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WHY USE CASH

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The First National Bank

Yesterday's Daily Journal.

Miss Margaret Murphy left today for a two week visit with her parents at Greely Center.

Mr. S. M. Barker of Silver Creek is the guest of Mrs. R. H. Henry, visiting in the city since last Saturday.

Dan Bray went to Lincoln yesterday and from here to Ohiowa where he will attend the shooting contest between Reed and Williams who contest for the Denver Post trophy cup. Mr. Bray expects to return home Thursday.

R. W. Hobart has sold his interest in the legal firm of Albert & Hobart to August Wagner the change to go into effect February 1st. The new firm will be Albert & Wagner. Mr. Hobart is still undecided as to whether he will remain in Columbus permanently or not, but for the immediate future he will be open for business as formerly.

The following news was sent to the Omaha Bee from Norfolk today: "George H. Spears, one of the prominent traveling men of Nebraska, proved to be a mighty lively corpse when he arrived in Norfolk from the Black Hills yesterday. Reported dead by friends he had been the cause of no end of worry in Norfolk. Mrs. Spears had become particularly concerned and was under severe strain until her husband appeared."

Rev. Weed, formerly rector of the Episcopal church in Columbus now of Joplin, Missouri, arrives last evening and will remain until Friday visiting friends. Mr. Weed has been attending the Episcopal conference held in Omaha and he was so near Columbus he took the opportunity to make his friends here a visit. A reception will be held this evening at the home of C. E. Pollock when the church members and friends are invited to call.

FIREMEN ELECT.—The annual election of department officers of the Columbus firemen took place last evening in their hall. L. Gottschalk who has been chief two years was again chosen to be their leader, showing their appreciation of his excellent ability. It was found that something over $[illegible] was expended by the Columbus department for the entertainment of the visiting firemen last week. An itemized statement of expenses of the state association will be printed in the Journal within a few days. The officers elected last evening were president, Albert Rasmussen; vice-president, Earl Galley; chief, L. Gottschalk; assistant chief, Homer Tiffany; secretary, L. J. Brunken; treasurer, L. Plaggeman.

SHERMAN COUNTY.—O. C. Shelldon went to Loup City today near which place he will look after his farms. The Sheldons own over four thousand acres of land in Sherman county, which lies in four separate ranches, and they have great faith in the increase of value of their property. In the past eighteen months land has doubled in value, carpenters are rushed with orders beyond what they can accomplish, and building brick is almost at a premium. Over two miles of brick walks have been laid in Loup City this summer and a number of brick buildings have been erected. There are a number of Platte county men interested in lands in Sherman county, among them the Sheldons, Becher, Hockenberger & Chambers, J. P. Belford, M. Savage, Albert and Fred Stenger and H. B. Musser. Clarence Sheldon will be in Sherman county this week overseeing the building of houses on one of the ranches.

A Word to the Public

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WE WANT A PUBLIC BUILDING

The Prospect for Getting It—Excellent Showing of Columbus Postoffice under Postmaster Kramer—City Delivery Now Assured.

Columbus needs a federal building. Columbus is entitled to a federal building. The large business of the Columbus postoffice and its growth in addition now demand larger quarters. The prospects for a rapid growth of Columbus in the near future make that demand imperative.

The Journal, therefore, in behalf of the citizens of Columbus, begs to present a few facts concerning our postoffice business and to appeal to our congressman, Mr. McCarthy, to exert his influence in Congress for an appropriation for a suitable federal building for this city.

The money order business of the Columbus postoffice during the past five years has been [illegible] per cent, greater than that of Norfolk which has a large federal building.

The annual receipts of the Columbus postoffice have increased since 1897 when Carl Kramer, the present postmaster, took possession of the office, more than 100 per cent. The total receipts in 1904, as shown by Mr. Kramer's report, amounts to $[illegible].

This remarkable increase is due to the recent prosperity and growth of Columbus. This is proved by the fact that during the Cleveland administration the business of the postoffice showed no increase.

The Columbus postoffice has four rural routes through one of the most densely settled and prosperous farming districts in Nebraska.

A city delivery service with three carriers has been officially recommended by Inspector Moore of the postoffice department and will doubtless be established within ninety days.

The growing condition of the retail, jobbing and manufacturing establishments now in Columbus and the matured plans in progress for the investment of thousands of dollars in canning factories and other factories during the ensuing year mean still more for the Columbus postoffice and give added weight to the arguments for a federal building.

It is understood that if any money at all can be spared by the present congress for public buildings an appropriation of $[illegible] will be made, $[illegible] of which will fall to Nebraska.

Plattsmouth, Grand Island, York and Kearney are all asking for appropriations. If Columbus can be included to share equally with the three other cities, $[illegible] will be her portion.

The Journal believes that no city in Nebraska of its size has a more efficient postoffice service than Columbus has under Postmaster Kramer. Let us have a $[illegible] building from which to get that service.

Don Caesar de Bazan

The dramatic event of the season for Columbus is quietly considered to be the appearance of Charles B. Hanford. He opened the North opera house five years ago, and has played in Columbus each year since.

In Hugo's Don Caesar de Bazan Mr. Hanford finds a character well suited to his talent and his personality. He looks the part. This is not denying that Mr. Hanford is possessed of a very varied dramatic range. A man who can combine in his repertory the characters of Petruchio, Othello and Corporal Haversack, and do them all well, is not a one-sided actor. But Hanford is still a big, good natured, straightforward looking fellow that the part of a bully good fellow seems made to order for him. Don Caesar as he presents him is about as lifelike as any character ever seen on a stage. And not many actors can laugh as Hanford can.

The play was given with the finish that always marks the Hanford productions. The supporting company was uniformly good, from the leading lady down. Mrs. Hanford, who spells her name backward for reasons best known to herself, has need of great versatility to play supporting star to all of her husband's many plays, but we have never seen her wanting. This year Mr. Hanford is assisted by an actor of the first class himself in the person of Mr. Frank Hennig.

The audience was everything that could be desired in number and behavior, and likewise in appreciation.

The house was filled to the doors, and there were no dull moments, yet the crowd was at all times critical.

Mr. Hanford was greatly pleased with his reception, and to a Journal reporter this morning he spoke very heartily of his regard for Columbus.

He also talked entertainingly of some of his views on the subject of an actor's duties toward the public that supports him.

"An actor or an artist of any kind owes to the public the same straightforwardness as a merchant does," said Mr. Hanford. "If a man advertises a pair of shoes for one thing and they turn out to be something else, from that moment the public begins to lose faith in him and to take his promises with considerable allowance. It is the same with an actor or an opera house manager. He must make good in the measure that he advertises, or the public goes back on him. There is nothing about which the public can change its mind so quickly as a theatrical star. It requires only one fake on his part to undo a reputation that he may have been years in building. My principle is to keep faith with the public.

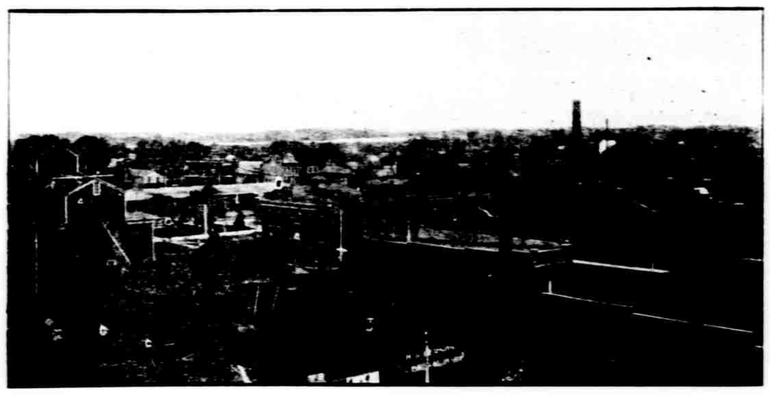
"People ask me why I can afford to make a small town like Columbus. In the first place, Columbus is right on our road when we make a Pacific coast trip. It costs us nothing extra for railroad fare. And secondly, I have a warm spot in my heart for the people of Columbus. I opened their house for them and I have always been received in hearty and appreciative manner by them. I expect to play in Columbus whenever I can make the arrangement to do so without great sacrifice.

"I liked the crowd last night, and they seemed to like us. Several of the firemen who are now in your city were good enough to call upon me and tell me how much they enjoyed the performance. I am glad that we presented Don Caesar, for it was just the kind of show that the crowd wanted. Othello might have suited some of your students better, but a jolly whoop, human crowd like the fire boys want comedy and plenty of it. The audience was a pretty picture seen from the stage, with the blue coats surrounding the room and the others in the center. An actor likes appreciation and he gives appreciation in full measure to every favor that is shown him."

There was just one point wherein the part of the gallant cavalier grated a little on American sensibilities. Don Caesar, soldier, gentleman, cavalier, is wronged and insulted by a dissolute monarch who disgraces the throne of his country. Matters finally reach a pass where the valiant caballero has the opportunity and the power to take his sublime majesty and break his sublime neck. But just as the audience is gleefully prepared to witness the operation, the brave knight throws away his sword and kneels in homage before the royal scoundrel because he is "my king." This is the one point in the show when an American audience feels a strong inclination to proceed upon the stage and beat Don Caesar's brains out. However, Mr. Hanford didn't write the play. It is his business to present it as Victor Hugo conceived it, and he does an admirable job of it in the opinion of his Columbus auditors.

COLUMBUS—THE HUB OF NEBRASKA

A City of 5,000 Inhabitants—Splendid Churches—Excellent Schools—Shaded Streets—Beautiful Homes—Unrivaled Commercial Advantages—Charming Surroundings



A Snap Shot of Columbus

..In General..

Population, as shown by last School Census	5,000
Real Estate Valuation 1904 assessment	$1,583,105.00
Personal Property Valuation, 1904 assessment	1,041,050.00
Total Valuation	$2,624,155.00
Real Valuation	[illegible]
Bonded Indebtedness	[illegible]
Total Collections 1903	[illegible]
Total Disbursements 1903	[illegible]
Grain Shipped in One Year [illegible] Cars	[illegible]
Received in One Year [illegible] Cars	[illegible]
Hotel Registration in One Year	[illegible]
Farm Land Within from $[illegible]	[illegible]

Public Utilities

Water Works Owned [illegible]—Electric Light Plant—Capacity [illegible]—Daily Capacity [illegible]—Miles Water Mains [illegible] portion.

Electric Lighting Plant—One Dynamo [illegible]—Lighting Capacity [illegible]—Miles Wire [illegible]

Public Library—1400 Volumes—[illegible] Books Borrowed in a Year—[illegible] Open Three Afternoons and Three Evenings [illegible] Children's Reading Table [illegible]

Public Institutions

Five Public School Buildings—One Commercial College—One Catholic Parochial School—One German Lutheran School—Ten Churches—Two Opera Houses—Six Halls and Lodge Rooms.

Classified Business

Two National Banks—One State Bank—One Local Building and Loan Association—Five Hotels—Four Restaurants and Lunch Counters—Three Jewelry Stores—Three Lumber Yards—Four Bakery and Confectionery Stores—Two Photographic Studios—Five Drug Stores—Four Dry Goods Stores—Six Grocery, Merchandise Stores—Seven Grocery Stores—Five Hardware Stores—Three Implement Stores—Three Millinery Stores—Two Furniture Stores—Two Second Hand Stores—One Piano and Music Store—Six Livery Barns—Eleven Saloons—Two Lumber Yards—Four Blacksmith and Wagon Shops—Four Real Estate and Insurance Offices—Eight Contractors and Carpenters—Two Wall Paper and Paint Stores—One Steam Laundry—Two Tombstone Factories—Three Weekly English Newspapers—One Weekly German Newspaper—One Daily Newspaper—Four Meat Markets—Three Banks—Three Elevators.

Wholesale and Manufacturing

Wholesale Grocery—One Wooden Ware Factory—One Brick Factory—One Foundry—Six Factories for Brooms—One Pop Factory—One Candy Factory—One Cold Storage Plant—One Green House—One Piano, Music Office Conducted—One Wholesale Carriage Store—One Feed and Seed Store—Two Cigar Factories—Two Roller Mills.

Professions

Twenty Practicing Lawyers—Four Dentists—Four Veterinarians—Six Music Teachers—Fifty Teachers.

Columbus has One of the Strongest Bars in Nebraska

Residence of Judge A. M. Post, Judge Nebraska Sixth Judicial District 1901 to [illegible].

Residence of Judge T. L. Albert, Judge Nebraska Sixth Judicial District 1894—Supreme Court Commissioner 1901 till 1905.

Residence of Judge John J. Sullivan, Judge Nebraska Sixth Judicial District from 1895 to [illegible].

Residence of Judge James G. Reeder, Judge Nebraska Sixth Judicial District Elected 1902.

Columbus' City Park.

THE FUTURE OF COLUMBUS

Natural Advantages—The Power Canal—Other Prospective Improvements—Gas Plant—Show and Sale Pavilion.

Columbus is destined to be one of the first cities of Nebraska. Why? Because of its advantages of geographical location, natural resources and unexcelled railroad facilities.

Columbus is near the center of the state. It is near the convergence of the Loup and Platte valleys and the county seat of one of the richest stock and farming counties in the United States.

It is situated on the main line of the Union Pacific railroad and is the terminal point of the Lincoln-Columbus branch of the Burlington railroad. The Norfolk branch of the Union Pacific runs north from Columbus to Norfolk, 90 miles. The Albion branch runs northwest 44 miles and the Spalding branch 40 miles. The territory tributary to Columbus along these branches is as rich a farming country as can be found in the United States. And the growing towns in this territory have developed with the farms to such an extent that there is a demand for factories and jobbing houses at Columbus to supply their demands.

COLUMBUS A DESIRABLE HOME FOR TRAVELING MEN.

On account of the large business along the railroads radiating from Columbus and the excellent train service here, about twenty-five travelling men have already located here and there would be twice as many more within a year if vacant modern homes were available for rent. While more than 100 residences have been built in Columbus during the last two years there is not a vacant residence in the city today. It is believed that this condition of affairs and the demand for modern homes for traveling men will attract investors and that there will be an unprecedented era of building in 1905. Travelling men are the most desirable citizens any city can have and Columbus is fortunate in being situated where travelling men must for business reasons make their homes.

Investors are just beginning to see the advantages of investments in Columbus. They recognize the advantageous position of Columbus as a distributing center, and realize that as the state develops, it will be cheaper to supply the trade to western, northern and southern Nebraska, from Columbus than from Omaha.

GAS PLANT AND OTHER FACTORIES.

A gas company has been organized which has already begun the establishment of a gas plant for heating and lighting purposes at a cost of $[illegible].

Another group of local and foreign capitalists have practically completed arrangements for establishing a large canning factory to employ 50 to [illegible] men. One of the local promoters of the enterprise informs a Journal representative that the factory is assured but that it will not be opened until next year as it is desirable first to get the farmers interested in raising the proper products.

W. M. Poesch is planning to double the capacity of his candy factory and there is not a factory in the city that is not planning to increase its output in 1905.

The future development of Columbus is not to be confined to its factories. With the opening of spring a large new bank building will be erected by the Columbus State Bank and the large department store on Eleventh street, recently burned to the ground, will be replaced by L. P. Phillips.

These are only examples. More business improvements are planned for 1905 than have been made altogether in the past three years.

A LARGE SHOW PAVILION.

One of the most valuable improvements promised for Columbus in 1905 is a large building to be used for stock shows, sales and for other purposes where a large floor space is required.

If this improvement comes it will be a fitting monument to the foresight and energy of the members of the Platte County Poultry and Pet Stock Association who are subscribing liberally for stock and are pushing the enterprise among Columbus business men.

There are several strong reasons why a stock show and sale pavilion promises to pay dividends on the money invested, not to mention the impetus such a building would give to the live stock and poultry industries of Platte county and to the hotel and general business interests of the city.

These reasons are best set forth in the statement of the situation made by President J. H. Fulmer and Secretary W. H. Swartsley of the Platte County Poultry and Pet Stock Association in a conversation with a Journal representative. Their statement is substantially as follows: "The board of control of the state Poultry Association wants to bring the next state show to Columbus. They say that Columbus, because of its excellent railroad facilities and its central location, is the most desirable city in the state for state shows and conventions. But to handle this show requires a floor space nearly 100 feet square. Columbus, therefore, cannot profit from her natural advantages, without a building of the size indicated. With a building, Columbus would get the best breeders' sales in the state, for it is located in the very heart of the best stockbreeding country in Nebraska. The frequency of these large shows and sales would bring thousands of dollars to the business men and citizens of Columbus and give a stimulus to the stock industry that would mean thousands of dollars to Platte county farmers. For these reasons, we are ready to take a large block of stock ourselves and we know of several other farmers who are ready to subscribe for stock to build a suitable building. The matter will be canvassed among the business men and laid before the commercial club. If they will do their part, the building will be a go."

THE POWER CANAL.

Enough things have already been mentioned to illustrate the fact that Columbus has a bright future and to show that Columbus citizens are awaking to this fact.

But the best, like dessert, we leave to the last, viz., the Power Canal.

It is understood that H. E. Babcock is still in the east working with the hope that the power canal will yet be added for Columbus.

This subject needs no exposition to Journal readers. It is known that the best engineers of Europe and the United States have surveyed the proposed canal and that they have reported favorably. It is known that the proposed canal will be about 50 miles in length, tapping the Loup River near Genoa and leading to the table lands somewhere near Columbus to a reservoir covering some 4000 acres where a fall of 100 feet would be secured, making available for power purposes about 40,000 horse power, leaving the water for purposes of irrigation.

If the canal comes, the benefits it will bestow on Columbus can only be imagined. To say that it would make Columbus the first manufacturing city in Nebraska is no idle fancy.

Up to this time the building of Columbus has been in conservative lands.

The city, it is said, has never had a boom. Its development has been steady, and during the past few years has been rapid. This substantial, conservative basis has been good for the city. It has suffered no backsets.

But the "psychological moment" has come to push Columbus. Capital and conservative direction combined with the vim and energy of strong young manhood are all Columbus needs to make for us a five-rate city. No city has more natural advantages or a brighter future. It is up to our citizens to make the most of their opportunities.

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