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### TAXPAYER'S VICTORY!

New Board Yields to Arguments of Journal—Cuts Out Illegal Printing Fees and Some of Fraudulent Features of Printing Contracts, but Seeks to Punish the Journal by Refusing to Name it as an Official Paper—Official Papers to Receive Only a Legal Rate Where They Received 125 Per Cent of Legal Rate Last Year—Journal demands Free Copy of Proceedings and Asks to Have it Soon Enough to Do Taxpayers Some Good—Request Granted Journal Subscribers Will Have Proceedings Sooner Than Subscribers of Official Papers.

The Journal has won a victory for the taxpayers of Platte county and is satisfied.

Although the democratic papers last year declared that the supervisors had a right to take out of the taxpayers' pockets 25 per cent more than the legal rate to pay the official papers, the new board has conceded the correctness of the Journal's argument by reducing the amount to a legal rate.

The Journal pointed out that certain items in the bids for printed supplies were used for fraudulent purposes—items such as Japanese linen paper. Most of these items were cut out this year, the county clerk conceding the correctness of the Journal's contention.

On printed supplies and books the county will make a decided saving this year, as shown by a comparative table printed elsewhere.

The Journal gained for itself a victory this year, although Swanson and Shure joined the democrats in an attempt to punish the Journal by refusing to name it as an official paper. The new board granted the Journal's request for copy of the supervisors' proceedings to print free. Journal subscribers will therefore have every advantage of subscribers of the official papers in spite of the board's boycott.

The board by refusing to name the official papers on the basis of circulation, admit the Journal's larger circulation and place themselves on record as favoring donations to the newspapers that suppress the truth and of trying to suppress papers that tell the truth. But the Journal has no sore spots. It has all the advantages of an official paper and will look to the taxpayers to make up in additional subscriptions what the board deprived it of in the way of direct payment.

The naming of the official papers of the county is always attended by considerable interest, but this year more than the usual interest attached because the taxpayers, who elected Shure and Newman and Priest elected them largely for the purpose of breaking up the unholy alliance existing between certain supervisors and the democratic newspapers whose first business has been to suppress truth and

#### defiant law breaking county officials.

Supervisor Shure forgot that the people who elected him, voted against Bender and the Telegram, Biene and Humphrey Democrat Bender's chief defenders, and he chose to reward the papers which last year received illegal fees while defending Bender for accepting illegal fees. And after thus betraying the party in whose name he was elected and returning to democracy, he was guilty of equal inconsistency as a democrat. For as a good democrat, he owed his support to Christ Graenrher of the Platte Center Signal, who did the only effective newspaper writing during the campaign for the democratic party, and who alone among the democratic editors, was too honest to defend Bender, Shure's opponent. And Supervisor Swan-on last December had thrown away his republicanism and honesty at the request of several of his democratic friends. So when the vote came they lined up with the democrats and named as official papers the Telegram, the Biene the Humphrey Democrat and Lindsay Opinion, the last named being the only republican paper. Thus the democrats conceded one republican paper to the republican board.

It was an interesting session. The board first awarded the contracts for supplies and blanks, the Columbus Printing and Specialty House, which is affiliated with the Journal, getting the award for printed blanks and the Telegram drawing the award for books and stationery.

Then after a recess came the naming of the official papers.

Chairman Swanson was a pitiable object. He had been "worked" and he knew it, but he had written incriminating letters which held Clothier and Goetz held like swords over his head, and he dared not break faith with them.

Finding that he wanted to be chairman, the democrats set out to use his ambition to break the republican majority of the board and they succeeded. They falsely told him that Newman was a candidate for the chairmanship but promised him their support if he would give them all the important chairmanships and vote against the Columbus Journal. He walked into the trap and it held him. He found out that he had been deceived—that Newman had never been a candidate for the chairmanship but worked for him. But he did not have the courage to break away. He did not know that the editor of the Journal held one of his incriminating letters ready for publication. But he would not have broken faith with them anyway. They had thoroughly convinced him that the editor of the Journal was "against" him, and he was sore because the Journal editor had told him to "go to—" when he had used threats to force his candidacy, so he stood pat.

He had named three democrats on the committee to report on the official papers, Clothier, Held and Shure. The slate had all been arranged, and the proposed papers were named in the resolution.

Newman promptly moved to substitute the Journal for the Telegram and Priest seconded with a speech. He took up the question in business like manner, pointing out that the papers named by the committee would not reach within a thousand of the number of voters reached by the republican papers. He pointed out that the Journal alone would reach as many taxpayers as the combined circulation of the papers named and asked that the board act as men and not as politicians, and name the papers on the basis of circulation without regard to politics. But his appeal availed nothing, and the vote stood five and two against Priest and Newman.

Then the editor of the Journal was permitted to address the board. He presented before the board copies of the Journal's mailing lists, offered to swear to them and leave them with the board of the board would call for a similar list from the other papers. He asked that if they wanted to do business on business principles that they award the printing to the paper of largest circulation and offered to withdraw the request if the Journal's list were not 50 per cent larger than that of any other paper

#### NOTICE TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS.

The State of Nebraska, ss Platte County, ss In the District Court of the Sixth Judicial District of Nebraska, in and for Platte County. Frederick Fromholz and Bernard Fromholz, Plaintiffs, vs Gertrude H. McGahay and Agatha Rosen, Defendants. The above named defendants will take notice that on the 20th day of January, 1906, the said plaintiffs will take the depositions of Louise C. Eickoff, James D. Scarborough, Milton C. Garber, Max Froelich, Rudolph Wald, Ernest Denner, Theodore Stolk, Mrs. Theodore Stolk, Fred Fromholz, Kate Fromholz, Bernard Fromholz, and Conrad Brvian, sundry witnesses, to be held at the office of the Phoenix Realty Company in the city of Enid, county of Garfield and territory of Oklahoma, at seven o'clock of nine o'clock a. m., and six o'clock p. m., of said day, and the taking of said depositions will be adjourned from day to day, between the same hours, until they are completed.

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named. This request being refused he asked for a copy of the proceedings to print free of charge.

Then in the interest of taxpayers he requested that the copy be furnished so that it could be published within ten days, giving taxpayers time to appeal from the allowance of any unjust bills.

Supervisor Held thought that the proceedings could not be prepared in time for this, but moved to grant the Journal's request to supply the proceedings free to all Journal subscribers.

At this point D. A. Becher got the floor and warmly seconded the request of the Journal editor. He said "Gentlemen, if you want to donate a few papers a bunch of money for political reasons, why don't you come out honestly and donate it? But if you mean business and mean to get something for the people's money you spend, you will demand that the proceedings are published within the ten days allowed by law or refuse to pay for it."

But the majority lacked the courage to make the open donation, and the honesty to insist on prompt publication and the matter dropped. After the official papers were named everything went smoothly until Treasurer D. A. Becher came in with a request for a deputy at \$1000 a year. The board asked for the opinion of the county attorney as to the legality of the proposition and he reported that according to the 1900 census Platte county lacked 253 of having the 18,000 population required to warrant the payment of \$1900 for a treasurer's deputy, and that the payment of this amount would therefore be illegal. W. M. Cornelius appeared for Becher and agreed that in as much as the state had not taken a census in 1905, the board could take cognizance of the school census taken in the city of Columbus which would raise the population to the required 18,000.



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#### New Naturalization Law.

C. M. Gruenther, clerk of the district court called the Journal's attention to two new naturalization bills before congress, one of which is likely to become a law this winter. Mr. Gruenther has made careful investigation of the subject for the benefit of the large number of un-naturalized residents of this county, calling on Congressman McCarthy who has been most generous in furnishing him information.

The bills are framed along lines suggested in President Roosevelt's message and therefore will doubtless receive his sanction if passed.

The Journal has a large circulation in those sections of Platte county where there are many foreign born persons who will be interested in the new law.

The law will provide first, for a federal bureau of naturalization at Washington. The state courts, which now have jurisdiction must act in conformity with the federal statute and under the direction of the federal bureau.

The applicant for citizenship must file his petition either with the federal bureau or with the state courts at present; application must be published in a newspaper and posted in a public place 90 days before citizenship papers can be issued.

The fee provided is \$15, one half of which goes to the federal bureau, accompanied by copy of petition and affidavit of witnesses.

The cost and difficulty of becoming naturalized will be much increased by the new law and Clerk Gruenther is conferring a favor by this preliminary notification to those interested in it. The Journal awakes to the interest of its readers, suggests that this article be saved for future reference.

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#### A Watch..

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**Ed. J. Niewohner ..The Jeweler..**

F. C. Sike will give a dance Thursday night.

Naturalization papers at the court house Saturday.

Mrs. William Cash and baby Llew-ellen returned Saturday night from a weeks' visit with Rev. and Mrs. Palmer at Ashland.

#### Naturalization Papers

Judge Reeder will be at the court house Saturday, January 20, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of granting naturalization papers. Applicants must bring first papers and two witnesses unless they took out their first papers in Platte county.

**Buster Brown Coming.**  
A most refreshing announcement at the North Opera house, is the appearance of Melville B. Raymond's most successful cartoon comedy "Buster Brown," which will be presented for one night only, Tuesday, January 30.

**Annie O'Connor Condon.**  
Mrs. Daniel Condon died Tuesday night at six o'clock of blood poisoning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walker.

Annie O'Connor Condon was born in Carlow, Ireland, May 4, 1834. She came to Montreal, Canada in 1858 and was married July 22, 1861 to Daniel Condon by Rev. Father Dowd at St. Patrick's church. She came to Columbus in January 1869 and with the exception of a few years residence in Omaha has made Columbus her home. She was a most devoted mother but only to those who knew her most intimately were her good deeds and devotion to her family known.

She leaves besides her husband to mourn her, five children: Mrs. Jane C. Walker of this city; Mrs. J. H. Hale of Kansas City; Mrs. F. J. Benton of Omaha; Mr. D. F. Condon of Watertown, S. D., and Eugene Condon of this city. Those at her bedside at the time of her death were her husband, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Beaton, Eugene and her eldest grandchild, Eva Walker. The funeral was to have been held at the Catholic church at ten o'clock Thursday but has been indefinitely postponed awaiting the arrival of her son Daniel.

Don't forget that naturalization will cost under the new law three times what it now costs.

**PUBLIC SALE—W. H. Swartsley** will hold a public auction February 14. Look for his ad next week.

The Sir Knights and Lady Macbees held a joint installation of officers last Wednesday night. Elaborate refreshments were served and various games indulged in.

Max Rothplatz of Loup City accompanied by L. Jaeggi of Columbus left Tuesday for Indian Territory, where they expect to look at lands with the purpose of buying.

Dr. and Mrs. Voss entertained at cards last Friday night. Miss Ethel Elliott drew one prize and Mrs. H. S. Elliott who played a tie with Mrs. Geo. Scott drew the other, boxes of bonbons.

W. H. Randall will have occasion to remember that his seventieth birthday came last Saturday. About thirty of his neighbors surprised him. Cards and a big supper gave cheer to a long evening amusement.

L. N. Jones and son David and Arthur Wolfe of Joliet were in Columbus Tuesday. David Jones was on his way to Denver where he may locate. Arthur Wolfe has rented the Zinnecker farm near Columbus, to which he will move March 1.

Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Martyn, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Howard and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. North entertained the Evening Card Club last Thursday night. The prizes were won by Mrs. Cornelius, Mrs. Kelley, Miss Axtell, Mrs. Platz and Messrs. Carl Kramer and C. E. Follock.

M. M. Steele, rural road agent for the post office department is in Columbus inspecting from this point as headquarters, all the rural routes in Platte county with the view of extending free delivery privileges to every resident of the county. This will mean the establishment of more routes for every town in the county, Columbus probably drawing two more. It will require Mr. Steele four or five weeks to complete the inspection before making final report on the proposition.

About one hundred members and guests of the Order of Eastern Star assembled at the Masonic hall Monday evening to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of Harmony Chapter. Tables were placed and cards supplied for both progressive euchre and lunch, progression being made every six minutes. There were no prizes offered. Cards and conversation were indulged in for a couple of hours, when a two course lunch was spread. This function did not detract from the reputation of the ladies of the Eastern Star as charming hostesses.

One of the most delightful parties of the season was given by Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Martyn to about fifty of their friends last Friday night. The guests were entertained at six-hand euchre until eleven o'clock when the tables were cleared and converted into banquet tables. After a most delicious four-course lunch the tables, rugs and chairs were removed and the party was quickly transformed into a gay dancing party which lasted over into the next day which was the birthday of Dr. D. T. Martyn, jr., in whose honor the party was given. The only out-of-town guests were the Misses Wisenberg and Axtell.

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#### Many Years Ago.

(From files of Journal Jan 10, 1873)  
The ice is two feet thick in the Missouri at Omaha.

The seventh span of the new bridge across the Missouri at Omaha is almost complete.

The trains on the Union Pacific are running regularly again. Merchandise passed Sunday on through freight line that were shipped from Chicago December 30.

Keatskotoose the dealer in Pawnee goods and curiosities whose other name is Platte, has shown as a robe which beats all that we have ever seen. Ten feet long, 8 feet wide, and contains 25 square feet. It weighs 15 pounds and is thoroughly dressed and dry. It was taken from a hermaphrodite buffalo.

**Buster Brown Books Free.**  
Melville B. Raymond will present his famous cartoon comedy, "Buster Brown," at the North Opera house, Tuesday, Jan. 30 and in order that the children shall be amused, he has given orders to his advance representative that no charge whatever shall be made to boys and girls who apply for the sixteen-page Picture Book. This book is similar in detail to books sold in stores for 10 to 25 cents, but to make the hearts of the little ones glad, the Buster Brown book will positively be given away free to all who come for them and as long as the shipment holds out. First come first served. They will be distributed at H. W. Saley's piano store, Friday January 26 between 4 and 6 p. m. You can only imagine what fun the children will have on this occasion.

H. Ragatz, sr., went to Omaha on business today.

Editor Herbes of the Platte county Leader was in the city today.

Bruce Webb, Platte county's auctioneer was in the city today.

The Orphans Society will give their anniversary banquet next Saturday night.

Mrs. C. E. Follock went to Papillion yesterday for a two weeks visit with Mrs. Brown.

Myron Gray has been confined to his bed since Saturday with a severe case of tonsillitis.

Mrs. D. F. Davis of Silver Creek came up yesterday returning today. She was the guest of Mrs. A. Heinz.

Miss Nannie McMahon returned last night from a month's visit with her sister, Miss Lydia McMahon, superintendent of the Girls' Industrial School at Geneva.

Wheat	70
Corn	31
Oats—bushel	24
Eye—bushel	25
Barley	25
Potatoes—bushel	30
Butter—bushel	15 to 18
Eggs—dozen	16
Hens	7
Roosters	6
Hogs	4.85

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