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THE GATE CITY is on sale at the following news stands:

Public opinion is with the Omaha Bee in its idea that while Bjornstjerne Bjornson is in the hospital he ought to have a few consonants amputated.

Walter Wellman has arrived at the conversation stage of a balloon voyage across the Atlantic. It only remains to add that Mr. Wellman is a fine conversationalist.

Speculators in cold storage eggs stand to lose over \$1,000,000, according to New York advices. What the eggs lack in point of being "strictly fresh" is compensated for by the freshness of the losers.

Bank exchanges continue of remarkable volume. Total exchanges last week at all the leading cities in the United States amounted to \$3,415,865,569—an increase of 16 per cent over last year and of 12 per cent compared with the corresponding week in 1906.

The state railroad commission has issued a request to managers of all railroads operating in Iowa to give corn the right of way over all kinds of freight except perishable freight.

According to State Auditor Bleakly, the banks of Iowa were never in better condition than at the present time. He is quoted as saying that the banking department of his office has kept a close watch on the banks and that, whatever may have been conditions in the past, the banks are now in perfect shape.

It is now stated that Judge M. A. Roberts of Ottumwa will not enter the race for attorney general, but is considering becoming a candidate for supreme judge. He is ineligible for the attorneyship under the Iowa constitution, but could run for supreme judge. He made a close race once for supreme judge and secured a large following.

There was once a distinguished fellow citizen who went up and down the country assuring us that prices of farm products would never rise again until we opened our mints to the free coinage of silver at the sacred ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation on earth. Where is that distinguished fellow citizen now and what has he to say?

Work on the water power project is progressing satisfactorily. During the past week a large amount of earth has been moved, and blasting is now in progress for the foundation of the big dam. A quarry has also been opened and rock of a good quality is available in practically unlimited amount.

Club women are organizing in Des Moines to oppose introducing the study of sexology in the schools, as has been proposed by Mrs. Carroll, wife of Governor Carroll. Plans have been laid to force through the legislature a bill making such study compulsory and providing special teachers for young girls.

The Jacksonville Courier says: "In some respects the Keokuk water project resembles the Panama canal. Already it is figured that it will cost \$8,000,000 more than the original estimate of \$23,000,000."

James J. Hill, Archbishop Ireland and Henry Clews are right. It is not so much the high cost of living as the cost of high living. As the last named well says, "the cost of living is a matter largely within the discretion of each individual. Cheaper and equally efficient foods can be had, and many individuals have become accustomed to luxurious standards of living which they can easily moderate without detriment."

A little economy and patience will in due season mitigate the situation and encourage corrective influences. Hon. S. W. Brookhart of Washington, Iowa, has announced himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress in this district in opposition to Congressman Kennedy. He is a graduate of the Bloomfield high school and the Southern Iowa Normal school located at the same place; was admitted to the bar in 1892 and has practiced his profession at Washington ever since, serving several terms as county attorney. As it has been understood for some time that Mr. Brookhart would enter the lists, his formal announcement will occasion no surprise.

Leaders of the good roads movement in this state have framed a bill for presentation at the state good roads convention called by Governor Carroll to meet in Des Moines March 8 and 9. The bill provides for the reorganization of the state highway commission, giving it greater power and supervision of construction of roads, and makes the county surveyors county engineers, on salary, who will directly supervise the building of roads. It will ask a \$100,000 appropriation from the state, to be added to the \$4,500,000 collected in taxes for road work, and divides the cost of road improvements among the state, county and adjoining property owners.

It should be generally known in advance that many of the so-called "comic" valentines in the form of post-cards are unmailable and that anyone depositing them in the mails is subject to severe penalty. "All matter upon the envelope or outside cover or wrapper of which, or any postal card upon which any delineations, epithets, terms or language \* \* \* of a libelous, scurrilous, defamatory or threatening character, or calculated by the terms or manner or style of display and obviously intended to reflect injuriously upon the character or conduct of another may be written or printed, or otherwise impressed or apparent, are non-mailable matter and shall not be conveyed in the mails." So reads the statute upon the subject. The penalty for depositing such matter in the mails for mailing or delivery is a fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment at hard labor not more than five years, or both, at the discretion of the court. All persons tempted to "get even" with enemies, real or fancied, by sending them scurrilous cards would do well to take warning and govern themselves accordingly.

CONSERVING THE BOYS. The conservation of the boys of the country is the title of a new movement inaugurated by the country-work department of the Young Men's Christian Association. "The city needs three out of five of the country boys," says John R. Broadman, senior secretary of the department. "But the country needs the other two."

The country work department of the Y. M. C. A. is a branch of which little has been heard. Its objects as outlined are as follows: For the recognition of the inherent value of country life in and for itself. The maximum development of constructive forces in rural communities. The creation of a new social community in village and in open country.

Deliverance from the enervating paternalism of the city. Better health and sanitation in farm homes and country communities. Redirected educational system which will fit for life in the country. A more scientific type of crop production and farm administration as essential to greater satisfaction in rural life.

A wholesome development of the recreative life. Dominance of Christian ideals in the character of the manhood and boyhood of the country. The work has been carried on for some time, and has been recognized by the federal administration to the extent of seeking its extension into the areas of the reclamation projects in the west. It is devoted to the interests of the country youth, and cooperates with the city departments in looking after him when he removes to the city.

WATER POWER AT LA CROSSE. While Keokuk is going forward with the largest power scheme in the history of the Mississippi valley, plans are nearing completion at the offices of the La Crosse Water Power company for the greatest dam and reservoir in Wisconsin, one which, when completed, will store five billion cubic feet of water, or more than all the other reservoirs of the company combined.

In this reservoir alone there will be enough water reserve to furnish both Winona and La Crosse with electricity for a period of five months were no water available. The Dubuque Times-Journal gives the following interesting particulars:

"The new dam is to be built across the mouth of Rock Creek, at the east fork of Black River, and the work will be started as soon as possible after the spring break up of the ice. A large crew will be put to work and the company expects to finish the dam during the year 1910 and will probably have at least a part of the reserve for use by next fall. So large will be the lake created by the new dam that it will extend from the mouth of Rock Creek nearly to City Point, and in some places will be three and one-half miles wide."

the water needed at all times of the year. Officers of the water power company say farmers in the territory along Black River, below the dams, say that the value of their lands has materially increased since the dams were built, as the water is now so retarded during flood periods and the flood steadily to such an extent during drouths that lands formerly considered worthless are becoming valuable and crops are being raised on lands which formerly were under water a portion of the time.

COST OF LIVING. A writer for the New York Journal of Commerce will undertake to explain the increased cost of living in a series of articles. He starts out by saying that no material relief can come from legislation, since most of the causes for advanced prices, tariffs and monopolies excepted, are beyond the reach of legislation. But discussion will serve the purpose of revealing the reasons more clearly and satisfying public opinion until relief or compensation comes from natural causes or a general readjustment to the new level. The influences which control prices are listed as follows:

- Increased Gold Supply. Currency Inflation. Expansion of Credit. Speculation. Growth of Population. Consumption Overtaking Production. Short Crops. Shorter Hours of Labor. Advanced Wages. Increased Cost of Production. Tariffs. Trusts. Trade Agreements. Legislative Restrictions. Creation of New Industries. Advance in Land and Rent. Taxation. Extravagance, etc.

NOTES AND COMMENT. As the Sioux City Journal puts it "Oleo is healthy, but pride runs to butter."

The Davenport Times says that Governor Carroll is entitled to a second term if he wants it.

The way the near-philosopher of the Sioux City Tribune knows some women are angels is that they are always flying around.

The Iowa City Republican expresses the belief that Congress. Dawson is the only Republican in the Second district who could certainly be elected to succeed himself.

The Coon Rapids Enterprise says that President Taft is doing in a quiet way what Roosevelt would have done with bluster. "He will have the insurgents in line before long," the Enterprise predicts.

In these days of uncertainty, remarks the Inter-Ocean, it is pleasing to hear that Walter Wellman will fly across the Atlantic in July in his arctic airship. When Mr. Wellman says he'll fly, we know exactly what will happen.

"High prices may and do tend to increase the crop yields," says the Davenport Democrat, "but more wheat does not make bread any cheaper; more corn does not send the price of cattle down; and free hides do not reduce the shoe bill."

The Rev. Billy Sunday says people who eat limburger cheese are sure to go to hell. The Bloomington Pantagraph points out that this doesn't necessarily prove that there is a hell, but it is pretty good evidence that the Rev. Billy Sunday doesn't like limburger cheese.

Rev. A. E. Kepford, state tuberculosis expert, will soon send requests to each county and city school superintendent asking them to have some member of each graduating class in the public schools deliver an oration on social aspects of preventive measures for tuberculosis. This is for the purpose of stimulating public interest.

The Eagle Grove Eagle says that if Mr. Roosevelt were to be chosen speaker of the house it would be death to Republican insurgency in congress. "President Taft would be assured of solid Republican support in that body," the Eagle continues. "However, there would be a reign of so-called czarism in this country has never seen nor dreamed. The mugwumps better hasten with their purpose to strip the speaker of his power before Roosevelt gets there or they will get a demonstration of that power that will stand their hair on ends."

Keokuk's Good Luck. Marshalltown Times - Republican: Unless something gets in the way Keokuk is to grow and blossom like the rose under the genial impulse of "white coal." It is reported that an eastern syndicate will finance the building of the proposed great dam from which 200,000 horsepower is expected to be developed, which will cost \$15,000,000 as estimated and which will back the Mississippi into a lake thirty miles from Keokuk north.

If the dam is built Keokuk will spring into a big city. As she sits beside the river today Keokuk is rather a poor relation to the larger cities along the upper Mississippi, her development since the days of the old time river activities when the Iowa mills cut most of the lumber for the Mississippi valley having been delayed for one and another reasons. But 200,000 horsepower will drag

Keokuk into industrial prominence with a rush.

A Plainman's Philosophy. When it gets to comin' easy, when it's framed up all your way, when you've got 'em all a-comin' with th' dollars out to pay; It just seems as though you couldn't git in badwise if you tried, An' th' ain't no game a-goin' but you're right on th' inside; When it gets t' comin' easy, everybody sort o' seems T' be anxious for t' help you keep on dreamin' pretty dreams, It's when things git comin' easy that y' travel right along, But, say! Ain't it h— t' stop 'em when things git t' goin' wrong!

I been punchin' long-horn cattle nigh on more'n twenty years. I know all about their notions, an' I've larned their likes an' fears; An' they're just like things that happen in th' lives of you an' me, When they get t' drivin, gentle, they're as gentle as kin be. They jist go as smooth as kin be, not t' swishin' of a tall, Not th' battin' of an eyebrow as they follow on th' trail, An' you hardly need t' watch 'em, cause they travel right along, But, say! Ain't it h— t' stop 'em when things git t' goin' wrong!

I know it is, o' feller—I have been all through the mill, I've enjoyed my share of trouble I'm enjoyin' trouble still; I've seen sunny days an' cloudy, I've had sumchus fare an' plain, I've had beans and bread for dinner an' I may be there again; An' I've had things comin' easy, when it seemed t' be a sin Jist t' open up my tent flap an' t' let more sunshine in; When things git t' comin' easy, days an' nights go by like song, But, say! Ain't it h— t' stop 'em when things git t' goin' wrong!

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Lawless Leaguers. Waterloo Reporter: A meeting of Epworth leaguers at Wapello, Iowa, was adjourned unceremoniously a few days ago to permit the members present an opportunity of capturing a young woman in a nearby home where a wedding ceremony was to take place. The young woman sought by the leaguers was to be the bride, and the excuse for the proceeding was that the leaguers, "pliqued at not being apprised of the event decided to prevent it." It is further stated "the party remained about the house until nearly morning," among other acts being to chase the groom out of the vicinity. He "succeeded in whipping up his horses and escaped." Isn't that a fine spectacle? Just think of the members of a christian society deliberately planning to prevent a sacred ordinance like that involving a marriage ceremony! The Wapello newspapers may mean all right, but the report of their actions indicates that the proper affiliation for them would be in a band of savages that had never felt the softening influences of civilization.

A Triumph for Keokuk. Gorin (Mo.) Argus: This certainly is a triumph for Keokuk. We can remember when the canal was being built, the citizens of that city were in great ecstasies, but now, that the Father of Waters is to be dammed and the mighty stream harnessed and made to work for man in another way beside navigation, we see no reason why every citizen of that place should not be in ecstasies. Laborers of that city and adjoining towns need not be idle for a long time. Truly Keokuk is to be congratulated.

Said Uncle Silas: "There may be room enough at the top, but the crowd on route keeps a good many fellers from gittin' there." —Los Angeles Express.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Of the January Session of the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

(Continued.) Washington Township. Receipts . . . . . \$956.68 Disbursements . . . . . 789.58 Balance on hand . . . . . \$107.10 West Point Township. Receipts . . . . . \$1,329.67 Disbursements . . . . . 1,043.14 Balance on hand . . . . . 266.53 On motion the following claims were allowed:

- Cedar Township. A. R. DeRosear, clerk . . . . . \$ 8.00 A. E. Dick, trustee . . . . . 8.00 E. S. McChord, same . . . . . 8.00 Chas. Beard, same . . . . . 8.00 Charleston Township. J. A. Vermazen, clerk . . . . . 10.00 H. G. Kirchner, trustee . . . . . 11.80 Jas. Farrell, trustee . . . . . 10.00 Jacob Renz, trustee . . . . . 10.00 Denmark Township. Jos. A. Maxwell, clerk . . . . . 8.50 J. E. Dow, trustee . . . . . 4.00 A. T. Houston, same . . . . . 4.00 H. H. Shephard, same . . . . . 4.00 Des Moines Township. Wesley Johnson, clerk . . . . . 6.00 John Cruze, trustee . . . . . 6.00 E. Meister, same . . . . . 6.00 J. W. Sunden, same . . . . . 6.00 Franklin Township. August Fey, clerk . . . . . 10.00 Peter Lang, trustee . . . . . 9.00 A. H. Hirschler, same . . . . . 9.00 John Abel, same . . . . . 7.00 Green Bay Township. Geo. E. Rogers, clerk . . . . . 14.00 Milt Davies, trustee . . . . . 10.00 Geo. Gibbs, same . . . . . 10.00 Walter H. Huebner, same . . . . . 10.00 Harrison Township. Chas. C. Froenneke, clerk . . . . . 10.00 John J. Hohl, trustee . . . . . 6.00 Fred Vornkahl, same . . . . . 6.00 S. R. Hampton, same . . . . . 6.00 Jackson Township, Outside. H. H. Layton, clerk . . . . . 18.50 T. E. Kerr, trustee . . . . . 14.00 Wm. Peters, same . . . . . 16.00 Adam Seabold, same . . . . . 16.00 Jefferson Township. Joseph Jaeger, clerk . . . . . 4.00 Alex. Bullard, trustee . . . . . 8.00 Fred Auwerda, same . . . . . 10.00 Jas. Griswold, same . . . . . 6.00 Marion Township. John Hellman, clerk . . . . . 10.00 John Raid, trustee . . . . . 7.00 C. Mertens, same . . . . . 8.00 B. Moeller, same . . . . . 8.00 Montrose Township. R. P. Allen, clerk . . . . . 11.75 F. B. Crane, trustee . . . . . 9.00 Jas. Cale, same . . . . . 9.00 R. H. Younk, same . . . . . 9.00 Pleasant Ridge Township. J. C. Foggy, clerk . . . . . 8.00 I. N. Snook, trustee . . . . . 6.00 J. G. Lovell, same . . . . . 6.00 G. Hellman, same . . . . . 6.00 Van Buren Township. Marvin Wisig, clerk . . . . . 14.00 J. L. South, same . . . . . 2.00 Timothy Driscoll, trustee . . . . . 14.00 V. J. Burke, same . . . . . 12.00 J. E. Krebill, same . . . . . 12.00 Washington Township. Alex. Foggy, clerk . . . . . 5.00 Fred Grossman, trustee . . . . . 5.00 Gus Miller, same . . . . . 8.00 Herman Vogt, same . . . . . 5.00 West Point Township. Herman Lohman, clerk . . . . . 8.00 Theo. Vonderhaar, trustee . . . . . 15.00 John Reuter, same . . . . . 11.00 J. G. Honadel, same . . . . . 5.00

Petit jurors, D. C. . . . . 1,358 10 Balliffs, D. C. . . . . 182 00 Witnesses, S. C., Keokuk . . . . . 9 60 Total . . . . . \$1,751 70 The request of Washington township for aid from the county road fund was referred to Supervisor Hosier.

The claim of the C. B. & Q. railway for freight on ice to the county home was referred to the county attorney. The petition of C. J. Carlson for reduction of assessment on certain real estate in Keokuk was granted upon recommendation of the assessor. The petition of D. B. Howell for refund of road poll tax overpaid was granted.

The petition of Ed. Hoffman for reduction of assessment on E. 1/2 lot 625, Fort Madison, was granted upon recommendation of the city council. On motion the following annual financial report of W. H. South, county auditor, was approved and ordered filed:

Annual Report. To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Lee county, Iowa: Gentlemen—I herewith submit my annual financial report showing warrants drawn on the different funds of Lee county, for the year 1909. The county treasurer's report shows the receipts and disbursements of the different funds by him, and this report shows the various items of the disbursements. Respectfully submitted, W. H. SOUTH, County Auditor.

Board of Supervisors. Geo. A. Brinkman, salary . . . \$108.00 Committee work . . . . . 365.00 Mileage . . . . . 207.20 \$ 680.20 G. W. Krieger, salary . . . . . \$148.00 Committee work . . . . . 648.00 Mileage . . . . . 380.25 \$ 1,176.25 I. Hosier, salary . . . . . \$148.00 Committee work . . . . . 678.00 Mileage . . . . . 398.75 \$ 1,224.75 John Lachmann, salary . . . . . \$ 8.00 Committee work . . . . . 54.00 Mileage . . . . . 17.00 \$ 79.00 Livery hire, board of supervisors . . . . . \$247.00 \$ 247.00

Timpe & Schroeder, furniture C. H. and jail, Ft. Madison Anborn Bros., stationery Chas. M. Samson, city director, Fort Madison A. P. Meyer, correcting assessor's plats . . . . . 5.00 McManus & Tucker, ice county home . . . . . 32.02 Same, repairs, same . . . . . 30.36 John T. Welsh, stone for rock pile, Keokuk . . . . . 68.95 City of Keokuk, sundry quarantine expenses . . . . . 1771.26 F. C. Fabor, supplies county superintendent . . . . . 4.00 Henry Kesselring, salary executive office S. C. Keokuk Jos. Buckley, nightwatch C. H. Fort Madison H. J. Kennedy, deputy treasurer, postage . . . . . 11.70 Same, transportation poor, Ft. Madison . . . . . 13.36 Wm. Reimbold, county treasurer, extra clerk hire . . . . . 100.00 Same, office expenses . . . . . 9.97 Same, premium on official bond . . . . . 187.50 Same, transportation poor, & Melchior Boerger, burial poor, West Point . . . . . 14.00 State of Iowa, Orphans' Home account . . . . . 36.00 A. LeFevre, justice fees, Montrose . . . . . 3.50 F. Armentrout, constable's fees, same . . . . . 1.85 Sundry witness fees, LeFevre's court . . . . . 2.00 Geo. A. Brinkman, salary, per diem and mileage, county supervisor . . . . . 86.80 I. Hosier, same . . . . . 73.70 Peter Scheffler, Jr., same . . . . . 31.10 On motion the following court certificates were allowed to Wm. Reimbold, county treasurer:

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Special Deputy Auditor, Keokuk. G. N. Vermillion, salary . . . . . \$180.00 Postage . . . . . 4.89 \$ 184.89 County Recorder. F. C. Chambers, salary . . . . . \$1,600.00 Extra help . . . . . 40.00 Postage . . . . . 15.45 Expense drawing jury, Keokuk . . . . . 12.00 \$ 1,667.45

Deputy County Recorder. Ed. G. Vaughan, salary . . . . . \$ 712.00 Postage . . . . . 6.50 Extra help . . . . . 40.00 \$ 1,158.50 County Treasurer. Wm. Reimbold, salary . . . . . \$3,300.00 Extra help . . . . . 150.00 Postage . . . . . 43.95 \$ 3,493.95

Deputy Clerk District Court. O. R. Johnston, salary . . . . . \$1,525.00 Extra compensation, probate . . . . . 100.00 Postage . . . . . 53.24 Expense to Keokuk . . . . . 1.50 \$ 1,679.74 (To be continued.) A Lost Day. Is that most completely lost of all days is that upon which you have not laughed.—Chamfort.

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