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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.

Our lamentations are unbounded. The New Year is here and still that "tainted hundred" is unpaid.

We solicit the patronage of the advertising public only in proportion to the Journal's circulation.

Platte county is not to be left in the enjoyment of a monopoly of county bridge scandals. While Platte has been contributing some very healthy specimens to the bridge lobby in Lincoln and incidentally contributing enough in excessive charges to enable the bridge trust to buy transportation for said healthy specimens, Gage county has been paying for bridges that were never built and our sister county of Colfax has been paying for bridges for which there appears to have existed no legal contracts.

CARROLL D. EVANS A CANDIDATE.

The Journal announces with authority, the candidacy of Col. Carroll D. Evans of this city for United States senator to succeed Senator Millard.

For months friends of Dr. Evans from all parts of the state have been urging him to enter the contest and at last he has given his consent.

That Dr. Evans will be one of the strongest candidates in the field from the start is not doubted by those who have kept in close touch with Nebraska politics during the past two years.

The keynote of the strength of the Columbus candidate was struck by Editor Ladd of the Albion News when he said that the fact that Dr. Evans is not a "politician" will prove to be a great advantage to him. And no republican editor of Nebraska more nearly voices the sentiment of independent republicanism in Nebraska than does Editor Ladd.

Dr. Evans enters the field as a people's candidate with no political debts to pay and with many influential friends at his back. He believes heartily in the political program of President Roosevelt for whom he has a warm admiration and he has no political record that betrays his endorsement of the present administration.

Possessing a strong and impressive personality and entering the field as a peopled candidate pledged to the doctrines of Theodore Roosevelt, he will play a strong hand in the senatorial game, which with the beginning of the New Year will be on in dead earnest.

TO PATRONS.

We feel very much gratified at the expressions of appreciation from Columbus business men on account of the consolidation of the Argus and Journal which will save to Columbus people in advertising and subscriptions several thousand dollars a year. They are kind enough to remember that the Journal alone is responsible for this condition and they are fully aware that the addition of the excellent Argus list to a list that already was far in the lead, makes the Journal a more valuable advertising medium by fifty per cent than any other paper in the county.

Without a single exception Journal advertisers have cheerfully assented to the advance in advertising rates, knowing that in view of its circulation, Journal advertising is the cheapest to be had even if its rates should be nearly double those of the smaller paper.

Delinquent subscribers are also being kind. Many are calling and settling their due subscription and paying a year in advance to prove their willingness to co-operate with us in placing the Journal on a cash-in-advance basis.

The extra work attendant upon moving and the lack of some of the ma-

chinery which will be installed soon prevents us from issuing the Journal in the same form this week which will be followed later.

It will probably be several days before the transfer is completed and in the meantime advertisers and subscribers are requested to call at the present quarters of the Journal on Eleventh street.

PROBLEM FOR TAXPAYERS.

The taxpayers of Platte county have a problem on their hands which must be met and solved in the near if not immediate future. Every office in the court house is crowded till there is scarcely room left for the valuable official records and for the conduct of the county business.

This congested condition is especially apparent in the office of the county treasurer. There is not sufficient desk room for the large record books which are in daily use and the office room is too small to add more desks. The small dark vault is packed to the ceiling with books and every available space is utilized for book shelves. Records that should be placed in position on shelves for quick reference are stacked in heaps on the floor where they are almost inaccessible.

Conditions are almost as bad in the clerk's office and there is not a taxpayer in Platte county who has ever sat on a jury at the court house who has not suffered from the stuffy, crowded unsanitary condition of the court room.

What is to be done? Will the matter of a new court house be delayed until the treasurer is literally forced from the old court house to rooms up town or till valuable records are lost or destroyed because of the congested conditions?

The Journal makes no attempt to solve the problem, but it urges the serious attention of the new board of supervisors and the taxpayers of the county to a matter that should be met with frankness, honesty and calm business judgment, without political bias or the interference of selfish or factional consideration.

TO ARGUS READERS.

The readers of the Platte County Argus whom it is our pleasure to address this week through the columns of the Journal constitute the main body of the independent voters of Platte county. In the past they gave support to the Argus not because that paper has been neither democratic nor republican, but because it has stood against corruption in local as well as in national affairs and has voiced those principles which gave origin to the Populist party.

The populist party has accomplished its mission. The fundamental doctrines of its teaching have become the code of action of a republican President. That party failed in achieving a permanent position as a political party in nation or in state first because a majority of people in the old parties agreed with the Populists on the main reform issues, but believed those reforms could be wrought better from within than from without. And in the second place it failed because the leadership of the new party fell into the hands of dishonest politicians who when they got in office, were more corrupt than those whom they had condemned.

The adherents of populism, left without a party, have become independent voters. In Platte county these independent voters hold the balance of power. That they agree with the editorial policy of the Journal in its advocacy of clean government is attested by the result of the last election and by the fact the very strongest personal support and encouragement received by the editor of this paper has come from the former leaders of populism in Platte county.

We have reason to believe, therefore, that the creed of Rooseveltism for which the Journal stands will make the Journal a welcome visitor to the homes of the independent voters who this week become readers of the Journal by virtue of the absorption of the Argus.

The railroad question is by no means the biggest question for the Nebraska delegation in the national congress to wrestle with during the next session of congress. The so-called "land frauds" question in western Nebraska is a thousand-fold more important to the direct economic interests of the state than the railroad question would be if it carried with it a thousand-fold more abuses than those now complained of. If the Nebraska delegation does not act promptly to change the homestead laws of Western Nebraska or to suspend the enforcement of the anti-fencing law, the cattle industry of Western Nebraska will be ruined. The high bred cattle which now feed on fenced ranches, the result of twenty years of selection of the best blood to be found, will be replaced by the long horned mongrels characteristic of the

open range, and the law-respecting western ranchman, the very cream of our state's population, will be displaced by the lawless rustler who made a history of blood and shame twenty years ago. That part of the press of Nebraska which is lending itself to the abuse of the "cattle barons" and "land grabbers" of western Nebraska without taking the pains to discover that the "cattle barons" and "land grabbers" are right and that the laws are wrong which are operating to destroy the fences and incidentally to remove the heads of the Baxters and Mathews—this part of the state press is doing untold injury to the interests of the whole state of Nebraska.

Several republican district judges of Nebraska surrendered their passes at the close of the year 1905 and will refuse to have them renewed. This action is in harmony with the platform declaration of the last republican convention and with public sentiment. While the Journal believes that ninety-nine per cent of the judges of the country are high minded men, absolutely uninfluenced in their judicial decisions by the pass, yet the popular belief that they are influenced is sufficient reason, on grounds of public policy, for the abandonment of the practice. The judges of our courts, like Caesar's wife, should be above suspicion. And setting aside the argument that a pass is a bribe, they owe it to the public to make the personal sacrifice necessary in order to raise themselves above suspicion.

PERSONAL and PERTINENT

"Let him that is without sin cast the first stone."

Wouldn't you hate to be the daughter of a President about to be married?

Pierpont Morgan a financier? He is not in the same class with the day laborer who lives in a rented house and able to raise and educate six children.

"Pete" Barron becomes a connoisseur at anything with a very little practice. He is a past-master on Greek and Latin construction, and a present master of chess and the use of the English language. And now he adds another star to his crown. After about four weeks' residence in Omaha, possibly as a result of political influence of the World-Herald on his habits of life, he holds up with a masterpiece on the art and science of hugging. (It is quoted on this page.) We regret to see our old friend, so fresh from the Platonic atmosphere of the Journal office, form habits which enable him to handle this subject with such a master pen. We are not surprised that Pete could learn all about it in even less than four weeks but we are surprised that he should run out of material in Omaha so soon and be forced to advertise for New York girls. Pete advises the New York girl in New York: "Make him want to hug you and then don't let him do it," but saves his reputation by urging her to come west where men are not fickle and where she will not have to labor under that unpleasant restraint. Who would have thought it of Pete Barron?

OTHER EDITORS.

Lincoln Star:—The most of the demagogic managers expect that there will be a panic or a marked industrial depression before 1908. This is the heat they hope for. They are now merely putting in the time till something of that sort occurs to cheer their hearts.

Albion News:—South Platte implement dealers, who held a convention at Lincoln last week, are of the opinion that the best way to fight the catalogue house of Chicago and other metropolitan cities is to advertise more extensively in local papers. A paper was read by one member along this line and it met with great approval.

P. J. Barron in World-Herald:— "Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face" we first embrace, then pity, then endure, then look up another one.

This, it will be noted, is not the classic version, but an expression of the cardinal principle of modern courtship as outlined by a certain ladies' society for political study in New York. If anyone should be curious to know what this has to do with political study he can ask the society. The doctrine is promulgated by those ladies who have been through the mill, and is designed for the guidance of the young and inexperienced. It is, of course, recognized that the main thing is first to catch your hare. However, no instruction is given as to the accomplishment of that preliminary, it being assumed that the case has progressed to that extent and the victims safely in the toils. How to make him stay caught, then becomes the problem. Make him want to hug you and then don't let him do it; make him want to stay a little longer and then don't let him stay; unless you are sure that you are the best looking young lady in the town,

keep the lights dim; don't countenance any long engagements. That is the way to promote speedy and presumably happy marriages. On the other hand, says one member of the society for political study, if you let him hug you as much as he wants to the next night he will go and hug somebody else and you will have to begin all over again. It may be so. Probably it is so in New York. It reminds us of what Mr. Corey's actress said about Pittsburg and the pleasures of sense. But it is a hard jolt to the trusting confidence with which we have believed that there was something bona fide, even something enduring, about the attractiveness and companionship of woman-kind, something that might possibly stand the strain of intimate acquaintance.

Maybe the trouble lies in the fickleness of the New York men. Since we think it, most likely that is it. Come west young woman.

Central City Non-pariel:—The Republicans want to be very careful that they are not imposed on next year by candidates who are Roosevelt Republicans from policy and not principle. Men in the state today who are fathering ambitions for advancement are beginning to trim their sails to suit the strongest breeze. Any politician without the courage to endure and espouse the "square deal" because it is right is underserving the consideration of the party.

State Journal:—The published letter of Dr. Ross sets at rest the ridiculous charge of the World-Herald that he left the university because of the views of the chancellor. Dr. Ross not only declares the charge to be false but so glaringly false as to be humorous. It is but just to say that the editorial in the World-Herald referred to is but one of a score in which equally ridiculous charges against the chancellor and the university have been made. It is difficult to explain why the paper sees fit to do the university all the injury it can, but its course admits of no other explanation, for men are presumed to intend the consequences of their acts. To support the university it is not necessary to accept the political or social theories of every professor. It is necessary to refrain from misrepresentation. A newspaper which deliberately and intentionally represents the chancellor as discussing moral principles when he was discussing economic principles cannot be enumerated among the friends of Nebraska's chief educational institution.

Dr. Ross' letter follows:—To the Editor of State Journal—I profoundly regret to find the following passage in a recent editorial in the World-Herald:

"Since he came to Nebraska, however, Prof. Ross has seen a marked change taking place in the character of our state university. He has seen it come within the influence of John D. Rockefeller. He has seen its chancellor made one of Rockefeller's confidential agents, and seen him blossom out as Rockefeller's most blatant enologist. It is any wonder that Prof. Ross with his well known views upon the dangers that the nation from corporate wealth, should insist on leaving the university of Nebraska."

This interpretation of my leaving is so remote from the truth that it is almost humorous. The fact is the privilege of working with such a stimulating personality as that of the chancellor was distinctly one of the attractions tending to hold me in Nebraska. Although this consideration was overborne by the prospect of reaching a larger number of students, especially graduates of the university of Wisconsin. I know that my successor whether or not he agrees with Dr. Andrews in his opinion, can nowhere find a more congenial field of work than is offered right now by the university of Nebraska. If there has been any change in the atmosphere of the university since my coming it has never been perceived by me. To one acquainted with the chancellor's writing as economist and with his record for independent and fearless utterance the suggestion that he would in any way embarrass free speech on economic or social topics is too preposterous to need refutation. Very respectfully,
EDWARD A. ROSS,
Professor of Sociology, university of Nebraska.

Return of... Sherlock Holmes

"Excellent, Watson! You are scintillating this evening. The idea did cross my mind. There is, as you may have observed, a bicycle shop next to my inn. Into this I rushed, engaged a bicycle and was able to get started before the carriage was quite out of sight. I rapidly overtook it, and then, keeping at a discreet distance of a hundred yards or so, I followed its lights until we were clear of the town. We had got well out on the country road when a somewhat mortifying incident occurred. The carriage stopped, the doctor alighted, walked swiftly back to where I had halted and told me in an excellent sardonic fashion that he feared the road was narrow and that he hoped his carriage did not impede the passage of my bicycle. Nothing could have been more admirable than his way of putting it. I at once rode past the carriage, and, keeping to the main road, I went on for a few miles and then halted in a convenient place to see if the carriage passed. There was no sign of it, however, and so it became evident that it had turned down one of several side roads which I had observed. I rode back, and again saw nothing of the carriage, and now, as you perceive, it has returned after me. Of course I had at the outset no particular reason to connect these journeys with the disappearance of God-

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Frey Stanton and was only inclined to investigate them on the general grounds that everything which concerns Dr. Armstrong is at present of interest to us, but now that I find he keeps so keen a lookout upon any one who may follow him on these excursions the affair appears more important, and I shall not be satisfied until I have made the matter clear."
"Can we follow him tomorrow?"
"Can we? It is not so easy as you seem to think. You are not familiar with Cambridge, are you? It does not lend itself to concealment. All this country that I passed over tonight is as flat as the palm of your hand, and the man we are following is no fool, as he very clearly showed tonight. I have wired to Overton to let us know any fresh London developments at this address, and in the meantime we can only concentrate our attention upon Dr. Armstrong, whose name the obliging young lady at the office allowed me to read upon the counterpane of Stanton's urgent message. He knows where the young man is—to that I swear—and if he knows, then it is his own fault if we cannot manage to know also. At present it must be admitted that the old trick is in his possession, and, as you are aware, Watson, it is not my habit to leave the game in that condition."
And yet the next day brought us no nearer to the solution of the mystery. A note was handed in after breakfast which Holmes passed across to me with a smile. It ran as follows:
"Sir—I can assure you that you are wasting your time in dogging my movements. I have, as you discovered last night, a window at the back of my bedroom, and if you desire a twenty mile ride which will lead you to the spot from which you started you have only to follow me. Meanwhile I can inform you that no spring upon me can in any way help Mr. Godfrey Stanton, and I am convinced that the best service you can do to that gentleman is to return at once to London and to report to your employer that you are unable to trace him. Your time in Cambridge will certainly be wasted. Yours faithfully,
LESLIE ARMSTRONG.

"An outspoken, honest antagonist is the doctor," said Holmes. "Well, well, he excites my curiosity, and I must really know before I leave him."
"His carriage is at his door now," said I. "There he is stepping into it. I saw him glance up at our window as he did so. Suppose I try my luck upon the bicycle?"
"No, no, my dear Watson! With all respect for your natural acumen, I do not think that you are quite a match for the worthy doctor. I think that possibly I can attain our end by some independent explorations of my own. I am afraid that I must leave you to your own devices, as the appearance of two inquiring strangers upon a sleepy countryside might excite more gossip than I care for. I hope to bring back a more favorable report to you before evening."
Once more, however, my friend was destined to be disappointed. He came back at night weary and unsuccessful.
"I have had a blank day, Watson. Having got the doctor's general direction, I spent the day in visiting all the villages upon that side of Cambridge and comparing notes with publicans and other local news agencies. I have covered some ground. Chesterton, Histon, Waterbeach and Oakington have each been explored and have each proved disappointing. The daily appearance of a brougham and pair could hardly have been overlooked in such sleepy hollows. The doctor has served me no more. Is there a telegram for me?"
"Yes, I opened it. Here it is: 'Thank you for Pompey from Jeremy Dixon. Truly yours, I don't understand it!'"
"Oh, it is clear enough. It is from our friend Overton and is in answer to a question from me. I'll just send round a note to Mr. Jeremy Dixon, and then I have no doubt that our track will turn. By the way, is there any news of the match?"
"Yes, the local evening paper has an excellent account in its last edition. Oxford won by a goal and two tries. The last sentences of the description say: 'The defeat of the Light Blues may be entirely attributed to the unfortunate absence of the crack international, Godfrey Stanton, whose want was felt at every instant of the game. The lack of combination in the three-quarter line and their weakness both in attack and defense more than neutralized the efforts of a heavy and hardworking pack.'"
"Then our friend Overton's forebodings have been justified," said Holmes. "Personally I am in agreement with Dr. Armstrong, and football does not come within my horizon. Early to bed tonight, Watson, for I foresee that tomorrow may be an eventful day."
I was horrified by my first glimpse of Holmes next morning, for he sat by the fire holding his tiny hypodermic syringe. I associated that instrument with the single weakness of his nature, and I feared the worst when I

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saw it glittering in his hand. He laughed at my expression of dismay and hid it upon the table.
"No, no, my dear fellow, there is no cause for alarm. It is not upon this occasion the instrument of evil, but it will rather prove to be the key which will unlock our mystery. On this syringe I base all my hopes. I have just returned from a small scent expedition and everything is favorable. Eat a good breakfast, Watson, for I propose to get upon Dr. Armstrong's trail today, and once on it I will not stop for rest or food until I run him to his burrow."
"In that case," said I, "we had best carry our breakfast with us, for he is making an early start. His carriage is at the door."
"Never mind. Let him go. He will be clever if he can drive where I can not follow him. When you have finished, come downstairs with me, and I will introduce you to a detective who is a very eminent specialist in the work that lies before us." I followed Holmes into the stable yard, where he opened the door of a horse box and led out a squat, lop eared, white and tan dog, something between a beagle and a foxhound.
"Let me introduce you to Pompey," said he. "Pompey is the pride of the local dogdoms—no very great fier, as his build will show, but a staunch hound on a scent. Well, Pompey, you may not be fast, but I expect you will be too fast for a couple of middle aged London gentlemen, so I will take the liberty of fastening this leather leash to your collar. Now, boy, come along and show what you can do." He led him across to the doctor's door. The dog sniffed round for an instant and then with a shrill whine of excitement started off down the street, tugging at his leash in his efforts to go faster. In half an hour we were clear of the town and hastening down a country road.
"What have you done, Holmes?" I asked.
(To be continued.)

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