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RENEWAL.—The date opposite your name on your paper, or wrapper shows to what time your subscription is paid. This Janis shows that payment has been received up to Jan. 1, 1906. If you wish to renew, please send the amount by the date shown, or earlier, or you will be obliged to discontinue it. When ordering a change in the address, subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as their new address.

Some Columbus genius should rise up and invent a burglar proof window.

It rained today, but it did not prevent the addition of twenty new names to our subscription list.

We beg to call attention to the state news department which we are starting today. This will be a permanent feature.

Sin has often been called a disease. Now that Mrs. Eddy denies the existence of disease germs, the clergy will be forced to coin a new definition for sin.

We are gratified at the increasing number of Journal subscribers who take the time to send us a news item. Continued co-operation along this line will make the Journal the best paper ever.

Dr. Winship says that Platte county has the sweetest, youngest and prettiest lot of teachers he ever addressed. It is Dr. Winship's good judgment that has made him famous and he was never guilty of displaying better judgment than in this case.

When three or four empty headed ignoramuses make a practice of getting together and flooding the cement sidewalks with tobacco spit, it is time for the good people of our city to rise up and demand an anti-spitter ordinance and insist on its enforcement. The women's organizations of Omaha and Lincoln have been instrumental in securing the passage of such ordinances, and the Journal suggests that the time is ripe for action in Columbus.

NOT POLITICS.

Now that the supervisors have taken action likely to result in the return to Platte county of some \$400 collected illegally by supervisors Ernst and Bender in one year, it is proper for the Journal to state the reasons which have prompted this paper to take the part it has taken.

First of all, it is not a political matter. Democrats and republicans alike are interested in clean government and honest administration.

In charging that supervisors Ernst and Bender had collected from the people of Platte county more than the law allowed them, the Journal simply stated a fact relating solely to the official conduct of these men, which it was the duty of this paper and every other newspaper in the county to state. For if a newspaper does not owe it to its readers to publish facts of official misdeed, regardless of the politics of the men involved we know our duty that it does owe them.

The Journal has printed the names of these men in large, bold letters before the tax payers of Platte county not because they were democrats but because they were members of the law making body of this county, entrusted with the expenditure of our money, from whom we have a right to demand an administration in strict conformity to law. If they do not live within the law as respects their own salaries, what shall we expect of them with reference to the expenditure of our money for other purposes?

These men have known for months that they had collected more than the law permitted them to collect. Supervisor Dietrich early last fall objected to the allowance of one of their bills. Then the Journal pointed out the facts to them. After all this notice before the last meeting of the board last year, they presented bills this year, for last years services, bills which should have been presented last year, had they not been afraid of opposition from Supervisor Dietrich.

They have never made a public explanation of their conduct, but they state privately that they "did the work and are entitled to the money."

There can be no argument on this point. No public officer is entitled to more than the law allows him. If

he is not satisfied with what the law gives, there surely is no law compelling him to take the office.

Supervisors Gaetz, Kinnan, Clother and others have probably not been paid for all the time they have worked for the county.

Why did they not also collect more than their legal allowance? If the bars are let down: where shall we stop? On the same theory the fixed salaries of our county and state officers and teachers and thousands of others would have no meaning.

We want our supervisors not only to live up to the law themselves, but we want them to protect us from others. At the present time they are jointly guilty republicans and democrats alike for the illegal payment of money to the official papers. Who will be the first to call a halt?

THE FIRST STEP.

Cigarettes, paper novels and truncheon are the first three steps in a path of crime for the school children of our land, according to the opinion of Truant Officer Parker.

"The cigarette habit is almost invariably first in the downward career," said Mr. Parker. "A few days ago I saw a statement which gave truncheon this unenviable position, but in my judgment it is erroneous. To be sure, truncheon is almost always a factor, and indeed the prime factor, but you will find it preceded by cigarettes. The boy who will not smoke and read cheap novels is the boy who will not give the truant officer trouble, although I presume that any boy with red blood in his veins will play 'hookie' once in a while. Most of the habitual truants, however, smoke cigarettes."

Mr. Parker is interested in the matter of parental schools and detention homes for truants and thinks they would form a valuable adjunct to the present juvenile court system in Omaha by its provisions had boys are placed on probation or locked up. If Omaha had a parental school truants might be placed in it rather than the jail of the juvenile court when they violate their parole. Mr. Parker said:

"The parental school is like the ordinary public school except that every child attending it is closely watched and attendance is absolutely compulsory. In cities which have such a school the truant officer gathers those together who stay away too often from other schools and puts them together in this one school. They must report to him every day. Many children would prefer this to being locked up and they would feel the obligation of attendance more than at present."

"Los Angeles has a parental school and a detention home. The former is such an institution as I have described, and the latter is what its name signifies, a home. The boys in it are under very strict discipline. If they prove unmanageable here they are sent to the reform school. Los Angeles believes in a succession of steps, according to the preference of the boy or girl concerned. First, there is the public school near their home, then the parental school, then the detention home, and last the reform school."

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

The Honorable John L. Webster of Omaha, vice-presidential possibility, has always failed to get near to the heart of the great common people, apparently because he is a trifle too much up to date—too modern, as it were. His gorgeously flowered waist-coats and his poetically creased breeches have not stirred up a responsive throb within the more sluggish bosoms of the multitude; in fact they have long been the target of envious scoffers.

And now John L. has run afoul of another class of citizens and for the same reason. Last Tuesday he delivered the annual address before the Phi Beta Kappa society of the University of Nebraska. This is a national college society in which membership is based not on social or financial conditions but on scholastic attainments. Each year an elite few are elected from the graduates of the various colleges and universities to membership in this intellectual aristocracy.

In the course of his remarks before this classic society John L. took occasion to announce that this devotion to the classic literature is all foolishness; that the ancient Greeks, for instance, were a semi-barbarous people; that while a few cloistered book-worms still dig into classic lore, the vast majority of the present generation wouldn't know it if they should meet it on the street; that people don't read Herodotus now when they want history, or Vergil or Dante for poetry, or Demosthenes for oratory. They are all out of date.

As a result of these somewhat rash assertions Mr. Webster is receiving left-handed bouquets from the cloistered bookworms aforementioned. They intimate that the honorable Possibility has bustled in where angels fear to tread, and has dealt himself a hand out of all proportion to the number of chips he had in the game. And so the doctors disagree.

It would seem to us that John L. has hardly established his case. By the same method of reasoning one might say that Bach and Beethoven

are out of date. For while a few cloistered devotees may still worship at the shrines of the old composers, the multitude knoweth not of them; whereas in every hamlet and village you may hear the inspiring strains of 'The Man Behind the Gun.' Mozart got out some pretty good tunes for his day; but nowadays the happy messenger boy on the streets whistles not an aria of Mozart but rather that tear-stained ballad entitled 'The Villain Still Pursued Her.' Therefore our music schools should drop all the old chestnuts and devote themselves to something that the majority likes better.

For one man who goes into raptures over the Sistine Madonna you will find a hundred who prefer the gorgeous lithographs of the comic supplement. Therefore, Raphael and his crowd were good enough for their semi-barbarous time, but they have been superseded by Buster Brown and we ought to quit talking about them.

Shakespeare no doubt lived according to his lights, but the lights went out two centuries ago. Nowadays, young America will be found reading 'The Adventures of William Warwhoop,' while female America reads 'The Duchess.' Therefore, etc.

Very few people probably could quote anything from the orations of Burke or Fox or Daniel Webster; but every man whose memory rameth back over a period of eight years can repeat: "You shall not croak humanly on a cross of gold." Therefore, etc., etc.

It seems hardly necessary to multiply examples. Mr. Webster is just a trifle too modern.

BEAUTY.

President Eliot is incorrigibly apt to say something when he speaks. In his address at the opening of the Albright Art Gallery in Buffalo, on Monday 21, he laid it down that the ultimate object of democracy is to increase the satisfaction and joy of life for the great mass of the people, and that one important way to do it is to cultivate the sense of beauty. Our democracy, he thought, based in important measure on English Puritanism, had thus far failed to take due account of the sense of beauty as a means of happiness, and to provide for training it. He found that "our barbarous legislation taxing imported works of art" makes it the harder to establish galleries and museums, and he thought our schools were not yet doing what they should to foster the appreciation of beauty. The main object in every school, he thought, should be, "not to provide the children with means of earning a livelihood, but to show them how to live a worthy and happy life inspired by ideals which exalt and dignify both labor and pleasure." He found that "monstrous" that the common school should give much time to compound numbers, bank discount, and stenography, and little time to drawing; and monstrous that the school which prepares for college should give four or five hours a week for two years to Greek, and no time at all to drawing.

There is some novelty in the diffusion of sentiments like these by a college president of Dr. Eliot's distinction. It will come promptly to most readers' minds that of all people the Japanese seem to have cultivated most generally and farthest the capacity to appreciate beauty and derive happiness from it, and yet the Japanese have demonstrated effectiveness in other and more "practical" directions. The ability to earn a living in this land is so important a condition precedent to happiness, that we are prone to think it the one thing needful, and to be jealous of the schools devote much time to anything else. But some day, and soon, we shall realize better than we do yet that some timely diversion of attention to the understanding of beauty better our chances of making a living and stands at the same time as an insurance against complete failure of happiness in case we don't get rich. —Harper's Weekly.

SOME DIFFERENCE.

Last fall our friend the Biens called us some hard names because in a political argument we said that \$5 was 75 per cent of \$100 and explained in our next issue that we had meant to say 5 per cent and the extra figure got in through an error of typography.

The Biens in the first place charged us with deliberately trying to deceive the people by a gross misrepresentation of fact. Secondly, and rather illogically, the Biens commented very unfeelingly upon the feeble intellectual equipment of anybody who couldn't figure any better than that, and suggested that we refund the money which had been paid us in former years for services as instructors of youth. Thirdly the Biens sarcastically inquired whether anybody ever read proof on the matter that went into this enlightened sheet.

Time passed. Last week the Biens republished an article from an exchange on the subject of German-Americans. After a paragraph which was rather uncomplimentary to certain Germans on American school boards, the Biens interpolated an editorial comment to

the effect that the same condition existed here in Columbus.

Receiving a written protest against such insinuation from Mr. Brugger, secretary of the Columbus school board, the Biens explains this week that it was due to a typographical error; that the comment was intended for another paragraph of the article but got transposed by one of those unaccountable errors that will creep in.

The Biens's explanation is entirely reasonable and satisfactory, and nobody who has had any experience in newspaper business will call it into question.

BE HONEST.

While the assessment figures for 1905 are not yet complete, it is known definitely that the total assessment of Platte county will reach to six millions, or about \$200,000 more than last year. This increase comes alone in the personal property on the farms of Platte county. For real estate stands where it was placed last year.

We repeat that the increase comes from the personal property on the farms of Platte county. It must be said to the credit of the farmers of this county, that in spite of the attempts of the democratic press last fall to arouse them against the high assessment under the new revenue law, they voluntarily listed from 5 to 20 per cent more personal property this year than last just because they wished to co-operate with the assessors in an honest enforcement of the law.

And it must be said to the equal shame of some of the leading business men of Columbus, that the city of Columbus turned in \$42,000 less of personal property this year than last. This falling off lies chiefly in the failure to list mortgages as required by law.

Assessor Galley is going carefully over the records, and has determined to demand that the man in whose name mortgages are recorded, shall either himself be assessed, or divulge the name of the real owner. In this determination Mr. Galley will have the backing of every honest man in Platte county. If the law saying 'tax mortgage' is wrong, change it. But as long as it is the law, let it be enforced. No man should be spared because his name is Smith or Jones.

Every mortgage that escapes taxation imposes an extra burden on the honest taxpayer. And every man who is in any way connected with the concealing of the real ownership of a mortgage puts his hand in his neighbor's pocket and takes money therefrom and is worse than a common thief. He is more than a common thief because he is more cowardly.

The Journal will co-operate with Assessor Galley in this matter by publishing in full if desirable the names of the parties in whose names mortgages are recorded and the part of same not returned by them. A sharp halt should be called to tax dodging.

A Bad Scare.

Some day you will get a bad scare, when you feel a pain in your bowels, and fear appendicitis. Safety lies in Dr. King's New Life Pills, a sure cure, for all bowel and stomach, biliousness; constiveness, etc. Guaranteed at Chas. Beck's drug store only 25 cents. Try them.

Saturday's Daily Journal.

Prof. Sike, teacher music, Barber bldg.

F. E. Beknap of Oreston was in the city yesterday.

Fred Schulz left this morning for Milwaukee over the Burlington.

Miss Mamie Howard of Schuyler is spending a few days in the city visiting friends.

Miss Maude Brown of Schuyler is visiting for a few days at the W. N. Hensley home.

Halley Wade of the Schuyler Quill force was in the city to-day en route to St. Edward where he will visit over Sunday.

Mrs. August Schack and two children and Mrs. Carl Evert left this morning over the Burlington for a ten day visit in Chicago.

Mrs. I. H. Britell and daughter Mabel left over the Burlington this morning for Barton, Wisconsin to visit Mrs. Britell's aunt. They will be absent about ten days.

Miss Leona Harbert who was employed last winter at the Independent Telephone office drove over from Oreston Columbus yesterday for her sister Miss Floeste Harbert who was attending the institute.

WANTED—Bright, honest young man over 18 from Columbus to prepare for position in Government service. Good pay and chance for promotion. Address immediately W. Fox one, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. It w.

Miss Mamie Calso left today at noon for Chicago where she will reside in the future, making her home with a sister. She has lived in Columbus with her uncle, M. C. Calso, for about twelve years and has many friends here.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Harriet Terry to Mr. Floyd Gal of Silver Creek. Mr. Gal

The Bread in the Dinner-Pail

When the working-man "knocks off" at noon, he likes to find the bread in his pail light and tasty, not soggy and unhealthful. And if the cook knows her business and uses the superior



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was principal and Miss Terry assistant principal of the Silver Creek schools. The marriage will occur on June 28 at Lincoln.

Shell Clark, deputy assessor of Woodville township was in the city today. Mr. Clark's returns show an increase of about 20 per cent in the valuation of that township. It increased from \$151,000 to \$186,000. Mr. Clark is an efficient assessor.

There has been a change in the office of the Singer Sewing Machine company in Columbus. H. E. Price who has had charge of the office resigned last week but will remain in Columbus engaged in other work. M. Jordan who came several weeks ago to assist Mr. Price has also resigned and will return to Hastings tonight where for thirteen years he has represented the company. Ed Jones, supervising salesman was in the city today looking over the field. He will supply a representative for this city in a few days. Miss Zimmer will retain her position as bookkeeper.

Captain Wagner announces that if room can be made on the Fourth of July program, a sham battle can be arranged between the militia companies of Columbus and Schuyler for that day. In such an event the Columbus company ought to be recruited up to its maximum strength, and there is yet room for about 25 more members. The matter of the sham battle will be considered tonight at a meeting of the Fourth of July committee.

Monday's Daily Journal.

S. J. Ryan made a business trip to Schuyler today.

Dr. Martyn, Evans, Evans & Martyn Jr., office three doors north of Fried-hof's store.

Robert Adams, editor of the Fallerton Post was in Columbus today, returning home from Lincoln.

E. H. Leach and F. H. Pratt, editor of the Humphrey Democrat, were in the city on business today.

Mrs. W. S. Evans will entertain Thursday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. Clark of Salt Lake City.

J. F. Belford was called to Lincoln yesterday by the death of the little daughter of his nephew, W. V. Barton.

Editor J. W. Tanner of the Fallerton News-Journal went through Columbus today on his way to Kansas.

Rev. B. C. Fettes of Cedar Rapids was in the city today en route to

Schuyler to officiate at the marriage of Miss Bryant.

C. N. McElfresh, attorney. Collections a specialty.

The Misses Winterbotham of David City are guests this week at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Galley and Mr. and Mrs. C. Pollock.

For fire insurance, see U. N. McElfresh, office over Columbus State Bank.

Mrs. J. W. Marthis and children who have been in New Mexico several years for Mrs. Marthis' health, returned today. Mr. Marthis is conductor on the Burlington freight.

FOUND.—A cameo set. It was lost during the parade Sunday. Owner can get same at Journal office by paying for this notice.

Zuelow, the Schuyler tailor, will make you clothes that fit well, wear well and look well as long as a piece of the cloth remains.

FOUND.—On Dr. M. T. McMahan's lawn, a large dog collar, bearing a dog tag label. Owner can get same at Journal office by paying for this notice.

Have you an account you can not collect? Take it to McElfresh.

LOST—A point lace handkerchief at the opera house at commencement exercises. Finder will return to Mrs. H. H. Millard or to the Journal office.

J. J. Barnes and two daughters, Misses Maude and Jeannette, went to Chicago Saturday for a ten days visit. They will visit relatives at Gibson City, Ill. also. The Misses Maggie and Mary Dineen accompanied them. They will visit an uncle in Chicago.

Miss Maggie Willard returned Saturday from Des Moines where she has been attending the Des Moines musical college. She obtained a teacher's certificate this spring and will return next winter to complete her course. George Willard, Jr. also returned home Saturday to visit over Sunday.

Last night Lee Bennett had his leg broken in a friendly wrestling match with Lowell Chatfield. A crowd of young fellows were behind Schilz's store and Bennett and Chatfield engaged in a wrestling bout which resulted in one fall for each and a broken bone, just above the ankle, for Bennett. Dr. D. T. Martyn, Jr. attended to the fracture. Bennett was out this morning on improvised crutches, though ordered by the doctor to stay in bed for two days.

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