upon provides that foreigners who can neither read or write shall be returned to the port whence they sailed at the expense of the transport company which brought the illiterate persons to our shores. Exceptions are made in cases where the illiterate person is the wife or daughter of a man who can pass the test examination. The object is to stop the ignorant and criminal classes from flocking to the United States.

The report of the inter-state commerce commission for the year ending June 30, 1896, shows that more than one hundred and seventy thousand miles of railroad were operated and that the gross receipts were \$1,123,646,562. The average dividends paid to stockholders was a little less than five per cent for the year. One hundred and twenty-eight of the one hundred and forty-four roads west of the Mississippi river paid no dividend at all during the year preceding the date of the report. Yet there are people who declare that the railroads can have their rates greatly reduced and still yield large profits on the capital invested. In the whole United States there are six hundred and eighty-four railroads reported and only one hundred and thirty-five of them paid dividends. From these figures it looks as if railroads had been no more profitable than other lines of business during the year.

The powers are chagrined because little Greece dares to administer to Turkey the castigation which she so richly deserves, and the big ones threaten to deter Greece. They are acting the dog in the manger. They will neither make the Turk behave himself nor let any one else do so.

The legislature is still grinding away and accomplishing but very little. It would be a good plan if some means could be devised to make the solons realize that a great deal more good would accrue to the state if the members would spend less time playing to the grandstand.

If we are not mistaken a very large majority of the voters of this state prefer honest, direct and honorable methods in politics. They do not want to be deceived and humbugged. When they find out that all the pretensions of the populist party are mere frauds, that its reforms are mere trash and that it is sincere in nothing, they will certainly show their disapproval by their votes. They make a great hue and cry about railroad passes but are the most inveterate pass beggars in the world. They hold up the railroad companies at every turn, not only for themselves, but for every friend, in so much that the populist who does not ride on a pass now justly feels that he has been slighted by his party leaders. They exclaimed loudly against republican extravagance in having so many officers and employes, but when they get into power, instead of reducing the number they increase it. All their performances of the same kind and when the people find it out they will fire the coteries of manipulators over the transom.—York Times.

After all the contented person is nearest to happiness. It is fortunate that this is not denied the poor nor those who labor with their hands. The great mistake of nearly all civilized people is the apparent idea that the pursuit of wealth is the object of living and to attain it the only aim of life. The rich are no happier than the poor, not as happy usually. Of course people who are hungry and cold are not very happy, but the work of any man's hands will keep those dismal specters far away from a family, and with food, fuel and clothing there is no good reason why one should not enjoy himself just as well as the man who has millions and wants millions more. If we would study and contrive more for contentment and happiness in our present state and less for money there would be less strife and contention. Most of this is the result of envy, and we do not know the grief and worry of those we envy. The man who stops his honest toil to look at his wealthy neighbor as he rides by is very apt to commiserate his own hard lot. As though a team and carriage, a fine house and good clothes were an indication of good health, a good digestion, domestic felicity and all the things men must have if they would be happy? If you have good health the rich invalid envies you and you would not exchange places with him for any amount of money. If you have a pleasant and agreeable family in a cottage many men who live in the finest houses would be much more happy were they in your place. In fact riches can do so little toward making people happy and do so much to make trouble, care and misery that the wisest men among the ancients even took pains to remain poor.—York Times.

The legislative committee appointed to investigate the records of the outgoing state officials reported on some of them. The report shows ex-Treasurer Bartley to be short over half a million dollars, ex-Auditor Moore over twenty-seven thousand and ex-Land Commissioner Russell to be guilty of crooked work. The ex-officials claim that they can clear the matter up all right, although another report says that Eugene Moore admits that he is short and that the money was invested in mining out in Colorado. It is hoped that the matter will be sifted to the very bottom and if any of those who are charged with crooked work are guilty let them be made to suffer for it. There is no occasion for the display of any partisan venom on either side. The report has gone out to the world that those men are guilty and it rests with those who have made the charges to prove them and on those against whom the charges are made falls the task of proving themselves innocent or suffer the penalty. As the ex-officials on whom the cloud rests are all republicans the members of the party should see that the investigation is full and fair, and if the charges are not sustained the fullest satisfaction should be demanded from those making the charges. If, when all of the facts are known, it is found that the charges made are true the republican party owes it to itself to see that those who betrayed the confidence reposed in them are made to pay the penalty. In no other way can the party hope to prove to the people that it does not knowingly uphold any man or act which is not honest or honorable. It is hoped that the men will be able to set themselves right in the matter, but if not they forfeit all right to the respect of all honest men, regardless of party, and the fact that Eugene Moore has posed as the goodly god one of the republican officials makes his position even worse than that of the others, and unless he shows up a clean record the contempt of all will follow him through life. Let all of the facts be known.

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