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To the People.

With this issue of the JOURNAL I willingly yet reluctantly confer to another its editorial management. Willingly, because I am satisfied that it passes into hands more competent and better qualified to fill the position. Reluctantly, for the reason that I have experienced much pleasure in conducting the JOURNAL even though my pathway has not been free at all times from the thorns of adversity and the rough and stony places usually found strewn with bounteous plentifulness within the young and trusting editor's career; though consoled by the fact that I shall be connected with the paper still and thereby continue the acquaintance of my many friends and to render, in the future as in the past, any service that I may be able in my weak but willing way to give. That I have made some enemies cannot be denied, yet I am conscience free when I say that I have only said and done what seemed to me to be right and just under the circumstances and am ready and willing to abide by the consequences.

The new editior and partner, L. J. Simmons, is a man of whose ability in the newspaper line you will shortly be able to judge, and that the change will be more than satisfactory to our patrons I do not in the least doubt. By the firm of Simmons & Patterson will all accounts due the JOURNAL be collected and all indebetedness of the same be paid.

For the generous patronage shown this paper in the past I desire to return my sincere thanks, and asking for a continuance of the same I am

Obediently Yours,
W. ELMER PATTERSON.

It is an established rule that when a new man takes hold of a paper for him to say something of himself. We have located in Harrison with our wife and little ones, and embarked in the newspaper business from a business standpoint. Our politics are republican and THE JOURNAL will continue to be republican, but we have no quarrel with those who honestly differ with us on party principles. We shall use our best efforts in the interest of Harrison and Sioux county and ask the co-operation of all in the movement. We are here for business and hope to conduct ourselves so as to merit our full share in our line. THE JOURNAL will be enlarged and improved in the near future, and it is the intention to keep it fully up to the demands of the times in all respects. The job department will be remodeled and increased so that the wants of all may be fully met.

Cordially inviting all to come and become acquainted with us we remain.

Very Respectfully,
L. J. SIMMONS.

We hope the city authorities will do all in their power to extend the water system. Would it not be a good plan to levy a tax to create a special fund for the erection of a stand pipe and other improvements as fast as possible. The people of the town will not object to paying a pretty high rate of taxes if the money is judiciously expended for the improvement of the place. Public works show the enterprise of a place more than anything else and will attract attention and settlers. A united effort of the people to boom this section of the country will, in all probability, be seconded and assisted by the railroad company and a growth of unparalelled proportions will be made in the wealth of the county.

Judging from the reports of the papers the number of inmates of the state insane asylum home at Kearney is rapidly increasing. It is a good place to send them when they become unmanageable. The institution is one of the [illegible] in the United States. It is conducted on the plan of a home rather than a prison. There are no walls around the grounds, no shutters or bars on the windows and the children are well [illegible] they behave. The discipline [illegible] our personal [illegible] present there as [illegible] returned to the home [illegible] years and be[illegible]

[illegible] is rapidly growing more [illegible] difficult [illegible] Office. [illegible] patent No. 400,000. [illegible] patent had been issued [illegible] being been granted within the last [illegible] years, the regulation [illegible] in the patent office is [illegible], and the difficulty in securing them is very great and constantly increasing. [illegible] American inventive genius [illegible] and it would seem that in a few more years [illegible] system will have to be revised.

The state [illegible] new postoffice building at Omaha has been selected. The [illegible] will be located at the corner of Douglas and Dodge streets. [illegible] Life Insurance Co. [illegible] to have the building [illegible] Wilson [illegible]

Trains from the east were seriously delayed the first of the week by washouts along the lines in Iowa, caused by the heavy rains.

The banks of New York hold $10,603,000 in excess of the legal repuirements, a decrease of $453,000. The surplus is gradually working westward.

Uniontown, Kansas, was flooded on last Sunday by the bursting of a dam. Five persons lost their lives and a large number of buildings were destroyed.

The election of Cal Brice to the chairmanship of the democratic national committee show that the democratic party has not lost its faculty for blundering.

J. T. Albion, editor of the McCool Record, was struck by lightning a few days ago. For some hours he lay unconscious but at last accounts he was in a fair way to recover.

Corporal Tanner, Commissioner of pensions, will be in Omaha on July 2nd, and will speak at the Crete Chautauqua on July 4th. Corporal Tanner has a host of admirers both in the ranks of the old soldiers and those who know him only in private life.

The Supreme Lodge of the A. O. U. W. met at Omaha last Tuesday. One hundred delegates were present, representing twenty-three grand jurisdictions of the United States and Canada. The membership now reaches nearly 225,000, and is rapidly increasing.

The following states have adopted the Australian or secret ballot system: Massachusetts, Indiana, Montana, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Minnesota and Missouri, and Illinois promises to be the ninth. The experiment will be watched with deep interest.

It is reported that silver has been discovered about thirty miles north-west of Chadron. It may be all a hoax but let us hope that it will prove a valuable find. Paying mines as close to Harrison as that would be of great benefit to every resident of Sioux county.

The Secretary of the Navy has issued an order that all metal covered vessels of the Navy be painted white. Formerly they were painted black, but it has been found that white paint makes the vessels several degrees cooler. The same color is used by other nations.

Surprising as the statement may appear, it is asserted on good authority that the coast line of Alaska exceeds that of the United States. And its territory includes 1,100 islands, some of them of considerable size. It's an empire in extent, with a vast interior region untouched by the foot of civilized man.

The prospects appear to be that war cannot long be postponed in Europe. The powers have been making faces at each other for a long time and the strain of preserving an armed peace among the great eastern powers is a terrible drain on the finances of the world. With the improved implements of war now in the national arsenals it is to be hoped that a passage at arms will be averted, for a terrible loss of life would be inevitable.

A horrible double murder was committed in Seward county last Sunday night. Two girls, Elizabeth and Caroline Leavitt, aged sixteen and eight years, respectively, had their throats cut from ear to ear, during the temporary absence of their parents. The coroner's jury retunred a verdict that the girls came to their death at the hands of some persons unknown. This is the first murder that has been committed in that county for about eight years.

The time has arrived when the people of Sioux county should begin to prepare for an exhibition at the state fair. Whatever you can get hold of that is of good quality put it away carefully and have it ready to go to Lincoln when the time comes. Get specimens of wood, stone, brick and everything that will show the resources of Sioux county. It will be the best advertisment that can be made. Do not neglect this matter but let all act promptly and unitedly.

It is a well known fact that nothing can be secured without an effort, and if the people of Harrison and Sioux county wish to receive its share of the westward immigration it will be necessary to make a strong and united effort in that direction. It is not the work of any one man or set of men to look after this matter but it is the duty of every citizen of the county to aid the work in every way possible. Write to your friends, send them papers and descriptions relative to the county. Call attention to the fine climate and do not forget to tell them that fuel is cheap here. In the settlement of the eastern portions of the state the cost of fuel was a great drawback, not only a stop at the eastern part of the state. A few years ago the writer visited Benkleman, the county seat of Dundy county, in the extreme south-west corner of the state, and close to the coal fields of Colorado, and we found that [illegible] per ton. At Harrison [illegible] same quality can be [illegible] $4.50 per ton, and wood is [illegible] that. In addition to [illegible] matter is the county makes [illegible] a settler to get a house to [illegible] These in advantages possessed [illegible] attract the [illegible] all parts of [illegible] settlers to [illegible] common [illegible] the county.