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AU REVOIR SWANSON.

It is a joke which would be humorous, if it were not so silly, this attempt of the democratic central committee to use Swanson to make political thunder for themselves.

Setting aside the silly Swanson article offering a reward for the Goetz letter, the fact that Swanson in preparing the article has advised with Johannes and Howard and other democrats in the ring which a majority of Platte county voters voted to down last fall, is sufficient of itself to rob him of any claim whatever on republican or independent sympathy.

So far as the Goetz letter is concerned, we are ready to prove every word in the article of last week. Swanson did write to John Goetz in substance the letter as published, and Swanson dare not reproduce the letter to prove his innocence.

But is it hardly necessary to go into that for Swanson's official record carries out the exact program outlined in the Goetz letter.

Not to mention the official newspapers, what did Swanson do in committee appointments? Whom did he appoint chairman of the judiciary committee? A republican? No.

Whom did he appoint chairman of the printing committee? A republican? No.

Whom did he appoint chairman of the roads and bridges committee? A republican? No.

Of what committee did he make William Newman, one of the most experienced republican members of the board, chairman? The poor farm committee the least important committee of all and he placed A. E. Priest republican on the same committee. It wouldn't be safe of course to place the reforms for which the people voted and which are in the hands largely of the judiciary and roads and bridges committees, in the hands of two republicans.

To go a little farther back. The first vote that Swanson ever made on the board was for five official papers for 25 per cent more than the legal rate. And he also voted to "table" the request of the Journal to be given a copy of the supervisors proceedings for free publication. Then it was that the Journal criticised Swanson and declared that his first official act was in favor of an illegal printing contract.

Then after a few months followed the Ernst-Bender resolution for which the Journal gave Swanson more than full credit.

And finally came Swanson's trade of the official papers and the committee chairmanships for the chairmanship which the republicans were ready to give him and did give him free.

We have simply reviewed the record and given the facts. We shall continue as we have in the past to give credit where credit is due whether it falls on democrat or republican and Swanson will get full justice just as he has in the past.

We are proud to represent a party organization in Platte county that believes in the program which carried in Platte county last fall and which is honest enough and broad enough to kick out dishonest officials whom it has made the mistake to elect.

We have assurance that a majority of our voters stand for the "square deal" and that this latest "deal" between Swanson and the democratic ring will only serve to convince them of the rottenness of that ring and of the necessity of standing stronger than ever with the only party in the county that has the courage to kick out wrong doers.

And this experience with Swanson and Schure should also teach the republican party not to flirt with democrats too weak to publicly declare a change of heart, or to take up repu-

blican candidates who are too narrow for the platform on which they are asked to stand.

Au revoir, Swanson.

"Fremont is getting trade that the town enjoyed thirty years ago and then lost. The reason assigned by the secretary of the commercial club of that town is that the merchants are using page ads, in a well gotten up, well circulated and representative local paper of which the town is proud. In which there is food for thought."

—Norfolk News.

Yes, and Columbus is getting trade that would go to Omaha but for the splendid offers of Columbus merchants carried through the columns of the Journal to the best buyers in all the towns tributary to Columbus.

Here is a bit of evidence showing that the efforts of a newspaper to promote the interests of worthy institutions are appreciated, at least away from home: "The Journal of last week contained an extended write-up of the schools of that city, illustrated with several half-tone cuts of the leading members of the faculty, also of the interior of the new manual training school just finished. It shows up the educational advantages of the schools of that city to good advantage."—Cedar Rapids Outlook.

The Reporter stated two weeks ago that Platte county was under a republican government. Something over a year ago it supported John Swanson for the office of county supervisor. For both these offences it desires to offer an apology to the voters of Walker township.—Reporter (Newman Grove.)

OTHER EDITORS.

Harpers Weekly.—It is well known that Dr. Harper was an enormous worker. He had surprising physical vigor, and must have forced very early in life habits of relentless industry such as only a very stout body could have supported. We read that he usually got about five hours sleep, and he must commonly have worked hard as much as sixteen hours a day. His incessant labors recall those of Dr. William Pepper, the late provost of the University of Pennsylvania. It is taken for granted that Dr. Harper worked himself to death in that he denied himself even periods of rest. If that is true, even the great mass of what he accomplished can hardly warrant the claim that he made the thirteenth day of his life, since his life fell short by at least twenty years of its reasonable duration. If, however, his disease cannot be traced to his labors, and if he was fated to develop in any case, he fairly beat Fate, since he compressed in to less than fifty years labors abundant to fill a longer than ordinary lifetime. As no man knows beforehand when his end will come, the better plan is to count on seventy years or so of labor, and so to regulate one's life as to last out in fair condition—barring accidents—for about that time. There are some things, like winning races, that can only be done on the dead run, but there are not many such things, and the periods of excessive exertion which they require are usually not protracted. Dr. Harper's death gives new occasion to say, what was so generally said when William H. Baldwin died, that it especially behooves our best and usefulest men to serve us with moderation, that their days may be the longer in the land, and that we may not be prematurely bereaved of them.

Genoa Leader.—The politicians down in Platte county are all stirred up over the actions of the board of supervisors last week. A republican board was elected last fall, but when the question of awarding the county printing came up the board voted 5 to 2 in favor of giving it to the Telegram of Columbus, the Democrat of Humphrey and the Opinion of Lindsay, leaving out the Journal of Columbus which is the only republican paper in the county that amounts to anything politically. The Journal last week published a letter purporting to have been written by Supervisor Swanson of Walker, one of the republican members, offering to allow the democrat on the board to name the official papers in return for their support for chairman of the board. Editor Abbott has the fight of his life on his hands and if he succeeds in dislodging the ring of democratic grafters in Platte county he will have earned the eternal gratitude of the people of that graft ridden country.

Hastings Tribune.—We are pleased to see that the work of reform moves right along in Washington. President Roosevelt has issued orders to abolish all unnecessary printing originating in the departments, and he has also requested that the form of the annual reports and other department documents be curtailed and published in an intelligible form. Under the present system there has been too much money expended for unnecessary work, and any change made is sure to be for the better.

PERSONAL and PERTINENT

Bixby says there is something wrong with people who don't like little children.

Howard and Church have got their wires crossed somehow. We suggest that Church be called in at the next meeting of Swanson and the democratic central committee. It is quite

essential that they should agree whether to blame the "deal" to Newman or Schure or the Journal. Since each promise is as false as the other two we suggest that the selection be made by lot. We also suggest that Swanson preside (for he is the ranking member and is entitled to it) and hold the lots while Howard and Church draw. And since Howard is the only living representative of southern chivalry we suggest that he permit Church to draw first. And to show the proper courtesy in return for the knightly honor, it is further suggested that Church draw the short lot and adopt Howard's theory.

Q—Can you name two ways of getting money when you are broke?

A—Yes. If you are honest, get it at the bank, ask your friends to sign with you to secure it, and pay it back interest and principal as fast as you can. But if you are dishonest, a gambling church man, a praying hypocrite, a sanctimonious grafter, wearing a godlike pose to hide a satanic heart, don't give a note. Play the game as hard as you can. If you run out of cash for the jack pot draw a bogus check as large as you wish then telegraph for your friend to come with his check book to protect your spurious check. You see the advantage of this plan. There is no evidence of debt against you. It is a debt of honor. You have neither interest nor principal to pay. And besides, you are free to advise people never to sign notes with honest men, especially if those honest men happen to be business competitors whom you want to down and lack both the moral and physical courage to fight them in the open.

Swanson says in one paper that he went into the "deal" because Schure went democratic and he had to do it to save the chairmanship to the republicans and the printing to his home paper, the Opinion. In the Opinion he says that he made the deal because he found the "republican bosses" were for Newman. The editor of the Opinion says it was made because the republican bosses went democratic and were for Schure, a democrat, for chairman. And the editor of the Telegram who drew his inspiration from the same source declares that "no white man" could have done otherwise than make "he deal" after the editor of the Journal had been so cruel as to declare that he had used Swanson to introduce the Ernst-Bender resolution. Pay your money and take your choice. The first is recommended for babies under six months. For two-year olds the second is recommended. It is safe to use the third only with male adults in the last stage of demeritis and the fourth is to be used only with large buck negroes, for "white men" are specially excused by the directions.

CAUTION It is dangerous to attempt to combine any two.

GENOA.

(From the Leader.)
Mrs. Jolles of Columbus, who moved to Genoa the last of the week and expected to occupy the Robinson house has accepted the position as house-keeper for Charles Shields.

The Indian boys at the school have recently been stealing blankets from the beds and bringing them down town and selling them to the citizens. On Friday night, the authorities at the school made a raid on the inhabitants living south of the tract and recovered about forty blankets and several pairs of shoes which they purchased from the Indians. It seems a little peculiar to the Leader that anyone would think of buying anything of the kind from an Indian boy, even if they could buy a blanket for a bottle of beer or its equivalent.

St. Edward.

(From the Advance.)
Mrs. C. Britell and Mrs. O. A. Britell left Wednesday for Columbus for a few days visit to relatives.

E. M. Farnsworth has bought the James Thompson farm eight miles from Cedar Rapids for a consideration of \$7,000 and will occupy it about March 1. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phillips will then move to their farm recently purchased of Mr. Farnsworth, and Ernest Swallow will occupy his farm where Mr. and Mrs. Phillips now live.

This office is in receipt of a card from Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Clark of Albion announcing the marriage of their daughter, Ann May, to Mr. William B. Swygard, at Albion, Monday January 22.

HUMPHREY

(From the Democrat)
The home of Fred Greenbemer is under quarantine for diphtheria this week.

Jos. Smith, the right hand man in the Hunker lumber yard was down to Columbus Sunday on business.

Miss Lillian Deegan of Columbus was an over Sunday guest of friends in town Miss Deegan expects in a short time to leave for the west where she expects to make her future home.

B. R. Cowdery went down to Omaha last Saturday to spend Sunday with Mrs. Cowdery. He reports her getting along in fine shape and says she will be able to come home in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Wolfe were up from their farm on Shell Creek a couple of days this week calling on friends and attending to business. In the near future they expect to move down near Columbus and engage in the dairy business.

Bellwood.

(Bellwood Gazette)
John Minnick says that a couple of fellows pulled a revolver on him Saturday evening about 11 o'clock near where C. R. Smith resides. They ordered him to throw up his hands, which he did; but before they got a chance to go through his pockets he managed to get away from them and made for home on Shank's mare, a much frightened young man. John thinks the fellows were lying in wait for another man and jumped on him through mistake. They did not shoot at him after he made his escape.

Mr. Arthur M. Meinzer and Miss Charlotte Kreizlinger were married at the home of the bride's parents in Alexia Township, Saturday evening, January 20th, 1906, by County Judge R. C. Roper. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kreizlinger, who are among Butler county's oldest and most respected residents.

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- 38 in. Brilliantine, value 50c, now...40c
- 40 in. all wool Granite, value 65c, now...52c
- 42 in. Sicilian cloth value 75c, now...60c
- 46 in. Sicilian cloth, value \$1, now...80c
- 50 in. Broadhead Worsted in plain and fancy, value \$1.25, now...\$1.00

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