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LET US REASON TOGETHER.

When you come to think about it—did your growling ever pay? Did it ever bend a rain-bow—chase a thunder cloud away?

Council Bluffs indignantly denies that the President's big stick made a dent in that community.

The "Band of Hope" in Illinois politics seems to have been reduced to the rank of band of lost hope.

Unless all signs are at fault the ice crop failure rumor has been put to sleep for another twelve months.

The cold weather is morally certain to lessen still further the disparity in the price of eggs and diamonds.

All flippant remarks about a mild winter are herewith withdrawn as incompetent, irrelevant and not proper testimony in the case.

Over in Illinois the courts are finding men who sell "bear beer." The judges seem to be unanimously agreed that it is too near.

Our fine Italian climate has gone glimmering. It was delightful while it lasted, but it couldn't withstand the onslaught of a genuine nor-wester.

Still royalty has its compensations. Emperor William has fifty-two castles in which to nurse his rheumatism and scold a different set of household servants.

The logically-minded Marconi By-Stander makes the point that in deciding that the Pullman company is not an infant industry one must consider its profits, not its birth rate.

A Davenport suicide thoughtfully placed a pall by the bed or which he lay when he cut an artery, so that the blood would not stain the carpet.

Governor-elect Stubbs of Kansas has given it out that no female clerks, stenographers or typewriters shall have jobs in his immediate office.

"Always America is first!" exclaimed the King of Italy when presented by Ambassador Griscom with a ship loaded with provisions for the earthquake victims.

New York is exerting itself to bring its contribution to the Italian earthquake fund up to the half million mark before the close of the present week.

The latest bit of seasonable advice finds publicity through the sporting columns of the Chicago Tribune and is to the following effect:

Remember what you took to keep cool last July and have the prescription refilled. It is a poor brand of poison that doesn't work both ways.

The Missouri legislature must complete its work in 120 days and then can not meet in regular session again for two years.

Mr. Bryan joined the Eagles at Lincoln, Neb., the other evening and was declared to be full-fledged after a ceremony lasting two hours.

The last session of the legislature in Massachusetts passed a law which begins:

"Whoever operates an automobile or motorcycle on any public way or private way laid out under the authority of law recklessly or while under the influence of liquor, or so as to endanger the lives or safety of the public, etc."

The courts have just held that an automobilist can do as he pleases so long as he is on a road that had not been laid out under the influence of liquor.

All Georgia wants to heap the board at the banquet to Mr. Taft at Atlanta on January 15 with roast possum and sweet potatoes.

"Give us a possum-loving President, and the White House will ring with peace and prosperity and joy for years to come."

What with bronze turkeys for a Rhode Island, possums from Georgia and canvasbacks from Maryland, not to speak of the immortal Virginia hams, the New York Sun foresees that Mr. Taft, who is rapidly getting the reputation of an epicure, will be killed with kindness if he doesn't plead indigestion.

It is suggested by the Cedar Rapids Republican that the story that saloon keepers from Springfield, Illinois, had connived at the murder of William A. Sunday, the revivalist in Spokane, is one that should be taken with a great deal of allowance.

His word should be greatly discounted, both because he is an ex-convict, with consequent moral obligation, to his name, and because as a convert he may be supposed to be in a feverish state of mind.

It is given out from Washington that President-elect Taft has written the two Illinois senators and Speaker Cannon, asking if they will have any objections to the appointment of George E. Roberts as secretary of the treasury.

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"Iowa will have had three governors within a period of three months. That shows how time makes all things even," says the Sioux City Journal.

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POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

Notwithstanding the keen fight soon to be waged in congress by the American Bankers' Association to block the enactment of the postal savings bank bill recommended by President Roosevelt and other Presidents, and several postmasters-general, perhaps most effectively by Postmaster-General Meyer, the bankers of the country are by no means of one mind in opposing the measure.

The savings bank, when properly organized, is an educational institution, rather than an economic institution. Although it furnishes a safe place for the deposit of wages and small earnings and pays an interest to depositors, its chief design is to teach the art of saving.

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WARDEN WENT TOO FAR.

Warden Sanders' rosewater policy is made the subject of a few judicious remarks by the Creston Advertiser, which doubts if his skilful defense put forth through the columns of the Burlington Hawk-Eye will change the opinions of those who were convinced by his contribution to the board of control that Warden Sanders was unfit to have charge of a penitentiary.

It appears from press dispatches that in some parts of Iowa the patent medicine distributor still goes on his reckless and poison strewn path.

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A Word For Dr. Wiley.

Louisville Courier-Journal: It required time and exhaustless effort to get the pure food bill through congress. It will take time and exhaustless energy to secure its proper enforcement.

Three Brothers Elope With Three Sisters. Quincey Whig: Three sisters married to three brothers, and all three marriages the result of elopements.

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Back to the farm. Back to the farm, where the bob white still is calling. As in remembered dawnsings when you and I were boys.

Home to the farm for the deep green calms of summer, Life of the open furrow, life of the waving grain— Leaving the painted world of masquerade and mummer

Down in the hayfield where scythes glint through the clover; Lusty blood a-throbbing in the splendor of the noon— Lying 'mid the haycocks as castling clouds pass over,

Off to the wood lot, where brier bloom runs riot, And wary forest creature no hunter's snare deceives, Virgin ground beguiling the solemn-hearted quiet

Out in the dew with the spider at his shuttle— In that half-dreaming hour that awakes the whippoorwill And sets the nighthawk darting sinister and subtle,

Back to the farm! With the friendly brute for neighbor, Where youth and nature beckon, the trust who would not keep? Back to the luxury of rest that follows labor.

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How to Keep Sickly. Chicago Tribune: Never open the windows in your sleeping chamber. See that they are carefully closed at night and the room made as hot and stuffy as possible.

Why, indeed? Fairfield Ledger: Warden Sanders of the Ft. Madison penitentiary thinks that "personal appearance of a prisoner should be emphasized by a respectable suit of clothes, tailor made, laundered shirts and polished shoes, on Sundays and holidays."

Twice Blessed. Sloux City Journal: Advertising like mercy is twice blessed. It blesses him who gives and him who receives.

Justice to the Jews. Davenport Democrat: A reasonable concession has been made to the Jews of New York City, and one that they have a right to claim in every large center.

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