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MARVELS. Grass grows and water runs, Vapors rise and fall in rain, Through the heavens wheel the suns, Does man die to live again?

Flowers bloom and fade and die, And succedeth day, and then Flowers bloom again, why Deem we men should live again?

Lovers pass, but love lives on, Life and love are aye with men; Whither goes man when he's "gone"? Do we die to live again?

Through the realms of boundless space Vasty worlds their order keep, And in its appointed place— Can their warden ever sleep?

Can the hand that guides the star; Rules the atom; creates men, Suffer aught to "fall afar"? Do we die to live again? —T. K. H., in the Chicago Journal.

Mr. Bryan, also, couldn't "come back."

Mr. Bryan should be pretty well used to political reverses by this time.

Speaking of autos, the Knoxville Express wants to know, if we can't check the reckless why not wreck the checkless? Good idea.

A barrel of beer is said to be interfering with navigation in the Erie canal. A barrel of beer has been known to interfere with navigation on dry land.

According to a lecturer over in Illinois, "what we need is more men like Judge Lindsay and Jane Addams." We don't know about the former, but there is no question that more men like the latter would be very acceptable.

Report has it that J. N. Darling, the talented Iowa cartoonist, is to go to the New York Herald at the expiration of his present contract with the Des Moines Register and Leader. The promotion would be a notable and worthy one, but all Iowa would regret to have him leave the state.

A Des Moines minister has offered to perform wedding ceremonies without remuneration. A contemporary suggests that this is a start at keeping down the cost of living. But the expense of getting married is an unimportant item. It's the cost of keeping house afterward that deters young couples from establishing new homes.

Iowa Democrats for the most part are a splendid set of fellows personally. How they ever gained their own consent to stand sponsor for some of the principles of their party is and will ever remain as great a mystery as the identity of the individual who struck Billy Patterson. John Randolph's mackerel, which was in such an advanced state of decay that it emitted a phosphorescent light, was in substantial accord with the requirements of the pure food law as compared with the rottenness of such things as free trade, free silver, anti-imperialism and the Democratic attack on the courts of the land. There is a lot of good in human nature, which even Democratic doctrine is unable to vitiate.

TAKING ALASKAN CENSUS. It will be recalled that at the time the census enumerators did their work hereabouts last spring the weather was cold, wet and generally disagreeable. Some of them considered their experiences very trying, but what they endured "wasn't a patchin'" to what their fellow workers in interior Alaska had to go on against. The census in that far-off and inhospitable possession was taken a time when the temperature ranged from 30 to 70 degrees below zero, with the snow from three to twenty feet deep, and the wind blowing a blizzard most of the time. Not infrequently there was no human habitation in sight, no covering at night except a tent, and no grub that was not many times frozen.

The report of Chief Agent McKenzie, covering the work in the Fourth or Inland district of the territory, has just been received by Director Durend and, while the story is simply told, it is a wonderfully thrilling narrative of adventure, showing that when Uncle Sam starts out to round up his children he spares

no expense to locate them and satisfy himself as to their status.

For reasons of its own, the census bureau determined to number the Alaskans during midwinter, and the season proved to be the severest known in that part of Alaska by the oldest settlers who had lived there for years.

ANOTHER DEMOCRATIC MISTAKE.

The saying is almost as old as the Democratic party that political organization never makes an opportunity to make a mistake when a mistake is certain to cost it dearly. Another interpretation of its fatal facility in this respect is that it invariably kicks over its milk pail as soon as that receptacle is filled. It would be an injustice to the facts in the case to assume, even for the sake of argument, that a full milk pail was within the possibility of attainment by the Democratic party in Iowa. Perhaps it was recognition of the hopelessness of waiting for such a contingency that Iowa Democrats in convention at Ottumwa on Wednesday last proceeded to pay their respects to the empty pail by kicking it into the middle of the subsequent week. No opportunity to indulge in this sort of exercise voluntarily presented itself, but this did not prevent the convention from going out of its way and seizing upon the liquor question as the most available and certain means to the end in view. In vain did the veteran Weaver protest against committing the party to local option and license. The opportunity to throw away all chances of making a creditable showing for the head of their ticket as against Governor Carroll and of electing two or more congressmen was too good to be lost. On every roll call the convention voted consistently, even enthusiastically, in favor of Democratic defeat. There is this to be said, however, in excuse of such a course. In no other way could the convention have attested the genuineness of its Democracy so conclusively. None but a strictly orthodox Democratic gathering would have taken such pains to make a mistake. The legitimacy, validity, purity and scientific accuracy of the Democracy on exhibition at Ottumwa was thereby established beyond all question from any source.

THE OHIO PLATFORM.

The platform adopted by the Republicans of Ohio in state convention in Columbus on Wednesday is in many respects a model of what Republican state platforms should be this year. Particularly commendable are its planks endorsing President Taft and his administration and the revision of the tariff in the interest of American industries and labor, and declaring for the systematic, comprehensive and business-like improvement of the nation's waterways. The reference to President Taft and what he has accomplished reads as follows:

"We, the Republicans of Ohio, in state convention assembled, commend in highest terms the splendid administration of William H. Taft, are proud of the results he already has achieved in his seventeen months in office, and pledge him our hearty and united support in his further efforts as chief executive of the nation. We renew our pledge of loyal support given him in 1908, and endorse him for re-nomination in 1912.

"Among the many accomplishments of President Taft's administration worthy of special praise are: Prosecution and conviction of those implicated in the sugar frauds against the government and other violators of federal statutes; prompt and successful intervention to prevent arbitrary increases in railroad freight rates; effective enforcement of the laws against illegal dealing in stocks; indictment of those involved in the cotton pool, formed to raise the price of one of the necessities of life in every American family; impartial enforcement of the anti-trust laws; substantial reduction in government expenses, saving a million dollars a month in the postoffice department, with a fair promise of wiping out the annual postal deficit; such remarkable progress in the construction of the Panama canal as insures its early completion; withdrawal from private entry in order to preserve for the public benefit valuable coal and other mineral deposits, timber lands and water power sites, of over 71,000,000 acres of the public domain.

"It has strengthened our prestige with foreign nations and has treated with vigor and wisdom important and delicate international problems. It has dealt justly and liberally with our dependencies. The record of achievement of this administration and Sixty-first congress is unequalled in our history, and guarantees faithful adherence to all the pledges of the last Republican national platform. The election of a Republican congress next November is imperatively necessary to accomplish the entire program of the Taft administration."

The tariff plank is to the following effect: "The tariff has been revised in accordance with the Republican doctrine of protecting home industries and American labor. It did not raise the rate of duty on a single common food product. The increases made were on luxuries and articles not of ordinary use. It affords no more than adequate protection to the industries of the nation, and is fair alike to consumers, laborers, and producers. No tariff bill was more unjustly assailed.

"It has justified the expectations of its friends by turning a national deficit into a surplus, while at the same time reducing the average rate of all duties. Its maximum and minimum rates have operated to give us, for the first time, equality of opportunity with other nations in our foreign trade.

"The Republican party through congress and the President has given free trade with the Philippines with such limitations as to sugar and tobacco as will afford protection to

domestic industries, and has established a customs court.

"Recognizing inequalities due to changing conditions of that otherwise may be found to exist, congress has provided a tariff board, with an ample appropriation, for the investigation of the differences in the cost of production at home and abroad, so that if any rates are found to be higher than necessary to afford labor a high wage and capital a fair return, those rates will be reduced."

Praise is given the railroad law and declaration is made in favor of revival of our merchant marine, the equal enforcement of all laws, an adequate national defense with a navy ample to protect all our interests at home and abroad, river improvement, such amendment of the anti-trust law as final judicial interpretation proves to be necessary for the proper regulation of monopolies, and the principle of conservation of our natural resources. The Ohio platform is all right. It is an up-to-date expression of the principles of true Republicanism and as such merits the endorsement of members of the party everywhere.

CEDAR RAPIDS' EXPERIENCE.

A proposition to adopt the commission form of city government is under discussion at Fort Dodge and will be voted upon at a special election to be held at an early day. With a view of learning the experience of other cities Mr. C. F. Duncombe, editor of the Chronicle, addressed letters of inquiry to representative citizens of Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Burlington and other municipalities now operating under the commission plan. Speaking for the state capital, Hon. Lefe Young replied that the new system is "the best ever."

Des Moines would not think of reverting to the old aldermanic system. The latest letter on the subject printed in the Chronicle is from Cyrenus Cole, editor of the Cedar Rapids Republican. Cedar Rapids has been under the commission plan for nearly three years. Mr. Cole says that the new plan does not solve all municipal problems, but he believes it helps solve some of the most difficult ones. "Human nature and municipal nature remain the same, and under any plan there must be diligence on the part of the voters. The man elected to office is still the most important consideration," Mr. Cole says further:

"I believe that Cedar Rapids is well satisfied with the experiment and that if it were submitted today there would be no change backward. The voters might vote for something still more advanced, but they would never go back to the old aldermanic ward system. Under our new plan the city is not divided into sections, often with conflicting interests. There are no ward lines and no ward bosses. These have been dethroned. A man to gain office must satisfy the judgment of the whole city, and in order to retain office he must satisfy the conscience of the whole people. Five men working together and sitting every day are surely better than nine or ten aldermen representing as many wards and meeting occasionally.

"We had a great deal to learn, even under the commission plan, but we have been learning it. At the present time we have a monthly statement rendered of just what money has been expended and how they have been expended. The city knows from one month to another how much money there is in each fund. The department of accounts is really the key to the situation."

"Cedar Rapids is well governed. We have few contentions. We have honesty in public expenditures and we have now value received in nearly all matters. There is no desire to change here—unless some one can point out still a better system."

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NOTES AND COMMENT.

A press dispatch says "Cummins is still in Kansas." "Isn't there some mistake about that?" enquires the Fairfield Ledger.

It is now proposed to substitute sea weed for some of the higher grades of breakfast foods. This looks to the Cherokee Democrat like a slap at the California alfalfa crop.

There is a German periodical called Der Gesundheitsingenieur. The Iowa City Republican suggests that it must have trouble in finding room to put the picture of a girl on the front cover.

The Russell Union believes the reason so many high school graduates fail to secure teachers' certificates is that the old reliable R's—Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic—have been laid aside to make room for the more up-to-date L's—Latin, Love and Loafing.

The Emmetsburg Reporter says it is apparent that an undercurrent of feeling exists to the effect that Mr. Roosevelt is a much overestimated man. "This is a prevalent idea among 'em is all right. It is an up-to-date expression of the principles of true Republicanism and as such merits the endorsement of members of the party everywhere."

The Davenport Democrat says the \$5,000,000 which Iowa is estimated to have spent on automobiles this year is a mountain of money if you look at it from the viewpoint of the man who is earning \$1.25 a day and has a large family on his hands. "But it doesn't amount to much," the Democrat adds, "to draw \$6,000,000 out of the banks or the cornfield of the Hawkeye state. The average family in Iowa is in pretty good circumstances, thank you."

A New Democratic Keynote.

Cedar Rapids Republican: Jerry B. Sullivan, who delivered the address as temporary chairman of the Democratic convention in Ottumwa, dared to make some slighting references to Theodore Roosevelt. He referred to him as a reformer on paper. With contempt he followed him around the world, in Africa, telling England how to govern Egypt, the pope how to run his domestic affairs, and women everywhere how many children to rear. This is a new "keynote." It was not so long ago when the name of Roosevelt aroused as much enthusiasm in a Democratic convention as in a Republican convention. Now, it is different. Now, every politician dares to refer to the former President with something like contempt.

There is much to be said in favor of the course pursued by Jerry Sullivan. The Democratic party is at last coming into its own again. For years it has been aping certain Republicans and talking for certain Republicans, all in the hope of creating differences among Republicans, instead of working to create harmony and utility among their own followers. For years the Democratic party has been a camp follower, seeking crumbs to be picked up from differences existing among Republicans. But now the old party seems to have struck a firmer gait. The leaders want to be aggressive along their own lines. They do not propose to permit certain Republicans to do business in the name of Democratic beliefs.

We shall all hail the rejuvenation of the Democratic party with pleasure. One of the things that has been most lacking in this country is a strong minority party. No government will ever be competent that does not have to meet a more or less strong opposition. In the days when the two great parties were more equal in strength we had a better administered government than we have had in the immediate past, with one party hopelessly defeated and the other with a greater majority than it knew how to handle wisely.

The Carroll-Cownie Case.

Bloomfield Republican: Mr. Carroll is governor of the state, especially charged with responsibility for a lot of things in the affairs of the state and permitted to exercise his discretion in respect to the same. Also it is very distinctly in accordance with public policy that there be a large amount of publicity in the conduct of state affairs, and in fact without such publicity the ways of corruption will be very much more open than they could be otherwise. We do not know whether Governor Carroll has handled the Cownie case with the best possible judgment all the way through and we do not particularly care; but we know that he has been entirely within the proprieties of his position, first, in getting rid of Cownie when he thought that Cownie ought to be gotten rid of, and second, in making public his reasons therefor after Cownie had set the example of making the matter the subject of newspaper controversy. Whether he could convince the public of the soundness of his reasoning and still less whether he could convince Cownie of the same, has very little to do in the case. By vote of the people the responsibility was his, and in the exercise of that responsibility he was temperate.

Summing up the whole situation it would seem that Governor Carroll was the victim of a political conspiracy to eliminate him from state politics; that a band of disappointed office seekers and discharged officials, aided by some personal enemies, are laboring to embarrass him in his campaign. Unable to defeat him in an open and fair primary fight for renomination, they are now devoting themselves to the most despicable form of politics. Governor Carroll has reasons for bouncing Cownie and his conduct is to be commended. He would have been unfaithful to his trust had he permitted Cownie to remain in office when he conscientiously believed that his removal would

benefit the management of state institutions. Governor Carroll has libelously no one. He performed his duty conscientiously and fearlessly. He is in the fight to win and will stay to the end. When the votes are counted in November the majority will be for Governor Carroll and an endorsement of his administration.

A Dancing Girl's Epitaph. Here I lie and dance no more; Sayonara, sayonara! With a tombstone for my door, Here I keep unwonted state, I that danced up to Death's gate Sayonara!"

Other damsels dance for you; Sayonara, sayonara! Sweetest flowers that ever blew; Curtsyeing crocus, iris tall; Ah, their dances never pall— Sayonara!

Long I danced; too long, too long; Sayonara, sayonara! Sang for you my foolish song, Now I neither sing nor weep, But mid iris roots I sleep, Sayonara!

Oh, you paid my dance with gold; Sayonara, sayonara! Now a better wealth I hold; Pold buds of silver lilies, Golden buds of daffodillies, Sayonara!

Flags may curtsy to the sun; Sayonara, sayonara! But my dancing days are done; Glad they were so short a span, Here I sleep, O Hime San; Sayonara!

*Good-bye.

Ohio Republicans Loyal.

Burlington Hawk-Eye: The result of the Ohio Republican convention was all that could be desired by the friends of the regular party organization. President Taft and his administration were given a royal endorsement, and the Payne-Aldrich tariff law was recognized as first class legislation. An administration candidate was nominated for governor without difficulty, the insurgents being beaten easily at every point in the game. James R. Garfield, who had been proclaimed throughout the country as holding the key to the Ohio situation, who many supposed would be nominated for governor hands down, got a scanty vote for that nomination, Congressman Longworth beating him in point of numbers by a good distance.

Warren G. Harding, the nominee of the convention, is a staunch administration man, a brilliant orator and a steadfast Republican who will make a strong race against Judge Harmon. His nomination was brought about through a complete collapse of the anti-administration forces. The platform adopted is one said to have been presented to President Taft at Beverly some days ago, and approved by him. It contains but one feature that might be called progressive thunder, and that is the conservation plank. But as that plank is a policy of President Taft, and the entire party, the insurgents have no claim to it in particular. The platform as a whole, is a good Republican document and will serve as a model for: other state conventions.

KAHOKA, MO.

Jan Wayland, of near Luray, left this week for Salt Lake City and other western points to visit relatives and on a sight seeing tour.

Rev. C. D. Reichle left Wednesday to join his family at Geneseo, Ill.

On Tuesday, Aug. 9, the several committeemen of the various parties will meet in Kahoka to effect organization.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Perry returned Wednesday from their trip to south Missouri.

Mrs. Wm. Johnson and children, of Pueblo, Colorado, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Drew.

Dean Kirkenslayer is off for a few weeks' visit in Kansas and Nebraska.

The Misses Neepers recently added an addition to their residence.

Some of Kahoka's automobilists are now observing the city ordinance relative to the speed limit within the city.

The Clark county fair dates are Aug. 30, 31, and Sept. 1 and 2. As usual it will be a big event.

Dade Martin left Wednesday for Ottumwa to accept a position in a jewelry store.

At last Kahoka is to have a circus, Monday, Aug. 1st.

Probate court convenes in regular session, Monday, August 8.

County court will be in session next Monday.

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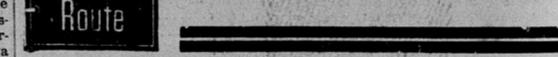
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