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MARK TWAIN. 'Twas wooded banks with peaceful flow, And towering cliffs 'neath sunlight glow.

We see afar the curl of smoke, And hear the paddle's rapid stroke, As with alternate puff of steam, The monster glides along the stream.

Memories sweet and memories sad— Memories bright and memories glad, Of years and voices now long fled—

In other words, the fruit crop was "canned" too soon. April did its worst. March could have done no more.

The fact that Mark Twain was worth a cool million is further proof that it pays to be identified with Keokuk early in one's career.

Besides, the return of winter weather had the effect of sending the peckaboo waist into retirement. There is no great loss without some gain.

An Ohio man died while beating a carpet. Any man, be he an Ohioan or not, who will deliberately beat a carpet—But beware! What's the use?

The consensus of opinion among the informed is that there is only one thing more trying than being a census enumerator, and that is being a census supervisor.

The Sioux City Tribune says philosophically that if Iowa can deliver the corn and hogs she can afford to buy the fruit. The value of the reflection is increased by the fact that Iowa never fails to deliver those staple products.

ing saved the corn, wheat, oats and rye. The esteemed Davenport Democrat is responsible for the following: "Keokuk is happy as a Mississippi river clam over its water power prospects. The papers have printed so many pictures of the proposed dam there that they have finally been driven to the admission that they haven't a dam picture left."

A Chicago paper in giving its approval to the appointment of Governor Hughes, says that Hughes has shown other reformers "how it is possible to correct abuses without desolating the land. He has shown how to drive out the rats without burning the barn." This is directly the opposite of the Democrat idea.

Secretary Sumner of the state board of health, taking note of the fact that some of the doctors of the state are criticizing the state board and would favor its abolition, states that under the Pennsylvania system of having a health commissioner the salaries are very high and the expense enormous as compared with Iowa. He is fully convinced that the Iowa system is right and that the board of health as now constituted is an admirable body for caring for the health of the public.

The Cedar Rapids Republican does not take much stock in the reports that Senator Dolliver is coming to Iowa to tell the people how to vote at the primary. "He is hardly that kind of a man," The Republican adds: "He is wise enough to realize that the people of Iowa believe they know how to vote without instruction from Washington. Senator Dolliver realizes he has enough to do to attend properly to his duties in Washington, letting the people of the state take care of their own minor offices."

Speaking before the New York produce exchange Secretary Wilson urged the proper conservation of the soil as the only permanent means of relief from a continuation of an increase in the cost of living. "We cannot afford to bring food from a foreign country," he said, "and we must see to it that our western farms produce enough not only for the home consumption, but also to sell abroad and square up the balance of trade." Patriotism and enlightened self-interest both set the seal of their approval upon the secretary's good advice.

The postal authorities have suggested to several concerns in this state that the word Iowa should be spelled out in full when being used as part of an address on mail matter. The reason for the notice is to prevent the confusion occurring through the similarity of ways in which many people write "Ia" and "I.s." In consequence it frequently happens that "Ia" is mistaken for "I.s." and letters intended for Iowa are sent to Louisiana instead. The names of Iowa, Ohio and Utah are brief enough to be spelled out in full without hardship to anyone.

FRUIT CROP A TOTAL LOSS. Col. H. C. Cupp, the Illinois apple king, says the loss of the fruit crop is a total one. He does not believe there will be an apple, peach, pear or apricot in Adams county, Illinois, this year. In conversation with a newspaper reporter he said further: "Up to twelve o'clock last Saturday night I had as fine a prospect for apples as I ever had in my life, but my men let the fires go out and the seven or eight degrees of freezing killed every apple in the orchard. Up to that time we kept fires going in the orchard night after night and thus protected the buds but the hard freeze of Saturday night killed everything. My loss will be several thousand dollars and in Adams county the loss will be incalculable. I understand that Colonel Dalton's crop is all killed and that there will be no fruit raised in that part of the country. It is one of the greatest calamities that has befallen this country in many years."

The question is now being discussed in some localities whether or not the trees will shed their leaves and put forth new leaves, or whether new life will be put into the leaves that are now shriveled and drooping. Sentiment seems to be divided on this question and time alone can settle it.

A STANDPAT APOSTATE. The information has come to Iowa by way of Washington that T. B. Hotchkiss of the Lake City Graphic, standpatter, has become a convert to insurgency. The insurgent papers have made much of the announcement and sought to create the impression that it was a matter of profound importance and significance. Now comes the Carroll Herald and lets all the wind out of their bladders. The Herald says in commenting upon the announcement: "The public of this region will be glad of this information for its mere news value. During the many years that Mr. Hotchkiss has conducted a newspaper at Lake City no one has been able to identify him either as a standpatter or anything else. In a political sense, for pure vanity, no newspaper in Iowa has equalled the Lake City Graphic. The position of the Graphic has always been receptive. Mr. Hotchkiss has held himself in that innocuous position before the public that he could support anything or anybody at any time. And the Graphic has never supported anything very hard. The news from Washington that he has been a standpatter has exactly the same importance as the news that he is now an insurgent. When viewed in the light that neither fact is important and that the apostasy of Hotchkiss will not influence a vote in Calhoun county save possibly his own

the circumstance is about as important as much of the other news coming from Washington through John Shure." Alas for the latest sensation sprung by the insurgent press! Now that it has been so quickly done for, one wonders what it was begun for.

TWO PRAYERS. The Williamsburg Journal tells of a Republican who drew apart from his party workers who were giving a faithful representation of Donnybrook Fair, or the famed felices of Kilkeney, and prayed as follows: "O Lord, save us from ourselves. It was always sport for us to take care of our ancient enemy but the trial through which we are now passing is beyond our skill and we implore Thy help. Strike the insurgents with a ninety-day numbness, lest their aspic tongues goad us to deeds desperate and damned. And, O Lord, blind the regulars until harvest time so that in their helplessness their wandering wisdom may again return. Blot out our past, O Lord, from the minds of men—and do it now—or we go yelping, spitting, scuffling, snarling into a quarrelsome grave."

On the same authority, a Democrat drew aside from a love-feast and prayed thus: "O Lord, my heart swells with joy at the turning of the tide that lauded us out in the desert of Defeat. The winter of our discontent is being made glorious and we appear to have the G. O. P. elephant by the tail and on a down hill pull. But, O Lord, once, twice, yea, several times have we lost our grip at the very column of Victory. Therefore, make us wise, teach us to forget Palmer and Buckner, the Cross of Gold, 16 to 1, Imperialism, free trade and all the frothy runnings at the mouth that made our oratory sublimely ridiculous. Thou knowest, O Lord, our inclination to foolishness, our predisposition to chase the nimble rainbow, our proneness to prate in populist pipe-dreams; cure us of all this—and then watch us do the rest."

NOTES AND COMMENT. The Malcolm Leader tells of a "cold freeze" that visited that part of Iowa. "Garst wants to be beaten again," notes the Britt Tribune. "He will be, all right." The Sioux City Tribune has noticed that good fellows are as a rule mighty poor providers for a family. "I've known 'Uncle Joe' Cannon for about thirty years; and I'd rather have his friendship and rather follow his leadership than that of any man I've known, except wise old Senator Allison; and I'd rather follow his leadership than that of any man in this country has ever produced, excepting Abraham Lincoln.

As for "Cannonism," it is a myth. It is an issue set up by the same coterie of liars and cowards who would deceive the people. It is an attempt to make the people believe that "Uncle Joe" Cannon, seventy-four years old, compels the house of representatives to do his bidding. The whole story and all of the stories attacking "Uncle Joe" Cannon, and the entire blatant howl about "Cannonism," comes from pigmies and poltroons. Their whole issue is false as Hell, and the sooner the fact is spoken out plainly, the better it will be for the political health of this country.

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We Are Queer Folks. Bloomfield Republican: We are queer folks, especially the farmer folks. The editor remembers with good reason, when corn was selling at fifteen cents a bushel, for he was engaged at that time in the agricultural pursuit during the panic years in the early nineties. Oats were about the same price and that, too, in the face of bad crops, the poorest we ever raised. Wheat was about fifty cents and people scoffed at the very idea of dollar wheat. Land was held from \$20 to \$50 an acre and was slow sale at that price. It took a good horse to bring \$75. A good heifer would bring fifteen to twenty dollars, cows twenty-five and thirty; hogs were around three to four dollars per hundred.

And we blamed the Cleveland administration for the low prices and "Populists" multiplied and Bryan's free coinage of silver, "16 to 1," swept over the country. Prices were too low! Thousands of men out of employment. Coxey's ragged army paraded the streets of the national capital. It was the result of low tariff—so the wise ones said. Now the farmers—and all the rest of us, for it's the fashion—are kicking about the high prices. Fact! The same land that sold fifteen years ago for \$25 to \$40 per acre is selling now for \$100 to \$125. A good spring coil will bring \$75; just ordinary farm horses \$150 to \$200; a fairly good cow will bring from \$40 to \$60; hogs are from eight to nine dollars per hundred; corn sixty cents and oats forty-five cents, and wheat about a dollar—and we are blaming the Taft administration and the tariff and the trusts for the high prices! And actually the farmers are among the kickers! The local editor passed a couple of men on the street this week and overheard one of them say—"I've always been a good Republican, but—"

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Another Successful Iowa Boy. Davenport Democrat: You can't stop an Iowa boy when he has ambitions. Clarence Whitehill was a Marengo boy, who went to Chicago to drive an express wagon nights while he studied music in the daytime. His tenor voice was his only capital, but he found work and friends, and now after a

period of study in Europe, is singing prominent roles in the grand opera company at the Chicago Auditorium this week.

KENNEDY AND CANNON. Smith D. Fry Tells Some Plain Truths About the Blatant Howl Against Uncle Joe.

[Special to The Gate City.] WASHINGTON, April 29.—Congressman Kennedy has been accused of having voted more than one hundred times "with the Cannon machine."

This accusation has been made in a publication edited by an alleged Republican. In the name of all that is sane and logical, how should a Republican congressman vote or have voted, except with his fellow Republicans, and against the political enemy, the Democrats? Congressman Kennedy was elected as a Republican; took his seat as a Republican; entered the Republican caucuses and has abided by the decision of those Republican caucuses. He has never cauterized his conscience, nor betrayed the people who voted for him, by voting with the Democrats in congress.

Now, as for the "Cannon machine," it is high time that the people be told the truth, and be compelled to listen to the truth, in spite of the lying chatter and cowardly clatter of political traitors; all of them lying and knowing that they have been lying from beginning to end. No honest man who knows facts in Washington will ever say or write one word against "Uncle Joe" Cannon.

He is the most popular man in the house of representatives; and the most popular man that has ever been known in the house of representatives during the entire history of our government; the only man that has ever been elected speaker four times in succession. Cowards, liars, scurfs and malcontents, have tried to make the people believe that this man, seventy-four years old, goes to Washington and takes 200 stalwart young Republicans by the throat and compels them to elect him speaker of the house of representatives; and the people ought to know that that is a lie on the face of it.

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Twentieth century that the farmers who make their butter and have the butter to sell should be among the "butterers?" Queer folks aren't we, really!

Carver for Senator. Donnellson Review: Joseph Carver is a candidate for the Republican nomination for State Senator from Lee county. At this time we know of no other aspirant for the office on either ticket. Mr. Carver is one of our progressive farmers, a man well informed and thoroughly in touch with business affairs. He is in the prime of life and would represent Lee county at Des Moines in a manner that would reflect credit upon himself and the community he represented.

REGULAR APRIL SESSION Of the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa.

(Continued.) The following persons were appointed to serve as judges and clerks at the coming primary election to be held in Lee county, on June 7, 1910: Cedar township—Judges: A. E. Dick, democrat; Chas. Beard, republican; Raymond Pease, democrat; Clerks: A. B. DeRosear, republican; Wm. Paisley, democrat.

Charleston township—Judges: Jacob Renz, dem.; James Farrel, dem.; C. A. Swinderman, rep. Clerks: J. A. Vermaas, dem.; L. A. Bassett, rep. Denmark township—Judges: J. E. Dow, rep.; A. T. Houston, rep.; Sam Hazen, dem. Clerks: Ed McKee, dem.; Jos. Maxwell, rep.

Franklin township, Donnellson precinct—Judges: August Hirschler, rep.; Peter Lang, dem.; August Krebill, dem. Clerks: Chris Haffner, dem.; Charles Warren, rep. Franklin township, Franklin precinct—Judges: John Abel, rep.; Peter Seyb, dem.; Chas. Timpe, dem. Clerks: August Fey, dem.; Hugo Seyb, rep.

Green Bay township—Judges: Walter H. Huebner, rep.; Geo. C. Gibbs, rep.; John Lachmann, dem. Clerks: Geo. E. Rogers, dem.; John Blume, rep. Harrison township—Judges: J. J. Hohl, dem.; S. R. Hampton, rep.; J. L. Krieger, dem. Clerks: C. C. Proenneke, dem.; J. A. Maxwell, rep.

Jackson township, Inside City of Keokuk—First Precinct—Judges: Rice H. Bell, rep.; Beverly B. Hobbs, dem.; Jesse Baker, rep. Clerks: Charles Frank, rep.; John P. Horvath, dem. Second precinct—Judges: Fred A. Koehling, rep.; T. J. Hickey, dem.; A. J. Seibert, dem. Clerks: E. Starkweather, dem.; Curtis Vanderveer, rep. Third precinct—Judges: S. W. Sisson, dem.; W. M. Maxwell, rep.; J. P. Christy, rep. Clerks: W. H. VanFleet, rep.; S. T. Marshall, dem. Fourth precinct—Judges: S. Daughters, rep.; Chas. Off, dem.; Geo. Banks, rep. Clerks: W. J. Miller, dem.; Fred Brown, rep. Fifth precinct—Judges: Frank L. Griffey, rep.; E. Lindstrand, rep.; Geo. C. Pechstein, dem. Clerks: Fred Fields, rep.; Peter Roan, dem. Sixth precinct—Judges: Henry A. Vogt, dem.; J. R. Roberts, rep.; Peter Wolf, dem.; Chas. Schulz, rep.; Geo. Radasch, dem.

Jackson township, outside City of Keokuk—Judges: William Peters, dem.; Ed. Kerr, dem.; W. W. Carter, rep. Clerks: H. H. Layton, rep.; J. J. Leu, dem. Jefferson township—Judges: Z. T. Lyon, rep.; Fred Auwaerter, dem.; Alex. Bullard, dem. Clerks: Joseph Jaeger, dem.; Carl Day, rep. Madison township—First precinct—Judges: C. C. Williams, dem.; Peter M. Miller, rep.; Wm. Zimmerman, dem. Clerks: Casper Mohrfield, dem.; W. A. Scherfe, rep. Second precinct—Judges: John Junge, dem.; W. E. Brown, rep.; John Elspanjer, dem. Clerks: Andrew Gaylord, dem.; F. A. Amborn, rep. Third precinct—Judges: C. G. Hurt, rep.; H. B. Gockel, dem.; Geo. G. Haessig, dem. Clerks: W. C. Potts, rep.; Arnold Salmon, dem. Fourth precinct—Judges: B. A. Hellige, dem.; Adolph Burster, dem.; W. W. Landes, rep. Clerks: Frank H. Wilken, dem.; Sidney T. Smith, rep. Fifth precinct, east—Judges: B. J. Wilken, dem.; T. L. Peterson, rep.; M. J. Collins, dem. Clerks: Fred Sechtig, rep.; Henry Doering, dem. Sixth precinct, west—Judges: Geo. Marshall, dem.; John Korschgen, dem.; L. J. Kistler,

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rep. Clerks: Ed Payne, dem.; H. C. Cooney, rep. Marion township—Judges: John Raid, dem.; B. Moeller, dem.; Clyde Overton, rep. Clerks: G. L. Fullenbump, dem.; J. B. Clawson, rep. Montrose township—Judges: James Cale, rep.; R. H. Younklin, rep.; S. S. Wright, dem. Clerks: R. P. Allen, rep.; I. H. Stanwood, dem. Pleasant Ridge township—Judges: Gerhard Hellman, dem.; I. N. Snook, dem.; Jos. Goody, rep. Clerks: John Foggy, dem.; Robt. Ranck, rep. Van Buren township—Judges: Tim Driscoll, dem.; V. J. Burke, dem.; John Krebill, rep. Clerks: J. L. South, rep.; W. L. Henkle, dem. West Point township—Judges: Theo. Vonderhaar, dem.; J. G. Honadel, dem.; John Fett, rep. Clerks: Herman Lohman, dem.; Robt. Gardner, rep. Washington township—Judges: Gus Miller, dem.; Herman Vogt, dem.; Arthur Houston, rep. Clerks: Alex. Foggy, dem.; J. G. Rice, rep. Des Moines township—Judges: John Cruze, rep.; Ed Melster, rep.; John Lowrey, dem. Clerks: Ed O'Connor, dem.; Wesley Johnson, rep. On motion the board adjourned to meet Wednesday, April 6, 1910, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, April 6, 1910. Board met pursuant to adjournment. All members present. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and on motion approved. On motion the following claims were allowed: Jas. S. Burrows, justice fees, Keokuk \$250.00 John Leindecker, same 243.00 J. A. Nunn, same, Fort M. 155.00 D. F. Alley, same 197.50 (To be Continued.)

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