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WHOLE NUMBER 1,799.



This community doubts the ability of the Columbus State Bank to go through any kind of a panic that we may have. This bank is the oldest bank in Nebraska doing business under State Charter.

Columbus State Bank

Pasture.
1000 head of cattle wanted on my Beaver Valley ranch near Peterberg, Neb. Terms \$2.50 for the season. Cattle taken from Columbus or Monro and delivered at those points in the fall. The best of care guaranteed. The above offer is on condition that 100 head or more shall be booked by April 25th.
William Webster, Monroe, Neb. 25

Advertised Letters.
Reshid Azim, Danitar Bastaric, Emma Bernay, Mrs. F. A. Brown, D. A. Brown, Dana Corke, E. W. Dunham, John Gillespie, Arthur Grossman, Maggie Han, Charles Krokke, Catherine Monka, Frank Amos Moore, Neva Rhodes, Mrs. Ida Scott, Nikola Teolic, Mrs. Anna Washburn, James Welch, and Mrs. Emilie Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Heater returned home Monday night after just one year's absence in Kansas City and other points where Mr. Heater's business called him. They had just moved into their commodious new home on West Thirteenth street when they left Columbus last spring.

For stylish millinery at the lowest prices, see Miss Kelso, Music Saturday night from 7 to 9.

Acres Property for Rent.
I have 18 acres adjoining town—well improved—for rent. Inquire of R. S. DICKINSON.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.
The defendant, Frederic A. Fromholz, will take notice that on the 7th day of March, 1906, the plaintiff filed his petition in the District Court of Platte County, against him, the object and prayer being to foreclose a mortgage executed by F. W. Fromholz upon SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 16, Twp. 20, Range 1 west of the 6th Principal Meridian, to secure the payment of five promissory notes dated Oct. 24th, 1902, payable in 2, 4, 5, 6, and seven years, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent from date until paid. That there is now due and unpaid upon said notes and mortgages the sum of \$1220.00, which sum the plaintiff prays for a decree for forced sale of said premises. You are required to answer this petition before the 24th day of May, 1906.

G. H. MCGARRY,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice.
In the District Court of Platte County, Nebraska, in the Matter of the Estate of Leonard McCone, deceased.

This case came on for hearing upon the petition of William Webster, administrator of the estate of Leonard McCone, deceased, praying for license to sell Lots Thirteen, (13) Fourteen, (14) and Fifteen, (15) in Block B, in the Village of Monroe, Platte county, state of Nebraska, for the payment of debts and allowances against said estate and the costs of administration, there not being sufficient personal property to pay said debts and expenses. It is therefore ordered that if persons interested in said estate appear before the judge of said District Court at the Court House, in Columbus, Platte County, Nebraska, on the 12th day of May, 1906, at 1 o'clock p. m., to show cause why a license should not be granted to said administrator to sell the above described real estate of said deceased to pay said debts and expenses; and it is further ordered that notice of this order to show cause be given by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Columbus Journal, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said county for four successive weeks prior to the day of hearing.

CONRAD HOLLENBECK,
Judge.

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Dr. E. H. Naumann.

The Opinion is glad to correct an error in its report of the doin's last week. We have it from what we consider good authority that it was not the village board that instituted proceedings to recover the band uniforms. The mistake was caused by the fact that many of the old band members are also village trustees, and it was the general impression that it was the trustees who were doing the business; but it now appears that they acted as members of the old band and not as village trustees. Innocent members of the board of trustees have suggested to the Opinion that the board should be blamed for everything, and in this the Opinion agrees and hastens to make amends.—Lindsay Opinion.

There has been unusual activity in the millinery business in Columbus during the past ten days. Never in the history of the city has there been so expensive and up-to-date a line of ladies hats. Indeed the displays at the various millinery stores at their openings during the past two weeks would have done credit to the stores in the larger cities and as a result a large number of buyers from the branch towns were in evidence. At Gray's Fillman's and Jay's stores where the openings were held two weeks ago the stocks were larger and the trade was greater than usual. All who visited these three opening speak in terms of praise of the excellent styles displayed.

Buy your Easter Millinery at Miss Kelso's. Styles correct and prices right. Music from 7 to 9 Saturday night.

Miss Kelso's millinery opening last Friday night was something of an innovation in Columbus. From seven till ten Sike's orchestra played and the large store, brilliantly lighted, was crowded with people from the city and country. The front window of the store was decorated with a few white creations in a setting of white and with ferns and flowers. The store room is large making possible the most effective display of goods. The whole effect was pleasing and Miss Kelso has received many compliments for her display of good taste and industry.

The City Council met last Monday and granted eleven saloon licenses, four druggists permits and two wholesale liquor licenses. The whole licenses were granted to the Columbus Brewing Co., and to Carl Rohde. Retail licenses were granted to all present retail dealers except V.A. Mackin, Frank Valasek, and Frank Kelly. A remonstrance was filed against Valasek and he withdrew his application. Kelly has not filed an application and it is understood that he will leave the city. Jas. Nevels has applied for saloon licenses at St. Edward and Albion.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—There will be special Easter services with appropriate music, both morning and evening next Sunday. The larger portion of the musical program will be given in the evening. The subject of evening sermon will be "The Story of the Resurrection." All are invited.

Harley Dussell returned to Columbus last Friday after spending the winter in Los Angeles. He had to leave here on account of an attack of rheumatism. His health is greatly improved and he has gained twenty pounds in weight during his absence.

Rev. James H. Root late of Rochester, N. Y., will preach at the Presbyterian church, both morning and evening, next Sunday. A general invitation is extended to all.

Ladies, buy your Easter furnishings at Gray's.

Misses Clara Kropf, Nellie Crouse and Messrs. Everitt and Otis Liggs and George Novak and Edgar Griesom of Schuyler visited friends in this city Sunday.

For headache, constipation, etc., Dade's Liver Pills are best. They cleanse and tonic the liver. Sold by McClintock & Carter.

Ernest Gerrard returned Thursday from New York for a few weeks visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Leander Gerrard.

Mrs. Merrill of Bellevue returned home Thursday after a week's visit with Mrs. H. T. Spoerry and other friends.

Mrs. Young of Lincoln is visiting in Columbus this week. Her sister, Miss Gertrude Keating came with her.

Herman Zinnecker spent his vacation last week with his sister, Mrs. William Jackson of Creston.

Rev. Ulmer returned Saturday night from Beatrice where he had been visiting his parents.

Olie Steinbaugh of Council Bluffs spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Miss Heester Hill of Monro was the guest of Miss Grace Lubker over Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Gas, jr., returned home from a visit in Schuyler Sunday.

FOUND—A brooch with child's picture. Call at Journal office.
Charles H. Deck was in Omaha Monday.

COVERS HOUSES

All color cards look nice. All printed matter reads well. But what about the Paint? There is but one BEST.

(Ask for B. P. S. Sealed evidence—paint costs, color cards, etc.)—Face.

Ghas. H. Dack
...Druggist...

Otto Weber Suicides.
Without a word of warning to his family or friends, Otto Weber, the Union Pacific agent at Oconee, came to an untimely end by his own hand in his station office Monday morning at 9:15 o'clock.

He had performed his usual duties on this fatal morning and the train crews on the Spalding and Norfolk freights testify that they noticed nothing unusual about Agent Weber as he waited on them. Within ten minutes after the Norfolk freight had left the station Weber had ended his life with a 32 calibre Smith & Wesson revolver, the bullet entering the right temple, causing instant death. The shot was not heard by anyone, but soon after the tragedy J. C. Dineen entered the station on business and found the prostrate body on the floor, the weapon still clutched in his right hand and blood oozing from the fatal wound.

Sheriff Carrig and Coroner Metz were summoned and at 3 o'clock p. m. the coroner's jury said by their verdict that Otto Weber came to his death by his own hand.

Upon his person two letters from grain commission houses were found, one containing a remittance for \$51 and the other confirming a trade made on the exchange. Later a short letter was found in the safe in which the deceased had farwelled to his wife and four children and admonished his two boys never to touch a card for money nor play on the board of trade.

It seems that deceased had some financial troubles, although his account with the company was square, as asserted by the traveling auditors of both the railroad and express companies.

The body was taken to Ruby, Nebraska, last Tuesday for burial.

District Court.
Wesley E. Cole and Rebecca J. Taylor as plaintiff filed suit against Rebecca S. Hogsett and seven other defendants to quiet title to certain lands in Nance county, the proceeding is entirely friendly between the plaintiffs and all the defendants.

Frank A. Lawrence and John A. Lutjenschen, formerly under the firm name of Lawrence & Lutjenschen have been sued by Straus Bros Wholesale liquor dealers of Chicago an account in the sum of \$393.82.

B. Meyer asks for a perpetual injunction to the end that Peter Bender, jr., enjoined from selling a certain frame building under a chattel mortgage, located in the village of Cornlea, Neb. In this case Judge Reeder granted a temporary injunction last Friday and the case will be heard for final adjudication during the present equity term.

Judge Hollenbeck arrived here Thursday and opened the regular equity term. Among the several cases assigned for trial the hearing of the answers in the B. & M. tax cases under the new scavenger tax law created some interest. Attorney Dewese and Superintendent Ed. Bignell of the Burlington were present in court Tuesday afternoon during the trial of the case. After the submission of evidence and arguments by counsel, Judge Hollenbeck took the matter under advisement.

The defendants Jones and Nelson, in the Monroe Bank burglary case, had their day in court on their motion for a new trial Tuesday afternoon. Counsel for defendants had filed specific affidavits alleging misconduct on the part of the county attorney during the trial and asked for a new trial on the ground that the jury had been prejudiced by said misconduct. The motion was argued exhaustively by both sides and the court this morning denied the motion and sentenced the prisoners to five years at hard labor in the penitentiary. This makes nine bank breakers that William Webster has placed behind the bars since last October.

Congregational Church.—Morning, "The Power of the Resurrection." Evening, "The Earthly Life of Jesus After the Resurrection." Special music at both services.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church have planned to give the "Deestriet Skool" in the near future.

Oscar Burns is seriously ill.

City Council

The city government changed hands last Friday night, Mayor Dickinson and councilmen Gray and Dietrichs retiring to be replaced respectively by Mayor G. W. Phillips and councilmen M. Rothleitner and J. H. Johannes. All other elective officers Gus B. Speice treasurer, R. L. Rosetter, city engineer, William Becker city clerk, William O'Brien, police judge, and W. A. Clark, councilman second ward succeeded themselves.

As the Journal stated before election, the candidates of both parties were among their best men and the platforms of the two parties were practically identical. Hence the citizens of Columbus have a right to expect a continuation in all essential features of the same policies which have characterized the administration of Mayor Dickinson and his associates. That the recent election has left no breaks in the way of general policy and no bitterness on part of the defeated candidates was indicated in the brief speeches made by the retiring officers and the officers-elect.

After the old council had dispatched a small budget of unfinished business, Mayor Dickinson arose and in a few words thanked his associates for their loyal co-operation in the past; expressed the gratification which every mayor feels upon being permitted to retire to private life; and expressed his keen pleasure to be able to turn over the city to so competent an executive officer and so good a citizen as his friend G. W. Phillips.

G. W. Phillips then took the mayor's seat at the head of the council table. He spoke very briefly, asking the co-operation of his associate officers in giving the city of Columbus the very best government, possible, and closing with the statement that he would be satisfied if at the end of his term he could retire possessing as large a measure of the confidence of the best citizens of Columbus as his predecessor had enjoyed.

Councilman Gray gave a warm hand to his successor Mr. Rothleitner upon yielding his seat and Councilmen Dietrichs, retiring, and Johannes elect, both made short speeches.

The only evidence of partisan politics which marked the meeting was the naming of the democratic party organ as the official paper of the city. Councilman Galt, as usual took a stand against the spoils system in the city government in the matter of naming the official paper, but his motion to place both of the city newspapers on the same footing did not receive a second, even councilman Clark after standing against the "spoils" theory for two years, going back to his old love. The other members were consistent. They stood, as the democratic party in this city has always stood, for the spoils theory. The voters who elected them knew where they stood, and if a majority of the people want that system they should have it. No one should criticize the action of any councilman for naming the Telegram the official paper. No criticism should be made had the Telegram been named at a full legal rate instead of 50 per cent of that rate. When an officer is elected by a majority on a spoils platform, he should be credited for being consistent and should not be criticised so long as he acts within the law. Those who oppose the spoils theory in this city have the power to defeat it at the polls although they have no right to assume that those who believe in that theory are not just as honest as they. The city printing, therefore should be a closed incident after election.

Among the important items of business transacted was a transfer of \$2000 upon resolution of Councilman Gray, from the Water Works Improvement Fund back to the Bond Fund from which it was borrowed four years ago to make needed improvements in the water works.

One act of the new council was important, not in itself, but because of its probable consequences. That was the placing of an arc light on the corner between Niewohner's and the park. The old council had made a plan for lighting the city including as many lights as it was felt the city could afford. In working out this plan, one arc light was located every two blocks in the business section and other lights were fixed with certain regularity throughout the city. The deviation from this plan is likely to open the way for a demand for lights everywhere, for indeed there are many places where lights are needed but which the city cannot afford.

A good sized budget of bills was allowed by the new council and the usual list of active members of the fire companies were filed with the city clerk as a guide to the police judge in naming jurors.

Mayor Phillips will make his appointments at the next regular meeting of the council.

During the past week the following marriage licenses were issued by John Ratterman, County Judge: Ernest W. Parks, age 21 of Creston, Neb.; Leota Kemper, age 18 of Creston, Neb.; Charles O. Grant, age 24 of Columbus, Neb.; Leola Preston, age 22, of Monroe, Neb.; William G. Fowler, age 42 of Creston, Neb.; May Gietzen age 27 of Humphrey, Neb.



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We're making this month. Gold Filled Elgin or Waltham O Size, \$12, \$15, \$18. Gold Filled 6 Size \$12 to \$20 16 Size Gold Filled, \$12 to \$35 18 Size, Special 17 Jewels, 20 year case, \$18

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Ed. J. Niewohner Jeweler and Optician

Held up by Gypsies.

A hold up in which two gypsy women figured as principals, and Fred Hahn, rural mail carrier, on Route 5 of this city played the part of the victim, was pulled off just this side of the Loup bridge last Monday morning.

Hahn says he was driving along when a little girl approached him from the gypsy camp and asked him the time of day. While he was looking at his watch an older woman appeared on the scene and asked him if he had any money. He said he didn't have much whereupon she demanded what he had. Something about the woman stole away his courage for the moment and he delivered over ten dollars. Then he told them he was an agent of Uncle Sam and that they would get in trouble. They wrapped up five dollars of the money in a paper and handed it back.

He drove on and did not report the matter till night, when Ed. Rosetter went with Hahn to look for them. The women were caught near Monroe. They returned the money and no arrests were made.

The same pair of gypsy women who held up Fred Hahn, the mail carrier, south of the river, tried their craft in several other places. One case is reported where a man called at their camp to have his fortune told. He was taken apart from his companions for the purpose. Suddenly the woman raised a cry and accused him of attempting to do her violence, and then tried to blackmail him. On the same day a traveling man at the Meridian hotel had an experience with the same woman. He had paid her a quarter to tell his fortune. She wanted more money. He took some money out of his pocket. Suddenly she seized his hand and pretended to faint, snatching his watch, and trying to rifle his pockets at the same time. He threw her off and recovered his money.

There has been considerable discussion and some opposition to the revival meetings to be held in this city soon by the united protestant churches under the leadership of Rev. Lyon. Broad minded people however are willing to accept the doctrine of religious liberty and hope that good will result. The union of all the protestant churches is a sufficient guarantee of conservative meetings.



Property on all Hands

Whose present prices are bound to increase, puts a man with a small capital on the ground floor of prosperity.

We've many desirable lots, plots and acreage pieces, both improved and unimproved, on our books, and our knowledge of their values is yours for the asking.

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PLATTE COUNTY HISTORY

Thrilling Experiences of Platte County Pioneers as told Twenty Years Ago by I. N. Taylor. Reprinted for Journal Readers from the Only Copy of the Story Extant

(From week to week the Journal will publish from a book written by I. N. Taylor, deceased which was published in 1876.

During this year, 1860, the line of ranch men that filed out on the military road was much extended. Some persons who did a thriving business beyond our county limits afterward returned eastward and are still with us. Among them is Joseph A. Baker.

Now came a long, deep, fall in the noise of immigration. There was no motive for any more to settle down on the valleys, for there was no living at all except on the sarging tide of emigration and through travel to and from Colorado, Utah and California. This gave a chance for life to a limited number, and that number was now full. All shared it to some extent. Except only in Columbus where Mrs. Baker's hotel nearly monopolized the business, every house was a rancho, every floor a lodging, every table a cake and pie stand. Moreover, there were nattering causes abroad. The war of the Rebellion was on the hands of the nation. The frightful Minnesota massacre had transpired and the marauders had gone west probably to new fields of rapine. From all causes combined the mountains of actual growth were sealed up and Platte county stood still. We have no authentic census of those years, but George W. Stevens was around here and the enumeration of school youth was regularly taken twice a year. It shows a sliding scale, though slowly rising in general. Two hundred and seven in the year 1865 against 154 in the year 1860 shows a slow progress, while, 1677 in the year 1876 against 207 in the year 1866 indicates a very rapid increase for an almost purely inland agricultural district. This was in fact the actual increase of school youth in Platte county in the years from 1866 to 1876.

It is remarkable that even so powerful an incentive as the free homestead law, which took effect January 1, 1863, gave so slight an impulse to our immigration. But the true reasons have been given. Not until the rebellion had collapsed and the fear of a general Indian war had subsided and Nebraska had become connected by rail with the east and south, and not until the Platte valley was made to tremble beneath the rattling wheels of the Union Pacific Iron Horse, did the homestead law have any meaning to persons at a distance. But henceforth free homesteads, pre-emptions and even railroad lands at \$5 per acre were as the hot cakes of the griddle on a winter morning, and now scarcely a homestead is left unclaimed in Platte county. In the month of May, 1866, the construction trains of the Casement Bros., entered our eastern borders, and on the first day of June the track was laid through the town of Columbus. The whole city—men, women, and children—went out to witness the wonderful spectacle of a live engine slowly creeping along as the rails were laid, a pair at a time, by a gang of disciplined workmen, all moving with the harmony of a clock, and completing the track laying at the rate of ten feet per minute. This event was to Columbus and Platte county the beginning of a new life, and we are therefore today just ten years, one month and four days old.

To trace the rapid steps of our progress in all the paths of physical, social, political and moral development, with names, dates and events in detail, manifestly impracticable in this brief paper. It must suffice to say that in the settlement of our country "The birds of a feather have flocked together." There are some exceptions; it would be better perhaps, if there were more; but as a rule, we see on swinging around the circle from southeast to southwest, that the sons of Johnny Bull whether southwest, whether English or Scotch have the lower Platte valley, and the Mormons lead. The Germans possess the lower Shell Creek valley with all its tributaries and are mostly Lutherans. The northeast and Tracy valley are Yankee and are largely Presbyterians. The Irish, have got the upper Shell Creek valley, and the lower north shore of the Loup and are Catholics. The Scandinavians possess the Upper Looking Glass and Lost Creek and are mostly Lutherans. The Indian policy of President Grant has resulted in giving us in the upper north shore Loup valley a planting of the seed of William Penn, who we hope are be-trothed to the country and will live to be Confined Tycoon. In our Mesopotamia—that garden of beauty—the Germans gradually squeezed out the Yankees; they are mostly Lutherans. Sterns Prairie in the center, like Columbus, is a mixture of everything under the sun, Jew and Gentile Catholic and Protestant, Christian and Skeptic. But the whole county is at length dotted over with

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human abodes and everywhere, on this glad day, the dark green corn blade, the darker grove bough and the golden wheat stem are nodding on the breeze to the flag of our Union.

For correct Millinery and right prices go to Miss Kelso's. Music from 7 to 9 Saturday night April 14.

Series P.
The Columbus Land, Loan & Building association has opened and will receive subscriptions to series P, payments to begin May 1st.

This association began business in May 1886 and has opened 15 series and matured 8 series. In the 20 years of its existence it has received over \$600,000.00 and disbursed the same by loans to its members and maturing of stock. It has enabled scores of people to own their own homes and has encouraged savings among hundreds of others. It is easy to save for a home of your own or to make a small weekly or monthly deposit which in a few years amounts to a goodly sum. For particulars inquire of the secretary, H. HOOKENBERGER.

Paletine.

Maude Simpson visited her parents at Genoa Saturday and Sunday.

J. M. Anderson was in Columbus on business last Friday.

Mrs. J. Berndt visited Mrs. J. M. Anderson Friday afternoon.

Nels Olang shelled corn Saturday.

Andrew Christensen is putting up a new windmill.

Nels Jonsson and Charles Eke spent Sunday afternoon with Oscar Peterson.

Mrs. H. Anderson is on the sick list.

Rev. Benjamin and A. G. Rolf attended a Baptist convention at Omaha last week.

Shell Clark our genial assessor was seen in these parts Monday.

Winford Benjamin has been absent from school on account of sickness.

The farmers are patiently waiting for the fields to get in shape for spring work.

The National Grand Opera company presented scenes from Parsifal and Faust and selections from other first-class operas at the North last night to a good sized audience. The entertainment was unique in kind in this city and it was worth seeing. The voices of the artists were good. Better than their acting. A little freshening up and modernizing of costumes would add much to the effectiveness of the company's work. The violin numbers on the program received the most hearty applause.

Be sure and see the newest, swellest Easter Hats at Gray's.

COLUMBUS MARKETS.

Wheat	65
Corn	25
Oats—bushel	25
Rye—bushel	48
Barley	25
Potatoes—bu	30
Butter—lb	15 to 18
Eggs—dozen	11
Hens	8
Roosters	4
Hogs	5.85

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My merchant tailoring establishment from the Lee building, on 12th St. to the Reineke building on 13th St., where I am better prepared than ever to make fine clothes for men. A full stock of latest weaves in woollens—trousers, suits, etc. Come in and see.

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