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"The Girl With the Whooping Cough" is dead in New York. Bad case.

The fact is remarked by the Davenport Democrat that when insurgency becomes chronic it isn't so cute as when it was acute.

The State Medical society and the tall of Halley's comet are due in Des Moines on the same day. This looks like unjust discrimination in favor of the capital city.

Dolliver and Cummins demand the defeat of Kennedy, Smith and Hull. So do the Democrats in their districts.—Iowa City Republican.

Two excellent reasons why the congressmen named should be re-elected.

Pity Uncle George Perkins' type-writer when that able editor hammers out his opinion of Senator Dolliver these days.—Des Moines Tribune.

More pity is due the subject of Uncle George's remarks.

Wet weather is not pleasant weather, but it is the making of the crops. If we can now have a period of bright warm weather vegetation of all kinds will fairly outdo itself in growth. The season is a bit late, but with proper conditions from now on bumper crops will be possible.

The Iowa senators are demanding the retirement of the Iowa congressmen who voted for the tariff bill. They are asking the retirement of these men because they are "hampering" the senators. This heretofore unheard-of demand prompts the Clinton Herald to say:

"The idea that congressmen represents the senators instead of the districts from which they are sent is a new one. But in these days many new and peculiar ideas are being advanced."

"A man will starve for his art, but almost any woman will write almost anything for money." Thus a prominent English publisher explained the other day the erotic tendencies of modern novels which, he declared, are for the most part written by and for women. The indictment is a strong one, but the important question is, is it true? Some such novels have been written by women, it will have to be confessed, but it remains to be proved that a majority of them are from that source.

The Christian Science Monitor declares that Wales is not lacking in native poets and quotes the following verse from the "Collected Poems and Lyrics" of Elvet Lewis, just published, as proof:

Ond Plentyn Anian erbyn hyn Sy mhobman gartre: ni oes llyn Nad yw yn murmur wrth yrw fryn Ber odlau'r Barrd.

This is, indeed, real poetry. Moreover it expresses thoughts we had long entertained but were unable to find consonants to express.

AN EFFICIENT REPRESENTATIVE.

The First district has had many able and efficient representatives in congress, but no one that was more closely identified with the interests of his constituents than Congressman Kennedy or who accomplished more for them. Mr. Kennedy is one with his constituents in thought and purpose and from the first has been in close touch with them. By means of personal visits and correspondence he has kept informed concerning their needs and wishes, and he has spared neither time nor effort in serving them. In the matter of securing pensions for needy and deserving old soldiers he has been especially active and successful. Many an old soldier's widow, also, owes it to Mr. Kennedy that she is provided for in her old age and can spend her declining years in peace and comfort. As a member of the rivers and harbors committee of the national house Mr. Kennedy has rendered service of especial value to the First district. He has carefully conserved the interests of the district and promoted them whenever possible. He has also been successful in securing a proper share of the appropriation for public buildings, as the people of Fort Madison can testify. In no line of endeavor has our present representative fallen short of public expectation, and in a number of cases he has accomplished the seemingly impossible. If ever a First district congressman fairly

earned renomination and re-election in return for valuable services to his constituents that congressman is Hon. C. A. Kennedy.

FIRST DISTRICT REPUBLICANS.

Commenting upon the insurgent conference at Des Moines, where Cummins announced the standpat congressmen must be defeated at the primaries, the Cedar Rapids Gazette (insurgent, with both ears to the news wire) remarks:

"The opponents of Kennedy, the standpat congressmen in the First district, have not so much confidence in their ability to pull Brookhart through. It is quite probable that Kennedy will be renominated."

It seems to the Burlington Hawk-Eye that this is more than probable. The Hawk-Eye does not believe Mr. Brookhart can carry his own county, although with an abounding optimism he professes to be able to carry all the counties in the district. Reviewing what is being done and the final outcome of it all, the Hawk-Eye says:

"Brookhart is putting money and effort into his campaign and is personally canvassing the entire district. He is given courteous treatment wherever he goes, but inquiries made after his visits to the various localities fail to reveal any marked change of public sentiment. Take Des Moines county as an illustration. Mr. Brookhart established headquarters here and has a number of paid and volunteer workers, but they do not seem to have made any progress in winning Republican voters away from Mr. Kennedy. Nearly all the leading Republicans of Burlington and Des Moines county, both progressive and standpat, are for Kennedy for congress and Carroll for governor. Of some who are not thus classified, they are not pronounced for Brookhart. In fact, Mr. Brookhart's campaign in this county has no particular standing, no conspicuous Republican leaders in its management. And yet Mr. Brookhart is claiming he will carry Des Moines county by five or six hundred majority."

"If the rest of the district cannot make a better showing of hands for him than is manifest in Des Moines county it is difficult to see upon what Mr. Brookhart bases his expectations. Other than the illusions of hope, fond desire and a sanguine temperament. And polls made in Washington, Mr. Brookhart's home county, warrant the expectation that Mr. Kennedy will carry nearly all the precincts."

"So far as Des Moines county is concerned, factional strife has largely subsided. The Republicans desire to present a solid front in the November election and contribute their share toward giving the President a Republican congress next term and also elect a state senator and two representatives in the next general assembly, and a Republican county ticket. Here are motives in abundance, and good ones, for Republican unity and effort to maintain the party organization. And these reasons are all contributory to the nomination of Mr. Carroll for governor and Mr. Kennedy for congressman."

Mr. Brookhart has probably done more work in Des Moines county with a view of influencing the result of the primary election than in any other county in the district. The Hawk-Eye is in position to know the result of his labors and its testimony is valuable as showing how little headway the insurgent candidate, despite his best efforts, has been able to make against Congressman Kennedy. Reports from all over the district are practically to the same effect—that the Republican voters in the various precincts are for Kennedy almost to a man. This is as it should be. Mr. Kennedy is a capable, efficient and worthy representative and should be renominated by a unanimous vote.

THE COMET.

This evening the earth will pass through the tail of Halley's comet, but as the tail is nothing more than light no danger need be apprehended. Halley's comet has made its appearance regularly every seventy-five years since the morning stars sang together, and if any serious results had followed they would have been made a part of history. There is no record of any untoward events on the occasion of any of its previous appearances, and none need be feared now.

There are said to be poisonous gases in the comet's tail, but if so the fact is of academic interest only. The earth is protected by a dense atmosphere two hundred miles thick, against which poisonous gases would hurl themselves in vain. So resistant is the earth's atmosphere that solid meteors cannot penetrate it without burning up. Gases, whether poisonous or not, are still less capable of doing harm.

The really remarkable phenomenon in connection with the comet's present appearance is that at the time the comet crosses the plane of the earth, the sun, the comet and the earth will be in a straight line, with the comet between the earth and the sun. It will be twelve million miles from the earth and about eighty million miles from the sun. The coincidence of the comet being between the earth and the sun at almost the same hour that it crosses the plane of the earth is exceedingly rare. It may not happen again for many centuries.

FARM LOAN RATE RISING.

An interesting announcement from Chicago is set forth in Bradstreet's, to which attention is called by the Keokuk Star-Courier, to the effect that various trust companies, insurance organizations and other western financial interests have of late marked up their rates for loans secured by mortgages on farm properties in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and other western agricultural states. By reason of these latest advances the minimum rate of interest on such loans is now established at 6 per cent, and the statement is made that the object in raising the rate was not to check land speculation in general but

to place the business upon a normal basis, inasmuch as the demand for such loans had come to be greatly in excess of the supply.

One element in the matter is the large volume of loans created in connection with plans for irrigation, and many bond issues have been put forth on such properties, it being noted that in some cases the schemes in question may admittedly present danger to the unwary investor. On the other hand conservative western banking interests are quoted to the effect that, on the whole, the present crop of farm mortgages represents a demand for money to be used in improving the land and increasing the productive capacity of farms.

SECRETARY BALLINGER.

The Cedar Rapids Republican calls attention to the fact that there is one admirable thing about Secretary Ballinger—he is not a quitter. He is a man of courage. He hates a snake in office and has no hesitation in disposing of him. He is not a man who can be bluffed. The Republican continues:

"He knows that he has been the victim of a vile and vicious conspiracy, a conspiracy in which a number of ambitious officials were concerned. They hate him because President Taft had invited him to take the place that they thought belonged to young Garfield. But they have had a courageous man to deal with. Mr. Ballinger is the man who cleaned up Seattle. He found that city rotten with corruption, infested with gamblers and red light women. Although a western city, he did not hesitate to apply to it the higher standards. He routed them all. He cleaned the city and did so courageously that President Roosevelt immediately invited him to Washington to clean out the Augean stables of the national land office. President Taft still further promoted him and the efforts that have been made to break him down will come to nothing."

President Roosevelt is an extraordinarily good judge of men and it may be safely assumed that he made no mistake in insisting that the government should have the benefit of Mr. Ballinger's services. On the Pacific coast, where he is best known, Mr. Ballinger enjoys the public confidence in an exceptional degree. A recent visitor to that part of the country told the writer of this article the other day that no one could say a word against him in any of the northwestern states without being promptly "called down." It was further intimated that the "calling down" procedure would be more forcible than elegant. The presumption is wholly in Mr. Ballinger's favor.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

"The open season for worry over the outlook for the corn crop will find plenty of Iowans on the job, as usual," remarks the Des Moines Tribune.

"Three years ago," recalls the Carroll Herald, "interference in Iowa politics by the Washington crowd was resented. Just as indicating that the world does move, it is all right now."

The Brighton Enterprise suggests that too many people burn the midnight oil when they ought to be in bed asleep and then lie abed in the morning when the sun furnishes free light for everybody.

"Honey, the boys have signed a round robin asking me to come to the poker party tonight."

"Not tonight, my love. No one but an easy mark is that popular with the poker players."

President Taft.

Creston Advertiser: The name of Taft will live long after the names of those who can find no good in him are forgotten. The people do not admire the egotist and the self-seeker, and while perhaps such a man may have a momentary triumph, his success is short lived and he is soon relegated to the rear, forsaken and forgotten. Taft is endeavoring to carry out the pledges of the Republican party made in its national platform and he ought to have the help and support of every Republican who believes in redemption of party pledges above mere political advancement for themselves. President Taft is an upright, hard-working, conscientious official. He is a student of affairs and he knows conditions and circumstances and he is not the pliable tool of any class of men or of any interest. He is just a man of the people who is anxious to accomplish things which will bring peace and plenty to them and theirs.

President Taft is not a fool, neither is he a knave.

Advertising Keokuk.

Oskaloosa Herald: The board of directors of the Commercial club of Keokuk has decided to launch a big campaign of advertising, and every city and town and hamlet in the United States is to be told of the opportunities at Keokuk for the manufacturer, merchant and homeseeker. Publicity pays and Keokuk will reap a generous reward.

Worry for Dolliver.

Senator Dolliver's analysis of the tariff law is receiving unqualified praise from Democratic newspapers. The senior Iowa senator will be phenomenally lucky if some of his utterances on the subject do not return to plague him in future years.—Keokuk Gate City.

Burlington Hawk-Eye: Dolliver has earned his worryment. If that were all, the circumstance would not be worth more than a passing notice. Unfortunately, the senator was elected as a Republican and still poses as a Republican while consorting with the Democrats in fighting Republican administration measures and trying to

defeat a Republican for a second term in the governorship. It is the party that suffers most severely by the senator's political tergiversations and ingratitude. Dolliver practically says he is above the Republican party and that he will go his own way, a saying never uttered by Lincoln, Grant, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft or other Republican leaders.

Carroll at Manila.

Des Moines Capital: Governor Carroll sounded a key-note Saturday night in his opening campaign speech at Manila which will certainly be gratifying to his friends and will give his enemies something to think about—unless factional prejudice has made thought impossible.

The governor is placed in a trying position, but he handled himself with tact. Naturally averse to self-exploitation he was nevertheless forced to make a personal defense of himself and his administration. We publish his speech in full elsewhere and commend it to the Republican voters of Iowa for a fair and impartial reading.

Before being nominated and elected governor Mr. Carroll held the office of state auditor. He was one of the best auditors the state ever had and brought about a complete transformation in the method of transacting the public business. It was the knowledge of his good work as auditor which worked so largely to his advantage in his candidacy for governor.

Governor Carroll has not been a spectacular governor, but he has attended to the official duties. When he has found grafters he has discharged them. Men affiliated with the opposing faction in Republican politics have in scores of cases been permitted to hold their places in case their work was otherwise acceptable.

Who imagines that a stand-pat Republican would be permitted to remain on a state house pay roll in case the opposition should secure full control of the state administration?

Governor Carroll has given the state the same business administration as governor which he gave as auditor. When he became governor there was a treasury balance of a little more than \$51,000. On the ninth day of the present month there was a treasury balance of \$1,165,731—certainly not the kind of a showing which should discredit the administration in the eyes of the taxpayers of this state.

Governor Carroll ought not to have been compelled to make a campaign for renomination. He would not but for the selfish ambitions of men who are determined to drive out of public life those whom they cannot control.

We do not believe, however, that the anti-Carroll campaign can be a success. The Capital could create a sensation in Iowa if it were permitted to publish some of the communications received from all parts of the state that while the writers have been progressive in other years, they are determined to stand by Carroll this year, as they believe his defeat would be a blow from which the Republican party in Iowa would not recover in years.

Governor Carroll can make a campaign upon his own merits as a citizen and public official and upon the record of his administration. When to these things are added as a political asset that sense of fair play which permeates the breast of the average man, the prediction would seem warranted that the result of the primary three weeks from tomorrow will crown his campaign with the well done of popular approval.

When the Earth Passes Through the Comet's Tail.

Edwin F. Nauty, in Collier's for this week, presents the following scientific view of what may happen today:

When Halley's comet, on May 18, passes between the earth and the sun, and the earth during the time the comet is transiting the sun's disk, is swept by the celestial searchlight, there will be no danger to the earth from the "tail of diffused sunlight," but there may be danger from the focal point as it sweeps across the rays of sunlight which it condenses.

The gaseous head of the comet, anywhere from 12 to 20 times the size of the earth, acting as a great lens, must bring to a focal point somewhere in space, the rays of sunlight which it condenses.

If this focal point should reach the earth's surface, it would sweep a path of fiery destruction along the zone it traveled. Yet, as the comet and earth are moving in opposite directions and the earth's speed is, roughly, 66,000 miles an hour, that of the comet being about 90,000 miles an hour, the time of passage of this focal point over the earth's surface could not be more than six hours nor cover more than 90 degrees of longitude, or a distance of one quarter of the earth's circumference.

Fortunately there are few centers of population in the zone traversed. Mexico City and Bombay, India, are almost in line, but the only heavily inhabited regions are those of Siam, Annam, Luzon and Hawaii. This does not mean that any of these places are to be destroyed by the flaming focal point of the comet. Far from it. The comet would have to be many times its present size, much nearer the earth and of greater density to be able to condense sunlight in the manner in which, by using a lens of glass, the focalized rays of sunlight are made to volatilize metals.

From the rays of sunlight forming the tail of the comet there is no danger to the earth. The only effect of these, as light, will be to cause an extra brilliant day or light night. But in the rays of invisible solar force, transmitted to the earth by the comet, may be a cause for earth tremors, storms and other phenomena.

The passage of every comet between the earth and the sun is always accompanied by such disturbances.

If we compare the solar system to a watch, of which the sun is the mainspring and the planets the works, it is quite evident that any abnormal body entering this solar watch would be bound to disturb its regular motion and this disturbance would depend solely on the size and density of the abnormal body. The comparison is crude since it refers only to motion, and it is a well established fact that planets have no effect on the motion of the earth on its axis or orbit.

Ordinarily the earth receives only an infinitesimal amount of the energy radiated from the sun, but if between the earth and sun is interposed a rapidly moving sphere of gas, acting as a lens and capable of focusing extra solar force on it, it is quite evident that the earth must adjust itself to absorb this extra force in some manner. The atmosphere vapors may do it by condensing into clouds, haze or fog, thus shielding the earth from the extra light rays, but if the invisible solar force rays pass through the earth as X-rays through opaque substances, the only adjustment possible to the earth is a rearrangement of its molecular parts equaling in energy the extra solar energy in which the earth is temporarily bathed, thus come such earth tremors and quakes, auroras, disturbances of the atmosphere shell resulting in storms, fogs, strong winds, magnetic and electrical disturbances and an unusually sensitive chemical condition in which potentially explosive compounds, having their slight stability upset, blow up without cause.

Good Democratic Speeches. Clinton Herald: The Democrats of Iowa are patting themselves on the back and feeling better than they have for a long time. Two Republican (?) senators came to Iowa last week and made speeches. They were the best Democratic speeches that have been made in Iowa in many a long day. Not only were they the best, but they will prove more effective by reason of the fact that they were made by men who claim to be Republicans.

DENMARK.

Miss Ruth Park entertained her friend, Mrs. Norva Lewis, of Danville last week.

Mrs. Steele of Nebraska is visiting her brother, Timothy Whitmarsh.

Professor Hale is enjoying a visit from his twin brother of Olds, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holstein of Burlington drove out Saturday and remained until this Monday morning with his brother, Joe Holstein, and family.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saylor was called by death Friday night, after being ill about thirty hours. The family have the sympathy of all in their sorrow. The body was taken to Nauvoo for interment.

Miss Vida Marsh has closed her term of school west of town and gone to her home in Fort Madison.

Miss Kittie Sniff spent last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Van Turyle, west of town.

The public school closed last Friday with a short program by the pupils. Professor Hales and Miss Arnold have both been retained for their positions next year. There was a large graduating class and all carried their parts well. The address by Rev. Gageby of Fort Madison was enjoyed by all. The songs given by the Girls' Glee club were well rendered. It was all good. There is only praise for all who helped to make it so.

Mrs. Nathan Lewis and children, who visited the parental G. Wilder home and her sister, Mrs. Edward Dow, have returned to their home in Danville.

The memorial sermon on May 29. Mrs. Woodruff has a fine new buggy, purchased of our new implement and hardware man, C. Showalter, who hauled over from Sawyer nine loads of buggies, carriages, etc., for the room back of his blacksmith shop, that he has fitted up for implements and vehicles.

How to Convince Her. When a girl makes up her mind that she is a man's affinity he may as well shorten the trouble by marrying her and convincing her that she isn't.

CHARLESTON.

Sunday morning there passed through Charleston a pedestrian or tramp who though on a smaller scale than Weston, the great walker, was fully equipped for travel, having his head well wrapped and carrying a small kettle. He walked rapidly as though he would not give up until he had pillowed his head on the Missouri shore.

Thomas Dresser of Montrose was in town Saturday.

Mrs. L. A. Bassett and children attended the circus in Keokuk Friday.

Miss Mollie Schwarzenbrenner returned from Keokuk Friday.

A. Nevill of Argyle was a guest of John Caldwell Tuesday.

James Paschal spent Sunday with his family near LaCrew.

Miss Lula Allen of Montrose spent Sunday with Miss Iva Kerns.

Mrs. C. S. Bassett and daughters, Miss Grace, a teacher in the public school, and Miss Bessie, a music teacher, of Warren, were in town Friday.

A. R. Coffey of New Boston was a business caller here Friday.

Henry Bentzinger of Charleston, and John Bentzinger of Primrose, were called to Medill, Mo., Monday by the death of their uncle Phillip Martin, of that place. They left for Medill on the Santa Fe Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. David Woodward and baby of Burlington are guests of Mrs. Maria Pickering while enroute to California.

C. A. Swinderman and family and Vermazen Bros. families attended the funeral of the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Simm Griswold of Fort Madison Friday. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Griswold in the loss of a bright little boy. Mrs. Griswold was formerly Miss Eva Swinderman of Charleston.

Miss Mabel Busby spent Sunday with Miss Frances Marsh.

Mrs. Albert Soland of Niota, Ill., is a guest of Herman Haase, Sr., who is in feeble health.

Mrs. Robt. Lamb entertained the Willing Workers in a very pleasant way Thursday.

REVERE, MO.

Mrs. C. E. Lucas visited last week with Miss Florence McCabe of Kahoka.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Norton entertained Mr. Norton's mother of Fort Madison last week.

Grover Sells, wife and children of Medill are spending a few days with L. A. Marsh and family.

Rev. Alexander filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning and night.

Lenna Painter was shopping in Kahoka Saturday.

Bert Richey came down Sunday morning from Fort Madison and brought his little sister who has been visiting there for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Shea and children of Fox City, spent Sunday with Mrs. Shea's mother, Mrs. Epperhart.

Mrs. Devance entertained friends from Medill Saturday evening.

Advertisement for Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder. A straight, honest, healthful cream of tartar baking powder. Made from Grapes. Contains not a grain of injurious ingredient. Dr. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER. Fifty Years the Standard. No Alum. No Lime Phosphate.

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