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THE PROPHECIC VISION. For I dived into the future, far as human eye could see.

Saw the vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be; Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sails.

Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales; Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rained a ghastly dew.

From the nation's airy navies grappling in the central blue; Far along the world-wide whisper of the south-wind rushing warm.

With the standards of the peoples plunging thro' the thunder-storm; Till the war-drum throbb'd no longer, and the battle flags were furled.

In the parliament of man, the federation of the world. There the common sense of most shall hold a fretful realm in awe.

And the kindly earth shall slumber, lapt in universal law. —Tennyson.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon isn't a disappearing gun if he knows himself, and he thinks he does.

Thought for the day: A man has just as much religion as he can command in the time of trouble.

Someone in Connecticut caught a red fox with white feet and the winter is therefore bound to be colder than ever.

Besides, as George Fitch points out, if you do your shopping early you will have just that much more time to save the money to pay for your presents.

John D. Rockefeller says there is more important work than making money. The Hannibal Courier-Post notices that John did not come to this conclusion until he had most of it.

Traveling men are winning money by offering to bet that exactly four months after Taft's inauguration as President every bank in the United States will be closed. Four months from inauguration day is July 4.

In a railroad wreck at LaCrosse, Wis., the other day, the engineer of a passenger train remained at his post, saved 150 lives, and escaped from the wreckage uninjured while the fireman leaped and was killed. It is always best to stand pat.

A Cornell professor says that if the birth rate continues to decrease in the same proportion as in the last forty years, there will be no children left in fifteen years. However, there may be something in the suggestion of the Ottumwa Courier that he is only kiddin'.

More than six hundred women are reported to be studying medicine at French universities. Paris alone is said to have one hundred women practitioners most of them holding official places of more or less importance. Women physicians are preferred in girls' high schools, normal schools and public schools generally.

The editors of thirty-three high-class technical and trade papers, responding to a request from the American Trade Press Association, have given reports on the actual conditions of business during the last few months and the prospects for 1909 in their respective fields, and the almost unanimous opinion is expressed that the outlook is bright for a resumption of normal trade, following the general tone of increased confidence which succeeded the presidential election.

"We are all anxious," remarks Senator Elkins, "to revise the other fellow's tariffs." The Cedar Rapids Republican observes that this is the keynote to a great deal of tariff discussion, and cites an instance in point as follows: Massachusetts, for instance, wants to revise the tariff on leather, or hides, but not on manufactured shoes. She buys the hides and sells the shoes. We want to sell what we have to buy cheap. That is human nature the country over and it is not always the most edifying kind of human nature.

They are now talking of Judge Townner of Corning as a candidate for congress in Colonel Hepburn's district two years hence. He belongs to what has been called the "standpat" faction, and the Dubuque Times-Journal recalls that it was his complimentary allusion to Mr. Shaw in his speech as temporary chairman of the state convention in 1906 that called forth the memorable hissing of the then secretary of the treasury. The Times-Journal adds, in line with the facts in the case, that Judge Townner is well regarded in his district and is an example of the scholar in politics.

A man employed on a Maine railroad as a "greaser" was injured by the derailing of a car while being transported by his employer to his place of work. On the ground that he had paid his fare with a ticket given by the company, and that he was going to his work, it was contended that he was not a passenger. But the supreme judicial court of Maine has just ruled that he had paid for the ticket by his service; that it was part of his wages and delivered to him as such; that it could make no difference to his status as a passenger whether he paid his fare in cash or in tickets thus earned.

It is generally agreed that there are many phases of country life which need the revivifying touch of the hand of legislation. Some of these phases the President mentioned tentatively for consideration, and it would be difficult to find more valuable subjects for discussion. The efficiency of the rural schools, farm labor, need of good roads, postal facilities and sanitary conditions on the farm are subjects eminently worthy of consideration, but not merely spasmodic attention, but constant touch. These and kindred subjects touch the very life of every rural community and even the humblest citizen may have ideas upon them that will prove valuable starting points for legislation and supervision.

John Whitaker carries mail over a rural route out of Newton, Iowa. He has purchased an automobile, which will enable him to get over his route in very short order, when the roads are in good condition. But the Burlington Hawk-Eye foresees that when the roads are practically impassable he will have to leave his machine at home and shoulder his mail bag and cut across fields and meadows and get over his route perhaps every third day. Wherefore that paper is prompted to remark:

With real roads and the general introduction of the automobile, the farmers in Iowa will soon be able to have two deliveries of mail per day. Or the rural carriers will have a smaller number of carriers, which will reduce the routes lengthened and the pay increased. And the next ten years ought to see a wonderful improvement in the country roads in Iowa.

RESTORING THE MUSSELS. Experiments looking toward the propagation of fresh water clams or mussels are in progress in the zoological department of the University of Missouri. The United States bureau of fisheries recently sent the zoological department 26,000 small fish to be used in the experiments. The fish are placed in a long glass tank, and the spawn that produces mussels is put in the water with them. The spawn adheres to the gills and fins of the fish, after which they are turned loose in the small rivers and creeks of the state. As soon as the mussels are sufficiently developed they drop off, and thus it is hoped to re-stock the streams of the state with the fresh water clam. Almost the entire supply of mussel shells, from which pearl buttons are made, has been exhausted.

MOB INSURANCE. A genuine novelty in the way of insurance has been introduced in London, England, called "mob insurance." It is taken out by merchants against possible losses through rioting or looting by mobs. There exists a fear in the English metropolis that the "unemployed," who are unusually numerous in London this fall, and are likely to become more so as the cold days of winter approach, will become turbulent and may engage in rioting. The most active demand for this queer insurance is in the vicinity of the parliament buildings, which would naturally be the objective point of a mob

incited to make a demonstration against the authorities. The fact that numerous merchants are taking out this "mob insurance" is highly significant of conditions in the capital city of England.

TIMBER RESOURCES OF IOWA. The production of forty-six cords of fuel per acre in twenty-four years in a planted grove of silver maple, of 1,296 catalpa posts in twenty-one years, and of 352 larch telegraph poles in twenty-nine years have yielded Iowa farmers average annual returns of \$6.6, \$9.2, and \$12.14 per acre, respectively. Even these are not the highest figures reported. Here, however, a plantation must necessarily pay well or be supported. Iowa has a smaller proportion of non-agricultural land than any other state, and with the increase in demand for fields and grazing lands, woodland must contend for possession of the land with annual crops grown by excellent methods in an ideal agricultural region. The remaining natural timber and planted woodlots, however, so far from receiving similarly the best methods of treatment, have often been sadly neglected and misused.

The rapid removal of native woodland during the past few years has greatly reduced the local supply of posts, fuel and small timbers. In consequence prices have risen from one-third to one-half, and in the case of posts at least, will continue to increase. A famine in the supply of posts is so imminent that experiments in methods of extending their durability through preservative treatment are being conducted at the state college. These experiments indicate that the usefulness of each post can be very materially lengthened at a reasonably low cost; but even with preservative treatment many posts will be required to supply the needs of Iowa farmers, more than are now being grown within the state.

There is so slight a difference in altitude and other physical characteristics in Iowa that the differences in tree growth depend mainly upon the moisture requirements of the trees. The natural timber forms two clearly distinguished types—one in the low, moist areas along streams, made up largely of alluvial soils, and the other on higher, well-drained slopes and uplands back from water courses and on the undulating prairie. On the bottom soils such trees as cottonwood, willow, elm and coffee trees abound, and on the uplands hickory, oaks, ironwood, white ash, and hackberry. Throughout the state the soil is adapted to the growth of forest trees.

It is probable that in the future, as frequently in the past, a large proportion of the grove plantings will be for the combined purposes of protection and the production of wood. In this case it will be necessary to select species which will most nearly meet these combined requirements, and to select the site with due consideration of the home, orchard, and barnyard. The protection of a windbreak is now appreciated by all successful fruit growers, and yet it is not best closely to surround an orchard on all sides with a heavy belt of larger trees that will prevent free circulation of air. On bottomlands subject to overflow, and consequently not adapted to tillage, cottonwood and silver maple can be grown for lumber, with excellent returns.

To aid in the movement toward practical forestry in Iowa, investigations were made during 1905 by the Forest Service to determine the extent, character, and value of the native farm woodlots and planted groves. The report of this investigation, with measurements of the groves examined, and an estimate of the profits which have accrued from growing timber in commercial plantations are embodied in circular 154 of the Forest Service, "Native and Planted Timber of Iowa." This publication can be had on application to the forester at Washington.

MAKING INSURANCE RESPECTABLE. Under this rather drastic head the Denver Republican discusses the enterprise of a Boston department store which has opened an insurance department. It will sell life insurance as it will sell other articles. The same regulations prevail as in all safe companies. The innovation consists simply in having a thing for sale as other things are for sale where people can go and get it when and if they want it. This, of course, is a revolution in the way of doing the business as heretofore done, cutting out the agent or solicitor. The Republican continues:

"There is no question but that the continuance of the agent system has harmed the insurance business in more ways than one. There are people who still dodge the agent with the same agility practiced against the book canvasser, but aside from that, the expense of selling insurance under the present system is so heavy that its cost to the insured is all but doubled. Figures brought out in the New York investigations suggest that if insurance were sold on the same close commission basis that prevails in handling bonds and other forms of investment it would be possible for the companies to put their rates quite in two without interfering in the least with their ability to pay their losses. This innovation of the Boston department store will, therefore, be viewed as a step toward a reform that has long been awaited."

Sure to Work. Iowa Falls Sentinel: If a woman wants a welcome when she gets home she should leave her husband with the baby when she goes.

NOTES AND COMMENT. The Charles City Intelligencer says it looks very much as if Colonel Hepburn was rather glad to let go of his job.

The Des Moines Capital declares that the next man who tries to generate a political war-cloud over this fair state should be shot on the spot.

Mrs. Dyer—Have you had any experience in taking care of children? Applicant—No, ma'am. Heretofore I've only worked for the best families. —Puck.

The Sioux City Journal has a suspicion that Rockefeller's smoothness as a witness can be accounted for from the fact that he has been so long in oil.

It has been charged that a woman's idea of economy is to buy five cents' worth of anything on two separate occasions instead of blowing in a dime at once.

There is no doubt in the mind of the Toledo Blade that many fingers that escaped the corn shredder will be blown off by shotguns during the Ohio open season.

"Don't pity the standpatters," protests the Iowa City Republican. "They accomplished what had been their purpose for a number of years—they kept Senator Allison from being turned out in his old age."

The Chicago Tribune insists that it will not be denied that Mr. Bryan himself was a liberal contributor to the Democratic campaign fund. He gave \$1,000 in cash and nearly all the words in common use in the English language.

The Council Bluffs Nonpareil does not apprehend that there will be very strenuous opposition to the restoration of the circle on the ballot. "The purpose for which it was originally eliminated having been accomplished," says the Nonpareil, "we can return to the former and more approved form."

The Iowa State Teachers' association meets in Des Moines on December 28 to 31. Among those who will appear on the program of the association are the following: Superintendent William H. Maxwell, of New York schools; George H. Martin, secretary of the Massachusetts board of education; Patty S. Hill, noted kindergarten teacher; Dr. Edward A. Steiner, Grinnell; Henry Turner Baily, author of the Arts Craft book; Dr. Wm. B. Forbush, author of "The Boy Problem;" Dr. Luther Halsey, New York schools; Dr. John J. Cronin, assistant health inspector, New York; Martha A. Sherwood, Chicago.

Couldn't Possibly Esteem Alex Miller More Highly. Washington (Iowa) Democrat: "Now that the Canton (Mo.) News has become a Republican newspaper there is ground for hope that even the Washington (Iowa) Democrat may yet be brought to see the error of its way and enlisted under the banner of political sanity and righteousness."

The esteemed Gate City prints the above squib, more in jest than earnest of course. Because as a matter of fact, nobody cares whether the Democrat is a Democrat or a Republican. The Democrat could not be anything but what it is, under the present management. The Democrat believes in too many Democratic ideas to be anything else than what it is and we do not believe The Gate City would think any more of the Democrat as a newspaper, if it flopped than it does as a Democrat, misguided though it may be.

We will put it up to The Gate City and if it will honestly say that it would esteem the editor of the Democrat more highly as a Republican than it does as a Democrat, then he will come out and say hereafter he will vote for nothing but Republicans. Now will The Gate City be honest and tell its real convictions?

If the editor of this paper were looking for popularity he would not be a Democrat at all. For Democracy has not been popular in Iowa, but less the Lord, it is right and to be right, is more to us than to be popular. Now put that in your pipe and smoke it, Mr. Gate City.

Nature, the Healer. Waterloo Courier: The calendar warns us that winter is about to deprive us of the last days of deliberate outdoor comfort. Any day, any hour may be the last of autumn in the present year. And yet how few of us yield to the lure of the forests and fields. Our bodies are entrenched in brick and mortar; our eyes see only man and his structures; to our nostrils, almost in any quarter, comes the tainted air of the populous center. To invite the bounty of life we go to work; to rest we go to bed. And still we worry along with our ills, dissatisfied and wondering.

We go only where our business calls us. The country is the working ground of the farmer. Many of us never think of going there except on business or as hunters. And yet there is more delight for you in the anticipation of a hunting trip than the game you get. You love the electrifying air, the brown earth, the non-restraint, the freshness, the simplicity, and as much as you can find of the wildness of nature. Admit it, admit

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the chaff. I think we have come nearer the past two years in eliminating the differences of factional difference in our party in Iowa than we have accomplished in months past, and I look forward to the day when the citizens of this great commonwealth will not come as Republicans, not as Democrats, but as citizens of a great commonwealth whose best and highest efforts shall be to serve the common weal and enact legislation which shall meet the approval in the days that are to come. "I want to congratulate the Democratic minority for its helpful share. I want to tell all of you how close to my heart the members of this assembly have grown, and in that wider field of industry my heart shall return to this hall and the memories which are the pleasantest I can ever entertain."

There's Hope for Some of Us. Marion Register: Once upon a time William Howard Taft, President-elect, worked in a newspaper office at a salary of six dollars per week. But he did his work well and then step by step. That's the way to success and the only way.

Entering the Ministry. Knoxville Express: Alex Miller of Washington is so disgusted that he yells "Dum gast politics, anyhow!" and says he sometimes thinks he will quit politics and enter the ministry. If Alex were a yellow-legged rooster he would stand a better chance of entering the ministry.

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Cook With Gas In his farewell address to the house of representatives on Tuesday, N. E. Kendall, the speaker, paid a fine tribute to the Democrats who sat in the Iowa house during the time he presided. Mr. Kendall said: "I want to express to the Democratic minority which has been with us in the regular and extraordinary sessions of this assembly my sincere appreciation of their courtesy toward