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TASK OF THE REPUBLICAN SUPERVISORS.

It is not a difficult one. To act in accordance with law is not hard. It is the attempt to administer law in the interest of self or of personal or political friends that makes the work of a public official difficult. And the three republican supervisors elected last fall were elected, not by politicians with axes to grind, but by voters who want the county business administered economically and according to law. Just a plain common sense business administration, that is all the taxpayers expect. Will a plain common sense business administration necessitate any changes in the past business policy of the board? Yes, some very radical changes and it is easy to name some of them.

1. A sudden halt in the payment of illegal salaries to supervisors.
2. A careful auditing of the bills and fee books of the sheriff and other officers to cut out excessive fees and illegal mileage charges.
3. A change from the unit system to the item system of awarding contracts for printed blanks and supplies to kill the printing trust which for years has fattened on the public funds and to prevent the building of another similar trust.
4. A reduction in the allowance to the official papers from 125 per cent of the legal rate which has been paid for years, at least to the rate allowed by law.
5. In the matter of county bridges the public will expect the new board at least to audit the bills of the Standard Bridge Company and when a charge for a "car of lumber" appears, to find out how much and what kind of lumber the car contained. And the acceptance by a supervisor of free transportation from a bridge company should constitute ground for ousting that individual from office and cancelling the contract with the company. There is no room for Standard Bridge Company lobbyists on the board of supervisors.

It was a desire for the changes enumerated above which induced the people of Platte county last fall to elect three republican supervisors. It is up to those supervisors to make good. No one who knows the men elected or has studied their record, doubt that they will do it. And they will be ably assisted in their reform program by at least one of the hold-over democratic supervisors, who has been dubbed a "political shyster" by an official democratic paper for standing up for the law.

Nebraska is to cut a big figure in the canal project, according to present indications. The governor of the zone is a Nebraskan, the collector of revenues is a Nebraskan, the head of the Panama fire department is a Nebraskan, the superintendent of education is a Nebraskan, the chairman of the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals is a Nebraskan, with several other Nebraskans in minor positions and with J. E. Markel on the waiting list to take up the work of feeding the workmen, when they really get busy in that neighborhood. It would be a mighty severe blow to Nebraska to have the Panama canal prove a failure. It must not be, it cannot be.—Fremont Tribune.

This is the time of year when parents invest the savings of a year in books and other gifts for the children. The average mother knows better than to feed pickles to the baby and the average father will not give his five-year old boy a razor. But few fathers and mothers know what books to buy to give the proper mental nourishment to their children. And

there is just as much danger of poisoning the mind of the boy or girl, or at least of arresting its development, with bad or worthless books, as there is of poisoning or arresting the development of the body with poisoned or worthless food. What books are bad and what are good? This question is as hard as it is important to answer. And the Journal, with the hope of helping the fathers and mothers of Platte county to get the proper books into the home library has asked the Columbus city librarian, Miss Geer, to prepare a short classified list of the best children's books, which list is added to this article:

- Before going to school:
Mother Goose, Brownie Book, Red Ridinghood, Cinderella, Jack and the bean-stalk, Sleeping Beauty, Babes in the Woods, Aesop's Fables, From 7 to 10.
Grim's Fairy tales, Alice in Wonderland, Esau's Burglar, Bird's Christmas Carol, Adventures of a Brownie, Little Lord Fauntleroy, Robinson Crusoe, Pussy Meow, Dicky Downey, Beautiful Joe, From 10 to 15.
Eight Cousins, Moss in Bloom, Under the Lilac, Little Men, Little Women, Old fashioned Girl, Jack in the Boots, Timothy's Guest, Black Beauty, Five Little Peppers, Little Colonel books, Juan and Juanita, Stories of the Gorge, The Pilot, The Spy, Swiss Family Robinson, May Bartlett Step-mother, Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, Lovey Mary.

"Lest we forget" that this is the time of year when people do acts of charity and pay their honest debts if they have the price, we are pained to remind our editorial brother of the Telegram that he hasn't paid us that "tainted hundred."

Penitentiary Sentences.

As a result of the district court proceedings last week, three young men capable of making their brain and muscle count for good in the world were given penitentiary sentences and the excessive use of intoxicating liquor figured as the chief cause in each case.

John Fout got four years for attempting to commit rape on a Polish woman in South Columbus. He had been drinking heavily.

Harry Edwards got eighteen months for stealing goods from the Burlington station and his act was the result of drink and bad companions.

Bert Browning got one year for assaulting the conductor on a Union Pacific train and a passenger by the name of Porcupine. And Browning was drunk.

John M. Specht of Platte Center was released on the charge of embezzlement brought against him by J. H. Kerbenbrock for appropriating to his own use \$40 worth of beer.

\$50,000 Building For Columbus

Columbus may draw a \$50,000 building at this session of Congress. Congressman McCarthy has introduced a bill in the House to that end and Senator Millard has introduced the same bill in the senate which has been twice read and referred to the committee on Public Buildings and grounds. The text of the bill follows: Be it enacted by the senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase or otherwise provide a site and cause to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building, with fireproof vaults and suitable fixtures, for the use and accommodation of the United States postoffice and other government offices in the city of Columbus, State of Nebraska. The site and building thereon, when completed upon plans and specifications to be made and approved by the secretary of the treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of fifty thousand dollars. No purchase of site nor plan for said building shall be approved by the secretary of the treasury if the same involve an expenditure exceeding the sum of fifty thousand dollars for site and building. The building shall be unexposed to danger from fire by an open space at least forty feet on each side, including streets and alleys.

Letter From Ed Fitzpatrick

A most interesting letter from Ed Fitzpatrick was received at the Columbus postoffice last Saturday. And the part most interesting to Ed's many Columbus friends is the statement that he has been appointed postmaster at Empire, the second largest city on the isthmus—a city which will soon be augmented by 10,000 of Uncle Sam's canal employes. Ed wrote his letter in installments, a little each day while on board ship from New York to Panama. A part of the letter most interesting is given below:
Nov. 26.—The fog whistle got busy this morning; we ran into a school of sharks—there must have been fifty of them. It was a fine sight. This morning they found a slow-away on board and now he is scrubbing the deck. We pass Cape Hattaras about 3 o'clock this p. m.
Nov. 27.—This noon we had the pleasure of watching the flying fish. It is a very beautiful sight to see the fish fly about one hundred yards some three feet above water. As yet I have not felt

the least bit sea-sick. I eat three good meals a day and could eat four or five. This morning I had to get vaccinated; every one on shipboard has to go before the doctor or return on the next ship.

Nov. 28.—The weather is getting very warm. The officers came out today in their duck suits and I am dressed like I usually am in July at home. We passed Watin's Island this afternoon and Bird Rock Island this evening. Nine o'clock we came in sight of Fortune Island, where we are to take on some niggers and transfer mail. The lighthouse here is out of "biz," so our ship is shooting off rockets and blowing the horn continually; think they are whistling for a pilot.

Nov. 29.—The decks are crowded this morning at 5:30 to see Fortune Island. We are out about a mile. Just passed Castle Rock Island. It is a very beautiful island with a large lighthouse on it. These islands are surely interesting; we can see tropical trees and natives' huts very plainly. I took a picture of Castle Island. This afternoon we came in sight of Cuba and ran along the east coast within two miles from shore until dark. For awhile we could see Hayti on the east. Cuba is, from what we could see, a most beautiful place. The mountains are covered with large palms and everything looked so nice and green. The sun is getting very hot. We have had the electric fan running all the time for the last day.

Nov. 30.—THANKSGIVING. Beautiful weather but extremely hot.

Dec. 1.—Last evening I sat on the hurricane deck until 11 o'clock with my coat off and sleeves rolled up taking in the cool air. This noon we came in sight of South America. Talk about beautiful scenery—well, this was grand!

This evening at 7 o'clock we dropped anchor in Lamar bay, about half a mile from Colon and Cristal. It is a very beautiful sight to see the beach lighted with some hundred lights. We will have breakfast and pull in for shore, so I'll cut this short and write after landing.

Corozal, Dec. 4.—Landed at 7 o'clock and got orders to report at Ancon for instructions, so crossed the Isthmus and landed in Panama at 11. The trip across was grand, just like a city park all the way. Mr. Weidman, (chief fire department, Lincoln) and I had dinner with Gov. Magoon. Saw Mr. Cook the Postmaster General and he appointed me postmaster at Empire. Empire is the best P. O. on the Isthmus. At present Colon is the largest on account of foreign mails, but in a very short time there will be about 10,000 laborers at Empire and I will have my hands full. Don't have to go to work for several days, so am traveling around, have a card that is good for sixty trips between here and Panama. Asked Cook if I could go to Gature and he fixed me up with a pass and he asked me to look up a P. O. site. So I went and had a nice visit Sunday with Elmer Smith. He nearly fell over when he saw me. Going to Panama on next train, will write again when I have time.

ED. FITZPATRICK.

Poultry Show.

The largest and most successful poultry show in the history of Platte county is in progress in Columbus this week.

The large Easton building on Eleventh street is occupied by more than a thousand domestic birds as fine in quality as can be seen anywhere in the civilized world.

C. H. Rhodes of Topeka, Kan., a poultry judge of national reputation, assisted by David Larson of Wahoo, Nebraska's leading poultry expert is doing the weighing and the various mysterious stunts with the feet, feathers and combs of the birds which determine on what pens the blue ribbons are to be tacked.

The prizes are all awarded but the secretary could not prepare a list of the winners for this issue of the Journal.

The largest entry of the show was made by Swartzley and son who have over 100 birds. P. J. McCaffrey second with about 50 birds.

The most novel attractions of the show are a pair of African geese exhibited by H. O. Rodehorst, and a monkey exhibited by John McAllister.

A noteworthy feature of the show is the large increase in the number of outside exhibitors which more than makes the places of several of the leading local poultry raisers who for some reason dropped out this year.

George H. Winslow superintendent of the show, deserves great credit for the arrangement of birds in the building. Every bird is placed where it can be seen, and broad aisles are arranged, making it possible for a large crowd to pass between the rows of pens.

The receipts at the door have been large. It is expected that Thursday and Friday will be the big days.

Fur Coats.

Now is the time to buy your Fur coats before they advance. Russian calf coats have already advanced \$2.00. Others are sure to follow on account of new materials advancing. I have a fine assortment in prices from \$10 to \$30. It will pay you to look them over.

F. H. Nusche, 11th Street.

Notice.

Mr. Victoria Maslonka, having left my bed and board, I hereby decline to be responsible for any debts which she may contract after this date.

Anton Maslonka, Columbus, Neb., December 12, 1905. 37-12

Coal.

We still have a good supply of Rock Spring nut and lump, Kemmerer lump, Carney lump, Hocking Valley lump, Carney Egg, Carney nut, Weir nut, Rock Spring Slack, Hard coal, nut and stove sizes also for nace coal.

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Many Years Ago.

(From the files of Journal Nov. 29, 1871) The snow is said to be five feet deep on the level in the region of Lone Tree. Seventeen persons have died from extreme cold in London. Messrs Olson and Magnuson have completed the residence of Andrew Stall in Stevens addition.

Rev. J. E. Elliott will deliver the Thanksgiving sermon at the Nebraska Avenue church.

(From files of Journal Dec. 6, 1871) Eggs are selling at Lincoln for 40 cents a dozen.

Slaughtered hogs are selling in this market at 4 cent a pound.

A Nebraska snow storm is one of nature's grand exhibitions and must be witnessed in person, before any one can fully comprehend its magnificence.

Washington, December 1. The monthly debt statement for November shows a reduction of \$31,620.80.

Louis Phillipps has removed his boot and shoe store to his new business house on Washington Avenue opposite the court house.

Major Troth of the Indian reservation has received instructions from headquarters to receive and entertain the Grand Duke Alexis while on his buffalo hunt in Nebraska.

Chas A. Speice, Supt. of schools in Platte county announces a teachers meeting to be held in this city.

Married, November 23, 1871 at the home of H. W. Hoefelman in Columbus by Elder Hudson, H. W. Hoefelman to Miss Caroline Kuenemann; also Joseph Schlessner to Miss Anna Hoefelman. E. J. Baker of our city was married the 29th to Miss Mary Jones of Mont Vernon, Ohio.

Route 4

Jack Dineen is balding a new machine shed.

Dap Bray and Boyd Dawson shelled corn this week.

A. E. Campbell with his wife and daughter Mazie visited in Columbus Friday.

Charles and Ed. Mayberger had a runaway in Columbus this week, while hauling lumber. No damage was done, though a load of lumber was tipped over.

Charles Gassman butchered a beef Monday.

John Resim and family spent Sunday at the home of Robert Wolberg.

Rev. Munro will attend a special meeting of his church in Lincoln the latter part of the week to elect a successor to Rev. H. Brass as state superintendent of home missions.

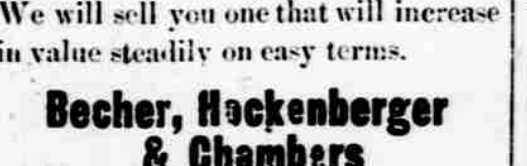
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