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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Folded eyes see brighter colors than the open eye do.—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

According to the last year book of the department of agriculture, there are 21,729,000 milch cows in the United States, and these are worth \$702,945,000.

The Oskaloosa Herald recalls that in an attempt to be economical an auditor of Lucas county once condensed the published report of the proceedings of the board of supervisors.

The indications are that the verdict in the case against Mayor "Tom" Phillips of Ottumwa will be "Not guilty." It is too early yet to extend congratulations, but it looks as if they would be in order in the near future.

All of Iowa's surplus cash is not invested in automobiles, by any means. Deposits in 603 savings banks, 272 state banks and sixteen trust companies for the year closing June 30, 1910, increased \$21,756,032.63.

The Democrats of the Seventh Iowa district met the other day and selected Clint Price to make the race for congress in that district. But that is not all they did.

LESS WATER THAN IN 1864. In reporting the stage of water in the Upper Mississippi river comparison is always made with the "low water mark of 1864."

The response was anything but encouraging and the attitude of the city government has been a disappointment so far as securing mutual co-operation of officials, the press and the citizens generally.

What is true here would be true to a greater or less extent elsewhere. Yet, the packets are still running between this city and Burlington and from Burlington on down the river.

Meat in the House. Philadelphia (Pa.) Inquirer: A St. Louis woman wants to marry a cowboy. Well, that's one way of solving the meat question.

would have gone to the bank long ere this. The work of the government counts for a whole lot.

THE AUTO TAX.

A Keokuk banker was quoted in these columns the other day as saying that the money formerly lost in speculation now goes into autos and that this city has one car for each 100 population.

The cost of the luxury might loosely be estimated at half the annual cost of the government of the city of Dubuque. However, it falls not upon the community in general but very largely upon those who can afford it and who might spend their money and their summers away from home if deprived of the whiz wagons.

THE COMMISSION PLAN.

In an article in the July Forum Julius Chambers refers to the success of the commission plan of city government in Des Moines, where, he says:

The mayor and commissioners rely upon the local press to keep every department active and clean. Every branch of city administration is an open book to the reporters and they are encouraged to investigate constantly.

The Des Moines Register and Leader copies the foregoing, and says of it: "In the main this is a true statement of the local situation. The newspapers and the city administration are working together in the only relationship permissible for the public good."

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The Low Water.

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Contrary to what may be the general belief, no matter how low the water may go in the river this summer, there will be no new low water mark established so far as official reckoning is concerned.

Whether the men who contend that there is less water in the river this year than ever, are correct in their guess or not, the fact remains that the water is extremely low, and but for the vast improvements that have been made in the channel boats would long ago have gone to the bank and stayed there.

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in dealing with the vices of the city that had been hoped for, and promised, and there are numerous rumors afloat of gambling and places of evil resort that seem to escape the vigilance of the department of public safety.

The weak point in the commission plan at Burlington is the absence of that publicity and frank co-operation of the city officials, the citizens and the press that is described in Mr. Chambers' article in the Forum and corroborated by the Des Moines Register and Leader and the press and people generally.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

If the Mississippi river gets much lower the Jacksonville Courier thinks it may be necessary to carry water for the fish.

Mr. Rockefeller's taxes, it is said, "have been raised" by the assessors. "Ordinary people must raise their taxes themselves," remarks the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat contends that it is not necessary to fool all the people all the time; that quite a fortune can be made out of fooling a few dozen for a year or two.

According to the Marshalltown Times-Republican, the man who has had his vacation feels like the fellow who breaks a twenty and tries to remember tomorrow where it all went.

The Chicago Record-Herald makes it plain that by deciding to again be a candidate for the legislature Lee O'Neil Brown shows that he doesn't think much of the intelligence of the voters in his district.

Wendell Phillips once said "Revolutions never go backward," but the Quincy Whig thinks it is awfully hard to tell just how some of these South American revolutions are going after they hang on a year or two.

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"Exchange value of farm products," is the title of a speech made by U. S. Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, May 27, 1910. This speech has been issued in document form by the American Protective Tariff League of New York, as document No. 92.

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Plain Facts In the Cownie-Carroll Case

Some of the Exaggerations Due to Mere Politics—No Truth in Them—Cownie Was Not Charged With Immoralities by Governor.

DES MOINES, July 27.—We do not believe that Mr. Cownie himself has been animated by any political motives. With him the controversy with the governor has been one of personal pride. He wants to keep his record clear and it is his duty to himself and his family to do so.

The politicians made the trouble. When Governor Carroll appointed Judge Connor, ex-congressman, for the position, they made a fight on Connor, in the state senate, for no other reason than that Connor belonged to the other faction of the party.

Under such circumstances Governor Carroll deemed it best to appoint another man. A mass of complaints were in the governor's hands. Mr. Cownie resigned and asked if the stuff was to be published.

Atlantic Telegraph: Advertisers from Ames are to the effect that Prof. G. H. Curtiss, for many years director of the experiment station, will be appointed to succeed Dr. A. B. Storms as president of the Iowa State College.

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Fain would I seek with a juvenile zest The cupboard instead of the medicine chest, And drink from the spring where the germs roam at will, Instead of from crystal drafts, foaming or still.

Give me not wealth nor the badge of the proud, Nor a place on the platform, high over the crowd, But give me, oh, give me, my old appetite— Make me a boy again, just for a night!

The Lee County Judgeship. Bonaparte Record: Judge Bank has been judge of Lee county courts at Keokuk and Fort Madison for years. This year he will have the fight of his life to be re-elected.

Buying Without Bids. The other charge has to do with the buying of goods without first advertising for bids. We believe that the governor can amply prove this charge.

Same Here. "No sign of rain." Said "Doc" Chappel. Within two hours It rained—pell-mell. —Des Moines Capital.

yard. Mr. Cownie showed he had requisitions for the goods. A Des Moines manufacturer got the order. It is not stated that he was the "lowest bidder" for some of the heads of the state institutions affected, said they would have preferred a line of goods with some cotton in them, offered at 80 cents a yard; the standard goods in all such institutions.

Whether the board served the state best would probably be answered in favor of the board, but that they followed the law would hardly be answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Cownie's friends made out that the governor had charged him with both dishonesty and immorality. That is what angered Mr. Cownie. But Governor Carroll's friends say that the governor never intimated that Mr. Cownie had profited by any transactions and the most that was assumed on the other point was that Mr. Cownie had been so sympathetic and indiscreet at Mitchellville that the girls had assumed false attitudes toward him.

And there you are. But the politicians were promptly on deck again. They could not defeat Carroll in the primary with the Cownie letter, but now want to force Carroll off the ticket—that is all they can see in it.

And there you are again. If there had been no two factions in the Republican party, there would have been no Carroll-Cownie trial pending. Of that you may rest assured.

Under his direction the college at Ames will undoubtedly forge still further ahead. The educational board of control will not make any mistake in naming him. Regardless of any political factionalism or personal interests, he is the right man for the place.

Not Immorality but Indiscretion. The charges have been exaggerated to the injury of both the governor and Mr. Cownie. For instance, the governor, as we understand it, did not say that Mr. Cownie had been in improper relations with girls in the Mitchellville school.

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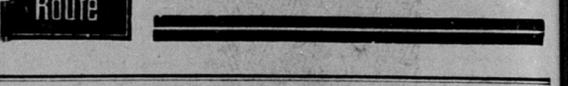
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