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AN OLD STORY.
Six weeks ago a young girl from near Haron, S. D., arrived at Omaha, going thither at the solicitation of a man who met her at her home on the farm while he was peddling clocks and other things in that vicinity. Her parents denied him permission to call on her there and when he went to Omaha he opened correspondence with her and induced her to come to him. Shortly after coming he abandoned her, when she drifted into an evil sorcerer. Half starved and thinly clad she finally found herself in police court, whereupon her father was notified of her whereabouts and her condition. He came after her and carried two revolvers which he yearned to use on the person of the betrayer of his daughter. The world is full of such pictures with their dark and dismal colorings. Usually the man is to blame. These libertines roam at will like roaring lions, seeking whom they may devour. They delight to prey upon innocence and the unsuspecting. They lure their victims to destruction and leave their bones to whiten where they fall. There are no compunctions of conscience with them.

The girl who went to Omaha was silly and deluded. She knew little of the world and since so many others have yielded under like circumstances, it was little wonder she made the perilous journey. Once in Omaha the vultures were thick about her. Not only did she abandon the path of virtue but she put murder in the heart of her father and sadness in her home. Justice as it is meted out by men according to their understanding of the essence of it, would vindicate the father if he had killed his daughter's betrayer, but there would ever have been in that household the specter of the dead. Had the girl regarded the advice and counsel of her parents she would not have taken the fatal plunge. Had her parents possessed that subtle influence that binds parents and child together in complete confidence and respect there would have been no tragedy in the life of her daughter. There was, of course, the same obligation on the part of the parents of her betrayal to demand the same spotless purity of their son, and the world ought to demand the same spotless purity of the boy as of the girl; but until it does, the daughters must be protected from the snares that are set for them. The best protection is that found in the home, where the dangers are explained and made known and where the economy is confronted with a barrier built of virtue that is a fortress against evil. —Fremont Tribune.

ONE DIFFERENCE.
The Fremont Tribune printed fifty-six pages last week in its daily and tri-weekly editions, and its pages were bulging with advertising. Fremont has two newspapers and supports them or rather permits two good newspapers to help her support herself. Columbus has four newspapers and has the pleasure of witnessing the athletic stunts of four newspaper business managers every day in the year in a foot race to the back yards of the merchants for a few cast out crumbs upon which to subsist. Still we newspaper men are a cheerful lot and we associate together fraternally, without forming a "combine" against the business men. We refuse to solicit foreign advertising from Montgomery Ward & Company and other mail order houses, out of regard for a few of our regular patrons who are extremely liberal. And we refrain from roasting the merchant of the genus parasitic who lives from the results of his brother's advertising and looks upon his own yearly ad in the local paper as an act of charity.

WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE NEW PARTY THAT MR. BRYAN WAS GOING TO INVENT?
A woman never cares how old she gets inside, just so it doesn't show outside. —St. Joseph News.

And now, if report may be trusted, the Jap fleet has started to meet the Russian ships of Admiral Rojestek. It is a good bet that when they meet they will both be going the same direction.

The engineers who are to build the Panama canal estimate that the cost of it will be far in excess of the sum named by the engineers who made the first estimate, before the contract was let. Those who have built houses and had dealings with an architect know something about such matters.

It does look like a reasonable proposition that when the farmers have more corn to haul and freight rates can be reduced. This is the principle that J. J. Hill is setting on in sending out the seed corn special. Prosperity for one industry means prosperity for another, and so on through an endless chain.

What would life in Omaha be without Rosewater? He represents a strenuous life of a slightly different pattern from that of Roosevelt, but tolerably strenuous nevertheless. A libel suit before breakfast would be a little strong for most of us, but Rosewater seems to like it just about as much as he enjoys being in contempt of the supreme court of Nebraska.

It will certainly be a public calamity if the Old Bull machine in New York beats Chamberlain. Every cent of his seat in the United States senate, Gentleman and scholars are both rare enough in the public service, and when you can find both in the person of one man he is valuable enough to keep. A railroad president, a classic scholar, a United States Senator, a polished orator and ardent legislator, all in one, has not appeared in our public councils since the old school days.

The best people of all political parties are against "machine" domination. Under our present primary system the politicians and not the people make the nominations. The direct primary system, whereby the people themselves nominate the candidates, has been substituted for the old system in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Why can it not be adopted by our next legislature? Will not some one of our Platte county delegation introduce such a bill?

The editorial observations of the Omaha Bee to the effect that the best results from Nebraska legislation demand the abolition of the professional lobby will find wide endorsement over the state. By the accepted definition of lobby it means, the exerting of influence upon the law makers with the view of obtaining favoritism at their hands. It follows that a state which claims as high a percentage of literacy as does Nebraska should be able to elect a legislature sufficiently intelligent to know its own business without the parasitic influence of a professional lobby, and the Bee's suggestion that stringent means to abolish that institution be adopted is pertinent and opportune. —Hastings Tribune.

PROGRESS.
It is gratifying to the management of the Journal to see our subscription list lengthening out and to be adding new names to our list of advertising patrons.

We have been acting on the theory that circulation is the basis of success in the newspaper business. We have therefore spent much money to improve the news feature of the Journal and in offering other inducements for subscriptions.

Frankness compels us to confess that our expenditures for these purposes have up to this time exceeded our income from increased advertising and added subscriptions. The climax has been passed, however, in this direction, and we are convinced that the money thus spent in advertising our business has been well spent.

Our circulation has increased to the point where we feel that we can positively guarantee the advertising patrons of the daily and weekly Journal the largest circulation paper in Platte county.

And the end is not yet reached. Our circulation is increasing on an average of at least fifty subscribers per week. The circulation of the Weekly Journal in the city is falling off rapidly and being replaced by the daily Journal, just as we have desired. But the country circulation of the weekly Journal has more than made up for the losses in the city, making its advertising space more valuable than ever before.

With the increase in our daily circulation, it becomes more imperative for Columbus business men to offer their wares in the Daily Journal, to reach their city trade. We have never asked the business men of Columbus to support the Daily Journal because of the fact that a daily newspaper advertises and quickens the commercial activities of a city.

We have asked their support only in direct proportion as they could use its columns to stimulate their own business. Knowing that our ability to help them is in direct proportion to our circulation. With these facts and principles in mind we earnestly solicit our share of the holiday patronage of those who have anything to buy or sell and we also solicit the cooperation of our friend in our constant warfare for increased circulation.

CATALOGUE HOUSES.
The Omaha Trade Exhibit of December 31 will say.
During the holiday season catalogue concerns reap a harvest. Patrons of catalogue houses forward their orders to Chicago and other eastern cities by sent out of the western cities to help send out the bank accounts of the catalogue house magnates of the east. In my youth I used to hear my father talk of the circus coming to town and the harm it did in a business way. At that time I could not understand how a circus could hurt anyone, consequently when I heard him remark that it took thousands of dollars out of the country and left nothing in return, the statement did not appeal to me very forcibly. Since I have grown up however I have had called to my attention this taking of cash out of that portion of the country where it rightfully belonged.

Merchants no longer care about the circus for what little cash it removes from their part of the country which when compared to the vast amount that is taken out by the catalogue houses is not so great. The circus did leave something in its wake. It paid for the feeding of the animals; the employees of the show bought their

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GENOA.
Harry Stillman went to Lincoln last Thursday and returned Saturday with his daughter Miss Hazel, who has been attending the Wesleyan university.

Three Indian boys, who left the school Friday and struck out for it home upon the Omaha reservation, were captured at Hooper Sunday and brought back to Genoa Monday.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents, in Genoa, on Wednesday evening, December 27, 1905, Mr. Steve Battles, jr., Miss Ida Grace Clark, Rev. John Madley officiating. The young couple were raised near Genoa and have hundreds of friends who wish them happiness and prosperity in their journey through life. They will reside on a farm east of town.

Four young bloods drove down from St. Edward Sunday evening. They appeared to have no particular business except to kill time and horses. The drive was made in fort-five minutes—rather fast driving, but quite expensive for the young fellows. If they square accounts with their money.

A few minutes after the quartet reached Genoa, one of the horses dropped dead.

Dr. Homer Davis returned from Omaha Tuesday where he went Monday to accompany Sam Anderson, Jr., to the Methodist hospital. Anderson is the man who had his right arm mangled in a corn sheller a few days ago, and it was deemed best to place him where he could receive the constant attention his injury demanded. While his arm is in a bad condition, the hospital physicians are confident that it will not be necessary to amputate it.

THEORY AND PRACTICE.
The difference between the old school engineers of theory and the new school engineers of practice is illustrated again in the Panama canal estimates. The commission which was appointed to compute the probable cost of the canal was composed of honored members of the old school of gentlemen, naval officers, army officers, etc. They made an estimate according to their lights. The commission was headed by a retired rear admiral.

Now it comes to the actual digging the ditch and another company of artificers is appointed by the president, headed this time by a railroad builder, a man who has engineered cuts and fills and bridges and tunnels in real life.

The estimate of this latter body of working engineers is found to be considerably larger than the first estimate made by the honorable commission of theorists.

Without doubt, the best way to carry out a feat of engineering is to put in the hands of engineers, men of practical scientific attainments, without regard to social or political qualifications or honorable record in statesmanship or arms or other professions.

And this, in the end, will prove to be the chief point of difference between our attempt to construct the canal and France's attempt. The political part of the project is finished. The United States will put the work of constructing the canal into the hands of engineers; France gave it to politicians. The United States will fight the tropical fevers by means of scientific sanitation; France trusted in Providence. The United States will join the two great oceans at the point where France squandered thousands of lives and millions of treasure.

TO PAY THE FIDDLER.
Ancient the difficulty of providing a suitable place in which to hold the inaugural ball at Washington and the preparation for a like diversion at Lincoln, the suggestion that such functions at the public expense be cut out, commends itself to many people. They are enjoyed but by a minute fraction of the taxpayers and those whose expense they are given, and it is very hard to make the average taxpayer understand why he should be taxed to provide amusement for a favored few. The truth is that taxes are levied for no such purpose, but to enable the government to exercise its constitutional functions. We deny paternalism, but it is difficult to conceive of a more extreme form of paternalism than that of providing a well entertained at the public expense. If those who care for such functions want them, let them provide them at their own expense and not sponser them at the expense of the taxpayers. The government has no more right to appropriate money for the amusement of a few self-constituted social leaders than it has to provide Christmas trees for the children. In fact there is far more excuse for the latter than for the former.

It is a good old rule that those who dance should pay the piper. Those unwilling to do that should not dance.

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THE OTTAWA.
Cylinder Corn Sheller
Can do more and better work than any other sheller sold. Our wagons will not scatter your grain while on the road to market or overtax your horses with needless heavy draught.

Buggies and Carriages
OF THE LATEST AND BEST MAKES.
—All kinds of—
FARM IMPLEMENTS.
Come and look our stock over before buying : : :
500 Blacksmith work and Horse Shining done on short notice.

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GENOA.
(From the Leader.)
Four of St. Edward's young bloods came tearing into town Sunday evening in a two seated rig and just as they got opposite the billiard hall one of their horses fell dead. From reports from farmers along the road it would indicate that they made rapid time, as several on hearing them pass, supposed it to be a run-away team. There seems to be no doubt but the horse was killed by over exertion and if so the Leader hopes the matter will be taken up and that they will be punished to the full extent of the law. There ought to be a law allowing the dropping of pots for such cruelty. They were all full of Eng Juice as usual. Charlie Miller of Monroe township

met with a bad accident yesterday while working around a corn sheller. We have not learned the particulars but he broke his arm near the shoulder but his arm was not injured otherwise however.

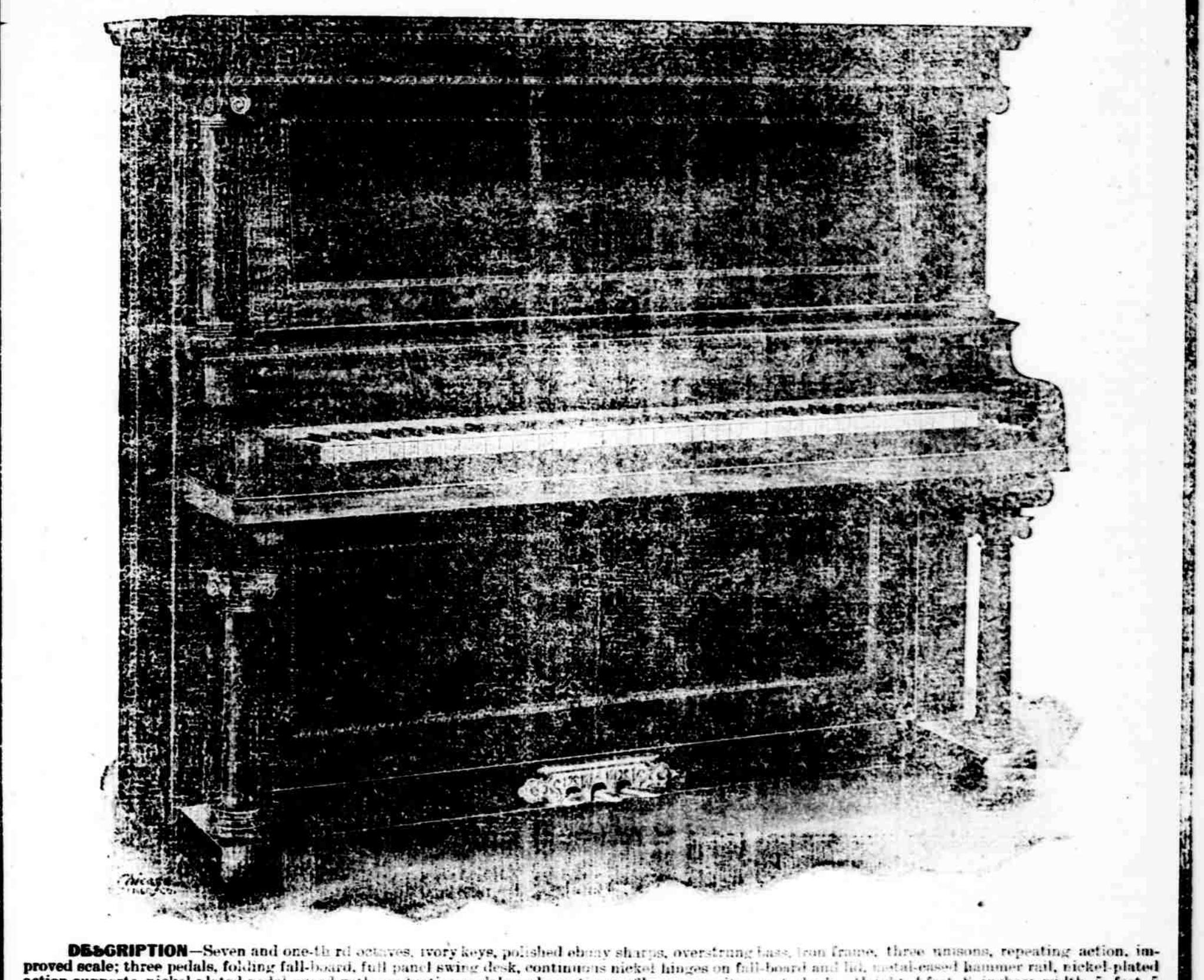
S. J. Ellis brought to this office this week some wheat that had been killed by the Hessian fly, and said they were working to his wheat to some extent. This is the first report of the appearance of this pest in this section and the Leader hopes it will be the last.

\$500 STORY & CLARK \$500
PIANO GIVEN AWAY!

GO AND SEE IT AT GRAYS' STORE
THE JOURNAL will give this Beautiful Piano to the Platte county young lady receiving the most votes from Journal subscribers before noon, FEBRUARY 15th, 1906. This Piano is standard. It is not the cheapest, but one of the best grades made by Story & Clark. It is the most expensive and best Piano ever given away by a Nebraska newspaper. You have to see the instrument to appreciate it.

WHO CAN ENTER:
1—Each contestant must be resident in Platte county. 2—She must be unmarried. 3—She must be under 30 years of age.

HOW TO ENTER:
1. Cut the coupons out of the Journal, write on them the name of the young lady you want to vote for, and send them in.
2. Get a new cash subscriber to the WEEKLY or DAILY JOURNAL.
3. Get present subscribers to pay their subscription in advance.
4. Get delinquent subscribers to pay all or part of their back subscription.
5. Call or write us for a receipt book, so you can receipt for the money you collect.



DESCRIPTION—Seven and one-third octaves, ivory keys, polished ebony sharps, overstrung bass, iron frame, three unisons, repeating action, improved scale, three pedals, folding fall-board, full panel swing desk, continuous metal hinges on fall-board and lid, metal-cased hammer rail, nickel-plated action supports, nickel-plated pedal stand with grating pedals and practice muffer, composite wrist-plate. Height, 4 feet 8 inches; width 5 feet 5 inches; depth, 2 feet 4 inches. Case, Hungarian walnut, cross-banded, veneered and highly polished.

For every cent that you send us on subscription we will credit one vote to the young lady of your own designation. Every dollar will give you 100 votes. \$150 a year's subscription to the weekly Journal will give you 150 votes.

During this contest ONLY, every subscriber who pays \$1.50 or more, in advance, on subscription to the Weekly Journal will receive a year's subscription to either the Los Angeles Times Illustrated Weekly Magazine or "Der National-Parnass" and "Die Familien-Journal" (German). This is not one of those contests where the winning contestant gets everything and the subscriber gets nothing.

In order to put the Daily Journal in every home in Columbus and on the rural mail routes leading out of Columbus, we offer a special rate, through this contest only, of \$3.00 a year for the Daily Journal by mail, or \$4.00 delivered by carrier in the city, if paid in advance.

Those who send their subscriptions direct to us should give us instructions as to whom their votes shall be cast for.

Contestants for the \$500 piano should get to work early, as it will be easier to get subscriptions now than after the county has been canvassed by others.

Remember this is a piano of standard make that is sold for \$500 by R. W. Saley and guaranteed by him as well as the company. Young ladies, go to Grays' and see this instrument. If you want it, cut a coupon from the Journal, write your name on it and send it in. That starts you. Every town in Platte county should have a contestant and the country should be represented. One stands as good a show as another. The contest will be absolutely fair, the votes being placed in a closed box, to be opened only at the close of the contest, in the presence of the contestants.

ONE VOTE FOR
Write the name of your favorite on this Coupon and send it to THE COLUMBUS JOURNAL

Name _____
Address _____
In the Journal's \$500 Piano Contest.

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SEARCH FOR DEAD MAN'S SISTER.
Chief of Police Schack has been trying to locate a certain party today, but has utterly failed to find any clue to the whereabouts of the woman.

The following telegram was received by the Postmaster here, which explains the situation:
Fort Morgan, Colorado, Dec. 26, 1905.
Post-master, Columbus, Nebr.,
James Murry found dead in his room this morning, his sister in Columbus whose husband has been in saloon business. If you can locate them wire instructions.

E. S. Aster, Coroner.

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