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Thursday, July 1, 1909. REPUBLICAN TICKET. For Alderman Fourth Ward, H. T. HENDERSON. For Alderman Sixth Ward, JAMES R. ROBERTS.

DESERVINGS. This is the height of our deserts A little pity for life's hurts; A little rain, a little sun, A little sleep when work is done.

A little righteous punishment, Less for our deeds than our intent; A little pardon now and then, Because we are but struggling men.

A little light to show the way, A little guidance when we stray; A little love before we pass, To rest beneath the kirkyard grass.

A little faith in the days of change, When life is stark and bare and strange; A solace when our eyes are wet With tears of longing and regret.

True it is that we can not claim Unmeasured recompense or blame, Because our way of life is small; A little is the sum of all.

In the matter of conferring degrees Old Sol is without a competitor. If this weather continues corn will be "knee-high by the Fourth," all right.

The house fly has been tried, convicted and sentenced. It should now be executed. The polls are still open at this hour—4 p. m. It is not too late to vote for the commission plan.

It is now claimed that only 10,000 Christians were killed in the recent massacres in Asia Minor. "Only" is good. A Baptist preacher says ministers are paid to be good, but the layman must be good for nothing.

This would seem to imply disbelief in the theory that virtue is its own reward. The Catholic Total Abstinence Society of Illinois has declared for a saloonless state and will hold a convention in Chicago in August, a feature of which will be a parade in which, it is expected, 10,000 will be in line.

The Marlon Register lays down the rule that shows "for men only" should be pulled off before empty benches. Sermons "for men only" should not be heard by anybody. For "women only" the same. The Register's rule is the only safe one.

A New York man who has reached the advanced age of 107 years says he did it by eating, drinking and smoking all he wanted to, taking long walks and never getting excited. More people would profit by his example if they could "cut out" the long walks.

The Chautauqua at Cedar Rapids promises that all its speakers this year will be of the "safe and sane" variety and that no freaks will have a place on its program. The bid is a strong one for the right kind of patronage, but where's the Cedar Rapids Chautauqua to get its attractions?

Among the other advantages of Texas a paper published in that state says the birds are so happy there that they sing all day and all night. It is more than probable, however, that those who have difficulty in sleeping at night in that hot climate would gladly forego the "advantage" of the night serenades.

The civil service commission reports 235 Iowans in the classified service of the government. This is twelve more than the state is entitled to under the apportionment, and other Iowans who pass the civil service examinations will have to wait until the state's list is under quota before they can obtain appointments.

On July 3—day after tomorrow—there will be unveiled in Washington a monument to Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic. Washington contains many statues of soldiers and sailors of the Civil war, but this one is unique in being the tribute of the veterans themselves to the founder of a society designed to perpetuate the patriotism of the union soldier.

John W. Cassidy, lately of Quincy, now of Chicago, is exploiting a new drink as a brain-illuminant and palate-exhilarant. According to the expert of the Herald it tastes like a rainbow with a velvet finish and puts percussion into the system. There are grounds for suspicion that it may lead to percussion of the other fellow's system, also.

Mason City has let contracts for 18,900 square yards of street paving at \$1.19 and 5,825 yards alley paving at \$1.26, all of cement concrete. The successful bidders are a Dubuque firm. Members of the council and all the other contractors were surprised at their figures. The total improvement is for twenty-one blocks and will cost approximately \$35,000.

Twenty-five young men in Des Moines have organized a Keep Cool club with a drug clerk as president. The rules of the club are as follows: Don't drink acid waters. Don't drink ice waters. Eat fruit and vegetables. Never eat meat in summer time. Keep in shade. Don't exercise violently. Don't let fashion get ahead of personal comfort.

The Des Moines Tribune is confident that the next five or eight years will see Iowa exploited as an interurban field. The expectation in all probability will be realized. Interurban activity has been extending rapidly westward through Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and is already in evidence in Iowa. If Keokuk is alive to its opportunities it will make itself the interurban center for southeastern Iowa, northern Missouri and western Illinois, and recover the retail trade it lost by the building of the steam roads.

The postoffice department is making good its threat to discontinue free rural delivery on routes and parts of routes where the roads are not kept in proper condition. Quite recently on part of a route out of Corning, Iowa, and on an entire route out of Macon, Missouri, service was suspended for a period of three months on this account. The department is in earnest in the matter and when a case of bad roads is called to its attention rural free delivery service will be suspended thereon if cause for the complaint is not promptly remedied.

The department of agriculture among its multitudinous studies has had an investigator find out what was the best preparation for driving mosquitoes away from camps and other places where screening is impossible. The comfort of the man as well as the discomfort of the mosquito has been taken into account in this recipe, which is not particularly objectionable to the human olfactory: One ounce of oil of cedar, two ounces of oil of citronella and two ounces of spirits of camphor. A few drops of this mixture on a towel thrown over the head of a bunk will have a wholesome deterrent effect for a night upon the pest.

Los Angeles, Cal., doesn't care much whether Uncle Sam includes it in the census taking next year or not, so well satisfied are the people and newspapers with the growth of the city, as shown by a directory canvass. "According to the directory," says the Times, "the population of Los Angeles on May 15 was 307,322. This shows an increase of 21,415 for the year, or 1,800 a month. In other words, the increase in the population of Los Angeles since the beginning of this year has been equal to the total population of Los Angeles in 1880. In 1880 the population of Los Angeles was 50,000; in 1900, 100,000, and today, in 1909, it is over 300,000. This is certainly 'going some—and then some.'"

WARNING TO VACATIONISTS. To persons about to take summer vacations the Chicago health department has issued its annual warning against the danger of contamination of water and food at summer resorts in the country. The bulletin says that the average summer resort is poorly equipped in the way of pure water supply, and the average farmer who takes summer boarders has a surface well that is sure to be seriously polluted. Vacationists are advised never to drink water from a surface well until it has been boiled. "Look carefully to the food supply—especially milk. See that it does not come in contact with flies at any time. Flies are even a greater menace in the country than they are in the city, because the sanitary arrangements are less perfect. It has been the experience of this department that many hundreds of cases of typhoid fever are brought into Chicago each summer, especially in the late summer, by people returning from their vacations."

WHERE THEY LIVE LONGEST. According to a writer in Harper's Weekly, longevity is common in Sweden and Norway. Thus in the former country mortality which in 1880 averaged only 17 per 1,000 inhabitants, in 1906 had fallen to 14. Infant mortality shrank from 112 to 82 per 1,000. In Norway the rate showed a reduction from 16 to 13 per 1,000, and that of infants from 95 to 69. For these two Scandinavian races the hygienic habits of the population are responsible. Public baths, the admirable organization of hospitals, which receive the rich as well as the poor, the cleanliness of habitation and the widespread precautions that obtain among all classes. Again, there is the public attitude toward inevitable sickness. Swedes

and Norwegians, both have faith in recent scientific and medical discoveries. Consequently, each contagious case becomes a public matter, and individual liberty is never placed in opposition to the general welfare.

"FOR TRICKS THAT ARE VAIN." Those people who speak of Chinamen attending missions schools as "boys" and regard them as unsophisticated as their guileless features would indicate, are correctly informed by the Rock Island Union that they have another guess coming. They are reminded that China was a highly civilized country when the progenitors of the Anglo-Saxon race were savages clad in skins, chasing each other through the forests of Europe. The Union is therefore moved to add: The mission Chinaman may be ignorant of American customs, points of view and of the English language, but he has a thinking machine that is the heritage of two thousand years of a peculiar civilization, and which makes him a dangerous individual to turn loose among women and children. The subtleties of the oriental thinking machine are past the comprehension of the western mind. This is shown by the way the orient has always got ahead of the occident in matters of diplomacy. They will out-trick a white man every time—simply because they are older in trickery. They are good people to keep a long way off.

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NOTES AND COMMENT. The widow of the inventor of the percussion cap is still living in Italy.

The Atchison Globe tells of one June bride who already has her mother and two sisters living with her.

Senator W. Murray Crane began his business life as a ragpicker, the lowest position in a paper factory.

The Washington Democrat wonders why a tree grows so much better on the north side of the house where you do not need it.

Automobiles and yachts are so common that a new sign of wealth had to be devised. Now it is the ownership of a private aeroplane.

What the Sioux City Tribune finds difficult to understand about Dr. Elliot's list of best books is that it does not include a baseball guide.

The Marshalltown Times-Republican declares that when a Chinaman becomes "completely Americanized," it is time for the woman missionary to flee for her life.

The Mason City Globe-Gazette tells some of the boys that they should not forget that Taft may be keeping tab on whether they are his real friends or just band wagon tourists.

The Council Bluffs Nonpareil says Mrs. Howard Gould is "a type." It occurs to the Des Moines Register and Leader that she didn't make a very good impression during the recent trial, however.

"The year 1909 is a standpat year," says the Vinton Eagle. "The Republican party has always declared for protection; will always declare for protection, and will always stand for and by protection."

Down in Mexico Chinamen are said to be preferred as husbands by a certain class of Mexican women. In that tropical country the color scheme of civilization is not marred by the appearance of a nut brown family with yellow trimmings. Therefore, that is a far better place for the Chinese laundryman to wash the yellow stains out of his race.

"Yes, sah," the Florida colonel is represented by the Indianapolis News as saying, "sometimes we have a Republican candidate in our district. Why, only last year Bill Truax was a candidate for congress. No, he didn't attract many votes. The fact is, sah, that he only polled two. And now, sah, they are threatenin' to prosecute him for repeatin'."

Professor Starr says woman is a barbarian because she smears her person with powder, perfume and paint. "That's all the bachelor professor of ethnology knows about it," says the Dubuque Times-Journal. "The modern woman uses powder for specific purposes approved by ymen, perfume sparingly and paint not at all unless she is to appear in amateur theatricals."

"The Chinese and Jap mission schools in big cities is a thing that would better be given up," says the Washington Press. "Pretty green to give money for such purposes—might as well try to Christianize woodchucks and other 'varmint.' They have no heads for Christianity, and what heathen have? Foreign missions seem to be fads that would better be thrown over the shoulder. Heathen have got their religions—why not let 'em alone? They can't and don't appreciate ours."

Reports are being circulated about the state that the new pharmacy commission appointed by Gov. B. F. Carroll will look closely into the liquor business done by drug stores. New blanks come into force July 4, and these blanks will be furnished by the county auditor and numbered consecutively. The law already requires a druggist to report his purchases of liquor. Now with the sales numbered consecutively the commission will know whether all the liquor sold is reported.

Protection or Free Trade? Keosauqua Republican: The developments of the tariff debate in progress in congress have been on deck long enough, and have gone far enough to date, to indicate that in the next presidential campaign the issue will be squarely one of protection vs. free trade between the Republican and Democratic parties. The conditions strongly indicate this. So apparent does this seem to us that we do not hesitate, even this early, in making this prediction. We believe the misnomer "a tariff for revenue only," may drop out entirely as a Democratic plank of principle. The democracy, we believe, will stand for free trade, and the Republicans for protection. The tariff issue will be such as to allow no misunderstanding with even the most obtuse voter.

Of course this may, to an extent, change the personnel of the two leading parties. Many Democrats will likely come over into the Republican fold like they did when Bryan and free silver was the issue during the spectacular "cross of gold" campaign, while a number of Republicans may join the Democratic hosts under the banner of free trade. And the reasons are good for this square-toed issue. Either protection is right in principle and best in practice for the republic, or else free trade pure and simple is, and which of these two the people of the United States want they should by all means have. Let the line be drawn straight and plain when the next campaign is on.

Iowa is Unequaled. Cedar Rapids Gazette: A Lin county woman who recently took her first trip to the west coast has returned fully satisfied that this is the best state in the union; the state that has the most advantages, of climate and everything else, and the fewer disadvantages. She said that before she went west, she had heard so much about the western country that she was led to believe Iowa wasn't "in it." She said she was rather disappointed, or rather surprised. She discovered that there were drawbacks wherever she went, and she always found more drawbacks than she had ever experienced in Iowa.

This is about the size of it. Every section of the country has its advantages—some have advantages in production, a few have a minimum of advantages. However, taking into consideration everything, Iowa is mighty hard to beat. Some sections that have otherwise ideal climate have long dry spells; others have long wet spells; others have no such soil fertility as has Iowa. In various ways, Iowa will average up with the best of them—a little ahead of any of them.

That's Iowa—but some people don't believe it until they have been shown. Iowa's more than unexcelled—it's unequalled.

Shallow Barges on Rivers. Cedar Rapids Republican: We always hear a great deal about water transportation in Europe. But recent investigations disclose that the bulk of such traffic is by means of shallow bottomed boats, many of them drawing only four or five feet of water, the greatest depth for the bulk of it being about eight feet. This throws new light on river navigation in this country. The Mississippi river at the present time has depth enough all the way to Minneapolis to carry freight as freight is carried on the rivers of Europe. Some of our boosters have conceived the most extravagant ideas about deep water ways. They want to make it possible for big battleships to come up the Mississippi river and thence to Lake Michigan. Deep waterways cost a great deal of money to build and cost a great deal to maintain, while six or eight feet of water is easily obtained. Most of the foreign traffic is carried in tow, in strings of flat-bottomed boats, instead of independent steamers.

There is a great deal that we can learn from Europe. If we are going to improve our water ways at all it ought to be only for shallow bottom boats. Recent types of boats made in Europe show wonderful results in the way of carrying heavy burdens almost on top of the water.

A Rainbow at Midnight. Farmington News: A rainbow at midnight was seen by many Clark county people who attended the Brown church ice cream social Saturday evening. Hirsch Brewster vouches for it, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carr saw the same sight in Farmington. As the Missouri people had filled up on ice cream, we were at first disposed to laugh at their story but when the witnesses multiplied to a dozen or more then we concluded that perhaps our Clark county subscribers were giving it to us on the square. We never saw a rainbow at midnight, which only goes to prove that some country editors do not know it all.

Let Well Enough Alone. Marlon Register: If the editors who are in the habit of speaking for "the people" would print the names of the men to whom they refer the naming would end with the names of the men in the sanctum and a few politicians. The people are not worrying about the tariff. Go out in the country and ask the men who do the voting and they'll say "let well enough alone." A dollar or more for wheat, 75 cents for corn, 60 cents for oats, \$7 for hogs and \$6 for cattle with a good horse selling anywhere from \$100 to \$150 is satisfactory to the men who follow the plow. But the consumer, they say, a day laborer was asked what he would charge for doing a 15 minutes job of work. He answered "50 cents." When reminded that that would be \$2 per hour or \$16

for an 8 hour day, he said "I am not working for my health. Get some one else to do it or do it yourself."

Cactus Center's Commencement. The sharp who expected to address our graduates Missed the stage at Dead Horse crossing, so we called on Pecos Bates—He tried the higher learnin', fore he took to punchin' steers, And he used a Latin cow-brand, so we didn't have no fears.

"Kids," says Pecos to the students, "when you're goin' through this life, Hit the trails that lead to quiet, and away from scenes of strife; Don't get so you must smell powder fore you go to sleep at night—Onc't a week is plenty often for a man to start a fight.

"Learn to read men just like horses, by the rollin' of their eyes; Keep a six-gun allus handy, jest to guard agin' surprise; When you play cards, pick your company, and point out to each one there That you'll call an undertaker if the game ain't on the square.

"And when you're runnin' cattle on life's broad and open range Keep a bite and sup for pilgrims that are homeless, cowed and strange; For if learnin' crowds out charity, the game ain't worth a rap— And now mosey up here, scholars, 'cause diplomers are on tap!" —Arthur Chapman in Denver Republican.

RATE CUTS HURT ROADS. First Rehearing of Freight Rate Case In History of Iowa Is Now On.

Des Moines Register and Leader: That the constant reduction of freight rates in Iowa by the state railroad commission has caused a decrease in income of more than \$6,000,000 in the past year for the railroads in the state, that other states are following the lead of the Iowa commission in effecting reductions and that all tends toward the detriment of the railroad business, in general was asserted by J. C. Davis, state counsel of the Chicago and Northwestern in his address to the commission yesterday at the opening of a rehearing of certain commodity rates.

Mr. Davis described what he termed was the tendency of the commission to whittle freight rates down to the minimum and asked that the board make an equitable adjustment of the rates on the commodities under discussion. For the first time in the history of Iowa a rehearing on freight rates is being held before the commission, representatives of practically every trunk line in Iowa and of the manufacturing and shipping interests being in attendance. There have been numerous applications for a modification of rates before, but never a rehearing until today.

The discussion is over the rates on certain commodities that became effective on May 1 in supplement No. 3 to Iowa classification No. 14. The articles included are grave vaults, iron or steel, sulphate of magnesia in barrels, sulphur and sulphur candles, bed springs, mattresses and wire cots, lumber (hard and soft), lath and shingles, sash and doors and blinds.

The Republican Party and the Tariff. Burlington Hawk-Eye: The Hawk-Eye has faith in the Republican leaders, and believes that out of their wisdom will come forth a tariff bill that will be honestly arranged to meet the present conditions of trade and manufacture in this country, that will protect the American maker of goods, and also the man who receives employment in the making. It believes that the people will find the new tariff bill a substantially lowered system of tariff schedules while in every essential being a protective measure.

A furious assault has been made upon the Republican party and its leaders in this tariff matter by the enemies of the party and of the protective system for political purposes, but the Hawk-Eye believes that the great majority of the thinking people will look upon the work of congress fairly and understandingly, and in the end endorse the action of the Republican leaders in this matter.

Christian University Gets \$50,000. Memphis (Mo.) Democrat: Rev. M. J. Nicolson, who returned from the convention of the Christian church at St. Louis Thursday night, states that Mr. Stockton, of St. Louis, pledged \$50,000 to the Christian University at Canton, Mo.

This university is one of the oldest schools in the country, and this is the largest single gift it has ever received. The school was built before the war, and had the same struggle for existence that other schools of that day had. About seven years ago the old building, which had stood like a monument on the hill back from Canton, was destroyed by fire, and it was predicted that it would never be rebuilt. But President Carl Johann, with untiring energy went to work, and not only built a modern pressed-brick structure, but he has seen that every dollar of the cost of the building, which was about \$40,000, has been paid, and today there is not a dollar of indebtedness against the building.

The school is one that the people of northeast Missouri are proud of. While at Canton, Tuesday afternoon of last week, the writer was shown over the grounds by James H. Graves, of that city, and we were very much



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surprised to note the many improvements in the buildings and grounds. The enrollment the past year has been greater than ever before. With President Carl Johann at the head of the institution, and with this additional financial aid, the school is now in a position to move forward at a rapid rate. We congratulate the people of Canton upon having such an institution in their city.

Local Celebrations. Keosauqua Republican: Mt. Sterling, Milton, Douds-Leando and Stockport all celebrate July 4th on Saturday the 3rd while Keosauqua will celebrate two days later, the 5th.

Questions to Barbers to Answer. Anent the new Illinois barber's law requiring examination of candidates for license to wield the razor and the shears, the Onida News suggests the following questions to form part of the examination: 1. Do you believe in vivisection? 2. What kind of anesthetic is your favorite for ordinary shaving? 3. What disposition do you make of the by-products, such as ears, chins, and jowls which accumulate on your floor during the day's work? 4. What is the first suggestion to offer to a bald-headed man? 5. When extracting a hair-cut, shampoo and hair tonic treatment from a customer who merely wants a shave, do you use chloroform or hypnotism? 6. Give a brief, 10,000-word opinion on the following: (a) The baseball situation. (b) The political situation. (c) The unwritten law. 7. What do you think of safety razors? 8. Do you eat onions?