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Plattsmouth wants no long term franchises.

Get busy and start the fires under the boilers.

After the canning factory and alfalfa mill are assured, the next move is for more industries.

Plattsmouth's experience with Hortenlanger's ice contract ought to be enough. Is it necessary to be stung twice in the same place to know when you are up against it?

Isn't it funny to hear a republican howl his head off over the defeat of Sheldon and Pollard while the democrats accept the defeat of the great Nebraskan with silence.

For a person who is really interested in his government, a careful scanning of the press reports from Washington during the hearings before the tariff commission develops some interesting reading.

The defeat of the Bortenlanger franchise is really a public duty as it gives a valuable franchise away without adequate compensation to the people and further than that it is a blow at an industry already established.

Every farmer is interested in securing additional markets for his products. A canning factory and alfalfa mill in this city means an additional market and helps out the price of the farmers' products. His help in this direction means money to him.

The passage of another light franchise probably means an end to lights in this city for years to come. The city has had one dose of this foolish policy and that ought to be sufficient. Those councilmen who defy public opinion and foist unworthy franchises upon the people will suffer the penalty.

Cov. Shallenberger is said to have his hands full of applications for positions and this is quite natural. The governor's excellent judgment can be depended upon, however, to stand him in good stead and his appointments when they are made will be such that there will be no fault found by the people of the party.

It is now but a few days until Thanksgiving. We all have much to be thankful for. Some of us have prospered and waxed rich in this world's goods during the past year and for this we have cause to give thanks. Some of us have not done so well, but let us be thankful it is no worse. Taken all around we have much to be thankful for.

A Christian duty in this city is the securing of industries for the city. Every dollar invested in this city in a new industry means to lighten the burden of taxation upon property and means an additional income to the business men and laboring people of the city. Your aid in this direction is highly important. Do what you can and help the city to grow.

There is considerable satisfaction expressed by the friends of Senator Burkett that Governor Sheldon is now out of the race for the senate. The Journal believes the senator's friends are exercising ill-timed judgment. Governor Sheldon, if he is so disposed, will go into the republican primaries two years hence and defeat Senator Burkett for re-election. Mark the prediction.

In an interview yesterday at San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Bryan states that he hopes it will not be necessary for him to ever run again for office. The Journal also hopes that the Great Commoner will not be called upon to take up the task of the people, but if he ever is, this paper stands ready to take up the fight again for he is easily the greatest American and the true friend of the people.

It is not too late to remark that

Dr. Livingston and the members of the democratic county central committee as well as those workers outside the committee who made the good fight and carried the flag to victory, are deserving the greatest praise. Dr. Livingston personally made some great sacrifices in behalf of the ticket and sacrifices which bore good fruit. The party cannot be congratulated too much upon the excellent work which he and the committee performed.

The business men's committee have formulated their report and at the next meeting it will be read showing the steps they have taken to make the subscription to the canning factory bonds reliable and safe. These men are all of practical experience with large property interests in the city and when they recommend a project it stands endorsed in the fullest sense. Let the people now raise everything required and build the plant and commence the work of making Plattsmouth the best city in the west.

There are two live projects before the people of this city today and these are the building of the canning factory and alfalfa mill and the lighting of the city streets. They go hand in hand and the one should be used to assist the other. Give the lighting contract to a reliable firm and this will mean power for city. Power means more factories. More factories means more people employed and more people employed means more money for the property owner and the business men. Let us have light, power and industries.

The new legislature will have many questions of great moment to deal with. One of the most important is that of local self government for Omaha and South Omaha. The democracy pledged itself to secure this and it is now up to them to see that it is secured. The people of the two cities are entitled to govern themselves without interference from the outside and a measure giving them this privilege should be passed at once. On the other hand Omaha nor South Omaha are entitled to govern the rest of Nebraska. Let their rights be given them but let them stop at that.

Considerable talk is heard now that the legislature will enact such a bank guarantee law as will be satisfactory to the banking powers of the state. This is to be hoped as it is desirable that the banking powers as well as every other power is satisfied with the democratic legislation but if this means that the bank guaranty law will be a meaningless mess of words calculated to deceive the people, it is wrong and such a theory should be overwhelmingly beaten. The people expect a real guarantee law and their expectations must be realized otherwise the democracy builds for a great defeat two years hence. The people demanded a change so that they might get a square deal and their wishes are law.

The thing to do now is to boom the city of Plattsmouth. Build more industries and see that more money is placed in circulation in the city, light the streets and come back to life once more. These things are necessary if the city is to prosper and wax great. They can all be accomplished if we all get together and go after the things that make up a city. Let the first step be the lighting of the city and the building of the canning factory and alfalfa mill. It is up to the people now to make good and show the neighboring towns that Plattsmouth is the real live one of the whole bunch. We have the capital here, we have the hustlers and there is no good reason why this combination should not lift Plattsmouth into the front rank of Nebraska cities.

The Journal stands for progress and for the welfare of the city. For this reason it favors emerging from darkness, lighting our streets and letting visitors know that this is an up-to-date city. It stands for the erection of a canning factory and alfalfa mill for this is real progress and life. It believes that everyone in the city at heart feels the same as we do and now is the time to get busy and make these things a go.

Those who have all along insisted that the corn crop of this state was practically a failure, will have to revise their figures. Labor Commissioner Ryder has issued his tabulation of the crop for the year 1908 which shows that the average yield this year is 28.17 bushels per acre as against 25.75 last year. The total crop is placed at 178,599,789 bushels as against 169,732,889 bushels last year. This ought to effectually dispose of the crop failure statement.

This is a most fertile field for an alfalfa mill. There are thousands of broad acres just exactly suited to the production of this food product and the building of a factory here means that the product will be marketed here and the money spent for it kept among our own people. Real live towns have no trouble in getting these industries, and it is up to Plattsmouth to prove it is a real live town.

The light proposition is one of the most serious which the people have had to contend with here for some time. The city council should settle it and settle it right. The people want light and they are tired of waiting for it. The idea of closing a contract with an irresponsible party which would mean postponing lighting another year should never be entertained.

There should be a lot of other industries located for this city in a very short time. This is an ideal location for a shirt and muslin wear factory while there is no reason to believe that any kind of a plant which would employ help would not be a success. It takes power for all these things and a good lighting contract which will secure this means much to the city.

The action of the reichstag in calling down Kaiser Bill for talking too much created great merriment around the White House, it is said. That any congress would think of calling down Theodore First, is a piece of temerity which is absolutely unheard of. In some respects Kaiser Bill is a very small kind compared with our own Theodore.

It is now regarded as highly improbable that Governor Sheldon will call a special session of the legislature to take out a little personal revenge for the republican defeat in this state. Sober second thought is some times a mighty clever thing to have around and that must have been what ended this hysterical appeal for special legislation.

One of the real humors of the late unpleasantness is the announcement by Thomas Hisgen that he is no politician and that he is out of politics. So far as anyone can discover Thomas never was in politics enough to know that he had started and the mere fact that Hurst used him as a cat's paw demonstrates that he is no politician.

There is one good thing manifested by Governor-elect Shallenberger and that is in his disposition to give some of the newspaper men of the state, some of the good things of life. He has appointed several to good state jobs which is a just recognition of the hewers of wood and the drawers of water of the democratic party.

The Omaha democrats are preparing for a big ratification meeting tomorrow (Friday) night in that city. They have much cause to ratify this election. Governor-elect Shallenberger stands for home rule for the big city and this is what their people have wanted for many years past.

The success of the canning factory and alfalfa mill proposition should be made one of the prime duties of every citizen of the city. It means money to everyone in business in the city regardless of the line and ought to be taken up and pushed through to a speedy conclusion.

Now that election is over we can all devote our attention to hanging Ray Lamphere for the murder of Mrs. Guinness. It doesn't matter so much whether Ray is guilty or not, but the public must have a victim.

That sharp, crackling noise you heard was the Nebraska farmer getting in his corn crop.

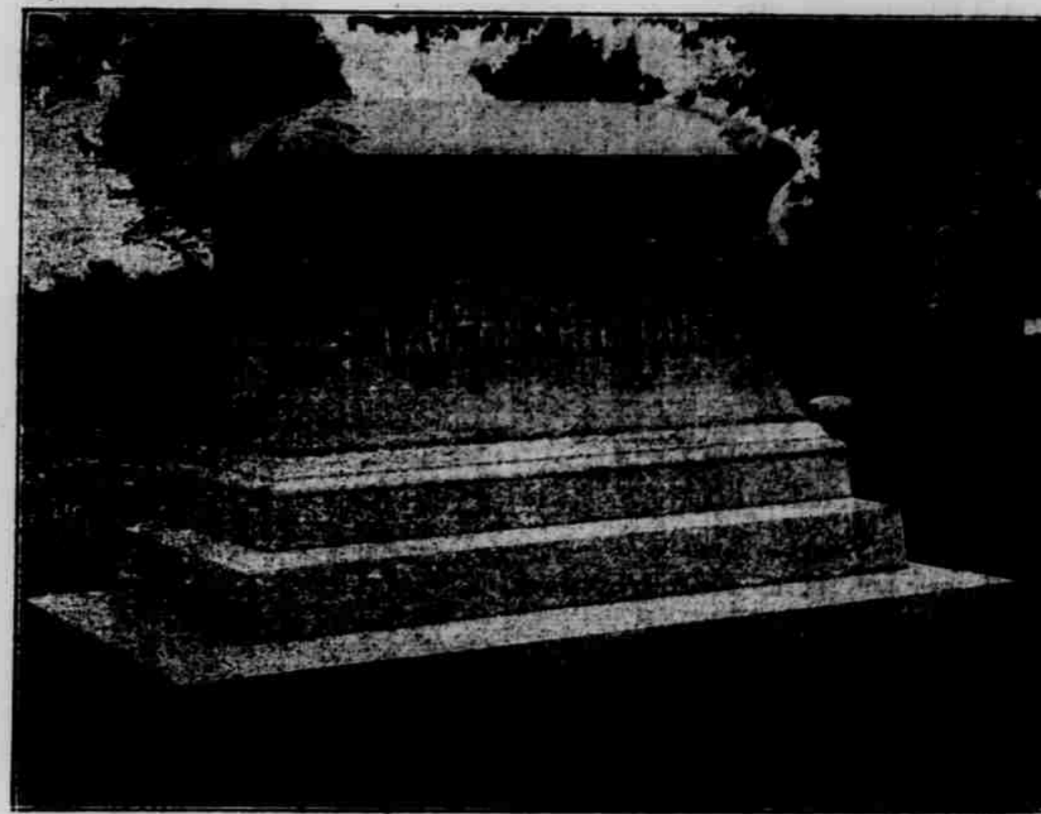
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We do not think a person with naught to fear from a tribunal of justice would have to undergo such a training and coaching if he had a real desire to satisfy unflinching justice concerning certain doings in his career. The consciousness of innocence gives a moral courage that does not feel the trembling of a criminal at thought of prospective punishment. Virtue is self-reliant and self sustaining and needs no assistance or prompting when it tells its story.

Mr. Rockefeller, of course, is exercising the natural sense of self-preservation in his double dealing, and cannot be blamed for that, but he should not hold the public so cheap as to think it rattle brained enough to believe that he has taken the witness stand, as he says, to tell without veneer or falsehood all he knows about the so-called criminal manipulations of the Standard Oil company.—Fremont Herald.

It is such successful affairs as the Episcopal Bazaar that impress the spectator with the fact that when the good people of this city make up their minds to do the right thing, they make a good job of it.

Those who favor consummating the Bortenlanger franchise ought to consult the victims of his ice contract and incidentally if they can see some of the ice he puts cut it might help a little.

A system of street lights and a brand new canning factory and alfalfa mill will be a pretty good starter toward the new year. Let us all get to gether and boost for them.

With weather like it has been for the past two or three days there is no occasion to change our opinion of Nebraska as a winter resort. It is some winter resort for truth.

The announcement of Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland, O., that he has lost his fortune and finds it necessary to retire from his splendid mansion to live in smaller quarters will be hailed with regret by everyone who has kept track of the splendid fight which the Cleveland mayor has made for the citizens of that city, against the forces of plutocracy and it is a grave sign that he should have been a martyr to the cause of the people. It is to be hoped that he will soon regain his prestige as a man of fortune but should that never come to pass, he has earned a monument to his unswerving fidelity to ideals of right and honesty which will make his name live long in history.

The action of the American Federation of Labor in endorsing Samuel Gompers, the greatest labor leader in the country, is well founded. Samuel Gompers is clearly the ablest, the most conservative and the most sincere of the numerous labor leaders who have been in the public eye for years past. His unswerving fidelity to their cause, his manifest honesty in his office, his unyielding refusal to be bought or bulldozed by labor's enemies, make this endorsement most fitting.

The city council next Monday night will likely vote upon a light contract for this city. Every person who is interested in the welfare of the city should attend and express his views upon what is needed in this regard. That the council will perpetrate the Bortenlanger deal upon the city is not to be believed, but the taxpayers should be on hand to see that their representatives understand where they stand on the matter.

The interest in what John D. Rockefeller has to say about the Standard Oil Company at the hearing in New York is so great that the police have to be stationed in the corridors of the building where the hearing is to be held to restrain the crowd. If John tells "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" the crowd is being well repaid, for John knows a lot.

Light, power and industries should be the slogan of Plattsmouth from now henceforth. Let the good work of lighting the city and obtaining power for industries go forward with all possible speed and let this be followed by the building of the canning factory and alfalfa mill, then by other industries until Plattsmouth becomes a city in reality.

Every day now means lost time unless something is done to secure the canning factory and alfalfa mill.

This industry is the one thing necessary to start the wave of industrial success which the city must have. Let us all get together now and see that the necessary amount is raised for the new concern.

The sympathy of the people of Nebraska goes out to Governor-elect Shallenberger who was injured Wednesday night while taking the initiation to the Shriners. It is a cause of congratulation that the injury is no worse and it is hoped that he will soon be able to be about again.

Plattsmouth desires and must have light. The best to be obtained is wanted, but light it must have in any event. The council should remember that the city has now waited more than a year for this and another such a wait is not desired.

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