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No.....Secretary.

Keokuk, Iowa, ...November 2, 1908.

It is "Governor" Garst now.

Grafter Ruef says he cannot get justice in California. He ought to be mighty thankful.

The proposition to Boot Platt out of the United States senate meets with general endorsement.

There is hope even for Texas. One county in that state gave Taft 429 votes and Bryan none.

Thirteen are scarce, of course. They always are when an excuse has to be forthcoming for their price.

"When is an interview not an interview?" inquires a contemporary. When it is with the German kaiser.

Were there, after all, any race riots at Springfield, Ill.? It doesn't seem so from the outcome of the court trials there.

Gompers has also reason to be proud of his vindication.—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

At the polls?

This is also the season of the delinquent tax list, to the embarrassment of a number of well meaning but impecunious citizens.

The governor-elect of Nebraska has hair like raven brown. If the politicians of that state are wise they will carefully refrain from pulling it.

Judge Parker says the Democratic party is united. Yes, but the pointed questions Mr. Bryan is propounding to Chinamen do not end soon in the idea.

Those who have been assisting on grow since the election are now turn to turkey, to which all are entitled, without regard to race, color, politics or previous condition of servitude.

The man who announced that Texas shall not have a constitution. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat is unerring early in its guess. Its prescript Texas will announce that it will have no state.

The Sioux City Journal testifies that business, having taken a few doses of the party concocted Taft tonic, would not try to keep house without it if it cost five times as much per bottle.

The chestnut-fed turkey sent to the White House from Rhode Island this year weighed only twenty-six pounds—two pounds less than last year's weight. Prosperity seems a bit slow in returning to the Atlantic coast.

The esteemed Quincy Whig has trained its prophetic eye on the dark continent, and this is what it sees:

In Afric sands, in rocks and lands
The hippopotamus stinks,
With horrid dreams of dazzling gleams
Of teeth and shining blinks.

Rev. Dr. Samuel Woodrow, pastor of the First Congregational church in Washington, D. C., declared in his sermon last Sunday morning that the average international marriage, in which an impecunious duke or lordlet gets an American heiress to [illegible] gambling dens, "smells of brimstone." Thousands of people in all parts of the country will agree heartily with the Washington divine.

A southern Illinois paper takes great credit to itself for its forbearance. It claims that during the aftermath of the election it remarked only once that "the people do rule;" that it refrained from referring at all to Walter Wellman's "predictions;" that it did not print a single humorous paragraph about what "frazzle" means, and that it did not once mention "the Mysterious Stranger." This is all very well as far as it goes, but the S. I. paper should supplement its claims with an affidavit that it did not suspend publication immediately following the election.

State Auditor Carroll, in his biennial report, has filed with the governor estimates that $1,300,000 will be available for extraordinary appropriations by the Thirty-third general assembly. In view of the fact that the board of control asks for the state institutions much less appropriations than in former years, and on account of other large expenditures of the state for improvements, such as the soldiers' monuments and historical building, and the rebuilding of the institutions have been completed, it is anticipated that the coming legislature will find appropriations one of its easy tasks.

Iowa newspapers are printing the picture of Dr. Rosa Lleing of Marshalltown, who has just been appointed by the board of supervisors there as overseer of the poor. She is the only woman holding that office in Iowa, and so far as known, the only one in the country. Dr. Lleing has been prominent in humane work for years and holds the position of city humane officer and also truant officer. She was recently chosen by the government to gather statistics on woman's labor, and spent several months in visiting the large factories and sweatshops of the cities. She gathered much valuable data, which has entered into the reports of the department of commerce and labor.

FACTS ABOUT THE POSTAL SERVICE.

(From Postmaster Moorhead's Talks to Keokuk School Children.)

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PROPOSED TO WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Mrs. Charles Eliot Guild of Boston, sister of President Eliot of Harvard University and one of the leading club women of Massachusetts, has issued a statement upbraiding Mrs. Humphrey Ward's criticism of woman suffrage in which she declares that "woman suffrage is abhorrent to any woman of sense who gives it the slightest thought." The movement is small and unpopular and the object of unlimited ridicule, and that rightfully, in Mrs. Guild's view. She is quoted further as saying:

"It appeals to the emotions and to the class of women who have no womanly objects in their lives. To those who have nothing better on which to spend their time and thought it is the one great panacea for all evils. To a womanly woman, to a woman who who has ideals of home and of life, it is nothing but claptrap. The real woman, the woman who might achieve something with the ballot, does not want to vote. She realizes she has not time or inclination to give the subject the proper thought and study that it requires in order to enable her to fulfill her duty with the ballot. She can use her time to much better advantage."

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Recent fires in Kentucky have destroyed 300,000,000 drinks of whisky.

The Cedar Rapids Gazette concludes that the chief duties of an emperor are to keep his mouth shut and draw a fat salary.

The Waterloo Courier declares that some men would rather sizzle in the eternal heating plant than give a tired hand what he earns.

According to the Herald-Transcript, Peoria has a man who is so notorious a liar that his dentist will not believe him when he says "ouch, that hurts!"

The Atlantic Telegraph says a large part of the blunders in voting the Australian ballot were made by persons who have no time to read the newspapers.

Anthony Comstock has declared against the directoire gown. "That's all right," comments the Clinton Herald. "He wouldn't look well in one of them, anyhow."

The Sioux City Journal counsels that when the initial of a man's name is two or three points down the alphabet he will do well to look over the ground carefully before going into a primary election.

Mrs. Howard Gould is to receive $25,000 from her husband by order of court. With what she can make by taking in plain sewing, the Peoria Herald-Transcript thinks this ought to keep body and soul together.

The Chicago Tribune is doubtless correct in its supposition that Mr. Taft and Uncle Joe Cannon will be surprised to learn from the veracious correspondents that there is an irrepressible conflict between them.

Noting the passing of a Philadelphia woman at the age of 104, who had been a pipe user for almost a century the Louisville Courier-Journal's paragrapher says: "The event proves that the life of the inveterate smoker ultimately ends in death."

A train of cars a half mile long is nothing. President Underwood of the Erie has an engine that weighs 373,000 pounds, the largest and most powerful locomotive in the world. This monster and monstrosity, with sixteen driving wheels, hauls a freight train of 250 cars, two miles long.

Every monthly magazine carries as many as two continued stories in it. When a man takes six, it means that his wife is carrying twelve continued stories in her head in addition to doing the cooking and trying to find out how much he new hat cost worn by the woman next door.

The Rock Rapids Reporter expresses regret over Colonel Hepburn's defeat. "The colonel was not always in exact line with the sentiment of the state, it would seem," it says, "but he was a game fighter and did what he believed was right. And he feared neither God, man nor the devil when he made up his mind on a proposition."

FROM A MISSOURI VIEWPOINT.

Shade Trees in Keokuk—End of Agitation by Cheap Politicians—Missouri's Progress.

To the Editor of The Gate City:

When your favorite candidate for a high office is defeated, don't try to explain the why and wherefore of the subject. When we dwellers on the Des Moines and Mississippi flood plain are in the midst of a deluge we don't try to place censure upon the levee. We logically declare that the reason for the flood is traced to an excess of water in the Des Moines.

I am real, truly glad to observe that my good friend Charley Becker continues to occasionally fire on Fort Sumpter in suggesting reforms for the city of Keokuk. Charley lightly keeps the gloomy shaded streets in view, and well it is, for a great reform is needed in this line. The city is overforested, and the pruning of those left unsightly, maples and elms should receive immediate attention. I would suggest that the process of pruning them should be enforced right at the earth. Remove half the number of trees, and allow light and health to prevail.

One blessing is pretty certain to come with the Taft administration. The perpetual agitation against the railroads by cheap politicians will not be heard in the legislative halls. For this blessing we offer gratitude in advance.

A wise statesman of ancient Greece left upon record the motto that it is better for a city or a nation to be governed by a good man than by good laws. Good laws might not be enforced, as the American people are well aware of. A just ruler will use the laws most effectively, and will move out in advance and suggest additional reforms. Examples are those of President Roosevelt and Governor Folk.

The Missouri legislature this winter will be called upon to consider the following reformatory measures:

Private execution of criminals.

Laws for the suppression of Sunday desecration by pitch and toss games.

Changing the weights upon four to the former figures.

All summer and away late in the evening of the fateful November 3, about fourteen million American voters were feeling suspicious and very uneasy as to their respective candidates for the presidency. Yes, fully fourteen millions, and that's a mighty big army to be scared, isn't it? And the humor of the campaign seemed to be that the Republicans were more uneasy than the others. They would say that they thought Taft would be elected, but this statement was not enthusiastic. And when the big majority vote came in that way the party was really surprised. In political skies when high and low barometrical conditions prevail in every state, it is a wise plan to remain coal near the earth.

Our dear old Missouri is passing through a change and is rapidly shedding off a barnacle which has been a retarding to our commonwealth ever since the first day of its statehood. The old southern spirit which may be traced back through the reign of the slave advocates and power, this is happily in its final hour. Missouri is now a New Missouri, and it's a great and noble empire. The state is taking on a new birth of freedom. Four years ago the progressive voters opened the door and said to Theodore Roosevelt and Joseph Folk: "Walk in, gentlemen." Now comes Herbert Hadley who promises to devote his energies to the moral and material welfare of his fine empire. Missouri is a luminary of the first magnitude. She sends out light to other empires. Watch her shine. I am proud of my native state. JASPER BLINKS.

Seven Pines.

More Sundayisms.

"God never made hell for man—he made it for the devil and his angels."

"The average kid of today knows more about sin at sixteen than old Methuselah did at 940 years of age. While the old man is scratching gravel to make one lap on the track, leading to hell, the kid hits the grit and makes seven."

"You say it is necessary to cuss? Let me tell you, if the mayor of this city were to post a man on every street corner with a double-barreled shot gun, with orders to plug every man that cussed, you'd never hear another oath on the streets of this city."

"The preachers give more money in proportion to their salaries than any class of men in the country."

"I believe one reason why God doesn't bless the church more is not on account of her sins, but her stinginess."

"What God has done, God can do again. That's the God to preach and pray to."

"When the Episcopal church comes in with all its power we are going to see the biggest revival we have ever seen. It is the best organized church in the country."

"I despise a person who is pious and sanctimonious on Sunday and goes to hell on Monday."

"God Almighty pity the church member who is so low down as to have a beer wagon up to his house. I wouldn't give three whoops this side of hell for the whole pit of them. I would rather have a hearse back up to my house and take my babies away than a beer wagon."

"Women, you members of the literary club, don't spend your time reading the literature of today. If you want inspiration read the life of John G. Paton of the New Hebrides."

"Yank some of the groans and stuffings out of your prayers and thank God for the victory you are going to win."

"We have an [illegible] Christians trying to represent a clean gospel."

"If a preacher stands for anything from his congregation he has to pay for it."

"Get right with each other. If there's anything I despise it is a little church quarrel."

"You ought to burn some of your books as they did in Ephesus. If you did you would not have paper enough to kindle a fire, wad a gun or curl your hair."

NOVEMBER.

Bearing golden scepters in princely command,
See brother November—all radiant stand!
With a joyous welcome—with outstretched hand
His sisters to greet; but mark! they look sad.
Lamenting the flowers they lately had, as their tear-dimmed eyes—backstareing—behold!
Crushed petals tracing the pathway they strolled;
And now to November their loss is told.
Will he, with them, regret the departed,
The fragrant roses with which they started?

Our arms were full, to bring to your feast;
The most lovely wreaths, this we planned at least;
But when on our way we joined Gemother
He snatched the dear flowers—the wicked robber!
'Tis plain, then, instead of exultant mirth,
They all for a while felt sad—felt a dearth
Because this same feast of viands so rare,
Music of Springtime's sweetest blossoms be bare;
Their grief, I've no doubt, with this thought blending;
So empty handed are we attending.

Anon, tho' sheds he compassionate tears,
Staunch-hearted November, with courage shakes fears.
Brave, striving he soon will dart clouds, dispel;
While clothers he cheers, he weaves magical spell.
Pray, why regret roses that bloom no more?
Each season is rife with refulgent store!
Thus with smiles would he depression beguile
His merry eyes fairly twinkling the while:
Your good wishes, dear sisters, I adore,
They're sweeter to me than the roses of yore.

This, as side advice to his chef he gave;
Then turning, his mien seems demurely grave,
In sympathy with the guests of the day
Nor ready yet the surprise to array,
Till later; when bid to Thanksgiving board
Lo! transfigured each face; applause is poured!
Resplendent bounty now dazzles the sight;
And fills grateful hearts to o'erflow with delight.
Then why bemoan we the roses of yore?
Each season in gladness brings her own store.

Above turkey, cranberries, nuts, sweet-bread;
Pumpkin-pie, apples, grapes, cider, more spread!
Swing trailing orchids, arboreal, o'erhead;
Just vieing in cheer, crisp splendor afar;
With cosmos, chrysanthemums, aster (a star).
Our good host benignant gives royal cheer!
Let's drink to his health from Nature's cup clear;
November all dauntless! Who says he's drear?
And the roses of yore let's mourn never more
While the seasons in gladness bring their own store.

HULDA H. WERTH.

Politics vs. Business.

Muscatine Journal: In the Keokuk Constitution-Democrat we find this paragraph:

The Corn Products company admits that it cuts prices and sells cheaper in England than it does in the United States. A system that permits this kind of injustice to the American consumer should be hammered into splinters.

That is politics.

At the top of the column in which this appears we find these lines under the head of "Subscription rates:"

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That is business.

Using the Constitution-Democrat's own reasoning, which to us appears faulty in the extreme, it is up to a certain portion of Keokuk's residents to get busy on a system that grows at home.

Remember the Poor.

Monticello (Iowa) Express: That Thanksgiving dinner will taste the better if you have remembered some less fortunate person in the proper manner.

The Biter Bit.

Lady Randolph Churchill invited Bernard Shaw to luncheon, whereupon he sent the following telegram:

"Certainly not. What have I done to provoke such an attack on my well known habits?"

To which Lady Randolph replied:

"Know nothing of your habits. Hope they are not as bad as your manners."

Seems to be a Thorough One.

Indianapolis Star: As the result of a religious revival at Chillicothe, Mo., it took five ministers all on one day to baptize the converts. Another sign of Missouri's regeneration. The state voted for Taft, you remember, as one sign.

Good Advice.

Omaha Bee: "What shall I do when the young lady whom I have been courting refuses to let me know just where I stand?" asks a troubled correspondent. Just put yourself in the list of doubtful states and wait for final returns.

Whither We Are Drifting.

Louise—"What were the favors at Mrs. Howard's dinner?"

Julia—"Motor cars."

Louise—"What horse power?"

Julia—"Only thirty."

Louise—"Isn't she the stingy old gargoyle?"—Bohemian Magazine.

The Barn Dance.

Tama (Iowa) News: The barn dance is the latest fad among our young people. An exhibition of the dance reminds one of a bunch of kicking broncho in a horse-tail of a livery barn.

WHY NOT

Make this Thanksgiving season a memorable one by opening a Savings Account with this bank—deposit all you can afford from your earnings and add to the amount regularly. Do this—and you'll have more to be thankful for each Thanksgiving day. To spend all is something to be sorry for—'tis better to SAVE and feel thankful! 3 PER CENT INTEREST ALLOWED ON SAVINGS.

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