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Columbus Journal

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1903.

All advertisements in the local columns are charged at the rate of 5 cents a line each issue. Heavy face type double price.

Dr. Paul, dentist. Dr. Waller, Osteopath, Barber block. Dr. Gieson, dentist, over Pollock's drug store. Judge J. M. Curtis was in Fremont on business Friday. Dr. Martyn made a professional trip to Fullerton Wednesday. A good stock farm for rent. Inquire at Easton's hardware store. For art photography call on Mrs. McAllister, Mielers' old stand. Mr. Plaster of Paris at North opera house this Wednesday evening. Finest line of cigars for Christmas presents at Hagel's bowling alley. Dr. Chas. H. Platz, homoeopathic physician and surgeon, postoffice building. The young people's card club meet this Wednesday evening with the Misses Whitmeyer. Alvin E. Pool, violinist. Pupils accepted. Concerts and recitals. Telephone No. 65. Dr. Martyn, Evans, Gear & Hansen, office three doors north of Friedhof's store. Jay Smith, who has been working in western Nebraska several months, returned home last week. E. S. Newton went to Madison Friday where he will be engaged in a store during the holiday rush. Mrs. E. D. Fitzpatrick will spend the Christmas vacation with her daughter, Sister Edwards, in Omaha. Al. Parker, who has many acquaintances in Columbus, is now station agent for the Union Pacific at Platte Center. Residences and vacant lots in all parts of the city for sale on easy terms. Becher, Hockenberger & Chambers. We can hardly begin to enumerate our stock of holiday goods. Come to von Bergens' and see for yourself. Carpenters have been busy the past week erecting a large ice house for O. L. Baker on his lots north of Frankfort park. Nance county has let the contract for building new steel bridges across the Loup at Fullerton and Genoa for \$50,300 for the two. Wm. Schils makes boots and shoes in the best styles, and uses only the very best stock that can be procured in the market. Mrs. Frank Neater was called east to Illinois Friday on account of the death of her mother, who had been ill for a long time. Will Cain, who has been in the hospital, left this Tuesday morning for Iowa Springs, Iowa, where he hopes to improve his health. When you buy your Christmas presents, don't forget the Eleventh street jeweler. He can save you money. Repairing carefully done. J. E. Nichols, living three and a half miles east of Columbus, offers his well improved farm for sale. Shade and fruit trees. Inquire at the residence. Buy the Best. The Tryber Piano leads them all in construction, finish, durability and price. Sold on monthly payments. Auditorium Music Co. Kindness is a language that even the dumb brute can understand; like silence it is golden and touches the heart of every animate thing in creation. Mrs. J. A. Douglas and Misses Rena and Gladys Turner attended the marriage last Tuesday of Miss Grace Craig and Mr. James Byrnes both of Rogers. Last Tuesday evening Frank Morse, a painter residing in the northeast part of town, came near bleeding to death. An ulcer in the nose from which he had been suffering, broke, with the above result. We do not issue calendars, but we offer our customers on Red Seal flour a chance to win a complete dinner set of 42 pieces. Full particulars at your store, Elevator Roller Mills Co. Marriage licenses were issued during the past week to Albert Plagemann and Mary A. Schneider, both of Columbus, and Bert O. Myers of Shelton and Lucy W. Berlin of Columbus. Mrs. Baird, wife of Editor J. A. Baird of the Cedar Rapids Outlook, and mother of George Baird mail clerk from Columbus to Spalding, died at her home in Cedar Rapids last Wednesday. The material has arrived for new roller shelving in the county clerk's office. These will take the place of the board shelves which are injurious to the record books and are inconvenient to the clerks. Terry's Ten Nights in a Bar Room Co. gave us a good show, and what we saw they are real ladies and gentlemen and fine people to do business with. Atina (Ind.) Bland. At North opera house Monday evening, Dec. 22. Remember the corn that was the stove at Easton's must be in before Dec. 24. We have only eight competitors at the present writing and the chance of getting a cheap stove is exceedingly good for some one that has good corn. Dr. Hoard of Lincoln, medical examiner for the B. & M. railway company, was in town Friday to visit Ed. Kohler and Wilbur Jessup who are both confined to their homes on account of injuries received while on the road. Mayor Smith of Madison was a visitor to the Independent Telephone office in Platte center last week to look over the system, as to help the council of that city decide whether it will be feasible to grant a franchise to a company in that town. A change was made a few days ago among the operators at the Union Pacific depot here. T. W. Olson is now night operator and E. E. Snyder of Central City day man. B. Bursinger, the former night operator, goes to Beatrice to take a position as cashier. Buschman & Kammhuber are running a truly "live and let live" butcher shop, selling meats at from 3 to 5 cents a pound cheaper than former prices. You will be convinced of the excellent quality of the meat upon your first purchase, as many others have been.

Dr. Kossman, dentist. Cigars on ice at Hagel's bowling alley. Investigate Osteopathy; its uses are permanent. Today, Tuesday, is the shortest day of the year. Mrs. McAllister, photographer at Mielers' old stand. Dr. L. C. Voss, homoeopathic physician, Columbus, Neb. For dolls, toys, books and fancy articles go to von Bergens'. L. F. Harvilland made a business trip to Cedar Rapids Monday. The "Midnight Express," at North opera house, Saturday evening. At Hagel's bowling alley cigars are kept on ice. Finest line in the city. Mrs. Elizabeth Erb is lying seriously ill at her home in the east part of town. Do not fail to see our 8-foot galvanized steel mill for \$32.00. A. Dunsell & Son. They tell us they have the best goods at the Thurston Annex. Any doubts? Ask Kelly. P. J. Hart has spent much of his time at home the past week on account of sickness. C. S. Easton & Co. have a large steam cylinder corn sheller for sale at a bargain if sold soon. Ed. Brown of Chicago is the guest of Mrs. I. G. McAllister and family, on his way to Denver. Dr. McKean's method of making aluminum plates places them on an equality with gold. W. G. Bohannon of Lincoln, representing an insurance company, was doing business in town Monday. For rent, two rooms suitable for office or light house-keeping. Mrs. C. Cushing, Eleventh street. Lands in Boone, Sherman, Buffalo and Cedar counties for sale or exchange. Becher, Hockenberger & Chambers. The city schools will have ten days vacation, closing on this week Thursday afternoon and beginning Monday, January 4. James Salmon of Omaha is visiting his many relatives in and around Columbus and expects to remain a few weeks longer. Wanted, a good girl for general house work. Apply at J. H. Galley's residence, corner of Fifteenth and Murray streets. Two thousand Christmas Handkerchiefs, Omaha prices. Follow the crowd to the White Front Dry Goods Store. Ed. Gluck returned home Saturday from Culver, Indiana, where he is in attendance at a military school. He will spend the holidays with relatives. Lawrence McTaggart writes home from Yokohama, Japan, that he expects to spend Christmas in Honolulu, and that the ship is headed toward home. The Independent Telephone company made connection Thursday with their Platte Center office, and expect in a few days to be connected with the farmers' line east of that village. Mr. Plaster of Paris company advertised to appear Monday evening, will play at the North opera house Wednesday evening, having been unavoidably delayed from filling their date Monday. "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" which will be given here next Monday at North opera house, is one of the good attractions of the season. The company carry a car load of special scenery, thirty-five people, band and orchestra. A barber's war has been declared at Fullerton and Fred Young at Genoa, making mention of the fact, says that "two shaves, a hair cut, neck shaved and feet washed for a nickel is the latest reported from the scene of hostilities." The Columbus friends regret to learn of the financial difficulties under which H. I. Murdock is laboring, his store at Springfield having been closed by creditors. It is hoped that he may soon be able to adjust matters, and continue business. Mr. and Mrs. Robert McPherson of Hagler, Nebraska, have gone to California for the benefit of Mr. McPherson's health. Mrs. McPherson, it will be remembered, visited here a few weeks ago with her brother and sister, W. A. McAllister and Mrs. W. N. Henaley. The David City Banner says that Mrs. Speicher of Columbus, came over Friday evening for a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bongard; that A. Nitche went to Columbus yesterday in response to a phone message, stating that Mrs. Nitche was very low. Mr. Knutson, who resides on the old Barum farm south of town, has been hauling a great amount of corn to town during this last week. When he has finished shelling and hauling, he expects to have marketed over 6,000 bushels. Mr. Knutson will leave about March 1 for Kearney. Give your relatives or friends a year's subscription to THE JOURNAL for a Christmas gift. What was the money for a Christmas that a weekly news letter? We can also make you several extremely good rates on other reading matter which you can not afford to miss. Call or send for sample copies. C. S. Easton & Co. have now the largest assortment of fish globes and ornaments in town. We also have another large shipment of fish and this will be the last this season. Come early while the assortment is complete. We are giving them away with fine Tea and Baking Powder. Dr. W. W. Frank went to the Methodist hospital in Omaha last Saturday, says the Morning Republican, where he will be treated from time to time. On account of the many calls he has had overwork has impaired his health, but his recovery here is hoped that after a few weeks' treatment at the hospital he will be able to resume his practice. Alfred Tomason has gone to Omaha to coach a home talent company there for the opening of the new \$11,000 opera house, which will take place early in January. We also have very successful in Columbus in drilling for some talent entertainments, and Omaha will no doubt develop local talent for a magnificent opening performance under his direction.

Bank Springs jump. Bank Springs met. Bank Springs club. Bank Springs, Okla. And all other good deals for sale this week. Wagon & Horses. Joseph Himminger of Shell creek, telephoned in today that he was packing his winter supply of ice. He will put about thirty-five tons into his house. He says he takes it from Shell creek and that it is about one foot thick and of excellent quality. While driving to Dunsmuir Saturday, Mrs. Lewis Jones, living southwest of town, received slight injuries in a runaway. The horse she was driving became unmanageable, ran into a hard wire fence, cutting himself in a frightful manner and demolishing the buggy. If there is a better Ten Nights in a Bar Room company on the road than Terry's we should like to see it. The manner in which that company put on the time honored drama last night, was an agreeable surprise to all who witnessed it.—Becher, Hockenberger & Chambers. A meeting of the stockholders of the canal company was held in the council chamber last Friday evening, when Mr. Babcock explained in full the position of the stockholders here in relation to the present company. Mr. B. was in Omaha Monday where a meeting of a similar nature was held with the interested parties of the enterprise. Thursday night the Royal Arcanum elected officers for the coming year as follows: Past regent, C. A. Newman; regent, J. C. Freytag; vice regent, G. A. Schroeder; collector, J. D. Stires; orator, G. G. Becher; secretary, J. H. Galley; treasurer, W. A. McAllister; chaplain, Adolph Jaeggi; guide, A. Dietrich; secretary, W. Schupbach; warden, M. Savage. Ernest Stenger, a former Columbus boy, was in town Friday night accompanying the inspectors of the Union Pacific railroad. Mr. Stenger is now superintending the division from North Platte to Cheyenne. He is a brother of Albert and Fred Stenger and Mrs. M. Bruggen, and has many Columbus acquaintances who are proud of his record. Ed. Kohler, who is brakeman on the B. & M. freight, had his left hand badly mashed a week ago Friday at Seward, while coupling cars. He was taken to a physician immediately who dressed his wounds and found that no bones were broken and afterward brought home. He has suffered a great deal, and it will be several months before he can resume his work. Our Blend coal is a combination of a clean, soft coal mixed with a very hot coaling coal, which gives you heat, cleanliness and lasting qualities that cannot be obtained by using one alone. We have solved the problem of how to get out of buying high priced coal with our blend, as it costs only \$5.50 per ton. Try it and see if it isn't what you want for your cook stove. Sold only at Weaver & Newman's. Capt. Hardy of Hyaniss and W. Ellis of Rockford, Illinois, gave a shooting exhibition in Orpheum hall Saturday evening to a large sized audience. Mr. Hardy is a brother of C. C. Hardy and now holds the world's record for shooting against time. He has been offered a good position with the Winchester Rifle Co., and also has a flattering offer to give entertainments six months during the fair at St. Louis next year. The First National bank has received some one dollar gold coins, a souvenir of the Louisiana Purchase Fair. They will sell for \$3 each, and are handsome pieces of money. The portraits of Jefferson or McKinley, as the choice of the buyer wishes, appears on one side, while on the other the years 1803 and 1903, are engraved. Mr. Anderson tells us that the government has not issued \$1 coins for fifteen years past, until this souvenir was put on sale. Wilbur Jessup, brakeman on the B. & M. freight, had his right ankle badly sprained a few days ago while attempting to make a head-end coupling. His foot caught in the braces on the pilot and in attempting to free himself his ankle was wrenched. Mr. Jessup was formerly express messenger on the B. & M. passenger and had changed to his new work but a few days when the accident occurred. The week of prayer, which is observed by many of the churches in holding union services during January, will be held in Columbus five evenings beginning January 4. Following are the appointments: Monday, Baptist, Rev. Lohr leader; Tuesday, Presbyterian, Rev. Munro leader; Wednesday, Methodist, Rev. Halsey leader; Thursday, Congregational, Rev. Ulmer leader; Friday, United Brethren, Rev. Luce leader. Services will begin at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Q. Skippis died at the home of her daughter Mrs. John Riley, about two miles east of Platte Center, early Saturday morning, of senility. Mrs. Skippis was 78 years old and had lived twenty-five years in Platte county, the greater part of that time with her son-in-law John Riley. Her husband died twenty-three years ago. The funeral services were held in the Catholic church at Platte Center Monday morning and interment made in St. Joseph cemetery. A shooting contest was held Sunday in Gottschalk's grove north of town by several of the local sports and some visiting experts in that line. Mrs. Nellie Beuret, of Denver, who is connected with the magazine "Out Door Life," was present as was also H. E. Hardy, who gave a shooting exhibition here Saturday night. In the 10 mile rock shooting contest Sunday, Mr. Hardy in using a stranger's gun hit 9, D. D. Ray of this city stood second with a record of 8 out of 10, and Mrs. Bennett secured 7. Wm. F. Rhodesthorst, living about four miles north of town, lost his large barn by fire Friday afternoon. The cause of the fire is entirely a mystery. Mr. Rhodesthorst was away from home, and his wife and two young children were in the home alone. About 2 o'clock Mrs. Rhodesthorst heard the cracking sound and soon discovered that the barn was all ablaze. Three horses valued at about \$300, five sets of harness, 500 bushels of corn, 400 bushels of oats and many articles stored away in the barn, were totally consumed. About 500 bushels of the corn in the bins, which the grain guards could be shelled. The barn was 24x60 feet with a large hay mow and shed addition.

Ben Rothen, whose general acquaintance was familiar to Columbusians every back in the 70s, as he was a resident here then, was over from Bellwood Friday looking in the sights. He has recently returned from a trip to Alberta, Canada, and says he can adjust his business here as he expects to return there and make that his future home, as he is well pleased with that country. Last week Thursday Columbus merchants began to notice a decided improvement in the Christmas trade. There has been complaint of a delay among the purchasers for their holiday goods, which will accommodate a grand rush the last few days before Christmas, and when there are large crowds to be waited upon many are bound to go away dissatisfied. So if you want to purchase Christmas presents do not wait until Thursday afternoon. Platte Center Signal: A car of corn was shipped from this point to Wheatland, Wyoming, on Tuesday by C. M. Graunther. He shipped it for his own use on his farm near there. The St. Mary's church people are about to build a new residence for the priest. Tuesday a procession of eighteen farmers from that neighborhood went down to the Loup river and each hauled a big load of sand to be used in the construction of the building. An argument for the raising of high bred stock is shown in a sale C. K. Davis made a few days ago to the Woods Investment Co. at Omaha. Newton 19746, a bull one year old last August, and which he offered to sell here for \$100, sold on the 12th in Omaha for \$115. After paying \$10 to the commission man and other expenses he still had over \$100 for himself. With the same shipment Mr. Davis sent seven grade bulls, all of them as old or older than Newton, which together sold for \$117. Sherman Gilmore died Thursday at 11:30 a. m., after only a few days illness with brain fever. He had up to the Friday previous been attending to work in his blacksmith shop. Mr. Gilmore was 38 years old and was born in Illinois. He was married seventeen years ago in David City to the wife who survives him. To them were born a daughter and son who are both living. The remains were taken Saturday to David City for burial. The family has sincere sympathy of their friends in their sorrow. A Heitz has purchased a 90 horsepower engine which he will put in operation shortly after the holidays, in his electric lighting plant. During the past year about 1,000 incandescent lamps have been added to the system and the load on the old engine, whose strength is 150 horsepower, was found to be too heavy. The change will not only give better lighting but will lessen the expense of running. The old direct current dynamo which has an efficiency of about 60 per cent will be replaced by an alternator with an efficiency of nearly 90 per cent. Following are the highest scores at bowling at Hagel's alleys for the week ending Dec. 19, also the prize winners: A. Drake 213; D. C. Kavanaugh 218, 206, 203, 212, 209; P. J. Hart 206; W. A. Way 213; Bert J. Galley 222; George Hagel 202, 200, 237. Bert J. Galley wins first prize with 222 at ten pins. D. C. Kavanaugh wins second and W. A. Way and A. Drake are tie for third. A. Drake is highest for the monthly prizes on the following games: Nine pins, four back, quinze, cocked hat, kankakee, seven up and rubber neck. L. Bescroft is high on duck pins with 102. Peter Phillips has again brought suit in district court against Lewis Hahn, this time for \$1,568.74. The Platte Valley State Bank began business in Bellwood in the early 90s with a capital of \$30,000, half of which was paid up. Mr. Hahn owned five shares of the stock valued at \$100 each and was elected a director of the bank which office he held at the time the bank was closed on January 28, 1902. The closure of the bank was due to the fraudulent work of the Goulds who were the principal officers. Many thousands of dollars were on deposit in the bank and only about five per cent on the dollar was paid to depositors. Among the depositors was Peter Phillips who alleges he had about \$1,500 deposited there when the bank failed. He also claims that Hahn had not signed the published statement of the condition of the bank shortly prior to its foreclosure. He would not have deposited his money there. It also appears that Hahn was the only one of the directors who signed that particular statement. Phillips received suit Hahn for about \$1,500 and received judgment for \$300, and now he comes with a suit of \$1,568.74. It is very difficult to predict the end, and it would seem Mr. Hahn will have to stand for the whole amount lost by depositors. The Fremont Tribune in its mention of canal news prints the following which we know will be read with interest by the loyal friends of Mr. Babcock, who are earnest in their enthusiasm of his energy and good judgment: "A rumor drifts here from Columbus that some of the men there who had money invested in the Loup river scheme are blaming H. E. Babcock for the failure of Columbus to receive preference. This seems preposterous to the Fremont canal men, who do not conceive how Columbus could have had a more persistent champion than Mr. Babcock." Again the Tribune says: "Fremont makes its apologies to Columbus and avers that city of its most distinguished consideration. There being, at present, at least, no use of two great power canals in this section of Nebraska and Fremont having the better advantages was under obligations to win in the spirited contest of its sister city. But Fremont begs to acknowledge the service Columbus has performed for it. When that place presented complete surveys in New York in its bid for money to finance the enterprise Fremont was forced to get a better survey so as to meet the competition. When the surveying was the more thoroughly done the greater advantage of the Fremont project became apparent. It cost this city \$7,500 additional money but it was worth many times that. Columbus was a worthy opponent and gave us a good chase. Under the agreements with Columbus the promoting company comes into possession of all its rights, franchises and appearances. Hereafter the two are one and Fremont is it."

CHRISTMAS IS COMING And we wish to remind you that we have a large stock of Candies, Nuts, Tree Decorations, etc., ready for the holiday season. Our China department contains a large assortment of useful and beautiful ware ranging in prices to suit the purchaser. HENRY RAGATZ & Co.

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