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Keokuk, Iowa, October 22, 1908.

I do not believe that the laboring men of this country have ever had an office a stancher friend than Mr. Taft.

Today is the first day for registration.

A safe and sane Halloween is the next thing in order.

Defiance, Ohio, has gone "wet." It probably intends to live up to its name.

The dispatches report 50,000 more freight cars in commission and a large increase in bank exchanges.

George Fitch, with characteristic acumen, has noticed that where there is a will there are also half a dozen lawyers with growing families to support.

What did you say, Mr. Tracy, as to how you would vote on the question of protecting American farm products against the ruinous competition of other countries?

A Chicago woman who saved her pin money has bought and paid for a home without calling on her husband for any contributions.

Come, Mr. Tracy, a fair, square answer: If elected to congress would you or would you not vote to reduce or abolish the duties on horses, cattle, wool, wheat, hay, potatoes and other farm products? Yes or no?

The Fort Madison Democrat complains that it is not allowed to select the writers of Congressman Kennedy's campaign literature.

Really, Mr. Tracy, are the Gate City's question so embarrassing that a fair, square, frank reply to them is out of the question from you as a candidate for member of congress from the First district of Iowa?

The Fort Madison Democrat finds Congressman Kennedy is particularly offensive because so many Democrats are going to vote for him and because Mr. Kennedy gives so much recognition to his Democratic constituents.

The requirements as to residence, cultivation and payment apply to soldiers as well as to others, except that a soldier who served during the civil or Spanish-American war or the Philippine insurrection may after residing on the land for twelve months or longer, claim credit for the period of his military service during such

the Fort Madison Democrat is sassafras tea. Rev. Dr. Cortland Myers of the Baptist Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y., has ruled that all persons regardless of sex must attend service with heads bared, the rule being couched in the form of a courteous request inserted in the church bulletin, as follows: "Out of Christian consideration for others you are kindly requested to remove your hat during the sermon."

The prohibition party has chosen the camel as its emblem, and henceforth the "ship of the desert" will divide cartoonist's honors with the elephant of the G. O. P. and the donkey of the Democrats.

If every man who believes in prohibition will vote for Chafin at the polls November 3, the camel will lope in an easy winner from the jackass and the elephant.

Tom Allen, something of a character in Fillmore county, Nebraska, tells a story of his boyhood days in Illinois. He says a fellow in his neighborhood who wasn't overly bright conceived the idea that he would become a lawyer.

A straw vote taken throughout Iowa by the Chicago Record-Herald indicates that the state will be safely for Taft by from 31,000 to 50,000 plurality.

THE MAKING OF AN ENTRY.

A number of people in Keokuk and the surrounding country have been fortunate enough to draw numbers in the Rosebud land lottery, and it is a matter of some interest to them to learn what is required to perfect titles to the land for which they filed applications.

The fees and commissions and one-fifth of the purchase money must be paid when the entry is made and the remainder of the purchase money in five equal annual payments without interest.

Notes and Comment: George Fitch defines a pessimist as a man who is enjoying bad luck.

Alex Miller wonders if people think he is as foolish as he thinks they are.

The Omaha Bee notices that they seem to be short of Carusos in the concert of the powers.

"Even a wise man cannot tell when a woman's hat is on straight," observes the Chicago News.

J. Ham Lewis says that everything looks rosy for Bryan. The Omaha Bee concludes that J. Ham must have been razing at the reflection from his whiskers.

"It is pretty generally admitted that the campaign lacks ginger, but thus far nobody has complained of an absence of kerosene," remarks the Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

"In 1896," recalls the Dubuque Times-Journal, "Mr. Bryan told the farmers that if the gold standard were maintained prices would be 'as certain to fall as a stone thrown into the air.'"

war, or in other words, when a soldier's military service, added to the period of his residence on the land, equal five years, he will not be required to longer reside upon or cultivate the land, but he must make his installment payments annually unless he elects to make all of the payments at the time he makes his proof at an earlier date.

REGISTER: If the qualified electors of Keokuk wish to vote at the November election it is imperative that they must register beforehand. Every one must register. The registration days will be October 22, 23, 24 and Oct. 31.

Those who are out of the city on those days can register on election day, but must show strict proof of the same.

THE LEGISLATIVE NOMINEES.

The Republican candidates for the legislature are Messrs. Gilbert Lee of West Point and Leroy Jones of Washington township. Both are creditable alike to the party and the county and are worthy of election.

The advantage of having a Republican representative at Des Moines was well illustrated in the case of Hon. C. A. Kennedy. The latter's services and usefulness afforded a valuable object lesson of the great gain to the county of being represented by a member of the majority party in the state.

Both men are capable and worthy and unobjectionable from every point of view. They meet every demand made in the interest of good citizenship and good government and by reason of their party affiliation will be able to accomplish results unattainable by Democratic representatives.

WHAT ABOUT THE SALOON?

One of the most interesting and important questions to be discussed by the National Municipal League in its yearly session, to be held in Pittsburg in November, will be the relation of the liquor problem to municipal affairs.

When it is figured out how this vast outlay of money means prosperity for the workmen, the vast importance of a Republican victory becomes more clear. Laborers, skilled workmen in factories, engineers and others will receive more work. President Fisher in these details. When seen recently he said:

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"Without exception they tell me the same story—if Taft is elected, there is going to be the best bond market this country has seen in many years.

"About ten days ago, in company with our chief engineer, I visited the plant of one of the largest concerns in Chicago that makes a business of furnishing construction equipment for building railroads, irrigating canals, water power development, etc.

"We wanted a small locomotive and some dump cars for ballasting new track. We found exactly what we needed, and agreed on the price when I said we must pay for this equipment with bonds, as it requires all of the money we can get hold of to pay for labor. After a little discussion the proprietor said: 'I will ship you the equipment at once with the understanding that if Taft is elected I will accept bonds in payment, but if Bryan should by any 'hocus-pocus' be

Hundred Million Dollars Ready For Investment The Expenditure of so Vast an Amount Means Employment for Thousands of Men—Business Men Assert that Taft's Election Would Start a Boom.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Estimates received from business men throughout the country show that hundreds of millions of dollars are ready for the building of new industrial, railroad, traction and lighting projects and for the improvement of similar concerns, provided investors can be assured of the attitude of the federal government in the next four years toward business conditions.

Business men point out frankly that, while they are confident of Taft's election, there are many bankers and individuals with money to invest who, fearing that Bryan by "some hocus-pocus" may slip into the Presidential chair, are holding tight to their money.

Money for New Enterprises Would be Abundant.

In contrast, they say that bankers can sell bonds needed for the building of new roads, industrial plants and other concerns, if Taft is chosen President, because business men know the attitude of the Republicans toward the economic problems of the day.

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come President you must pay me the cash."

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Orders Contingent on Taft's Victory.

"You know there has been very little doing in my line the past year, but I am putting on more men every day in anticipation of Taft being elected. You see that locomotive and train of cars with steam shovel aboard over there (pointing to one of several outfits stored in his extensive yard)—that train goes out to Montana, where it will be used by a well-known contractor in starting a big irrigating project, necessitating an investment of over one and a half million of money and furnishing employment to a large number of our idle men.

"That train on this other track (very similar to the first) goes to Nebraska to open up an important piece of railroad work for one of the big systems."

"He then piloted us through his large repair shops, where a number of locomotives, cars, steam shovels and dredges were being repaired, and explained in detail where they were going to be used, by whom and for what purpose, nearly all being new enterprises representing many millions of capital, but all depending upon the election of Taft.

"Every order I have explained to you is contingent on the continuance of Republican rule, but I am not worrying—Taft is sure to be elected."

"This condition prevails to a considerable extent with architects, engineers and contractors throughout the country. Manufacturers in almost every line will tell you the same story."

Taft or Bryan?—Suggestions to Voters.

Harper's Weekly: To independent Democrats: Your duty as independent Democrats is plain. Upon all grounds, in reverence of Jefferson, in respect of Tilden, in memory of Cleveland: negatively to rebuke the stealing of a party's birthright, to repudiate hateful heresies, to retain the self-respect which forbids one to forfeit independence once acquired, to remain out of bad company once forsaken; affirmatively, to clear the way for the building of a new, virile, effective opposition party upon the old firm foundations, to bury Bryanism in the grave of Populism so deep that for years to come demagoguery will invite only ignominy, to render full duty as patriotic citizens,—vote against Bryan, and to make your act tell, unless you believe him to be incapable, untrustworthy, or wicked, go to the polls as a man should go, actuated by conscience and courage, and cast your ballot for William H. Taft.

Restoration of confidence is the chief need of the country at this time, as you business men have reason to know. Is it conceivable that the election of Bryan would afford it or even tend in that direction? Would not foreign capital surely be withheld from investment upon the indication that popular sentiment is even more radical than Roosevelt has apparently shown it to be? Rightly or wrongly as we all know abroad as well as here Taft is considered to be more conservative, more cautious, more heedful of property rights, more considerate of capital as a basis of progress and prosperity than Bryan. Whose election, then, would most quickly serve to open the money-chests and put into activity the millions upon millions of dollars now lying idle? Even though Bryan could accomplish little or nothing in the way of legislation, the mere fact of his election would effectually check the slight improvement now observable, and would utterly estop all new undertakings requiring capital.

To workingmen: You men who work with both brains and hands need no Gompers or Bryan or Hearst to tell you that: you ceased long ago to be the slaves of capital. The fact that you are able to protect yourselves from injustice is firmly established and universally recognized. That, you know. But it may be that all of you have not yet fully realized that labor and capital are, of necessity, partners, that an assault upon either falls upon both, and that both are the slaves of conditions. Is not that true of today? And is it not equally true that the bad conditions existing are not natural and normal, but political and artificial? Quick recovery from such a shock as we have had cannot be expected, but the way for gradual recuperation may at least be cleared by removing or reducing to a minimum

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the causes of unrest and distrust. What are those causes, now remaining, if not the threats of continued disturbance by Bryan—and Gompers? Surely not the wise and prudent counsels of Taft—and Mitchell. All that the owners and directors of railroads, of great railways and great industries, ask of you is that you stand by them as they have stood by you, and, in your own interest quite as much as theirs, vote for Taft.

OFFICERS CHARGED WITH NEGLIGENCE

Suicide of an Inmate of the City Jail at Tulsa Brings Officials into Limelight. TULSA, Okla., Oct. 21.—Charges of criminal neglect were made today by the coroner's jury against the officials of the city jail growing out of the recent death of Eli White, a prisoner. White who was crazed with

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