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Keokuk, Iowa, November 11, 1908.

Gomper's failure to receive an invitation to the Labor banquet at the White House is further evidence going to show where he is "at."

Transmitting the news on the night of the presidential election is said to have cost \$5,000,000.

A new use has been found for the phonograph. It is being used by the coroner in Chicago to take oral statements of dying victims of accidents and assassins.

Chair Mack says the workmen were scared into voting for Taft. The Dubuque Times-Journal pertinently suggests that next time the Democrats should try their luck with a candidate and a platform that will not scare the workman.

The Republican majority in this state, according to the latest returns, is somewhere near 70,000.

A marked increase in activity in the principal manufacturing industries of the country is indicated for the month of September, according to the monthly statement of imports issued by the bureau of manufactures of the department of commerce and labor.

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Council, spare that statue. Touch not a single stone. It's in its right place now. And should be let alone.

There is more "poetry" like this, only worse, on hand and it will be printed if there is any further talk about changing the location of the Curtis monument.

And Missouri didn't do so bad, after all.—Hannibal Journal, Democratic.

Indeed it did not. Over 4,000 majority for Taft, 17,000 for Hadley for governor and the election of half the remainder of the Republican state ticket was, on the contrary, quite good.

If Kennedy could defeat Tracy the way he did without making a single speech in the district the Burlington Hawk-Eye wonders what he could not have done with his Democratic opponent by "stumping" the various counties.

It seems to the Wall Street Journal that with the passing of the presidential campaign of 1908 a new era in American business is opening.

Not only has Bryanism, representing as it does all sorts of economic vagaries, received its third overwhelming defeat at the polls, but the President-elect, Mr. Taft, enjoys in a marked degree the respect and confidence of his fellow countrymen.

Returns almost complete from the election in Ohio look as if the voters there had been afflicted with an epidemic of the itch.

"It was scratch, scratch, scratch with them. Taft ran 32,000 ahead of Harris, the Republican candidate for governor, and came out with a plurality of nearly 75,000 over Bryan.

LET'S BEAUTIFY KEOKUK. In Galesburg last week, as we learn from the Peoria Herald-Transcript, they awarded prizes for the finest lawns and best kept streets.

The result of this long competition is noticeable all over Galesburg. Her residence streets are noted for their beauty.

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A BIT OF HISTORY. Among the dispatches the other day was one under a Metropolis, Ill., headline to the following effect: "A monument to the memory of George Rogers Clark was dedicated at Fort Massac, near here, today.

The incident recalls one of the most important and far-reaching events in the early history of this country. In 1778 all the vast region northwest of the Ohio river was as much a foreign land as was Canada.

The previous year Clark had sent two young hunters as spies to the Illinois country and to the neighborhood of Vincennes.

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PRAISE FOR IOWA NEWSPAPERS. The custom has been for Iowa Republican newspapers to put their best thought and energies into the campaigns for their party and to find their only reward in the consciousness of duty well performed.

NOTES AND COMMENT. The Atchison Globe has noticed that people you know always tell about it.

"Watered Labor." Wall Street Journal: During the past campaign a great deal was said about "watered capital."

Even those who have to eat crow will be entitled later on to eat turkey, says the Detroit Free Press.

Bryan took the bitter dose and smiled. The Slou City Journal rightly sees in this another evidence that Bryan is not a small man.

The Dubuque Times-Journal remarks that reformation of the United States senate by the Honorable Finny

did not so chose should be allowed to depart from the land in peace with their families. To those who were filled with fearful forebodings for their future fate, and all were panic-stricken, these assurances brought great relief.

Clark next sent a small force to Cahokia and took possession of the place. A little later Father Gibault went to Vincennes and induced the entire population there to take the oath of allegiance.

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What is a Frazzle? (Londoners could not understand what President Roosevelt meant when he said: "We have them beaten to a frazzle.")

When it's shaken till it won't shake any more.

When it's flipped and flapped and flopped against the floor.

When it's ground into a powder and is stirred into a chowder.

When it's pumped upon and bumped upon.

When it's thumped upon and battered.

When it's tumbled up and jumbled up.

When it's rumbled up and scattered.

When it's smashed and crashed and hashed.

When it's lashed and gashed and dashed.

When it's exploded, corroded, knocked, shocked, perforated, decimated, desiccated, salivated, torn and worn and flipped to flinders.

When a plant worth \$100,000 is capitalized for \$1,000,000, it is correct to say that \$900,000 of that capitalization is water.

Conners has been indefinitely postponed.

The Jefferson Bee says there is no man in the country who is Bryan's equal in making a doubtful proposition look good.

The Slou City Tribune concludes that the editor of the Whiting Argus is a bachelor, because he says that women are not impulsive.

The Burlington Hawk-Eye calls attention to the fact that last week the cry was: "Men wanted, to vote."

"Some folks would starve to death" the Nebraska State Journal says, "if they should follow the doctor's advice not to eat when they are advised."

"Running for office is a good deal like sailing a flying machine," says the Marshalltown Times-Republican: "One small twist the wrong way and you hear something drop."

The Washington Democrat has noticed that every country town thinks it has a good band.

A half section near Pocahontas was sold a few days ago for \$75 per acre. Seven years ago it was bought for \$42 per acre.

"I presume," said the lodger, icily, at the conclusion of the little dispute with his landlady, "I presume that you will allow me to take my belongings away with me?"

The Nevada Representative says the majority for Governor Cummins in the senatorial primary is certainly big enough so that it will have to be, and undoubtedly will be, recognized as the deliberate expression of the Republicans of Iowa.

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During the boom labor had something of a scarcity value, and naturally the workman, through his union, made what he thought was the best bargain for himself.

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