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The only trouble with the "falling stars" was that they didn't fall.

The comet agony is over, but the primary election is still pending.

Anyway, the comet had the effect of making some people good for a little while.

Is a mighty lucky, also more or less exceptional, preacher, who, undertaking to go to congress, doesn't land in hades.

The comet will be visible again this evening, after which the comet party season will be closed for another seventy-five years.

An Ida Grove pastor has set aside next Sunday as "Father's Day." We thought ministers were opposed to baseball on Sunday.

Bill Nye once referred to a five-shot revolver as "Professor Colt's five volume treatise on ventilation of the human system." There have been worse definitions than this.

Complaint has been made that the "average precipitation" of aviators is too high. The remedy is for those who go up in the air not to fly higher than they can roost.

Now that the comet is receding at more than cannon-ball speed it is to be hoped that the superstitious southern darkies—and some other people—will return to work.

It would be interesting to know what the people who were so cocksure that the passage of the earth through the comet's tail would be attended by dire consequences think of themselves now.

The penalty of life imprisonment in Dr. Hyde's case expresses, in the view of the Dubuque Times-Journal, the lingering doubt in the minds of one or more jurors. If the man is guilty he should hang.

Even Atlantic, Iowa, with less than half the population of Keokuk, is to have a "Great White Way" on its main street. The improvement is by order of the city council. The electricians are to be of the five-cluster light kind, the same as are used in Des Moines. It is high time for Keokuk to move in the same direction.

A Catholic priest in Chicago asserts that the Germans and Irish are falling us in the matter of setting married and raising Rooseveltian families. If the complaint is well founded, the situation is indeed serious. The Germans and Irish have been the main reliance of the country in that particular for many years, and the product has been highly satisfactory.

The average Keokuk man wisely insists on knowing what he is talking about before expressing himself. In proof witness the following from the Memphis (Mo.) Democrat:

"A drummer from Keokuk was asked by a Memphis merchant last Friday if they had the Mississippi dammed yet. He replied by asking the question, 'In what way do you mean?'"

Congressman Kennedy, of Ohio, is a standpat Taft Republican. He was renominated last Tuesday over his insurgent competitor. Says the Burlington Hawk-Eye:

"That event is a token. Congressman Kennedy, of Iowa, who likewise is a Taft Republican, will have similar endorsement at the primaries. In other words, the Republicans of other states are 'putting Republicans on guard.'"

Mr. Gates A. Ryther, vice president of the Live Stock National Bank, of Chicago, tells of a conversation he recently heard on a train. The prevailing high price of farm products was under discussion. There were farmers in the party. They accounted for an advance in the price of eggs, which had become effective about that time, on the theory that the girls were taking music lessons and the farmers just boosted the price a little. Hogs went up, the farmers said, when the boys went to college last fall, and a universal advance in the price of butter was attributed to the purchase of automobiles by the farmers. The conclusion drawn by Mr. Ryther from these revelations is that the banker isn't in it with the farmer.

Hon. G. A. Feely, of Waterloo, is making an active canvass for the Republican nomination for attorney general, and the indications are that his efforts will be crowned with success. The newspapers, in announcing his presence in their several localities, agree in saying that he makes a favorable impression. In case of his nomination and election the state will be assured the services of a capable and worthy official.

The Cantril New Era says: "Judging from a Gate City head line 'New Suits in The District Court, we would be led to believe that Keokuk's court room had been turned into a clothing store.'"

The district court in Keokuk does not deal directly in clothing, but it does its share toward keeping up the demand for striped suits at Fort Madison. Instead of being a clothing store the court room has for its most prominent feature a Bank.

The apple cure for drunkenness is again attracting a good deal of attention. The Kewanee Star-Courier suggests that it can hardly be called new, as it figures in one of the stories that has been told for twenty-five years. The town drunkard was expatiating on the apple cure. "You believe in it, then, do you, Hank?" a "listener asked. "Believe in it?" replies Hank: "How can I help believe in it? Ain't it cured me eight times?"

The New York legislature has passed a bill which limits habitual inebriates to one drunk a year, without penalty. Persons who get drunk often than once a year and are caught at it are liable to be sent to a hospital or farm colony provided for in the bill. And they will have not less than one and not more than three years in which to sober up. The one-drunk-a-year arrangement is not without value, but the statute should have provided that the drunk should not be continuous. Habitual inebriates can easily escape the penalty by keeping drunk all the year.

THE PREACHER IN POLITICS.

Rev. John H. Booth, pastor of the Christian church in Centerville, has announced to his congregation that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress in the Eleventh district and wishes to be relieved of pastoral duties shortly after the primary in case he is successful. If not nominated he is willing to serve until the end of his year, October 1. Mr. Booth will be thirty years of age on August 25, so that by the time of election he will be on the right side of the qualifying age. It doesn't need to be said that the gentleman is making a mistake. He would be making a mistake if he were a Republican seeking that party's endorsement. Any preacher worthy of the name makes a mistake in abandoning the pulpit for politics. He lowers the dignity of his ministerial office in so doing and it is only in exceptional cases, like that of Garfield, that politics is benefited by his entrance into public life. Preachers, as a class, make poor politicians. Either they fall utterly and abandon politics as they abandoned the pulpit, or else they recklessly go to extreme lengths in their efforts to succeed and are ultimately forced from public life by outraged public sentiment. In either event a preacher who has become a water-logged politician is a pitiable object. He is unfitted to resume his sacred calling and he is at the end of his usefulness as a public man. His only asset is bitter self reproach for having made such a fool of himself.

PARTY LOYALTY.

We are hearing much in these days of insurgency in congress of what it is doing to purge our politics of bosses and other baneful influences. But Senator Hitchcock in the Adel News points out the fact that if the idea had been popular in Iowa in recent years a few men who are now imagining themselves to be chief engineers of the relief organization, to save the people from invented peril would not have been in position to kick up the dust. One of the points made by Senator Hitchcock is that if insurgency had been popular in Iowa four years ago the anti-Cummins Republicans would have bolted just as the insurgents in congress have bolted, defeated Mr. Cummins for governor and elected Claude R. Porter, the Democratic candidate. Another point is that if bolting in Iowa had been popular a year ago last winter those Republican members of the legislature who opposed the nomination of A. B. Cummins for the senate would have bolted the caucus nomination, voted for Claude R. Porter and sent him to the senate to represent Iowa. Senator Hitchcock says by way of comment on these cases:

"In both of them after Mr. Cummins became the nominee of his party the appeal to party loyalty alone saved his defeat. Had Iowa Republicans voters done as he has done and as the insurgents have done, Mr. Cummins would have been the worst repudiated man in Iowa. But when he was nominated over George D. Perkins the call was for every Republican to stand by the party. Those who refused to do so were branded as bolters."

"When Mr. Cummins received the endorsement of the primary for senator every Republican legislator was called upon to stand by the primary result. When the legislature was nominated for the legislative caucus was held and Mr. Cummins was nominated for senator every progressive in the state called upon the members of the legislature to stand by the caucus nominee. The rule of the majority was insisted upon and the submission of the minority to the decision of the majority saved Mr. Cummins from defeat. Now both Mr.

Cummins and all the insurgents have declared that no majority decision binds them, no caucus result places them under obligation to act in harmony with the majority and no majority or party loyalty influences their action. Mr. Cummins is twice fortunate in not having insisted upon political independence until he was elected to the senate. Political, or party, loyalty twice saved him from defeat."

THE SUPREME COURT CLERK-SHIP.

When John C. Crockett resigned the office of clerk of the supreme court H. L. Bosquet was deputy and T. H. Grubb was file clerk. The supreme court knew both men, and their work, and it unanimously appointed Bosquet to fill the vacancy, though Grubb was a candidate and Bosquet was not and though Bosquet endorsed Grubb. Thereafter, Bosquet made Grubb his deputy, and he served over two years, and then resigned to become a candidate against Bosquet, who had stood out of his way, endorsed him and promoted him. Encouraged by this, and probably hoping that a state primary made all things possible, a Mr. Garrett also became a candidate, giving as his reason that he had suffered many scars by engaging in factional politics. In recalling these facts of history the Carroll Herald makes a strong plea for the renomination of Mr. Bosquet as a justification of the primary law. Its argument, which is quite convincing, is as follows:

"A single term for clerk of the supreme court is four years, and Mr. Bosquet has served a few months more than two years. Unless there be some good reason for doing it, it will disgrace the primary should Mr. Bosquet be denied a renomination, under the conditions we have described. There is anything but good reason for it. The very appointment by the supreme court is the highest evidence that the man is highly fit for the place. Iowa never had a better clerk, and that is saying much. Though an elective state office, Mr. Bosquet will meet a train late in the night to help some one file a paper in time. The evenings find him at work as though he were a beginner, striving for promotion, instead of the head of a state department. It is a pleasant sight to watch him help some humble litigant who wants information. He has a courtesy that is delightful because so absolutely kindly and genuine, and so unlike the skindipe politeness of the politician."

"We do not hold that men should be given office simply because they were soldiers, but we still are proud of the patriotic sentiment of the Republican party, which has always led it to deal tenderly with those who risked their lives for our salvation. There will not be many candidates this year who wore the blue; and there must be less and less every year. Mr. Bosquet, with his superior fitness, combines the recommendation that he carried a musket for three years. If such men are to be denied a renomination for their first full term it was a mistake to have a state-wide primary."

"We have supreme faith in the good sense of the Iowa Republican of any shade, and we earnestly urge and believe that Mr. Bosquet should be and that he will be triumphantly nominated. We assure the people of Iowa that he will continue to deserve success by doing his whole duty ably and faithfully."

C. A. Kennedy.

Farmington News-Republican: The only claim that the enemies of C. A. Kennedy can bring against him is the fact that he stood with the regular Republicans and voted for the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill and other measures which were in line with the program of the regulars. But may we ask, is it a crime for a man to stand by and voice the sentiments of his constituency? No, Mr. Kennedy was elected on the very principles for which he has stood and can lay claim to being consistent. He did not betray the people of the First district; he is their representative and did as they expected he would do and as he claimed he would do when he asked for the nomination. The claim was made that he voted to keep Joe Cannon in the chair as speaker, but did not every progressive Republican do the same thing? They had a chance to line up with the Democrats and unseat Cannon, but they did not do it and why should any blame be attached to Kennedy for not doing what even the boldest insurgent was afraid to do. Let us be fair. It is conceded by all that Mr. Kennedy is a man of irreproachable character in both private and public life, is active, energetic and attentive to his duties. Those things should count both in the First district of Iowa as well as in Washington.

Recent Discovery.

Donnellan Review: The Farmington Republican has recently discovered that Congressman Kennedy has been voting with the Republicans in congress. Brother Carr was not the original discoverer of this fact; others have noticed this state of affairs for several years, and with a majority of the voters of the First district this is not considered a crime, but when a man loses a postmaster's ship his eyes are suddenly opened to the fact that the present congressional incumbent is a failure. Our esteemed contemporary should change its name

to avoid sailing under false colors. How would "Farmington Insurgent" do?

THE LESSON OF HISTORY.

A Prominent Keokuk Republican Reminds Iowa Senators of Fate of Sumner and Schurz.

To the Editor of The Gate City:

I have just been reading of one of the greatest events in the history of the Republican party, as well as of the state of Iowa. The personal pronoun "I" of Des Moines and "Me Too" of Fort Dodge, envious of the lack of approval by the Republicans of the country of their efforts in the United States senate to bring our most worthy President into disrepute, and observing an almost uniform symptom of that "tired feeling," by which a disgusted public manifests its disapproval of its hired servants who have proven false to their trust, decided for the good of their own cause to itinerate from Washington to Des Moines, for a one night grand stand play, in a combined effort to convince the Republican party of its duty to abandon its glorious record of the past fifty-six years and follow them into the Democratic party.

Let me ask the gentlemen if they have forgotten the sad fate which befell the peerless Sumner of Massachusetts and the equally brilliant warrior, Carl Schurz, after their studied and masterly attack on the leader of the Republican party, personified in the person of U. S. Grant, for his message on the San Domingo question? These two giants of intellect, whose combined influence far outweighed that of any other two plus ten in the United States senate, gave advance notice that on a certain day and hour they would so humiliate the hero of Appomattox as to forever dim the luster of his achievements on the field of battle. They were so formidable as debaters and orators that none dared make ready a defense against that fatal hour. When it came, in polished invectives and faultless diction, brave old General Sherman on the floor, faced the onslaught as long as possible and would then retire to the cloak rooms to swear and plead for some to accept their challenge. He would return to his seat, but to retire again to give vent to his uncontrollable indignation. One day after this event, our own noble James Harlan of Iowa stepped onto the scene, fired with indignation, as well as inspired with love for the silent man of the White House. He boldly took up the gauge of battle and singly led what everyone but himself considered a forlorn hope against these hitherto invincibles. When he resumed his seat and the timid friends of Grant realized that he had been vindicated their joy and that of Sherman knew no bounds. Harlan was lifted on the shoulders of his admirers while General Sherman hastened to the White House to congratulate his old commander.

Ever afterwards Sumner and Schurz were discredited by their own party and ceased to make history from that day and hour, and for the honor of their posterity it were far better for Sumner that the foul blow of Preston Brooks of South Carolina should have been fatal and that a friendly southern bullet on the battle field should have made a corpse of Schurz rather than he should have survived to make a living one of himself.

Mr. Senators, pardon me, but you are dead men, and if you have any friends left they should kindly perform the last act of sepulchre before you become odoriferous, for after the votes are counted in November and Carroll is declared elected on the Good Old Republican ticket even against your earnest protest there will be none to do you honor. Your place is in the Democratic party. They claim you; we admit the claim and the Republican party repudiates you.

Your defense at Des Moines drew tears of pity from many of your former admirers, for it, like the defense of Ben Tillman of South Carolina against the charge of falsehood hurled at him by the matchless Roosevelt, was so surcharged by a consciousness of guilt that every word you spoke, but added to your own condemnation. Your conduct as false champions of the greatest political party of all history, is most deserving of a form of disapproval only expressible in unprintable adjectives, and for fear I may involuntarily commit myself to their use, I hasten to close.

J. A. M. COLLINS.

FACTORIES ON MISSOURI SIDE.

The Completion of the Keokuk Dam Will Mean Much for Missouri Towns.

Canton, (Mo.) News: Upon the completion of the great Keokuk Power dam, now being constructed at Keokuk at a cost of \$20,000,000 it will become the magnet which will enlist the attention of manufacturers of the country over; and the comparison of tax rates of Missouri and Illinois will provide material for the greater argument in favor of the Missouri side of the river.

The great project is not a mere conjecture, but has assumed tangible form and active work on the construction of the dam has been in progress for some time. St. Louis has already contracted enough power to warrant its completion and superior inducements will be offered to manufacturers at other points along the river.

Canton is an ideal place for factory sites, and if the proper inducements are held out, we are sure to get some of them.

Our people should not lose sight of

the great possibilities which will be brought to our very door and act early. With the coming of factories Canton would double and triple in population within a short time, and all real estate values would grow by leaps and bounds.

The above is written with no great stretch of the imagination, and will come about as sure as fate, providing our citizens keep alive to the real conditions.

De Halleylooyah Comet.

O, sinneh, yo's a-smlin' en a-winkin' on de paff. But de Halleylooyah comet gwine ter flick yo' wiff his wraff; Hit's a-bollin' on de upgrade lak a red-hot train o' cabs, Dat's a-makin' up de los' time whilst hit whizzes tho de stahs—

So be good Mistah Sinnah, Caze de fac's an' figgahs say Dat de Halleylooyah comet Am a-rushin' on de way!

Yo' say dey want no Adam en dey neveh was no Eve. En yo' 'low dat talk 'bout Noah is a thing yo' don' believe. But dey ain' no dead-en-goneness in de sto'y dat dey tell

When de Halleylooyah comet come en make de sinnehs yell.

So look out Mr. Sinneh, Betteh change yo' mln' terday, Wid de Halleylooyah comet Des a-'ahin' up de way!

O, sinneh, yo' kin chuckle en kin toss yo' head an' grin, En kin do de double-shuffle on de dancin' flo' c' sin, But yo' got to pay de fiddleh ef yo' don' git out de dance—

En de Halleyloofah comet ain' gwine gib yo' much mo' chance.

So look out, Mr. Sinneh, Ber' come in fum whar yo' stay— Caze de Halleylooyah comet Des a-bunnin' up de way! —W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Post.

Sure, the Mothers Were There. Cantril New Era: The Gate City says: "Last Sunday was Mothers' day in all parts of the country. Tomorrow will be Fathers' day in Keokuk. Game called at 3:30 p. m. sharp." Keokuk is a funny old town if the mothers ain't no there also.

DES MOINES RIVER ACTING MODEST.

Jasper Blines Pays Visit to Keokuk and Jots Down a Few Notes.

A company of workmen are busy on the Ballinger lands north of town, preparing the soil and planting a large acreage of tomatoes. We hope that this company may have a prosperous year, as they have experienced difficulties in their enterprise in this territory. Mrs. Ilene Fox departed on Monday for a week's visit in Knox county. Murray Layport is having the north and middle roads made better for travel, by use of the drag. The road to Buena Vista has also received attention of late. Road reform is one of the great demands of the times, and the reform moves all too slowly.

In defiance of the peculiarities of the spring season, oats, wheat, clover and grass are making good growth, and are up with the times. The only crop to suffer delay is the corn, and this may prove all for the better. Fruit industries have mainly gone into the election column marked scattering.

The Des Moines river has acted modest all spring, and has kept down to low stages. This is proving very favorable to our valley farmers, as a low condition of the river keeps down seepage.

Coming up Fifth street this morning the writer was glad to greet Charley Becker, who announced that he is taking the school census of his city. We agreed that my county of Clark and his home city are now being weighed in the United States census scales, and are wondering if they will be able to reach the sixteen thousand record. Charley appears as bright and pleasant as in long years gone by when he lived in Old Churchville.

There is prospect that Dr. Jenkins will launch out into a greater system of farming, by introducing steam power on some of his farms. It appears that much of our territory will move into more wholesale producing capacities, and this means more grain and more centralized government in farming.

Andrew Nelson came down and visited the writer at Seven Pines, on Tuesday, and gave a good account of social and moral affairs of his country around Revere. Mr. Nelson is a prominent school teacher, a promoter of good literature, farmer, and an enthusiast in Indian relics and natural history.

Kahoka's new paper is making quite a bright streak in the local journalism of our county. Mr. Talbot is active, and hunts up things and brings them to the light.

JASPER BLINES.

KAHOKA, MO.

J. H. Nolan of Jefferson City, deputy labor commissioner, was in Clark county Tuesday, gathering statistics, principally as regards the levee and drainage proposition. Richard Bogguss of Kahoka cele-

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brated his seventy-fourth birthday anniversary last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Martin, the latter an aunt of Mr. Bogguss, were in attendance. Fifty-eight rural graduates have reported to the county superintendent and will receive their diplomas June 18.

The Pythian Sisters presented Mrs. Milo Neely with a beautiful souvenir spoon previous to her departure for her new home in Illinois. County court will be in session Wednesday, June 1.

L. L. Duer will close out his stock of groceries, and with his family, go to Portland, Ore., for a several months' visit, and perhaps to locate. Lee Bridges, assistant at the depot, has been transferred to Billings, Mont. Charles Jones of Cantril, Iowa, takes the vacant position.

Miss Jessie Watson will represent Kahoka chapter, P. E. O., at the state meeting to be held at Breckenridge, Mo., June 1-3.

A telegram was received in Kahoka announcing the death Tuesday, May 17, of Capt. Samuel Spangler, at the home of a daughter in Oklahoma, aged eighty-six years. Deceased is survived by his wife, four daughters and three sons. Hon. E. P. Spangler of Kahoka is one of the surviving sons.

Mrs. C. A. Kilkenny and Miss Nellie Williams are delegates from Clark county to the Rebekah grand lodge in Columbia.

O. S. Howell, George Heller and Harry Martin were in Burlington Tuesday, attending a meeting of the Shriners.

The graduating exercises of the Kahoka High school will be held at the Christian church, on the evening of May 27.

Misses Stella Fairbrother and Adeline Meyer have returned from Lancaster, where they taught school the past winter. A number of Kahoka people spent for 50 cents.

the greater portion of Wednesday night trying to locate the comet, and they were greatly disappointed at the failure of the celestial wanderer to appear.

Kahoka has organized a baseball team and is now ready for engagements.

George La Bonte of near Williams-town was calling on old Kahoka friends Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pollock have returned to their Texas home, after a several days' visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pollock.

John Ball and son Nicholas departed Tuesday on a prospecting tour in Canada.

CATARRH GOES

So Does Sore Throat, Bronchitis Croup and Asthma.

You can easily tell by reading the symptoms below, whether you have catarrh or not:

Offensive breath, frequent sneezing discharge from the nose, stoppage of the nose, huskiness of the voice, tickling in throat, drooping in throat, a cough, pain in chest, loss of strength, veritable appetite, spasms of coughing, low spirited at times, raising of mucus, difficulty in breathing, loss of vital force.

Wilkinson & Co. have a sensible remedy (money backs if it fails) for catarrh, called Hyomei (pronounced High-o-me) which is a vaporized, antiseptic, that when it is inhaled, soothes, inflames and germ-infested membrane, it kills all germ life, gives relief in two minutes and cures catarrh. The price including hard rubber inhaler is only \$1.00. The hard rubber pocket inhaler will last a lifetime so that should you need a second bottle of Hyomei you can get it for 50 cents.