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If the democrats were really anxious to reduce the surplus in a sensible way, why don't they take that part of both the Mills bill and the senate bill that provide for the removal of the tobacco tax and part of the sugar duty such a bill may be passed. If this were done it would abolish all the surplus which can be spared.

THE senator from Cass has found a sort of a defender in the editor of the *Journal*. While that statesman does not approve of the senators course, it condemns the HERALD for not approving of it and thinks we should have publically pledged our senator through the columns of the HERALD before election. That would do for a democratic sheet, but the HERALD does not think or, did not think that course either prudent or fair toward the senator. We supported him believing him to be a square republican who would represent the party, not one or two individuals who are with the *Journal* on the whisky question. We knew he had made repeated pledges to *republicans* in favor of submission, and we did not believe he had pledged the saloon his support on the other side. Hence, we treated him fairly and trusted him, and now we can't be expected to square ourself with the *Journal's* standard of democratic morals on this or any other question; neither must we be expected to place any further confidence in the political pledges of the senator from Cass. Against the senator personally the HERALD has no quarrel—but with his political advisers and with him as representative republican, we beg to be excused.

THE LABOR QUESTION.

An exchange, discussing the question of labors progress, holds that poverty is relative: that the man who has learned to live within his income, be that less than a dollar a day, is richer than the man whose habitual wants call for more than he earns, though his earnings reach thousands yearly. The writer adds:

The habitual concealment of this vital fact in all social problems, work fatal harm, because it leads men to believe that they are "ground down" into poverty by some power outside of themselves. Whether they suffer any injustice or not, the power which fixes their habitual wants is that which in the end determines whether they suffer from poverty or not. Concealment of this helps thousands to forget that their actual condition is infinately better and higher than that of men who performed similar services in the past.

This is all very fine, but admitting its truth, the poor man will not get much consolation out of it. Human nature is pretty much alike whether a man is rich or poor. A man may live and keep his family on a dollar a day, but is it right that he should do so. Would he progress? He owes to his wife and children luxuries and privileges that would cost more than a dollar a day if he can get a greater sum honestly. No man has a right to be content with barely sustaining life in those dependent upon him, and it is fortunate for the human race that very few men are thus content.

It is right that the poor should want more than they get, but of course it is not right that they should get more than they can pay for. Ambition to improve one's condition is the mainspring of progress, and when you find a man who accepts his lot with contentment you have found a man who is either exceptionally fortunate in his surroundings, or of no use to himself or anybody else.—Lincoln Journal.

STRENGTHEN THE NATION'S DEFENSES.

The movement in the senate to create a $500,000 fund whereby the United States may be enabled to strengthen its position and afford protection to the interests of its citizens in the Samoan Islands is a wise one so far as it goes, and probably it could not be made to go much further in the manner and by the means employed. The proposition is to add this amount to the diplomatic and consular appropriations, the specific sum here named being designed to be immediately available, and to be used in Samoa according to the judgment of the president, without any special directions or supervision by congress.

Unfortunately, however, the sum here sought to be appropriated will not go very far toward enabling the nation to protect the interests of its citizens either in Samoa or any other place outside the country. A carefully drawn and wise system of coast defenses should be adopted, and our navy strengthened. This work ought to begin at once, and liberal appropriations should be authorized, to be made immediately available. Congress ought to do this now. Discussion of the tariff and finance questions can profitably be postponed to the next congress, as nothing practical will be accomplished on these matters in any event. On the question of strengthening the nation on the sea, however, delay is dangerous.

The builders of the Vesuvius, which has recently been added to our navy, and which is the fleetest war vessel afloat, say they could construct a dozen like it before the year ends if work should be begun on them soon. Vessels of this class are what the country needs now. They are for more serviceable than the huge and unwieldy ships which form a large part of the navies of the other great countries. It is within the power of the government to have a moderately formidable fleet of war vessels ready for service within twelve months if a start be made now. Within that time, also, the harbor defenses could be so strengthened that even the most powerful and arrogant of foreign nations would hesitate long before entering into a contest with us. We have the money and the skill to do all these things. The surplus could not be put to any other use which would bring in such valuable returns to the country as this. Let congress show the public spirit and patriotism which the emergency demands.—Globe Democrat.

—We will give a good silver watch to anyone who sends us twenty-five yearly subscribers to the HERALD.

A tame crow belonging to a farmer near Ridgeway, Ont., has been taught to distinguish colors, and will pick out from a pile of articles of various colors one of any color asked for.

William Perkins, of Owensborough, Ky., is blind and ingenious. The result of his affliction and his genius is a writing machine for the blind, which the boy has just perfected. It is said that a San Francisco firm has paid him $5,000 for the right to manufacture and sell the machine in the United States.

—Statements and bill heads a specialty at the HERALD office.

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PLATTMOUTH ENCAMPMENT No. 3, I. O. O. F., meets every alternate Friday in each month in the Masonic Hall. Visiting Brothers are invited to attend.

TRIO LODGE NO. 84, A. O. U. W.—Meets every alternate Friday evening at K. of P. hall. Transient brothers are respectfully invited to attend. F. J. Morgan, Master Workman; F. P. Brown, Foreman; G. B. Kemster, Overseer; R. A. Taite, Financier; G. F. Houseworth, Recorder; M. Maybright, Receiver; D. B. Smith, Past M. W.; I. N. Bowen, Guide; P. J. Kunz, Inside Watch.

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PLATTSMOUTH LODGE NO. 8, A. O. U. W. Meets every alternate Friday evening at Rockwood hall at 8 o'clock. All transient brothers are respectfully invited to attend. L. S. Larson, M. W.; F. Boyd, Foreman; S. C. Wilde, Recorder; Leonard Anderson, Overseer.

PLATTSMOUTH LODGE NO. 6, A. F. & A. M. Meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at their hall. All transient brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

J. G. RICHEY, W. M.
WM. HAYS, Secretary.

NEBRASKA CHAPTER, NO. 3, R. A. M. Meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Mason's Hall. Transcient brothers are invited to meet with us.

F. E. WHITE, H. P.
WM. HAYS, Secretary.

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Meeting Saturday evening

LEGAL.

Notice to Lot Owners in Paving District No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the city of Plattsmouth: That all lot owners in Paving District No. 1, of the city of Plattsmouth, between east side of Seventh street and west side of Second street be and they are hereby notified that on February ninth, A. D. 1889 at 8 o'clock p. m., we, the said Mayor and Council will sit as a Board of Equalization to hear any and all complaints against assessing and levying special taxes to pay the cost of paving and curbing in said District according to and by the following rule to-wit.

To the First one-sixth abutting upon Main street 33⅓ per cent of one-half of the total cost.

The Second one-sixth, 20 per cent of one-half of the total cost.

The Third one-sixth, 16⅔ per cent of one-half of the total cost.

The Fourth one-sixth, 10 per cent of one-half of the total cost.

The Fifth one-sixth, 10 per cent of one-half of the total cost, and

The Sixth one-sixth, 10 per cent of one-half of the total cost, and

said lot owners are requested to be and appear at said time to show cause, if any, why said assessment should not be so made.

This assessment to be so levied to extend to all lots and blocks where the lots face on Main street and to extend to the alley and in Block 32 to include lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 14 and north one-half of lots 4 and 11 in block 32.

It is further ordered that this resolution be published as a notice each day until said day of hearing.

Dated this 14th day of January, A. D. 1889.

Attest: W. K. FOX, City Clerk. M. B. MURPHY, Acting President.

Notice of Sidewalk Taxation.

Plattsmouth, Neb., January 14th, 1889.

Resolved, By the Mayor and Council of the city of Plattsmouth, that there will be held on the 9th day of February, 1889, at the usual hour a meeting of the Council for the purpose of auditing and charging up to abutting lots for taxation all sidewalks which have been ordered built and constructed by the city as per list below and property owners are hereby notified that they may attend and show cause, if any, why such charges should not be made.

Lot 3 Block 34, Young & Hayes Add	$ 11 20
Lot 4 Block 34, Young & Hayes Add	11 20
Lot 1 Block 18, Young & Hayes Add	10 00
Lot 2 Block 18, Young & Hayes Add	10 00
Lot 2 Block 19, Young & Hayes Add	10 00
Lot 3 Block 19, Young & Hayes Add	10 00
Lot 4 Block 19, Young & Hayes Add	10 00
Lot 2 Block 17, Young & Hayes Add	8 00
Lot 3 Block 111, City of Plattsmouth	6 48
Lot 4 Block 111, City of Plattsmouth	6 48
Lot 1 Block 12, City of Plattsmouth	22 40
Lot 12 Block 3, City of Plattsmouth	22 40
Lot 5 Block 148, City of Plattsmouth	7 04
Lot 1 Block 27, City of Plattsmouth	43 90
Lot 2 Block 27, City of Plattsmouth	15 40
Lot 5 Block 14, Young & Hayes Add	9 60
Lot 6 Block 14, Young & Hayes Add	9 60

Notice as per above to be given by publication.

Attest: W. K. FOX, City Clerk. M. B. MURPHY, Acting President.

Notice to Lot Owners in Sewer District No. 1.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the city of Plattsmouth that all lot owners in Sewer District No. 1 of the city of Plattsmouth in the following blocks to-wit, Nos. 28 and 29:

Are hereby notified that on February ninth, A. D. 1889, at 8 o'clock p. m., we, the Mayor and Council will sit as a board of equallization to hear any and all complaints against assessing and levying special taxes to pay the cost of District Sewer constructed through said lots and blocks according to the number front of feet abutting upon the alleys through said blocks.

Said lot owners are required to be and appear at said time to show cause, if any, why said assessment should not be so made.

It is further ordered that this resolution be published each day until said day of hearing.

Dated January 14th, A. D. 1889.

Attest: W. K. FOX, City Clerk. M. B. MURPHY, Acting President.