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FOOL NO. 71,144. A fool there was and he went away— Even as you and I.

His home was a pleasant place to stay A dandy place for a holiday— But the fool was a fool, and he went away— Even as you and I.

Oh, the wits we've lacked, and the grips we've packed In the summer time and fall And the times when having had our fling We've come home gravely wondering Just why we went at all!

A fool there was, and his savings spent— Even as you and I. The roof of a Pullman for his tent. And he lived the life of an emigrant— But a fool will follow his natural bent, Even as you and I.

Oh, the fools we meet, and the dust we eat, And the tendency to roam; The hardships that we all abhor— And the rest that we are looking for Awaiting us at home! —St. Louis Post Dispatch.

A man told a St. Louis convention that a husband is a necessary part of a family. Such optimism is deserving of the largest reward.

Upper Mississippi river is so low that a writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat suggests steamboats might do better with rubber-tired wheels and a gasoline motor.

A Marshall county farmer is dead from drinking horse liniment which he mistook for whiskey. There will be small sympathy for anyone who doesn't know the difference.

The woman candidate for governor in New Hampshire says that within ten years women will be candidates for governor in twenty states. Candidates, not governors, it will be noticed.

It is declared by the Iowa City Republican that the best way to make sure that a man will stop his paper about the middle of November, is to give him cordial support for some office. The Iowa City paper is not alone in that experience.

The statement that the Decatur county Republican convention refused to endorse Mr. B. W. Garrett as a candidate for clerk of the supreme court is denied by that gentleman, who says he was present and addressed the convention by invitation. The Gate City is glad to correct any impression to the contrary which may have obtained.

Mr. G. W. Howard, who was a candidate at the recent primary election for the Democratic nomination for congress in this district, has commenced the publication of a neat and attractive weekly paper at Stockport. It is a six-column four-page paper and is known as the Cyclone. The field is not an especially inviting one, but with the co-operation of the community Mr. Howard may be able to make his venture successful. He should have every encouragement in his efforts to keep Stockport on the newspaper map.

The Waterloo Courier, an insurgent paper, exudes its venom as follows: "The zeal of the standpatters in the 'Q' belt is easily accounted for. Railroad favors, although not wholly satisfying to the conscience are practical politics. And this is a day of practical things."

The assumption as to "railroad favors" in "the 'Q' belt" is wholly gratuitous and without the least foundation in fact. That company is taking no part whatever in politics, and is neither asking nor extending favors in that line. The Waterloo Courier is either misinformed or wilfully misrepresents the situation.

Steamboat disasters come in a series of three the same as railroad wrecks. First, the present season, was the sinking of the City of Saltville at Glen Park below St. Louis. Then came the burning of the J. S. near La Crosse. Finally, completing the series, the Cape Girardeau struck a snag in the Mississippi river off Turkey Island near Ste. Genevieve Mo., and went to the bottom. As soon as the first accident occurred two more were confidently expected by experienced river men. It may be only a superstition or a coincidence, but the

theory seems to work out all right in practice.

Hannis Taylor in his Fourth of July address at Washington names as the "five master builders of the American commonwealth," Jefferson, the dreamer; Washington, the actor; Pelatiah Webster, the architect; Marshall, the founder, and Lincoln, the savior. There will be little dispute with Dr. Taylor over his nominations for this patriotic gallery in the Hall of Fame.

REDUCTION IN POSTAL DEFICIT.

According to final returns just received by Postmaster General Hitchcock from the auditor for the post-office department, more than \$10,000,000 reduction in the postal deficit was made in the first nine months of this fiscal year just ended. Such a reduction is unprecedented in the history of the department.

The deficit for the nine months was \$2,709,000, as against \$12,832,000 in the same period of the preceding fiscal year. In the third quarter of the past fiscal year, the quarter ending March 31, the postal service earned a surplus of \$1,363,000 the revenues for the quarter amounting to \$58,834,000 and the expenditures to \$57,471,000. The latter showed an increase of 10 per cent over those of the same quarter last year, while the former showed an increase of less than 4 per cent.

THE LOW WATER.

The stage of water in the Mississippi at Dubuque at present is so low that the transport boat "Frisco" can not be launched and the Diamond Jo boats have gone to the bank. Even the steamer Eclipse has retired from service between Dubuque and Prairie du Chien and no resumption of navigation is expected until copious rains further north replenish the stream. The Dubuque Times-Journal in speaking of the situation says:

In view of this situation it seems doubtful that what the rivermen want, a channel with a minimum depth of six feet throughout the season of navigation, can be established merely by the process now followed of constructing wing dams and dredging. It does seem to the layman that it will be necessary to dam the headwaters of the Mississippi and the outlets of tributary streams, thus creating reservoirs from which the channel may be supplied in seasons of drouth such as the present.

NO PRIZE FIGHT PICTURES.

Moving pictures of the Jeffries-Johnson prize fight cannot be legally exhibited in Iowa. The law expressly forbids such exhibitions and makes it the duty of city and county officials to enforce the interdiction. These officials have no choice in the matter. If they fail to do their duty in the premises they lay themselves liable to removal from office under the Cosson law enacted by the legislature at its latest session. The text of the statute is as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person, persons or corporation to exhibit in this state by means of the photograph, cinematograph or any kindred device or machine, any pictures of any prize fight, glove contest or other match between men or animals, that is prohibited by the laws of this state."

The code further declares that the punishment for any such violation shall be a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, or imprisonment in jail for a period of not less than thirty days nor more than one year, or both fine and imprisonment. There should be no exhibition of the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures in Keokuk.

PROPOSED ELECTION REFORMS.

The Iowa primary election law operates so badly that there is general demand for its modification in essential particulars or its repeal. Among the papers favoring amendment of the law is the Des Moines Capital, which regards the law as unfair for the reason that Democrats can vote at Republican primaries. This they have been doing, especially in the city of Des Moines. The Capital says that if there had been a registration law confining every man to his own party Governor Carroll would have had fifteen hundred majority in Polk county. Those Republicans who want every man to have a fair show in the Republican party realize that such a matter is impossible under the present law. The Capital holds, rightly, that the present primary law will, if continued, destroy the Republican party. It suggests that the law be amended and shall require a registration of the voters of the several parties thirty days before the primary election, and that a man be required to vote in accordance with his registration or that he be denied the privilege of voting. This plan would enable the members of each party to make their own nominations. The following additional suggestions are offered:

"We suggest that the governor, lieutenant governor, and United States senator be nominated at the state-wide primary. These are political offices. The people will be familiar with those who are candidates. We suggest that all other state officers be nominated at a state convention and that the delegates to that state convention be elected by counties at the primary and that every man who desires to be a delegate must announce himself and that nominations for delegates close ten days before the primary. This manner of selecting delegates would be fair notice to everybody, and candidates for state offices could govern themselves accordingly."

"We suggest that the district judges be nominated at the general primary election. We suggest that no voting precinct should contain more than three hundred voters. We suggest that the polls for the primary should

open at 1 o'clock p. m. and continue until 7 p. m.

"Membership on county, district and state committees should be made at the general primary and every man who desires to be a committeeman should be required to make public announcement of that fact. "The board of railway commissioners should be made appointive by the governor.

"The supreme court should select the clerk of the supreme court, also the reporter of the same court."

The Capital's suggestions are rational ones and worthy of thoughtful consideration. The Gate City would like to see the Iowa primary law taken out of the statutes root and branch, but if this be not practicable the law should be amended along the lines suggested by the Des Moines paper.

CO-OPERATIVE DELIVERY.

Mt. Pleasant grocers on Monday inaugurated the co-operative delivery system previously mentioned in these columns. Under the new arrangement each deliveryman owns his own team and wagon and is paid by the grocers. The town has been divided into routes corresponding for the most part to the wards. Each deliveryman has headquarters at some certain store and returns there after making a trip around his route. Five deliveries a day are made on each route, three in the morning and two in the afternoon. The trips are made on a schedule time as nearly as possible, so that housewives when once familiar with the system will learn just at what time to expect their groceries. Thus it does away with a lot of unnecessary worry and calling up over the phone to find out if the deliveryman had started. As regards the advantages of the arrangement to the grocers the News says:

"Needless to say the grocers are well pleased with the new system. Formerly they saw their hard-earned profits eaten up by a costly and un economical system of delivering their goods which was discouraging to say the least. Now they can rest assured that their goods will reach patrons promptly in good condition. When seen this morning regarding the new system all were very enthusiastic over it and saw it working better than they had even hoped for."

If the new system continues to meet expectations in Mt. Pleasant it will probably be adopted by grocers in other communities.

NEWSPAPER IMPROVEMENT.

The Fort Madison Democrat has changed from a four to an eight-page paper, thus doubling its size. The reason assigned for the improvement is the belief that Fort Madison is now at a point where the change is justified. As to this the Democrat says: "Never in its history for many years has the city been in so good a condition as it is now, generally speaking. The business men are up and a-coming and there is a general feeling that all is well with our fair city. The outlook is good—all manufacturing plants doing well with excellent prospects for increased business. There is a get-together-and-do-something spirit among business men, manufacturers and the people at large. The psychological moment seems to have arrived and we have grasped the opportunity of serving the city by giving it a daily newspaper of size and form adequate to its apparent needs."

The Democrat is good authority on business conditions and prospects in our neighboring city, and in fact on everything pertaining to that community. Fort Madison is to be congratulated upon its prosperity and upon its determination to make the most of its splendid opportunities. Felicitations are also due the Democrat because of the increased volume of business that enables it to take on an enlarged and improved form. It has always been a good newspaper and it will be better than ever now that it has increased space at its command.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

The Boone News-Republican says it will be a long while before the dark brown and unpleasant taste of the morning after is eliminated.

The Waterloo Reporter declares it would rather see a pretty love story depicted by moving pictures, anyway, than of a fight that didn't come its way.

The Chicago Tribune disclaims any wish to criticize or find fault, but it seems to it to be a curious provision on the part of nature that when one needs ice the most it melts the fastest.

It is remarked by the Des Moines Capital that nevertheless and notwithstanding, there are a large number of fighting Hoosier Republicans who will insist upon standing loyally by the national administration.

The Atlantic Telegraph says there is a statewide disposition on both sides of the Republican political fence to give the Republicans of the state a platform upon which every Republican can stand.

A well known New York woman was fined only \$5 for getting drunk in public and swearing at a policeman. The Omaha Bee concludes from this that in some respects the cost of living in the metropolis is still reasonable.

"Why shouldn't pastors and their flocks take a vacation during the hot summer?" inquires the Carroll Herald. "It is mighty hard work to sit under the drippings of the sanctuary in weather like the present, no matter how much nectar may fall from the preacher's lips. And it's no fun to preach when the temperature ranges near to the 100 mark. The writer has never tried it many times, but obser-

TO ADVERTISE KEOKUK

Correspondent Suggests Erection of Immense Billboard Near Union Station as a Means of Attracting Attention of Travelers and Others.

To the Editor of The Gate City: I noticed the suggestion which I most cordially endorse, that the city cause to be erected at an advantageous point near the Union station a mammoth sign setting out briefly the many advantages of Keokuk and our great water power improvement, etc.

I would suggest that a nice, neat sign be erected say fifty feet from the north end of the Union station, not less than twenty feet high and not less than one hundred feet in length, put up under the street car tracks against the rough, ragged, unsightly rock bluff, neatly painted and lettered and electrically lighted at night, with lettering something like the following, or what a committee might agree to be the most suitable:

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WE WANT MORE. STOP OFF AND INVESTIGATE.

vation has shown the difficulty accompanying the operation when collars melt and outpourings start from the pores in flooded profusion. Why not adjourn to open air, in the parks or groves and there sing and talk of things divine, if indeed it is necessary to keep up this fight against the world, the flesh and the devil in days and evenings when the solid flesh threatens to melt."

The Quick-to-Operate Surgeon.

Des Moines Register and Leader: There is reason to believe that the surgeon who is quick to operate on the slightest excuse has had his longest day. Protest against him is coming, not so much from the general public as it is from the men of his own particular profession. Prominent men of the medical world are free to say that there has been too much operating in the past and that with the advance of medical science there will be less in the future.

For instance, we give herewith a number of interesting sentences taken from an article by a leading Pittsburg practitioner in the current number of the Medical Record. They are not his words alone, but those of other prominent men who are quoted by him. They read as follows: "Surgery often fails. . . . The best surgery is the least that is necessary. . . . Physicians feel, and indeed believe they know, that operations, no matter how skillfully done and with what remarkable outcome, do not invariably lead to good results. They see recurrences, they remark unexpected deaths, they are not unfamiliar with painful symptoms later, which are fairly attributable to previous operations. . . . A surgical success but the patient died, is a reproachful couplet now familiar to all laymen. Operative surgery is overdone. Whenever a child is taken to a physician or specialist there seems to be a tonsil, an adenoid, or an appendix which ought to come out. Political doctors pursue children even into the public schools and send them away for operations upon their eyes, their tonsils and their alleled adenoids! . . . The time may come when the question will be apropos, Does the surgeon need the knife?"

We all remember the surgeon who seemed to delight in the use of the knife. He was numerous everywhere in the medical profession a few years ago. We read much about his marvelous skill and of the number of operations to his credit—the more the greater he was. He took men and women within a knife's edge of the very brink of death and then brought them back, minus this, that or the other internal thing-um-bob. Many times his operations were wonderfully successful. Or shall we say, accidentally successful? Of these instances we heard much. More times perhaps, the operation ended unsuccessfully sooner or later. We heard little of these instances. In one Iowa city it was said of one of these brilliant surgeons that his motto was, "When in doubt, cut it out!" He had a long list of cases to his credit, and none to his discredit for, as above quoted, his operations were invariably surgical successes, although sometimes the patient died. This man, like many others, seemed to be fascinated by his skill, and life had no greater pleasure for him than to do new and almost unheard of things in his operations. This man was not the rule, but he was a type of many of his kind.

The article in the Medical Record from which the above extracts were taken, makes an especial attack upon the ready tendency in the profession to operate upon the tonsils. The writer, Dr. Richard B. Faulkner, points out that the profession knows very little about the true character of these mysterious organs, and yet it proceeds to scrape them, trim them down, or cut them out altogether, with impunity. He intimates that much of this sort of thing is unintelligent practice; he suggests that there ought to be a better understanding of parts operated upon than in the case of the tonsils, and he declares that the man with a knife must succeed along the line of physiological research or he must not operate.

Surgery is necessary, but too much surgery is not. It is a matter of con-

gratulation that the medical profession itself is calling a halt upon the disposition of many men in its ranks to operate first instead of last for the manifold ills that come to them for repair.

SEES END OF STEAMBOATS.

Prominent River Captain Says Deep Channel Will Not Revive Trade— Pictures Stream as Pleasure Boat Course.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The usefulness of the Mississippi river from the viewpoint of the steamboat is at an end, according to Capt. William Leyhe, president of the Eagle Packet company. Captain Leyhe, after hearing of the wreck of the steamer Cape Girardeau, owned by the company of which he is president, declared that the few remaining steamboats were fast disappearing, and that the steamboat trade was absolutely doomed. He believes there will not be another steamboat left on the Mississippi river within another twenty-five years.

"The last big river steamer, the Alton, declared Captain Leyhe yesterday, was built about three years ago, and as I know of no big boats being built at present, it would be safe to assert the Alton will be the last of the steamboat race."

Captain Leyhe said the railroads were driving the boats off the river, owing to the quickness of freight and passenger delivery by them.

He said the railroads could deliver freight much more expeditiously than the steamboats and at satisfactory rates. Captain Leyhe thinks the river will never be useful any more from a commercial viewpoint. He said he did not believe the river trade of "old times would be revived, even if a fourteen-foot channel were built. He thinks the river will be used only for small pleasure boats and as a big drainage canal.

Junkin a Van Buren County Product.

To the Editor of the Des Moines Register and Leader: In a recent issue of your excellent paper I noticed what purported to be a list of the persons noted and otherwise who were born in Van Buren county. Your correspondent claimed too much in two instances and not enough in one. He was mistaken in crediting General Weaver and Judge Trimble to Van Buren county. The general was born in Ohio and the judge in Indiana. And John Junkin, the slayer of Clara Rosen, who was born in Milton, Van Buren county, was omitted from the list. Let Van Buren have proper credit. Junkin's father, the late John Junkin, and his wife were temporarily residing at Milton when the younger Junkin was born. His father being employed at that time, on the new schoolhouse. Very respectfully, C. F. DAVIS.

How Fuller Was Selected.

Jacksonville Courier: An alleged authentic story of how the late Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court, who died last week, came to be appointed to the position by former President Grover Cleveland, is told by L. J. Kadaski of St. Louis, formerly of Quincy, Ill.

It has been a source of comment that the appointment could not be accounted for on political grounds, and it was not known that Mr. Fuller had made any effort to secure the place. Mr. Kadaski says the place was offered to Judge John Schofield of Quincy, who at the time was a justice in the supreme court, of Illinois, and who was a personal friend of Grover Cleveland.

After receiving the letter, Judge Schofield took the matter up with his wife. She perused the offer without emotion, after which she said: "John, do you think we could dispose of our chickens, our cows and go to Washington and try to live there on \$11,000 a year? Our boys would become drunks and our girls would want to be fashion plates."

Many Women who are Splendid Cooks

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Judge Schofield to recommend some one from his state for the position. He recommended Mr. Fuller, who had just made a sensation in the Bishop Cheney case in the Illinois courts. He was appointed at once by President Cleveland.

Riches Take Wings. Burlington Hawk-Eye: Write no man's epitaph until after he has been safely buried. C. P. Savery, at one time a wealthy citizen of Des Moines, and the builder and owner of the Kirkwood and the Savery hotels, applied for a lodging at the police headquarters in the capital city a few nights ago. Riches take wings unto themselves. Savery was born in 1833, and that he should be a wanderer upon the face of the earth, homeless, with no place to lay his head at his age, that indeed seems to "make calamity of so long a life." And he that in his time did so much for the ambitious, growing town, ought to find the town grateful and willing to supply his simple wants for the few years that may still be granted him.

Miss Lulu Ayres left Friday morning for Niantic, Ill., to visit at length with her sister, Mrs. Robert Henry.

Charles Skinner and Wade Lawrence of Burnside spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lawrence.

Emily Davis of Oklahoma returned home last week, called by the serious illness of his sister, Miss Anna.

Mrs. J. E. Loop visited friends and relatives in Augusta last week. Chloe Rhea of Jacksonville is visiting relatives in the city.

Dr. Blender returned last evening from Peoria, where he has been with his father, who is in a hospital at that place.

Mr. Wheeler of the Wheeler Land company of Moorhead, Minn., is a business caller to the city. Miss May Speckmann of Quincy, who have been visiting friends in Keokuk, is visiting Miss Olive Nair of this city. Attorney William H. Damron of Basco was transacting business in the city yesterday. Misses Nettie and Grace McCormick expect to visit in Chicago next week, guests of Mrs. Frank Halbower and Mrs. Lee Siebenborn.