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Keokuk, Iowa ... November 23, 1908.

Governor-elect Carroll made a good beginning. He was born in Iowa.

What Emperor William most needs, evidently, is an emergency brake on his loquacity.

As a witness Mr. Rockefeller talks quite interestingly about everything except the subject in hand.

The holiday shopper who starts in now has breathing room, prompt attention and fresh, full stocks to choose from.

J. J. Hill is to be one of the speakers at the national corn exposition to be held in Omaha next month.

Speaking of family rows, it would be interesting to have an expression from Claude Porter concerning Jerry Sullivan's action in sending out that Cummins-Bryan circular.

When one was suspected of being somewhat "off" mentally it used to be said of him that he had "rats in his belly."

Speaking to the subject, "Business and Politics," at the annual dinner of the Commercial Club of Kansas City Mo., President Butler of Columbia

Prof. Edgar Adams, a professional hypnotist, has been engaged by the juvenile court of Des Moines to show what he can do in the way of curing bad boys by hypnotic methods.

A state branch of the National Society for Promoting Industrial Education was formed at New York City.

An unofficial list of the members elected to the Sixty-first congress, with only one district in Rhode Island unsettled, indicates that the next house will consist of 219 Republicans and 172 Democrats.

One of the most interesting results of the recent election in Colorado, where the returns came in very slowly, was the re-election of the famous Judge of the juvenile court, Lindsay.

possible by the almost unanimous support of the women voters, who, though differing on the national ticket, almost without exception marked their ballot for the children's friend and helper.

Corn crops in the states east of the Mississippi river did not prove so good this year as last year, but the reverse was true in the states west of the Mississippi river.

Railroads are rapidly recognizing the importance of growing trees. The Pennsylvania railroad planted last year on its right of way 625,000 trees.

In a letter to Prof. L. H. Bailey of Ithaca, chairman of the Country Life Commission, recently appointed, President Roosevelt suggests that the commission ask the farmers and all those whose life work is in the open country to come together in the different school districts.

Following the publication of a story in New York to the effect that James Stillman, the Standard Oil banker, was the financial backer of the Outlook, of which President Roosevelt is to become an associate editor.

AN ENCOURAGING PROSPECT. Henry Clews reports that monetary conditions are generally satisfactory.

NOTES AND COMMENT. The Cedar Rapids Gazette observes that successful dishonesty is only temporarily successful.

The Chicago Tribune concludes that there are moments when Anna Gould almost wishes she had not embarked in the marrying business at all.

Farmers all over Missouri and elsewhere are receiving President Roosevelt's circular letters asking what all they think.

The biennial election in Iowa is a failure," says the Mason City Globe-Gazette.

The Brit Tribune says that no one will begrudge Warren Gage the comfort of a six weeks' governorship.

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It is not difficult to read encouragement for the water power project between these lines.

BUILDING LOANS AND INCUMBRANCES.

The court of appeals of New York has just handed down a decision to the effect that it is lawful to pay prior encumbrances out of a building loan.

This does not mean that every telegraph instrument is to be thrown into the scrap heap at once, as the installation of the telephone will necessarily take time and involve considerable expense.

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THE IOWA BAND.

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Some Sundayisms.

"I saw a young chap here the other day with a swell varsity suit on that came almost to his ankles and a little dinky cap on the northwest corner of his head that looked like a fried egg; there was enough material in the seat of his pants to make a tent; he's the kind that calls his father the 'old man' and his mother the 'old woman.' He's a little fool."

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"There's many a fellow has no use for his mother as long as he's able to stand up alongside the mahogany and knock the white collar off a mug of booze, but let him get a little farther down the road, at the turn where he can see reformatories and penitentiaries just ahead—then he sends for his ma."

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past year as the average price was about 25 1/2 cents, nearly \$27,000,000 was added to the wealth of the state.

RAILROADS TO USE PHONES.

Telegraph System for Dispatching Trains to be Abandoned.

Chicago Tribune: The use of the telegraph as an instrument for the dispatching and operation of trains on American railroads will soon become obsolete as the result of an action of the American Railway association at its meeting in Chicago this week.

After an investigation extending over nearly a year by a committee appointed to consider the subject it has been found that the telephone is not only as safe as the telegraph for directing the movement of trains but is more efficient and economical.

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steady customer. I've got six razors and they're all sharp, but I'm going down there and get 'em honed just to show my appreciation of that man."

"The best Christians make the best citizens."

"He was so crooked he could hide behind a corkscrew. Insult him? I could no more insult him than I could pour something on a skunk and make it smell bad. He was so low down he had to reach up to touch bottom."

"Believe that story wrong which ought to be wrong."

"Many a man would like his neighbor's wife if he wasn't afraid of looking down a double-barreled shotgun to get her."

"I'd rather have the Lord's smile of me than that of some old society dame—and you've got to choose one or the other."

"I hear 'em talking of putting billiard tables in the Y. M. C. A.—you can betcherlife I'd never consent to a fool thing like that."

"I think the most useless thing on earth is a mere society woman."

Labor Unions Legal.

Dubuque Times-Journal: On complaint of Charles W. Miller of the Waverly Democrat, fourteen physicians of Bremer county, having agreed upon a fee bill, were indicted by the grand jury of Bremer county for violation of the statute making it a conspiracy to combine to "regulate or fix the price of any article of merchandise or commodity."

Standpat Price for Corn.

Mt. Pleasant News: Mr. E. T. Williams, who is one of the oldest farmers in this county, was in town yesterday with a big load of yellow corn which he cashed in at the elevator at sixty-five cents per bushel.

Football.

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HOW DID YOU DIE? Did you tackle that trouble that came your way With a resolute heart and cheerful? Or hide your face from the light of day

With a craven soul and fearful? Oh, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce

Or a trouble is what you make it. And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts

But only, how did you take it? You are beaten to earth? Well, well what's that?

Come up with a smiling face, It's nothing against you to fall down flat

But to lie there—that's disgrace. The harder you're thrown, why the higher you'll bounce,

Be proud of your blackened eye, It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts

It's how did you fight—and why. And though you be done to the death, what then?

If you battled the best you could; If you played your part in the world of men,

Why, the Critic will call it good. Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,

And whether he's slow or spry, It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts.

But only how did you die. —Edmund Vance Cook.

Governor Cummins' Statement.

Arlington News: Governor Cummins has made a statement that it would be his aim to harmonize all the different factions which have heretofore existed and to strengthen and build up the party in Iowa.

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and haul it to market without unloading, and get that price. It is but an indication of the wonderful prosperity that the farmers are enjoying.

Fruit and Vegetable Shipments.

Montrose Journal: F. H. Glaney, who has been shipping fruit, melons and sweet potatoes from this point for several years made the largest shipment this year that he has ever made, he having paid out in the last two months \$10,380 to the growers in this vicinity.

Santa Fe Double Track in Missouri.

Macon, Mo., Nov. 23.—J. J. Bell, chief engineer of the Santa Fe, says that his road expects to resume second track operations in Missouri early in the coming year.

Ottumwa and Billy Sunday.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Ottumwa should not be cast down by the things Rev. Billy Sunday says about her.

Buy 'Em Early.

Grundy Democrat: Buy 'em early, even if you must hide 'em.

Football Defined.

Chicago Record-Herald: Football continues to be the world's most convincing exemplification of the effectiveness of brute force.

One Way to Guarantee.

Council Bluffs Nonpareil: The way to guarantee bank deposits is to put fellows like Moore behind the bars for a period of fifteen years.

WHY NOT STATE CENTRAL SAVINGS BANK Capital \$100,000.00 Surplus \$200,000.00

Deposit Bank Keokuk Savings Bank A reliable Deposit bank offers you Safety and superior service and will also pay interest on Savings Accounts.

Keokuk National Bank UNDER CONTROL OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT 3 PER CENT INTEREST ON SAVINGS DEPOSITS

Cook With Gas Suggestion to Business Men. Slou City Journal: The early holiday advertiser can do a good deal to himself the early having another