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Some large real estate deals are reported from southwestern Iowa. At Carson, in Pottawattamie county, Dennis Osler sold to Charles Bolton an eighty acre farm for \$181.25 an acre.

Sarah Grand, the well known author, says in a recent article in a leading London paper that men have always frankly despised women without disliking them.

The Des Moines Tribune complains that too many hunters' licenses are issued to men and boys who don't seem to know what a risk they run by pulling a gun toward themselves muzzle foremost.

Senator C. C. Dowell of Des Moines has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for congress in the Seventh district.

Yesterday was one of President Taft's busy days. Of course it had to come. The aeroplanes are causing serious run-ways.

The Taft smile continues to hold its own, but the Taft voice is showing unmistakable signs of wear and tear.

An Ohio postmaster who resigned has been adjudged insane. The board of commissioners simply couldn't make a mistake in a case of that kind.

In the controversy over the smoke nuisance, the Omaha Bee observes that the Illinois Central is willing to go in for coke, but Chicago threatens it with Blackstone.

The Des Moines Capital has it that Harvey Ingham would like to go to congress, and the Des Moines Register and Leader has it that Col. Lafayette Young would like to be minister to China.

It is announced, as usual, that the turkey crop is short this year and that the prices of the favorite American bird will be high.

Bank exchanges last week at all the leading cities in the United States were \$3,393, 946,945, an increase of 38.8 per cent compared with a year ago and of 14.2 per cent compared with the corresponding week in 1906.

A year ago, when the Oklahoma bank deposit guaranty law was enacted, we were told that all the state bankers in the young commonwealth were enthusiastic for the scheme.

In early days when river transportation was the chief mode of travel and traffic Keokuk was the gateway to Iowa, and hence became known as the "Gate City."

Experts of many countries are marvelling at the great roads which the United States government has constructed and is now constructing on the reclamation projects in the far western states and territories.

somewhat similar in effect to what they formerly got from tobacco or from whisky.

In the manufacture of candy the United States leads the world both in the quality and quantity of the product. American mechanical skill, which has brought pre-eminence in so many directions, has had its influence here, and candy, so largely hand made in other parts of the world, is a machine product in the United States.

ORTHOGRAPHIC ATROCITIES. The freshman class at Northwestern university, upon matriculation, has given the world the latest exhibition of ignorance of the spelling of common English words.

Irregular—Earegular, iregular, iregealar. Accessible—Excessable, iessessible, axessible. Counterfeit—Counterfit, conterfite, counterpheet.

Ballots in New York are four feet long. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat suggests that this is why women want them—to put on the pantry shelves.

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THE GUARANTY KNOCKOUT. In the federal district court of Nebraska sitting in Lincoln two judges, Circuit Judge Van Devanter and District Judge Munger, have just concurred in a decision declaring the state law compelling all state banking institutions to contribute to the deposits-guaranty fund to be unconstitutional, null and void.

THE NATIONAL CANDY BILL. Not very long ago the use of candy was confined to children, matinee girls and their mothers, but recently men have been indulging their sweet tooth, with the result that Uncle Sam's candy bill is now \$130,000,000 a year.

The ruling appears to be logical, sound and altogether reasonable and is in strict accordance with the predictions by many bankers and lawyers that the compulsory deposits-guaranty laws would never stand the constitutional test when once they got before the federal courts.

NOTES AND COMMENT. The question of adopting the commission plan of city government will be settled by the votes of Buffalo next month.

The output of epithets in the New York city campaign, puts Daniel O'Connell's harangue with the fish woman in the subcellar.

Mrs. Belmont thinks that American mothers do not give enough personal time to their children. The Omaha Bee suggests that inasmuch as the average mother gives up twenty-four hours a day to the little ones, with

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her mind on the baby in the crib or the croupy child in the next room even while she sleeps, it is in order for Mrs. Belmont to arrange for a readjustment of the almanac.

"Kings kiss when they meet," says the Buffalo News. It occurs to the Des Moines Register and Leader that perhaps that's one reason why they don't meet often.

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which is a half mile west of Sugar Creek. Many changes of vital importance to the lands on this side, as the channel has in recent years been inclining to the south and making great work in eroding the bank. The entire river at this time occupies territory which was heavily in forest when Kelley and his army floated down the Des Moines on that chilly May Saturday in 1894.

Along with the weather bureau predictions of the weather I am learning to predict rains, snows, drought and fair weather about five miles away and thirty minutes in the future.

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prevent the use of such language by others." This is the explanation of the extraordinary diminution which many persons have noticed in the use of profanity.

To Make Men Loyal to Religion. There are other purposes to which the society is devoted: the official literature of the society characterizes it as "one of the most effectual means of keeping men practical and loyal sons of the Church."

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Shoe Leather and Enthusiasm. "The very best means of making the society flourish," said a zealous director, "is leather, Yes, sole leather, and plenty of it." Upon that principle the Holy Name has proceeded.

One Misadventure After All. I am sure it is a great mistake always to know enough to go in when it rains. One may keep snug and dry by such knowledge, but one misses a world of loveliness.—Adeline Knapp.

lines of sturdy men have been the most convincing argument that the anti-profanity crowd are by no means "mollycoddles."

It is almost inevitable that these huge processions of men, wearing a badge on which is the head of the boy Jesus, should be succeeded by a national demonstration probably at the nation's capital.

The Holy Name Society was brought into modern activity by a layman, recently deceased, who was not aware that it had been erected centuries ago. He was concerned over the prevalence of the practice of profanity, which dishonors the name of Jesus.

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With the men of Protestantism, and the men of Catholicism, organizing for avowedly spiritual ends, it would appear as if his Satanic Majesty had a strenuous winter ahead of him.