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The Semi-Weekly Journal.

We once more desire to remind our readers that from and after this date the Journal will be issued twice-a-week—Monday and Thursday. Of course this is done at no little expense, and while we have increased the subscription price to $1,50 we believe our patrons will be that much better satisfied.

Many of our farmer friends have called on us since we made the announcement a week ago, and have expressed themselves as being well pleased with the new arrangement. Those who have already paid one year in advance at the old price will receive the paper just the same until the time for which they have paid expires. This will also hold good with all patrons whose subscriptions do not expire for several months. The next pay-day is when the $1,50 takes effect with them.

In issuing twice a week, the Journal will be able to give its readers all the county happenings, which we have been unable to do in the past on account of lack of space in the regular weekly issue.

Under the new arrangement we expect to more than give our patrons their money's worth, by furnishing by far the best paper ever published in Cass county. Therefore, the next issue of the Semi-Weekly Journal will be mailed next Monday evening, which will reach nearly every postoffice in the county by the following Tuesday evening and the eight-page edition, which is printed on Thursday evening, will reach the same on Friday evening or early Saturday morning.

MAKE up your mind to do something for Plattsmouth in 1908.

THE end of weak gas is promised soon. But nothing of that kind seems soon.

KNOCKERS should "turn over a new leaf," and resolve from now till the dawn of the New Year not to do so any more.

IN fifteen years the states between Mississippi river and the Rocky Mountaine have added 149,000,000 acres to the land they cultivate.

IN spite of the statistics, don't say anything about "hoarding money" to the usually amiable citizen, who has just been through the Christmas experience.

MANY merchants are making a sad mistake in withdrawing their newspaper advertising after the holydays. The average reader watches for bargains offered through the newspaper.

AN eastern magazine learnedly discusses the question, "What is money?" Out this way we know mighty well what it is, and are solicitous only to get our mits on a few thousand dollars.

THE final bit of circumstantial evidence which can be relied on to convict Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock of conspiracy to control the Republican national convention appears when he is supposed to be it disfavor for not conspiring according to orders.

CHANCELLOR ANDREWS spoke to the teachers last Friday afternoon and created considerable excitement by declaring that one-half the school superintendents of the state should be discharged for prescribing a too rigid course of study. The Journal is disposed to believe that the Chancellor is about right.

THE report that public school teachers in Illinois will be "required to know agriculture hereafter" does not explain itself. It would naturally be taken for granted that as they are expected to know and teach everything else, they would naturally know all about agriculture.

IT is a good time right now to don our thinking cap, and begin to study what we can do for Plattsmouth in 1908. Let us begin "to pull together" with the dawn of the New Year for the best interests of our city, and while we cannot complain of our prosperity closing the Old Year, let us all make up our minds to do better in 1908.

TO ORGANIZE a permanent association representive of the states contiguous to the Missouri which will look to the improvement of that stream in every direction needed to encourage navigation, the first annual session of the Missouri River congress has been called to meet at Sioux City, Iowa, January 22 and 23.

DO NOT blame the bankers for their failure to agree on the subject of needed legislation. The doctors, the lawyers, the preachers and the editors all have troubles about getting together, also.

IF those republican papers that are continually harping about "a mighty slim chance for Bryan," really thought so they certainly would not be so eager for his defeat for the nomination. The fact is they know that Mr. Bryan is stronger today than ever and that his nomination means success to the democratic party in the nation.

THE republican candidate for governor of Illnois, who went farthest afield for an issue came back with a proposed reform in matrimony which is intended to prevent "mental imcompetents" from leaving descendants. If it can be done, it may give the future a generation of candidates, who, when real isses are pressing them in the open, will not take to the woods to hunt for fads, wild or tame.

THE trouble which is expected to keep Secretary Cortelyou on the sick list for an "indefinite period," is grip, not "anaemia," or "neurasthenia," or any formidable disease of the kind Washington medical specialists in strenuosity were fond of before Professor Muldoon supplanted their Latin and Greek remedies with his direct and vigorous methods of cabinet restoration.

ACCORDING to Congressman Towney, the increase os $100,998,000 in estimated republican expense during the next governmental year makes "retrenchment necessary." But when this is demonstrated is is likely to be seized on as additional proof that it will be dangerous to attempt any sort of reform or improvement until after the presidental election.

As the first "rough total" of the census of Cuba, Governor General Magoon gives it "2,028,282 souls." This in near enough for practical accuracy in first estimates that on the per capita basis of from $2 to $5 a year profits for a half a dozen monopolies on each soul, it will be economical to keep Governor General Magoon in Cuba as long as possible.

THOSE Dingley industries which promises to "resume full operation" on January 1 will be much wiser in resuming than they were when pulled their fires. With that sort of thing carried over from October, 1907, to October, 1908, there might not be much left of the theory that prosperity ought to depend on the ballot-box instead of business.

THE governor of Nevada has called a special session of the legislature for the purpose of dealing with the Goldfield strike and the riots which resulted in a call for federal troops. The idea of using state legislators as strike-breakers is a new one, but none the less interesting. It will be well worth while to follow developments at Carson City, inasmuch as a number of states are perplexed to know what to do with their legislatures.

The Time Has Arrived.

The time for good resolutions to go into effect is here. Plenty of them have been made—the same o'd stereotyped resolutions that have existed since calendars have been invented. The same resolutions were made a year ago by the same men who are making them now, and a few weeks, yes, days, hence they will be forgotten. They will be gently laid aside until the dawn of the next year, when they will be brought forth for another brief airing.

Why men make these resolutions only to break them, is a mystery that has never been thoroughly explained. But as sure as New Year's approaches thousands of men begin to think of the bad habits they will forever dispense with and of the good things they will do, and then almost before the last echo of the bells that usher in the New Year have died out the resolutions have been forgotten and their lives continue to run in the same channels as before.

But this year there will be many who will vow inwardly that they will not be weak, but will stick steadfastly to their good resolutions, avoiding temptations and leading lives that will be almost saintly. But these, too, will fail. It will be the same old sorrowful story as of yore.

Even now the rumble of the water wagon may be heard as it approaches for its New Year's passengers. It will be an overcrowded van. There will be seats for all, and standing room will be at a premium, but not for long. Before January has ended there will be plenty of room on the prohibition cart and by the middle of February there will be none left but the dignified driver, Neptune.

However, the Journal hopes that many good resolutions may be agreed upon as the church bells begin to ring out the Old Year and ring in the New Year, and that every one agreed upon will be closely followed to the letter, and that all will be greatly benefitted thereby.

SENATOR ALLISON'S campaign for reelection in Iowa is being conduted, so far as the public is concerned, by his colleague, Senator Dolliver. Mr. Allison cannot make an active canvass himself, for the reason that it might require him to say something that meant something. Allison is too old, anyhow, and should get out of the way for a younger man.

THE Journal takes this opportunity of returning to its friends and patrons its most sincere thanks for the many favors bestowed upon it during the past year, and hopes for a continuance of the same good feeling during the year 1908. We can assure all that our efforts in the future, as in the past, will be so directed as to meet the approbation of all our old friends and as many new ones as may come our way. We also take great pleasure in wishing our friends and patrons, one all, a "Happy New Year," and may they be blessed with health, happiness and prosperity, is the sincere wish of the Journal.

Republicans in a Row.

The Washington correspondent of the Omaha World-Herald, under date of December 26, says: The Nebraska republican outlook is getting highly complicated, according to the Washington view. It is alleged that Senator Brown is more of a LaFollette man than of anything else, and would like to see the state's delegation go to the Wisconsin man if the latter has any show at all.

That Senator Burkett has serious concern about the fight against himself for re-election, and that the Sheldon movement has been gaining such great proportions as to worry him much of late.

That Senator Burkett further is quite willing to prepare a soft place on which to alight in case he loses out as candidate for re-election to the senate, and that this causes him to listen with interest to the buzzings of the vice-presidential bee that are as music in his ear.

That the two senators are pulling farther and farther apart on the contest over election of a revenue collector.

That the administration is holding up the nomination of a postmaster at Omaha in order to be able to use it as political leverage to extort from the senators their support for a Taft delegation

That with Brown really favoring LaFollette and Burkett figuring on becoming the vice-presidential candidate on a Hughes ticket there is likely to be serious difficulty in fetching about any such arrangement.

That the LaFollette organization in Wisconsin has had agents in Nebraska for a fortnight, and that they make most favorable reports.

In short, Nebraska is regarded, from this distance, as one of the states sadly tangled up with its politics. The prospect for a hot senatorial fight is looking bigger. There is rumor of two or three congressmen getting into the game, Hinshaw and Norris being mentioned persistently in this connection. Everybody insists that he is the particular aversion of the railroads, and everybody insists that the railroads are secretly for the other fellow.

Various conferences have been held, in some of which distinguished national politicians have taken part who ordinarily don't concern themselves about Nebraska affairs.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Safe Remedy for Children.

In buying a cough remedy for children, never be afraid to buy Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it and relief is sure to follow. It is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, and there is no better medicine in the world for these diseases. It is not only a certain cure for croup, but, when given as soon as the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. Whooping cough is not dangerous when this remedy is given as directed. It contains no opium or other harmful drugs, and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

WHEN CHRISTMAS WAS ...

In Cromwell's Time the People Could Not Celebrate.

"Christmas was illegal in Cromwell's time," said an antiquary. "Those cursed old Puritans are so gloomy that they would not have any gaiety even on Christmas day. Cromwell said that holly and mistletoe were heathenish things. He said that they had no real Christmas significance—they were a part of some pagan festival of the Druids. Accordingly he made a law that, if you decorated your house with mistletoe or holly at Christmas, you got 30 days in jail.

"The terrible old fellow forbade Christmas celebrations. No dancing, no singing, no playgoing, no feasting on Christmas day—penalty, 30 days.

"You see, it was his idea that Christmas was a religious, a serious time, for churchgoing and prayer and reverence, and for nothing else. The innocent family that in Cromwell's day sat down to turkey and plum pudding and wound up with Christmas games got a month all round.

"Only for a time, though. The people rebelled. Willing as the people had been to put on the gloom of those dreadful old Puritans, they insisted on having a little joy on Christmas day, and Cromwell, after a year or two, had to give in to them."

A WISE PROVISION.

The guest:—Aren't you afraid of your papa coming and catching you, Jack?

The Host:—No fear, I bought him a pair of very loud squeaky slippers for a Christmas present.

Willing to Prove It.

The Christmas spirit warmed the old lady's heart, and she said to the tattered, shivering tramp:

"If I give you a nickel how can I be sure that you won't go straight off and get intoxicated with it?"

"Madam," the man answered, pointing to the laurel-decked corner saloon, "it would give me great pleasure to afford you practical demonstration that the sum isn't enough for the purpose."

What Papa Gets.

Hang up the Christmas stockings
For ma and Jim and Sue,
For Myrtle, Jane and Agnes,
For William and for Lew.

And don't forget "dear papa,"
Hang up a sock for him,
Although his chance for presents
May be extremely slim.

Oh, no! They'll not forget him—
He's got a lovely chance!
If they're not pleased on Christmas—
Pa gets—"a song and dance!"
—Yonkers Statesman.

Prior to the Estimate.

"Yes, little girl," said the kind old man with the white whiskers; "I have an immense candy-store, and for Christmas I am going to give you all the candy you can eat."

"Oh, goody!" cried the little girl, dancing about with happiness.

"Now," continued the kind old man, how much candy can you eat?"

"How much candy have you got?"
—Judge.

Looking for the Angels.

In Bethlehem, the children believe that on Christmas eve a choir of angels always sings above the place of our Savior's birth.

On this evening many children may be seen standing about in groups, and gazing wistfully up into the sky, looking for the heavenly messengers of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Wise Jack.

Nellie—That was a mean trick Jack played me, all the same!

Willy—What was it?

Nellie—He proposed on Christmas eve, so that the engagement-ring would do for a Christmas gift. And I couldn't say 'no,' you know, because in that case he wouldn't have given me anything."

Like Thoughts.

The handsome young minister sighed wearily.

"And they say," he muttered, "they say no two minds think alike."

And opening the wardrobe door, he placed within the twenty-seventh pair of Christmas slippers that had arrived that day.

Suggestive.

"I think Mr. Grimsby's attentions are serious, mamma,' says the fair young thing.

"Has he said anything?" asks mamma.

"No; but for a Christmas gift he has sent me a cookbook and a volume on home decoration."—Judge.

Impressing It on Him.

"Did your wife make much of a fuss when you got in so late on Christmas eve?'

"No, indeed. She was once a school teacher. She just brought me a slate and pencil and made me write 500 times, 'Every night in the year I must be in by ten o'clock."

Stull-Green Case Settled.

In district court yesterday, the case of the State vs L. C. Stull, which has been on the docket for some time, was disposed of. When the judgment was originally rendered, it was set aside by Judge Jessen, and after a number of hearings was disposed of yesterday by imposing a fine of $25.00 and costs.

Ray Chriswisser Improving

R. H. Chriswisser departed for his home in the western part of the state this morning, after an extended visit with friends here. He was ready to go to his home at Beaver City some time ago, but was detained on account of the sickness of his brother, Ray, who is improving nicely now in the hospital at Omaha, being in a fair way to leave that institution in the near future. A. P. Chriswisser went to Omaha this morning where he is visiting with his brother.

Farm for Sale!

One of the best 160 acre farms in Cass county for sale. Improvements are extra good. Six room house and good barn to hold 50 tons of hay and 18 head of horses. One and one-half miles east of the Wills place.

JOHN URISH, Owner.

FROM THE ANTILLES

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Benefits City Councilman at Kingston, Jamaica.

Mr. W. O'Reilly Fogarty, who is a member of the city council at Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, writes as follows: One bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had good effect on a cough that was giving me trouble and I think I should have been more quickly relieved if I had continued the remedy. That it was beneficial and quick in relieving me there is no doubt and it is my intention to obtain another bottle. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.