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WHY BIDDERS WERE REJECTED.

A Letter From Hon. W. F. Porter, Secretary of the State Printing Board.

The State Journal and some other papers contained a long article attacking and criticising the state printing board for its action in rejecting the bids submitted for state printing. Mr. Porter has given out the following letter for publication which sets forth all the facts in relation to the matter.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 3, 1897.—To the State Journal and others in Nebraska interested in the public printing: I notice in the columns of the Journal of June 3 a criticism of the state printing board in regard to the action of the board at its meeting held in this office on June 1.

In reply permit me to say that after the board had advertised for bids many inquiries came to this office from those wishing to bid, making such inquiries as this: "What do you regard as reasonable or necessary blank space in printing the house and senate journals?" as it will appear that the advertisement stipulated that unnecessary blank spaces would not be allowed. After talking the matter over with other members of the board and with all the printers who came to this office, which included a representative of the State Journal, as well as a number of others, including Mr. Sedgewick of York and one or two Omaha printers, we decided that the best way to get this information to the various bidders was to prepare sample pages of the kind of work we wished to have, showing the kind of type, spacing, etc., that was desired, as well as the quality of paper. Every printer with whom we conferred agreed that this would be the most satisfactory way that the matter could be settled, and it was only for the purpose of enabling printers to bid intelligently that this course was decided upon.

Accordingly, when the printing board met we agreed that each bidder, as well as the other printers in the state who were not bidders, who should send to this office for the same should be given one of these samples, giving them the date on which the bids would be opened and the only reason that the bids already in were opened was because the question of the legality of the action of the board in rejecting bids without first opening them and examining the same. The State Journal errs in its statement that this letter requires bidders to conform to the advertisement in the matter of printing, as the letter simply referred to the style of binding which was specified in the previous advertisement for the session laws and senate and house journals.

The state printing board has no pet; neither has any one been favored with any information as to what anyone's bid has been, nor will they be from this office. The board has acted entirely fair and its only reason for rejecting the bids and resubmitting the sample was to treat all parties fairly and give all an equal chance in bidding. The lowest responsible bidder, when the bids are opened next Saturday at 2 o'clock, will be awarded the contract, unless it appears that there is collusion among the

printers. All bidders who had in their bids and those who did not, can resubmit their bids with the positive assurance that all will be given an equal chance at the work.

W. F. PORTER, Secretary of Printing Board.
If the Journal cannot find something to criticize that deserves criticism, it would profit it better to keep silent. The people have very little confidence in its statements already, and if it continues in its wilful and malicious misrepresentation, they will soon have none at all.

DANGER IN SODA.

Serious Results Sometimes Follow Its Excessive Use.

Common Soda is alright in its place and indispensable in the kitchen and for cooking and washing purposes, but it was never intended for medicine, and people who use it as such will some day regret it.

We refer to the common use of soda to relieve heartburn or sour stomach, a habit which thousands of people practice almost daily, and one which is fraught with danger; moreover the soda only gives temporary relief and in the end the stomach trouble gets worse and worse.

The soda acts as a mechanical irritant to the walls of the stomach and bowels and causes on record where it accumulated in the intestines, causing death by inflammation or peritonitis.

Dr. Harlandson recommends as the safest and surest cure for sour stomach, (acid dyspepsia), an excellent preparation sold by druggists under the name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. These tablets are large, 20 grain lozenges, very pleasant to taste and contain the natural acids, pepsines and digestive elements essential to good digestion and when taken after meals they digest the food perfectly and promptly before it has time to ferment, sour and poison the blood and nervous system.

Dr. Weurth states that he invariably uses Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets in all cases of stomach derangements and finds them a certain cure not only for stomach, but by promptly digesting the food, they create a healthy appetite, increase flesh and strengthen the action of the heart and liver. They are not a cathartic, but intended only for stomach diseases and weaknesses and will be found reliable in any stomach trouble except cancer of the stomach.

All druggists sell Stuart's dyspepsia tablets at 50 cents per package. A little book describing all forms of stomach weakness and their cure mailed free by addressing the Stuart Co. of Marshall, Mich.

The effort being made by the goldbug democrats to effect a compromise with the free silver democrats will result in one of two things. Either absolute failure or a very sudden change of principle. From all appearances it will be the former. If the goldbug democrats want a compromise they should see the republicans at once. They agree on everything but the tariff and as they vary only about five per cent on that there should be no trouble in splitting the difference.—Peoples Banner.

FOR AN INCOME TAX.

Senator Butler Introduces a Resolution to Amend the Constitution.

Senator Marion Butler has introduced a resolution providing for an amendment to the constitution legalizing an income tax. At the introduction of the resolution he delivered a speech in favor of its adoption a copy of which we have been unable to obtain as yet. We shall try and publish it in our next issue. The resolution which Mr. Butler introduced was as follows:

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled (two-thirds of each concurring therein.) That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several states as an amendment of the constitution of the United States, which when ratified by three-fourths of said legislatures, shall be valid as a part of the constitution, namely:

ARTICLE XVI.

The congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on all incomes regardless of the source from which the income is derived or acquired; but all income taxes shall be uniform throughout the United States.

Read Every Word.

Dr. Shepard this week on page five of this paper presents our readers with a strong article upon the relation of catarrh to consumption. Every one should read this with care for what is common catarrh today may in one or two years from now be catarrh of consumption, which means the destruction of the lung substance and a fatal issue. Not only the doctors, but the people at large are getting to find out that it is dangerous to neglect catarrh.

Mr. Fred Pratt of Pierce, Neb., is a farmer well known and respected. He was cured by the mail treatment. Although he never saw Dr. Shepard he got well at home. He had catarrh and threatened consumption but is now entirely cured.

Miss Tillie Leutinger of Council Bluffs was cured of chronic catarrh happily before it had assumed a consumptive form. Our readers may write to either of these people and find the facts in each case.

This disease is curable in the hands of an expert, and while patent medicines cannot cure it, and in fact, usually make it worse, scientific specialists can assure patients that the whole disease can be eradicated. The family doctors overlook this complaint although it is the most important known among civilized people. The INDEPENDENT calls the attention of its readers to the fact that Dr. Shepard's treatment is within the reach of all. The mail treatment is only \$5 per month, including all medicines. No other fee. No other expense. Especial attention is called to the system of weekly reports maintained between Dr. Shepard and his patients. This plan greatly assists treatment of chronic diseases for no matter how far away the patients may live they receive the best of medical advice from a physician of highest prominence regularly once a week. Those alling should send for literature and symptom blank at once.

Judge Stark at Work.

The Washington Post has observed the work of Nebraska's representative from the fourth district. It says of him: "Representative Stark of Nebraska is very much interested in two American industries which have obtained a strong foothold in his state, and are benefitting the agricultural sections, namely, beet sugar and chicory factories. He was distributing among members yesterday samples of chicory from one of the Nebraska factories, with printed directions how to prepare it, mixed with coffee or as a substitute for that berry. One large package of the same was intended for Mr. Dingley, the chairman of the ways and means committee. This little distribution developed the fact many members were wholly ignorant of the fact that chicory is made from beets, not the sugar variety, but a peculiar kind, known as the chicory beet."

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

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Hard to Learn.

People are so apt to draw a decided line between religious and worldly wisdom that they lose sight of the proved fact that the rules of conduct which are given by the former to its followers have also a distinct worldly value quite independent of their psychic influence; and yet those who have attained middle age and are thereby enabled to look back and trace effects and their causes in their own lives and those of their friends and acquaintances see clearly that in most cases the greater part of the unhappiness of life comes from the tars which they have themselves planted. "As ye sow, so shall ye reap," teaches the higher ethics. "He has made his bed; let him lie in it," is the world paraphrase of the same idea. "Honesty is the best policy" is a maxim that has been proved true over and over again, and "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" brings its reward even in this world. In short, it all resolves itself into the nursery adage, "Be good and you will be happy," a truth which "children of a larger growth" find as hard to realize as their juniors.—New York Tribune.

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It is a bit unkind for desperate republican editors to blithely remark that "prosperity will come when it comes." Don't get saucy. Three years will soon slip away.—Butler County Press.

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