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Keokuk, Iowa, November 12, 1908. PRAISE GOD. Praise God for wheat, so white and sweet, of which to make our bread!

Rev. Sunday is warming 'em up in Ottumwa. He is telling them more plain truths in unvarnished language than they ever heard before.

But why does the President spell frazzle with two z's? Inquires the Marshalltown Times-Republican. Probably because that is the right way.

There is something doing every hour in the day over in Illinois just now. The quail season is open; the hunters are gunning for quail and the farmers are gunning for hunters.

The Council Bluffs Nonpareil explains that Governor Cummins has been "rolled" so often in his struggle for the senatorship that he has been worn smooth and round with attrition.

As the Washington Democrat reads the election returns "the Democratic party is coming into its own again."

Interpreted in the light of the electoral votes for Taft and the majorities by which they were secured, "its own" appears to be a good licking.

The national congress of Baptists in session in Chicago has taken the first practical step toward uniting the three religious denominations which believe in baptism by immersion.

These denominations are the Baptists, Disciples and Free Baptists. Resolutions were adopted heartily approving the election of Disciples and Free Baptist ministers to membership on the executive committee and requesting that immediate steps be taken to perfect a union.

As an experiment the Disciples and Free Baptists were invited to participate in the three days' program this year, and they are well represented at the meetings.

In discussing the election results the Washington Democrat says that Bryan was defeated because of distrust caused by the business interests.

For another thing, labor did not make good for him, as it was expected to do. It was a mistake for Compers to make the howl that he did, when he could not deliver the goods.

The Democrat takes no stock in the talk that the election was bought. It doesn't believe the electorate is for sale.

Bryan made a mistake in claiming to be Roosevelt's heir. When Bryan endorsed the P. president it left the smaller fry of the Democratic party nothing to talk about.

It was an endorsement of his acts which prevented Democrats from suggesting other remedies. The Washington paper's views are sane and tenable.

Another big railroad merger is in prospect. Tentative organizations for combining the Toledo, St. Louis & Western, the Chicago & Alton, the Minneapolis & St. Louis, the Iowa Central, and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railways are said to be in progress.

Says the Sioux City Tribune: "The Keokuk Gate City regards the election of Taft as a big boost for the Keokuk water power."

The election did not turn on that issue, but the fate of the water power depended upon the result of the election. Had Bryan been elected the millions of dollars required for the development of the power would not have been available.

The worst disappointed people in the country are the socialists. They expected to poll at least a million votes and with Bryan's defeat the socialistic agitators were to come into possession of the remnant of the Democratic party.

Here in Cedar Falls the socialists expected from 125 to 150 votes and they got seventeen, four from each ward and one over. In Waterloo it was expected that the socialists would make large gains but they did not hold their own.

SOME OF SUNDAY'S GEMS. Here are some of "Billy" Sunday's gems, uttered at Ottumwa: "I heard it prophesied that Ottumwa would be my graveyard. Let me tell you right here that the laws of this country give a man the right to protect himself and I'll do it—don't you forget it."

"Some men's ideas are that women were made to darn their socks, patch their pants and breed children. 'If any lobster tries to tear down my good christian character, he will have one of the biggest scraps on his hands that he ever had."

WHY PENSIONS WERE DELAYED. Many old soldiers and soldiers' widows residing in Keokuk and vicinity have complained of delay in receiving their pensions.

ENEMIES OF THE SABBATH. "Christian literalists," who insist on going to extremes in their observance of Sunday, are as much enemies to the right kind of a Sabbath as the Sunday saloon, in the opinion of the Rev. Charles Mitchell, pastor of St. James' Methodist church, Chicago.

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and water also was a feature of interest at the session.

WOMEN AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

Here is a question for the debating societies to consider the coming winter: Are women bound by the Ten Commandments? Doubtless many will regard this as a foolish inquiry.

The real question raised by Colonel Harvey is whether the waiving of exemption from the prohibition prescribed for men by the religious laws can be counterbalanced by purely mundane gain such as would be derived from universal suffrage.

NOTES AND COMMENT. Alex Miller has reached the conclusion that what most of us think is not nearly as important as we imagine.

Raymond writes that Secretary Root practically has choice of seat in senate, present portfolio, or supreme court chief justiceship.

The Washington Democrat has noticed that when people agree with us we are apt to say, "They are beginning to think for themselves."

The genteel young man, according to the Burlington Hawk-Eye, is marked by his determination not to turn around as she glides by.

"Billy Sunday is rattling the dead bones of Ottumwa and pointing a lurid way to heaven," is the way the Sioux City Journal tells it.

"The voters of the Eighth district must have concluded that they were over represented in congress," says the Charles City Intelligencer.

It is a tough turkey that survives Thanksgiving, but a tougher one that lives beyond Christmas, is a timely forecast of the Springfield Journal.

An Ohio girl bet a kiss that Tom Watson would be elected. The Clinton Herald thinks it is ten chances to one that girl knew she would lose.

The reported discovery of a subterranean lake beneath the site of the Gatun dam locks is denounced by the Sioux City Journal as a Gatun dam lie.

It is not known that Forecaster Mack wants anything, but it occurs to the Dubuque Times-Journal that he would make a splendid man for the weather office.

Walter Wellman says President-elect Taft wants Elihu Root to remain in the cabinet, but that the latter may be persuaded to accept Senator Platt's seat in the senate.

Mr. Kendall's success in the Sixth district is explained by the Davenport Times on the ground that he is not radical in either way, but always "keeps his face turned toward the rising sun."

A simplified speller asks what is the good of the b in doubt. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat suggests that it may stand for the benefit of the doubt that is understood to be an indispensable feature.

The Grinnell Herald says the figures on the senatorship contest attest stronger than was before appreciated the immense love which the people of Iowa had in their hearts for William B. Allison.

The Mt. Pleasant News having predicted all through the campaign Kennedy's overwhelming defeat has now started a campaign against him for 1910.

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respect to sex appears, such as 'Thou shalt not steal,' applies to women, since none was addressed to them but all were directed exclusively to the men, who were held, and are of course today, strictly speaking, accountable under our fundamental religious law for the earthly conduct and heavenly prospects of their wives.

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The grocer does not groce today; He's standing, haltered, in a stall; He's billed to eat a bale of hay Before the evening shadows fall.

The milkman's bell today is still, His stock-in-trade is getting sour; He rolls a peanut up the hill, And turns a handspring once in an hour.

The village dentist rides a goat, And seems to weary of the stunt; The county judge still wears his coat, But has the tails around in front.

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making it \$100,000 and thus buy up the whole district. No, it would take only \$70,000 at that rate.

In Bughouseville. The doctor stands upon his head And pares potatoes with a fork; He's dyed his whiskers green and red, And as he pares he chews a cork.

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Dr. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER. For making quickly and perfectly delicious hot biscuits, cake and pastry. Renders the food more tasty, nutritious and wholesome. No alum, no lime phosphate. The government and food authorities have enabled the housekeeper to protect her family from the alum baking powder.

But on the other hand the straight voter, the man who votes his party ticket, has now to do forty-five times the work that he had to do with the circle on, with forty-five times as many chances to make a mistake in his markings. With the circle on he only had to make one cross, but at last election he had to make forty-five crosses at least, and especially for the aged straight voter this is a hardship that should not be continued.

A Governor's Opinion on the Chicago Stock Show. Governor Cummins, upon being asked to express an opinion relative to the International Live Stock Exposition of Chicago, which will be held from November 25th to December 10th, made the following statement: "The International Live Stock Exposition has been a potent factor in giving to the live stock industry the position it ought to hold throughout the west. It has brought into existence many other expositions of like character in the Mississippi valley, and has infused new life into the science of breeding."

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