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Keokuk, Iowa, November 6, 1908.

All hail, Missouri!

Re-enter the "Mysterious Stranger."

For a man of his girth, Judge Taft ran mighty well.

General Apathy has been succeeded by General Prosperity.

Mr. Bryan calls himself "a child of fortune." Ill-fortune, evidently.

The church vote appears to be as hard to deliver as the labor vote.

Tuesday's result makes it plain that Mr. Bryan isn't even a collateral heir.

Mr. Bryan seems to have acquired the defeat habit. Likewise Mr. Tracy.

The omnipresent Democratic inquiry: "What are we going to do next?"

"All aboard for the return up Salt Creek!" shouts the Democratic Duquesne Telegraph.

If Samuel Gompers is ever rechristened the proper name to attach to him is Dennis.

The Peoria Herald-Transcript says that Mr. Bryan ran well but he ran too much in the same place.

It is evident from the returns that the good men came to the aid of the grand old party, all right.

Captain Hull carried every county in the Seventh district. Next March he will begin his tenth term.

Mr. Gompers has discovered that it is one thing to promise the labor vote and another thing to deliver it.

Texas is only 140,000 Democratic. That is a mere bagatelle—compared with Pennsylvania's 350,000 for Taft.

For the first time in his life, Mr. Bryan has nothing to say. Possibly he feels that mere words could not do the subject justice.

It is not an unthinkable proposition that Colonel Guffey may have had something to do with Pennsylvania's immense majority against Bryan.

Not in 1906, Mr. Tracy, nor in 1908, either. Nor yet in 1910. The First district Democratic candidate for congress two years from now will be a Keokuk man.

Another gratifying assurance afforded by Tuesday's result is that neither Samuel Gompers nor Charles N. Haskell will be a member of the next cabinet.

The entire north with the exception of the states of Nevada and Nebraska were the "enemy's country" for Mr. Bryan this year. The area of hostile territory is becoming no smaller fast.

Reports from all but one precinct in Des Moines county show that Cummins carried that county over Lacey in the senatorial primary, by thirty-eight votes. Lacey county, on the other hand, gave Lacey a majority, as also did Henry county. Lacey's majority in the last named county was 596.

The two "Ws" also won in Tuesday's election: Work and Wages.

And just to think that all that eighty-one minutes "hollering" at the Denver convention was wholly in vain!

It is noticed by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat that the country seems to have a landslide always ready against a candidate who is all sail and no ballast.

A few words from Colonel Watterson concerning Mr. Bryan are now in order. Whatever the brilliant Kentucky journalist may have to say on the subject will be read with interest.

Taft carried St. Louis by 1,374, and it now develops that he has carried Missouri also. The "Mysterious Stranger" has again taken his place in the Republican ranks and he is there to stay.

The Downing (Mo.) News recently printed a communication from a country correspondent and headed it "Among the Yellowshins." Are their shins really yellow, or is it only a nickname?

Three congressional districts in Missouri—the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Sixteenth—all of them Democratic strongholds, are believed to have elected Republican representatives. Tuesday was a day of surprises, especially among confident Missouri Democrats.

There will be three Republicans in the next house of representatives from Oklahoma, as compared with one in the present house. It is not improbable that several Republicans have been elected to congress in southern states. The districts are in doubt, with the chances in favor of the Republicans.

National Chairman Mack of the Democratic party has issued a statement in which he declares he does not believe Bryan will again be a candidate for the presidency. He says he believes the Nebraskan might be a candidate for the senate in 1911, provided the legislature of his state is Democratic that year, when the first vacancy will occur.

The election of Taft is a big boost for the Keokuk water power. It removes all occasion for uncertainty and distrust on the part of capital and will encourage the investment of money in new enterprises as nothing else would have done. Unless all signs are at fault the work of damming the Mississippi river at this point will be commenced within the next six months.

The Massachusetts supreme court has ruled that labor unions can not impose fines upon their members for refusing to go out on strike. The decision was rendered in the case of L. D. Waucutt & Sons of Boston, who got a temporary injunction against the Bricklayers' and Stonemasons' unions, restraining them from fining two of their men \$100 each for refusing to strike.

The Cedar Rapids Gazette notes as one of the peculiar things about the election the fact that the east, which was hit so hard by the panic, went overwhelmingly for the Republicans, while the central west, and especially Iowa—where the panic practically cut no ice at all—showed phenomenal gains for Bryan. The same paper remarks in another connection that no party ever survived a panic—until this year.

Willis J. Abbott's excuse for the defeat is that the Democratic bosses knifed Bryan unmercifully. As to his own relation to the campaign, Mr. Abbott says that he believed Bryan would be triumphantly elected and wrote from a personal conviction to that effect. The result shows how false was his conviction. He does not at all believe the election was purchased. It is his forecast that the next Democratic nomination will go to the south.

Republican gains in the south are a significant feature of last Tuesday's election. A few more of the right kind of votes would have put a couple of states in that section in the Taft column. The south is not blind to the wisdom of Republican policies. Only the race question has kept it solid in opposition to them, but it is a question in view of Tuesday's developments if it will do so much longer. Protection makes a strong appeal to southern manufacturers and planters, and when business and sentiment conflict sentiment is likely to have to give way.

The proposition authorizing \$20,000,000 bond issue by the state of Illinois to continue the construction of the lakes-to-the-gulf deep waterway from Joliet toward St. Louis was carried on Tuesday by a majority of 30,000. The plan for the use of the money is to expend \$17,000,000 of it in digging a canal twenty-two feet deep and 140 feet wide to Utica, on the Illinois river, and to expend the other \$3,000,000 in the construction of electric power plants on the Illinois and Des Plaines rivers. The engineers' estimates are that the plants will return a revenue of \$2,500,000 a year, so as to repay the entire bond issue in ten years. The authorization of the bond issue "makes almost certain an appropriation by the federal govern-

ment to continue the deep waterway from Utica south toward the gulf.

The Democratic Fort Dodge Chronicle concludes that the colored troops must have deserted its party at the last moment. The fact of the matter is that they never enlisted under the Democratic banner. There was a single exception in Keokuk in the case of a colored preacher, but his influence was too insignificant to count.

John Sharp Williams, the former Democratic house leader, is said to have proposed the following toast at a dinner not long ago: "Here's to Roosevelt, whom the world has grossly overestimated as an author, and the Democratic party grossly underestimated as a politician."

The events of the recent campaign leave no room for doubt that the President is one of the greatest politicians this country has ever known. A Washington dispatch quotes President Roosevelt as saying that there seemed to be some doubt throughout the country regarding the meaning of the word "frazzle," which he used recently in referring to the campaign by saying, "We've got them beaten to a frazzle." He explained that it was a common word in the south, and he had used it since he was a boy. "To those who do not know what I meant by the word 'frazzle,'" said the President, "the best definition I can give is to refer them to the election returns."

Rev. Herbert S. Johnson of the Warren Avenue Baptist church of Boston, Mass., has announced publicly that he will refuse henceforth to marry persons afflicted with consumption or with any hereditary or communicable disease if he has personal knowledge of the facts, and that he will not marry divorced persons, except the innocent party. He also is opposed to marrying persons in poor circumstances, believing that a man should be able to earn at least \$15 a week before undertaking the responsibility of a family.

The Outlook announces that Theodore Roosevelt will take up his work with that journal March 5, 1909, will sign his own articles and will be more than a mere contributor. His headquarters will be at the Outlook office, and he will be in frequent consultation with its staff. It is explained that his position will be somewhat analogous to that of a consulting engineer, who is called in to give the benefit of his expert co-operation to the staff of engineers in charge of a great undertaking like the Panama canal. But the editorial control of the Outlook will remain unchanged.

Rev. Howard Billman, pastor of a Presbyterian church in East St. Louis, recently undertook to grade a piece of road in which he is interested, but found it hard for a minister of the gospel to drive a team of mules successfully. He is quoted as having said: "Whenever the notion struck them they stopped. I am confident that language that is not in the vocabulary of a minister would have started them off again promptly, but not being disposed to use that kind of language—all could do was to waste moral suasion and throw clouds of dirt at them. As a driver of mules I fear that a minister of the Gospel is at a great disadvantage."

According to the latest returns Congressman Dawson's majority in the Second district of this state is about 1,700. He carried Scott county by 1,099, Muscatine by 619, Jackson by 350, Clinton by 261 and Iowa by 209—every county in the district except Johnson, which gave 700 majority to Walsh, the Democratic candidate. As the district is normally Democratic, or at best doubtful, Mr. Dawson has accomplished something quite worth while. Like the congressman, ever alert to the interests of his constituents, and the fine endorsement he has just received was in recognition of his valuable services.

The Sioux City Tribune, an independent paper edited by a lifelong Democrat, in commenting on Tuesday's result takes occasion to say: "That 'apathy' is explained. It was not indifference. It was not uncertainty of mind. It was the pre-determination by voters of judgment on the questions at issue and refusal to have judgment disturbed. They went to the hustings from curiosity to see presidential candidates, but with minds proof against their pleadings. On each side there was a grim fixity of purpose. And from every point comes the same story of heavy and early voting. Railroads noted the absence of travel. Even our stock yards showed in the extraordinary light receipts the determination not to let even business interfere with the work of election day."

BAD CASE OF BILIOUSNESS. The Carthage Republican, a Democratic paper, says in its issue for the current week in commenting on Tuesday's result in the country at large: "The result of the ballot makes respectable the sneers of Republican bosses at Democratic contention that the people do not rule. Having lied to labor regarding prosperity and failing to make good, the party again hoodwinked the people into a belief that a continuation of Republicanism meant commercial activity. The protests of labor that they wanted a change was but a grand stand play. They were bought like sheep at the last moment, or coerced into support

of the same old program. It is labor's last chance until socialism gains control, or red mouthed anarchy tears the government in revolution."

This is one of the worst cases of biliousness that has come to public attention of late. The Republican should not fail to take at least five grains of blue mass at bed time and follow with an efficient saline in the morning. If necessary, repeat next day. The jaundiced vision may persist for a day or two, but the underlying cause will have been removed.

NOTES AND COMMENT. It looks to the Chicago Tribune as if the Gompersization of politics had been indefinitely postponed.

Electrical energy is to be taxed in Russia. The proposed rate will yield a revenue of \$4,500,000 a year.

As George Fitch interprets the result, the people have declared by an overwhelming majority against bunch grass whiskers.

"Light refreshments," says an exchange, "are the kind that wouldn't keep a man awake if he should eat a whole barrel of them."

The Peoria Herald-Transcript remarks that Mr. Gompers has also had an experience with the wretched delivery system which prevails in this country.

The Quincy Herald, Democratic, rises to observe that "as a spellbinder, Bryan is a world wonder; as a presidential possibility he is very much to be frayed."

The fact as the Marshalltown Times-Republican understands it is that D'Abuzzi himself seems to be a pretty good fellow but his folks need the money our Uncle Stephen Elkins has "saved."

The Brighton Enterprise has noticed that the man with the sawbuck on his shoulder making his rounds of the woodpiles has passed into history, driven to exile by the coal man and the buzz saw.

A French woman who went up with Wilbur Wright in his aeroplane was so delighted she embraced and kissed Mr. Wright. "So far, Orville has only suffered a broken leg," observes the Chicago Tribune.

Answering the remarks of a clergyman who said that he always took off his hat when he entered the polling booth to vote, the New York Evening Post says that it is better for one to always put on his thinking cap.

Mr. Tracy promised, if elected, to vote for the Sherwood pension bill. And now the Ohio voters have left General Sherwood at home. "Everyting seems to be working at cross purposes," remarks the Burlington Hawk-Eye.

The Macomb-Journal declares that its feelings toward those Bushnell Republicans over the way they treated Berry, are the same as were those of the swearing old man, when the boys took the endgar out of his wagon, so that he lost his load of ashes in going up hill. "Just to hear the old fellow cuss." Seeing the magnitude of the result of their meanness he gulped down the rising volume of cusswords and quietly said, "I can't do the subject justice."

A Cedar Falls correspondent of the Des Moines Register and Leader says that perhaps the largest boulder in Iowa is located seven miles west of Cedar Falls on the Heiber farm. The rock is 26x40 feet, extends above the ground about eight feet, and investigation reveals the fact that it is eighteen feet in the ground and nobody knows how much more. Those digging got tired at that depth and quit. The other day a picnic party in the neighborhood convened on the rock and an address on "True Happiness" was delivered by one of the guests. Ninety-three people were in the party and there was room for several more on the surface of the big boulder.

The Keokuk Water Power. Memphis (Mo.) Democrat: It now looks like the project was going to materialize. It is an enterprise that involves the expenditure of about \$6,000,000, in construction work alone. The labor utilized in the construction of the great dam and in attaching the machinery would be something great for a city the size of Keokuk. If the water power can be transmitted and sold cheaply to the city of St. Louis, it can also be transmitted cheaply to cities and towns closer to Keokuk, and the prospect is all of the country towns in this vicinity will have the cheap power.

The people of Keokuk are exultant over the new turn the matter has taken, and they undoubtedly have a right to be. Every day the Keokuk papers are full of interesting information concerning the proposed dam and the plans that were discussed by the eastern capitalists while they were present in the city.

It is a well known fact that if the water power project at Keokuk is brought to a successful completion, it will be a matter of local importance. Everybody that has a factory or other establishment that requires power, will have the opportunity to secure it more cheaply than they have been able to get it before by using steam and gasoline engines, and such power

would be less trouble to the users. People in Memphis, Kahoka and the smaller towns in this vicinity could all utilize the better and cheaper power.

We hope the project will succeed, and it now looks like it will.

No Longer an Excuse. There's a lot of things for pa to do. An' ma is wishin' he'd begin. The storm door needs a board or two. We can't get coal till we've a bin. The furnace needs a cleanin' out. An' also needs new fire grates; Ma's face has a perpetual pout— Pa's figuring the doubtful states.

The windows all need weather strips, The back yard really is a fright; An' there's a place where Mary trips When she goes down the stairs at night. But father won't do chores just now, No matter how much ma berates, All undisturbed by jar or row, Pa's figuring the doubtful states.

He seldom takes us on his knee, Nor romps with us on the floor, An' if we make a noise, then he Lets out a most terrific roar. The house must be as still as death— He's hid my roller skates, An' all of us must hold our breath— Pa's figuring the doubtful states.

The Gompers Fizzle. Sioux City Journal: Perhaps the most gratifying single feature of the election was the ignominious fizzle of President Gompers' campaign to deliver the labor vote to Bryan and substitute a Democratic for a Republican majority in congress. That it was a fizzle became apparent when it developed that Greater New York, with its great masses of wage earners was to give Taft a plurality. Returns from industrial centers everywhere told the same story. Apparently the labor vote generally, in spite of the strong leverage brought to bear upon it, refused to rally in a solid block in support of the democracy and divided its vote about as usual. Taft has been elected President, Speaker Cannon has been re-elected, and the Republicans will have a good working majority in congress. This spells decisive defeat for the Gompers programme. It demonstrates that the wage earners as a class, in common with the business men and farmers, do their own political thinking and do it intelligently.

Organized labor is to be especially congratulated upon the defeat of Gompers. Victory for the Gompers programme must have meant the eventual disruption of the American Federation of Labor. This country cannot be run on the basis of class preference, and that was the basis upon which Bryan and Gompers were co-operating to run it. Any temporary success in that direction must react upon the class seeking preference. The American Federation of Labor as a political club must soon be smashed in attempting to accomplish what is economically and governmentally impossible. The American Federation of Labor as a non-partisan labor organization will have an indefinite career of usefulness ahead.

Labor will get all that is coming to it from President Roosevelt's successor. When Gompers went back on Roosevelt he went back on the best friend labor has ever had in the White House. If labor had gone back on Taft it would have made a similar mistake. The election has proved that the rank and file of organized labor is more intelligent than its most conspicuous leadership. Gompers is a good man gone wrong. However well intentioned he may be, his leadership is undesirable. The American Federation of Labor needs a new leader.

The Resumption of Prosperity. Chicago Tribune: For months the industrial world has been able to give only partial attention to industry. It has had one eye on the changing aspects of the presidential contest and the other on business. Whenever there seemed to be a wave of Bryan enthusiasm the industrial world shivered with apprehension of dull days and idle factories. Hence the unwillingness to take chances and the numerous contingent orders. Hence the openly avowed, honest belief of employers that there would be less employment if Bryan were elected. The vote for Mr. Taft in the great industrial states shows that the workingmen took the same view of the situation. It was in those states which have suffered most severely from the business depression of the last year that the folly of putting obstacles in the way of a return to normal conditions was most keenly appreciated.

Thanks to Tuesday's vote, there is a clear sky overhead. There is nothing in sight to alarm the industrial world and keep it from giving undivided attention to a most important task—the full restoration of prosperity. Railroad men, bankers, merchants, and manufacturers should work in unison for it. There has been an improvement in conditions during the last six months despite the fears and doubts which attended the presidential campaign. From now on progress should be rapid and uninterrupted, because there is an assurance that there will not be at the head of the government for the next four years an erratic and untrained man whose motives may be excellent, but whose policies business men detest.

The men of brain and brawn in this country can safely forget national politics for a season and think and talk shop. They can afford to pay ex-

clusive attention to "the whirling spindles and the turning wheels" and "the chimneys filled with eager fire, raked and grasped by the hands of the countless sons of toil." There will be work in the near future for the now unemployed sons of toil.

Governor Cummins. Des Moines Capital: Governor Cummins has clearly won the Republican nomination for the United States senatorship made vacant by the death of the late William B. Allison.

According to party agreement Governor Cummins will be elected to the short term by the Iowa general assembly, which reconvenes for that purpose on Nov. 24. The short term will extend from the date of the election by the legislature to the 4th of March. By securing the short term, Governor Cummins will take rank among his associates in the senate as a senator on his second term after he shall have been elected by the new legislature, which meets in January. His second election will be for the full six year term.

Many thousands of Iowa Republicans voted for and supported Major John F. Lacey. They agreed to submit the matter to the Republican voters. The submission was had and the voters have expressed their choice. That there were Democrats who voted for the governor who were not in good conscience entitled to vote is undoubtedly true. But the governor's majority will be so large that if every Democratic ballot were taken out of the box he would have a majority of the Republicans. He is therefore fairly and honestly the Republican nominee for senator. It is the duty of every loyal Republican to support him.

The governor has made a long fight. His friends have been loyal and true. They have believed in him implicitly and now that he is victorious they will rejoice with and congratulate him. Locally, in Des Moines and Polk county, there is much rejoicing. A large number of men had made common cause with the governor, doing all they could for him. Business men generally have been with him, and he has had the support of a large majority of the Polk county bar.

In the contest just closed the gov-

ernor had the support of a considerable number of strong men who supported Senator Allison at the June primary. Some of these men have followed the rule in politics of rewarding the defeated man at the first opportunity, provided he has been accepting defeat gracefully. It must be said that Governor Cummins accepted his defeat at the June primary in a manly way. Thus he added to his list of friends.

Dolliver and Cummins are to be the senators from Iowa. It will be the duty of Republicans to advise them and to hold up their hands when they are working for the interests of all the people. The senators from other states will recognize Dolliver and Cummins as able men. Senator Dolliver will be called the senior senator because of his service, and Governor Cummins will be called the junior senator. This is the custom in the senate. The friends of the two senators should now agree to a lasting peace. Both men have long terms ahead of them. Both are in their prime, and the state and nation will expect much at their hands.

The Des Moines Capital salutes Iowa's senior senator, Jonathan P. Dolliver. Good luck to both!

Just the Man He Wanted. Hypnotist—"Why my dear sir, by making a few simple passes before your eyes I can make you forget that you are married." Visitor—"Go ahead. I've been trying to forget it for ten years."

Iowa Night Riders. Marion Register: Night riders down in Kentucky and Tennessee are villains. Here in Iowa they are different. Going and coming they are all right. Best girl the allurements.

About the Size of it. "Vinegar never catches flies." So the proverb maker wrote; And the sugarless candidate Oft falls to catch the vote. —Chicago News.

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