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December is here. Not many days till Christmas. The merchant who wants the holiday trade always asks for it through the newspapers.

There is no reason to let the alfalfa mill project die a bornin'. Let us emulate Nebraska City and organize a stock company and build the biggest and best as this city ought to do.

The little town of Brock the other day opened up an electric light plant and here is Plattsmouth with five thousand people, waiting until Glenwood can furnish it light. The council ought to think this over.

A n n e Gould-Castellane—Sagan hardly waited until the election was off the boards before she gained the center of the stage and got the headlines on the front page. It is supposed she is pacemaker for the Thaws who are about due for another batch of nastiness.

The touch of winter that has been evident the past few days reminds us all that Christmas is but a few days off. The merchant who intends to sell goods wants to get his all in working order so that he who runs may read. And the Journal is the best circulating medium in Cass county.

A Kansas City clergyman thinks that Cupid is not a reliable monitor. It must be admitted that the god of love has made many grievous mistakes. He would have no standing at all in the business or professional world. It is doubtful if he could get a job at ten cents a week with the match trust.

There ought to be some interesting times between now and the republican congressional convention in this district two years hence. Ernest will likely find that there are several other aspirants for the job in the interim and there will probably be some doings before he lands that hoped for nomination.

Yet after all, it is said that once upon a time the lion and the lamb did lay down together. The spectacle of President-elect Taft "consenting" to the election of Joe Cannon as speaker brings this ancient tale to mind. It might be added for fear of misunderstanding that Joe Cannon is the lion of this propitious event.

The best kind of advertising is that which goes into the home. It is read by everyone—father, mother, son and daughter all scan the advertisements and then buy what strikes their fancy. The Journal goes into nearly every Plattsmouth home. It is read and it is the best medium by which the merchant can display his wares. Try it once.

Merrily, merrily moves the inter-  
necine war in the republican ranks. Governor Sheldon is each day getting fresh evidence of the love of Senator Burkett has for him. Now, it is announced that the governor must be the party nominee two years hence so that he can be vindicated. Verily, verily Senator Burkett is a wise and foxy politician.

President Nord Alexis is the latest opera bouffe president to go out of business. Nord found the other day that the people had concluded they had had enough of him and he scurried on board a war ship to prevent his scalp being lifted. There is no reason to complain of lassitude in a president's job in the Antilles, Central or South America. There's something doing all the time there.

It is false. Shallenberger was not pledged to, by or with the railroads or breweries of Nebraska. Two years ago they championed Sheldon and elected him. They expected him to be true to the "interests" and he wanted to be, but the "politics players" dared him to veto the railroad bills and he yielded to their clamor

at the half-past-eleventh hour. Then the railroads branded him a "traitor and an ingrate" and went after his scalp, not that they hoped to be benefited by his defeat, but to teach the republican machine that it must play fair with the "interests" that supplies the stuff to do the business with. Shallenberger is under no obligations to them.—Kearney Democrat.

Congressman Pollard hasn't gotten enough yet, and is anxious to go back and bask in the shadow of Joe Cannon. It may not be amiss for Ernest to get wise to the fact that Joe Cannon is not so popular in this district as he might be. If he had been wise enough to have appreciated this fact before the last election he probably would still be distributing free garden seeds and other junk in this district.

Cold weather is one of the things which booms Plattsmouth trade. When the river closes there are many loads of hay, corn and wood brought into this market from Iowa. The discriminating merchant should not allow the money which is spent for these products to get into Iowa. Keep it in Plattsmouth, and the way to do it is to advertise your wares in the best circulating medium which is the Journal. Do it at once.

The streets off Plattsmouth ought to be teeming with trade very soon if this cold snap keeps up. The closing of the river and the forming of the ice bridge always brings an immense amount of business to the city and it is about due to commence coming in. This is the time for the merchants of the city to ginger up and advertise their wares so that he who lives in Iowa over against the Big Muddy will get wise and buy here. And the Journal is the best advertising medium.

The announcement of the appointment of Daniel J. Keefe as migration commissioner serves to confirm the charges made prior to the election that this was to be his price for deserting his fellow workmen and supporting W. H. Faft. At the time the announcement was made it was denied with great heat and vigor. Today the parties who denied it stand convicted before the American people as guilty of deliberate and premeditated falsification. And the people know well who they are.

Mr. Bryan is making a special study of the government owned railroads of Mexico. Is it possible that the Nebraska leader is thus early seeking a paramount issue to use in 1912, and that issue is to be one that was so rudely rejected when he returned from his journey around the world?—Lincoln Star. Perhaps if the Great Commoner falls to use his ideas on government ownership of railroads, the republican leaders will grasp his views in time to incorporate them in their platform in 1912, as they are always from four to twelve years behind that great statesman in matters pertaining to the interests of the people.

### Prosperity Indication.

(From the Record-Herald.)

Allen Corners, Ind., Nov. 9.—Ebenzer Mopps of his place yesterday found a \$5 bill which he lost at the time of Cleveland's election in 1892. It was in a pair of trousers which his wife stored in the attic. Mr. Mopps is sure that he would never have recovered the money if Bryan had been elected.

Kittanning Pa., Nov. 19.—Henry Hoffmeister, Kittanning's leading tinsmith, yesterday hired Johnny Burchard agreeing to pay him \$11 a month while he was learning to be a tinner. Mr. Hoffmeister, in an interview last night, declared that he would not have possessed enough confidence to hire the boy if Bryan had pulled through.

Napoleon, O., Nov. 19.—A. Semple, who travels for a Cleveland hardware firm, arrived here on the day preceding the election with only \$6 in his pocket. After the ballots had been cast a poker game was arranged. Semple and three Napoleon men being the participants. All left town this morning with a comfortable roll amounting to about \$110. He attributes his prosperity to the land-

slide which engulfed the democratic party.  
Gladstone, Mich., Nov. 19.—Owing to the election of William Howard Taft every hen on Mrs. Bigelow's chicken ranch has begun to lay an egg a day. During the period of uncertainty preceding the republican landslide, Mr. Bigelow's hens were very uncertain, only about one out of a dozen being disinclined to limit her output of one to two eggs a week.

### Light and Power.

The making of the right kind of a contract between the local light company and the city, means that Plattsmouth will have what it has been striving for—light and power. There is practically no other way by which power can be obtained for this city. The Bortenlanger franchise and contract if perpetrated upon this people does not mean power for them. All it can mean is an inferior quality of light drawn from a small plant which is right now incapable of carrying the load imposed upon it by the people of Glenwood.

At the recent meetings which have been held in this city, the burden of the cry is for power. To get power it is necessary to furnish something which will pay the company owning the power plant to operate and no one with the slightest knowledge of the local situation thinks that Bortenlanger will make enough out of the city contract to put in a power service.

The members of the council know that the people here want a square deal on the light question. They want to build up this city and the establishment of a power plant here is a big step in that direction. Every thing that goes to aid the local light company goes to put them in a position to increase their plant and by so doing, makes the Plattsmouth company a larger and better concern. There can be no excuse for the council's voting away the people's axes to some other city—every cent of them should be spent with people right here, who pay taxes here and who are our own citizens.

Let us have light and power by all means, but let them be Plattsmouth products.

### Once More For Light.

The lighting proposition which is pending before the city council will not down. The people of this city have been struggling for more than a year to get light upon their streets and it is the duty of the city to make a contract which will assure them their desires. Some seem to think it is advisable to have this city take its light from the Glenwood plant but the vast preponderance of the citizens are bitterly opposed to any scheme which will make this city, the tail of the Glenwood kite. It would be far better for the welfare of this city to pay more for their light and have it made here than to spend a smaller sum and send what it amounts to out of the city to enrich a Glenwood corporation.

The Bortenlanger franchise which is still pending before the council is inherently wrong. It proposes to give Bortenlanger the right to the use of the public streets without compensation for the period of twenty-five years. The statement that it is without compensation is made advisedly, for the ridiculous proposition to pay the city three per cent after the receipts reach the sum of \$10,000 per year from commercial lighting after certain deductions are made, receives no one. It is merely a free gift of the streets to this foreign corporation which will pay an infinitesimal sum in taxes should it come in at all, and which would have its habitat in another city.

The first duty a city owes itself is to be just to its inhabitants. Any money taken from a corporation in this city and paid to a foreign corporation is money taken from the city's own people and is an unjust proposition.

This city has a lighting company of its own. The company supports several families and pays a generous share of the city taxes upon its plant. The greatest public duty that confronts the city council now is to so adjust the light question that this industry builds up instead of tears down and the council and the light committee should approach the solution of the lighting question in a

spirit of fairness. This cannot be done if impossible conditions are to be imposed upon the local company so that a plea may be made to the public that it had a chance and failed to take it.

Everyone familiar with the circumstances knows that Bortenlanger cannot fill the agreements he proposed. It was known to the light committee that he did not intend to build a plant in this city when they introduced his ordinance which provided for that very thing and the whole statement of his proposition bears the impress of deceit, just as his record on the ice proposition turned out.

This city has been stung once by Mr. Bortenlanger, is it the desire of the people to again have the process repeated? The Journal cannot believe that to be the case. It does believe that the people want Plattsmouth taxes spent in Plattsmouth and not shipped to Glenwood for the enrichment of Bortenlanger or any other corporation.

### The Democratic Party Immortal.

Writers in various journals are now indulging in the ancient and useless work of writing obituary notices of the democratic party. It has long been a favorite theme after defeat, with the timid and faint hearted though loyal ones, as well as with those whose wish is father of the thought, of the demise of the constitutional party of the country, says the Cincinnati Enquirer.

The democratic party never was so strong before the people as it is today. Leaders may be misguided, lack power of organization, or fail to grasp current conditions. Candidates may be weak before the entire electorate while strong in action for themselves. Four successive defeats have not impaired the faith of the democratic voters in the creed of their party nor instilled a doubt in the ultimate and final success of their principles and of their party organization. Cleveland's victory in 1892 was more destructive than all his defeats. If Mr. Bryan's numerous antipathies have classed him as a "pacemaker" for the republican party the democrats have seen with pleasure the G. O. P. striking into a democratic stride occasionally in obedience to popular opinion.

If Mr. Bryan has fully demonstrated his unavailability as a candidate, that does not destroy or ruin the democratic party. The party existed before the birth of Mr. Bryan and will continue to oppose, contend and struggle against governmental wrongs and abuses as long as the republic lives.

It was not organized for the protection of privileges but protection of the masses. It does not live for the advance of a man, or a special class of men, but for the interests of a majority of the citizens of the United States. Defeat does not dismay its members, but on the contrary renders them more determined to fight on.

It is dependent upon no commissary train for its support and fights best and accomplishes most when its opposition has fattened upon the flesh pots and is gorged with the substance of the people. Writers can file their obituary notices by the thousands, opposition orators can preach funeral sermons by hundreds, third party chiefs can prophesy of the dissolution. It is all labor lost; all hopes are in vein.

The cry of the gallant officer at Waterloo, "The old guard dies, but never surrenders," was a glorious response, but the democratic party has a nobler one. It neither dies nor surrenders. It is immortal.

### Judge Sullivan's Resignation.

The action of Judge Sullivan in tendering his resignation as a supreme justice for a one year term, seems to have created some surprise and not a little speculation as to its meaning.

That it should do this is in itself surprising. There is no reason to suppose that Judge Sullivan was swayed by other than the motives which he set forth in his statement to the press accompanying his letter to Governor Sheldon. This statement was to the effect that business reasons prevented his acceptance of the position as he could ill afford to give up a lucrative law practice for

a one year term upon the bench with a primary election and a state election facing him at the end of that time. To any reasonable mind these reasons are sufficient to justify the declination of the appointment and there should be no surprise nor hints at political disappointment over his action.

It is a matter of regret that Judge Sullivan was not placed upon the bench in such a manner that he could have afforded to accept the position. He would have brought to the position an experience and a wealth of learning that would have stood the people who are unfortunate enough to have to go to court, in good stead. It is doubly unfortunate that political considerations should have elevated other and less experienced and capable men to the bench over Judge Sullivan but this is something the people of Nebraska have to suffer from and not Judge Sullivan.

That there will be a contest over Governor Sheldon's right to appoint the four judges seems now apparent but it is not to be believed that this inspired Judge Sullivan's determination to step down and out. The fact that he would be expected to sacrifice a large business for one year upon the bench probably alone the reason although had he felt resentment at his unjust treatment at the hands of Governor Sheldon, it would have been but natural.

Judge Sullivan occupies too high a place in the estimation of the people of Nebraska, and stands upon too high a plane intellectually to permit himself to be the object of political hickerings and trades.

For his manhood in refusing the sop thrown him, he is to be commended, and those who admire his splendid intellectuality cannot but regret the blunder which caused this failure of a tribute to his ability.

The resignation of Judge Sullivan from the bench has created a great deal of excitement in the state and the papers teem with political war and rumors of war. There is no occasion for all this. Judge Sullivan simply did not care to become involved in a political deal which probably meant the end of his business and at the best subjected him to the whirl-gig process of politics within one year. His treatment at the hands of Governor Sheldon was wrong and savors altogether too much of pea-nut politics to deserve anything but condemnation. That he didn't care to play second fiddle to inexperienced and much less capable lawyers is to be commended.

After all there is nothing so uncertain as the affairs of business. The man who advertises is quite generally the winner. As this paper goes into the home, the man who advertises the good things he has to sell and puts the right prices on them, is sure to find his advertisement read by every father, mother, son and daughter who contemplates buying something for Christmas. When the season is over it will be found that Journal advertisers are the ones who have raked in the shekels. Are you one of them?

Again has the grand jury exposed some of the rottenness of the cities. This time it is Chicago where the grand jury reports the primary election of last August reeked with fraud. This should furnish Lincoln Steffens with another opportunity to play the matter up in the magazines. No paper should or will advocate mob rule, still one cannot but think that the hanging of a few of the "leading" politicians of the big cities would clear the moral atmosphere somewhat.

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**NOTICE.**  
The State of Nebraska, in Justice Court before M. Archer, Justice of the Peace for the City of Plattsmouth, County of Cass, Nebraska, vs. Charles H. Wilkins, Plaintiff, vs. Frank C. Benfer, Defendant.  
Frank C. Benfer will take notice that on the 20th day of November, 1908, M. Archer, a Justice of the Peace for the City of Plattsmouth, County of Cass, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of Sixty-eight and 70-100 (\$68.70) Dollars in an action pending before him, where in Charles H. Wilkins is plaintiff and Frank C. Benfer is defendant; that personal property of said defendant has been attached under said order. Said cause was continued to the 6th day of January, 1909, at 9 o'clock a. m.  
Charles H. Wilkins, Plaintiff.  
Plattsmouth, Nebraska, November 20, 1908.

**NOTICE.**  
The State of Nebraska, in Justice Court before M. Archer, Justice of the Peace for the City of Plattsmouth, County of Cass, Nebraska, vs. Ed Egenberger, Plaintiff, vs. Frank C. Benfer, Defendant.  
Frank C. Benfer will take notice that on the 21st day of November, 1908, M. Archer, a Justice of the Peace for the City of Plattsmouth, County of Cass, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of One Hundred Seventy-eight and 40-100 (\$178.40) Dollars in an action pending before him, where in Ed Egenberger is plaintiff and Frank C. Benfer is defendant; that personal property of said defendant has been attached under said order. Said cause was continued to the 6th day of January 1909, at 9 o'clock a. m.  
Ed Egenberger, Plaintiff.  
Plattsmouth, Nebraska, November 20, 1908.

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.**  
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA.  
In the matter of the estate of Catherine Stadelmann, deceased.  
All persons interested in said estate will take notice that Catherine White executrix of said estate has filed her final account and report of her administration in said estate, and a petition for final settlement of said account and allowance thereof, and the discharge of such executrix. A hearing upon such account and petition has been set by the Court at the County Court Room in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on the 13th day of December, 1908, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. when any and all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest the same.  
Dated this 28th day of November, 1908.  
Allen J. Beeson, County Judge.  
(Seal)  
D. O. Dwyer, Attorney.

### Notice of Sale of Note and Mortgage Security.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that by virtue of an order of the Hon. Allen J. Beeson, County Judge of Cass County, Nebraska, made and entered in the estate of Catherine Stadelmann, deceased, the undersigned executrix of said estate will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, a certain promissory note in the principal sum of \$250.00 with interest thereon at the rate of eight percent (8%) from the first day of May, 1908, together with a certain mortgage deed on the West Half of Lot Nine (9) in Block Twenty-Nine (29) of the city of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, which is security for the payment of said note. That said note and mortgage are dated May first, 1908, and are a part of the assets of the estate of said deceased. Such sale will take place at the auditor's office of the County Court in said City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on the 28th day of November, 1908, at the hour of one o'clock P. M.  
Dated this 31st day of October, 1908.  
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CATHARINE WHITE, Executrix.  
D. O. DWYER, Attorney.

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