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CHANGE IN ADDRESS—When ordering a change in the address, subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as their new address.

How many "cock robins" have the democrats to kill in the court house?

We apologized to the Telegram for charging them with grafting the county under a 1904 contract, when as a matter of fact they had got away with the goods in 1903. Now it is proper that we apologize to supervisors Ernst and Bender for placing the amount of their illegal drawings over a hundred dollars too low.

The supervisors held another high court of investigation, but the editor of the Journal was not on trial this time and Edgar Howard was not there with his tearful voice telling them that "if half of the Journal's charge were true, they were unfit to represent the good people of Platte county." Too bad he wasn't there.

There will be little party politics in the campaign in Platte county this fall. Clean government is the only issue. The death knell has been sounded for graft and corruption. Roosevelt's "square deal" policy has obliterated party lines. The majority of republicans will not vote for republican candidates merely because they are republicans. Democrats will refuse to vote for democrats who fail to measure up to the Roosevelt standard of honesty and justice. The influence of Roosevelt's personality has made independents of us all. And the independent voters of Platte county will rise in a body next November to stamp out the combination which has nourished, at the expense of the honest tax payer, a bridge trust and a printing trust and which has winked at malfeasance in office.

Thomas W. Lawson as a lecturer and reformer occupies the same place in the public esteem as the itinerant reformed drunkard occupies as temperance lecturer. He says many things that are known to be true, but they are believed because they are known in advance to be true and not because Lawson says them. When it comes to pointing out remedies for the awful conditions he describes he has so far been a dismal failure. And if he he should try to point out remedies, people would not believe him. A man who has spent the best of his life gambling in the stock market and figuring out means of getting other people's money without giving value received, is no better fitted to give sane and judicious advice on great economic questions, than the reformed drunkard who never lived a sober life is to formulate a code of correct living. Lawson is all right in his way and is doing some good. He is a good man to sound the fire alarm. But we should see to it that he is not permitted to organize, and command the fire company.

When the Journal first performed its simple duty as a public newspaper, by calling attention to the fact that Supervisors Ernst and Bender had drawn more than the law allows for their services, our religious contemporary, the Columbus Telegram, said that the most of the good people of Columbus felt nothing but "contempt" for the editor of the Journal who had dared give utterance to such facts against the characters of "such honorable men." Now that we are forced to revise our statements in the light of the unanimous finding of such good democrats as John Goetz and Frank Kiernan and M. E. Clother, by making our first figures larger, we suppose it will be only in accordance with professional courtesy to permit the Telegram to replace its "contempt" verdict against us by one more in keeping with the enormity of our offense. Awaiting the Telegram's verdict we beg to substitute for our mild first charge the more serious charge of the investigation committee: "Ernst overdrew his salary $440.30; Bender, $86.90."

STRAIGHT BUSINESS.

"It may be true that some of the democratic papers are getting money to which they are not legally entitled, and that some of our supervisors have drawn a few more dollars than they should have drawn. But you are simply fighting 'graft' in order to get your own ear in." This statement was made to the editor of the Journal a few days ago by a democrat who helped to kill Mayor Boettcher in the convention, and who declares that the democratic party will be better off without such "weak kneed sisters" as Boettcher, and Wm. Becher.

We never waste words arguing the honesty of our motives. Actions speak for themselves. However, to save unnecessary solicitude on the part of our democratic brethren as to what we would do if we could elect republican officials, we desire to make a brief declaration of principles which the Journal will urge in the matter of newspaper patronage, should republican officials be chosen next November. We shall urge these principles because we believe that the spoils system as practiced today in Platte county and many other counties, tends to corrupt the press much more effectively than the free pass corrupts our legislators.

The Journal will urge the nomination of a man for county judge by the republicans, who will, if elected, consult the wishes and conditions of parties interested in the publication of legal notices. If the parties can get better service through the Journal and desires the publication there, that should settle the question. On the other hand if they want their notices in the Humphrey Democrat or Lindsay Post or Platte Center Signal or any other in Platte county, their wishes should be consulted in like manner. The Journal will urge the nomination of a county clerk who is able to read that provision of the law which requires the county clerk to "make an estimate of the supplies needed by the county, and award the contract to the lowest bidder." We do not want a man who will come to the Journal office and say, "Now I will fix this estimate so that the Journal can get the business by defrauding every other newspaper in Platte county.

We shall urge that merit and straight business principles shall hold in the matter of the public printing the same as in other matters, and that the spoils system be given its death blow.

If the Journal cannot subsist on straight business principles, it deserves to die. But we shall insist on a fair field and an open fight.

TO JOURNAL SUBSCRIBES.

The Journal has added several hundred new subscribers during the last few weeks. This expression of interest and confidence in the Journal is most heartily appreciated by us, and it shall be our constant endeavor to merit that confidence by striving from week to week to improve our news service and to increase our vigilance in an honest investigation of public affairs in which our readers are vitally interested.

So fast have new names been coming in that it has been almost impossible for our force, in addition to their regular work, to get them set up in type. In order to guard against future misunderstanding, we ask that new subscribers note the date on your paper. That date indicates the time to which you are paid up. If that date does not agree with the date to which you understand you are paid up, please notify us at once that the mistake may be adjusted. We desire also especially to call your attention to the offers of our advertisers. You will find baragins in every line, from farm to store. Journal advertisers are the best business men in Columbus. They advertise in the Journal for purely business reasons, because they can get the widest circulation for their money. Business men who thus do business on business principles are always safe. We therefore urge that you early form the habit of reading the offers of Journal advertisers.

John Swanson performed a service not only for the republican party but for every taxpayer in Platte county when he set in motion the investigation which is destined to return over $500 to the county treasury. But there are still other things that he or the good democratic supervisors who have stood with him can do to place the county business on a basis of law. John Swanson joined his democratic brethren in voting away illegally 25 per cent of the legal rate for the official printing of the county. The republican party has a right to demand Mr. Swanson and the people of the county have a right to insist that no man on the board shall be excused until he has registered his vote on the side of law in this matter.

"The best quarter I ever invested." That is what young McAllister said about the quarter he invested in a Daily Journal "lost" ad. to help him find a new coat. The ad. brought the coat the first day. More people see the Daily Journal than any other Columbus paper. That's why it pays to advertise in its columns.

Rockefeller's distributing agent must lead a strenuous life. He had eleven millions to distribute last month.

Who can name a meaner, smaller more ornery type of man, than the man who will sneak under the canvass to see a ball game?

No young man should ever contemplate growing old. John Hay performed all of his great service for his country after he was sixty and he did it with the vigor and freshness of youth.

We are much gratified at the keen interest which Journal readers are manifesting in the Sherlock Holmes stories. Whenever Journal readers don't get the best going, it is because we cant' get it.

Democrats, do you remember how Mayor Dickinson, a good republican was present at the "killing" of Mayor Boettcher? Maybe some other good republican will be on hand at the the killing of Diedrich Becher for county treasurer.

Norfolk has launched another daily newspaper, the Norfolk Daily Press, edited and published by P. F. Sprecher. The first issue which reaches our desk is a six-page, six-column paper containing plenty of local news and a very liberal amount of advertising. How Norfolk, with a smaller population than Columbus, can support two daily newspapers is not clear. However, we wish all the Norfolk publishers success. Will some Columbus business men still cling to the notion that Columbus is not large enough for one daily paper?

President Roosevelt gave expression to some sentiments at Harvard concerning illgotten wealth, which should be repeated and reprinted till they take root in the heart of every American citizen. He said: "It is far mor important that they should conduct their business affairs decently than that they should spend the surplus of their fortunes in philanthropy. Much has been given to these men, and we have a right to demand much of them in return. Every man of great wealth who runs his business with cynical contempt for those prohibitions of the law which by hired cunning he can escape or evade is a menace to our community, and the community is not to be excused if it does not develop a spirit which actively frowns on and discountenances him."

Platte Center JOHN G. REGAN

[Platte Center subscribers may pay subscriptions to John G. Regan. If you want to buy or sell anything, see Mr. Regan and let him advertise it in the leading paper of Platte county. Journal ads always do the business. But advertise in your home paper first. Supplement that with Journal advertising.]

Some people have played the part of the hypocrite so long that they have actually succeeded in deceiving themselves, and finally believe that something actually false is true beyond a doubt. After so doing they proceed to take the public into their confidence, under the delusion that the aforesaid public is suffering from an acute attack of gullibility and will believe any old thing, will follow like a flock of sheep do the bell wether, and are ready to be humbuged till the cows come home. This causes people to wonder why so called reformers do not some times apply the soft pedal to their own anatomy, or lift themselves over the fence with their own boot straps, rather than be making people tired with their foolishness, for when the screeds of some of the present day reformers are read, people cease to wonder why they are afflicted with that tired feeling, and no longer wonder the foolkiller died of disgust.

The Columbus Telegram is a very good example of the type mentioned as to hypocrisy and foolishness. In one of its late issues it requests Edward Rosewater to call a meeting of representative citizens of the State to form an organization against corporation domination and other ills of which the body politic is supposedly or actually suffering. The Telegram is right in one sense, for every evil should be reformed, and every abuse corrected, but before taking charge of the affairs of all the people the great State of Nebraska, the question might be asked, why not reform men before measures. If the Telegram that there will be no further cause for complaint, for if all men are true Christians, and live as true Christians ought to live, then there would be no evil. If all men are honest there would be no trouble in the world, is an axiomatic truth, old as history itself, and why does not the Telegram apply that logic to itself? Why does it not, like charity, begin reform at home, in Platte County, in its own city of Columbus. Why does it not return to the people of Platte County and of the city of Columbus, the ill-gotten profits it has secured from its printing graft? Why does it not turn the search light of public opinion on those county officials guilty of allowing it to charge the already over burdened tax-payer such outrageous prices? Why does it not tell

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this to the voters in order that the guilty ones may be placed with men who will not further their private snaps at public expense? Why does it not denounce the supervisors who drew nearly twice the salary the law allows? Why does it protest about excessive freight rates charged the farmer while it has its nand in his other pocket robbing him through the medium of the county printing? No honest man will disagree with the Telegram that freight rates are too high, but, said the Savior, 'Let him that is without sin cast the first stone.'

With corn at forty cents and other products in proportion, with bank interest at eight and farm mortgages at five percent, with land selling a from sixty dollars upward, the farmer has no large kick coming, especially when we contrast the present times with those of the Cleveland Democratic Administration but when a newspaper begins roaring in his behalf about outrageous freight rates, and at the same instant is robbing him through means of a printing graft of taxes paid in hard cash for legitimate purposes, he begins to wonder if there is not some thing else behind all this noise, asks himself, if he does not kick, why should the Telegram howl? And he wonders rightly, there is something else behind all the noise and wind emanating from that newspaper, and has something else to befog his mind if possible from the fact that this fall is the election of county officials. The object is to give the court house gang a new lease of life, and the Telegram a new grip on high priced printing by distracting his attention from rascality at home by pointing out abroad. By raising a great hullabaloo about conditions over the State at large to make the voter forget rotteness at home, that is the game being played by the Telegram; to allow the same old crowd to continue their depredations in the pockets of the people. "You cannot garner figs from thistles nor distil blood from turnips," nor can you expect reform over an area covering the entire State of Nebraska, from people who wink the other eye to evils at home, and that is what the Telegram is guilty of. But we make this prophecy, the people are getting mighty weary of being systematically robbed for long years, and being told how to vote by a newspaper on the inside with the gang, and they will let the whole outfit down with a dull sickening thud on election day in the year of grace, nineteen hundred and five.

(Saturday's Daily)

The hum of the reaper is heard abroad in the land as it cuts down the golden grain.

E. F. Lusenski departed last evening for a short visit in Omaha.

John J. Greisen is paying ball with the Meadow Grove nine in the tournament held in that city this week.

M. L. Cronin transacted business in Columbus yesterday.

E. E. Fellers of St. Edward was renewing old acquaintances in this locality Tuesday.

The management of this department will jerk the editor baldheaded if he credits our news again to Creston. We advise him to let cream separators alone and attend to business.

John Keeler of Wattsville is in our town today.

D. D. Roberts says he is going to fix up the State ticket for the Pop aggregation.

The implement dealers here are putting out binders by the wholesale notwithstanding the cry that the farmer is not prosperous under Roosevelt.

Miss Alice Considene is on the sick list.

There will be no base ball game Sunday owing to the absence of Captain Lusinski.

J. H. Frevert came down from his home in the Rosebud, Tuesday, for a short stay here in the interests of his business. He reports the country up there as developing and making good the prophecy that it would became a fine agricultural community.

(Monday's Daily)

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schelp were in town Friday afternoon.

Geraldine, the litle daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Webster, has been on the sick list but is, we are glad to say, recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gertsch of upper Monroe township were trading in this burg the last of the week.

During the pleasant moonlight we observe many young couples engaged in the delightful occupation of spooning.

W. E. Beckwith, sr., of Oconee, Neb., was here for a short time Friday.

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Politics is beginning to get lively. We heard several warm disputes last evening. Whoop her up, boys, you will yet save the country.

Ben Bogus is running the Gentleman dray this week.

Rev. Heide and Wm. Bloedorn drove to Monroe Thursday afternoon.

Jacob Laun transacted business with our merchants Saturday.

The city authorities should make some provision for lighting the streets, as it is positively dangerous during dark nights.

Henry Greisen of St. Anthony is here on business.

The Signal last week called on the powers that be to do something to put an end to the stagnant water caused by the creek being blocked. Following the suggestion an investigation was made this morning which resulted in finding the creek crossed by a dam built by Editor Gruenther who was thereupon pronounced guilty of stopping the water and put to work with a long-handled spade to remedy the evil he had caused.

The Telegram makes a great ado about the Irish base ball nine from this town. There are just two of that race in the club. It also talks about the Dutch in the Columbus nine. Wonder if some of the Dutch that played against us last Sunday are named Dolan, Corbett or Jimmy Jones? We suppose they are all of that class of people.

William Webber is here on business.

Hasselbrook marketed stock here today, D. D. Roberts being the purchaser.

This morning bids fair to be the advance guard of the hottest day this summer.

Supervisor Clother was absent on district work in Bismark township yesterday afternoon.

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