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IMMORTALITY.

Not in some vision of ecstasy, In endless bliss; nor in a mystic sense, The one life merging in the cosmic whole— Not thus I feel thy immortality.

But in the strong abiding memory Of thy brave life; the quickening influence Of the great love of truth which filled thy soul;

And in the good thy love hath wrought in me.

And when thy little son climbs on my knee And looks at me with eyes in which I read

The truth; when in his childish life I see The very principles which thou didst love—

Ah, then I need no risen Christ to prove While these remain, there is no death indeed.

—S. C. Fish in the Pall Mall Gazette.

If the Mississippi river gets much lower it may become advisable to limit the size of the fish with a view of lessening the amount of water they displace.

A bill has been prepared for introduction in the Texas legislature prohibiting treating in saloons. It is known as the anti-set-em-up measure and would undoubtedly operate in the interests of temperance.

An eastern preacher told his congregation the other day that there may be "spiritual baseball" in heaven. It would be interesting to know what language the fans use there in expressing their opinion of the umpire.

Commercial orchardists of the northwest estimate that they will ship between 6,500 and 7,000 cars of apples to American, European and Australian markets this season from the state of Washington alone, and a proportionate amount from the other apple-producing states of the inland empire. The bulk of the crop will go to Chicago, New York and Boston. It is expected that the export business this year will be greater than at any other time in the history of the northwest.

Official government estimates of the country's corn crop, as made for the month of August by the department of agriculture, just published, should lend encouragement to business in all lines. Despite losses aggregating 220,000,000 bushels last month the crop promises to be 2,490,000,000 or just thirteen million bushels more than the bumper crop of 1906. Much uneasiness has been felt in many quarters, as to the condition of the corn crop and this report out today will bring relief to many observers who count upon a good yield of corn as the greatest factor in the fall business situation.

THE REGULAR REPUBLICAN PROGRAM.

On the day before the recent Republican state convention a number of leading Iowa Republicans held a caucus to consider the situation and agree upon what was best to be done under existing conditions. Former Governor Frank D. Jackson presided, and addresses were made by Col. W. P. Hepburn, Major John F. Lacey, Captain J. T. Hull, Lafayette Young and others. The meeting was overshadowed by the impending convention and none of the Des Moines papers gave a detailed report of its proceedings. Interesting particulars are supplied by the latest issue of the Centerville Iowegian just at hand.

Colonel Hepburn, fresh from Washington, outlined the purposes and desires of the Taft administration. Major Lacey retold the story of the women who went to Solomon with the baby which both claimed. One was the mother, the other an outcast who wished to get possession. Solomon proposed that the baby be cut in two and each given a half, when the real mother renounced her motherhood to save its life and gave it to the other. This, the Major said, is what the real Republicans of Iowa are doing. To preserve harmony and save the party they have been letting the insurgents run things. He believed that now the time had come to make a firm stand. Late Young said that the trouble now is that the truth cannot be made to appear. The people have been made to believe the false. They look upon

the demagogue as their political savior. They believe real Republicanism a fraud. The young men coming into the party are not getting tariff arguments. They have not passed through the kind of times Democratic-insurgent statesmanship brings upon the country. They will not listen to sage talk, but are caught in the demagoguery of the hour. But he had hope. He knew of nothing special that could be done just now except to stand true to Republican principles, be a fighting minority, and confidently await the time when erring ones come back beseeching tried and true Republicans to show them the way to sanity and safety once more.

A COMMENDABLE CHANGE.

Henceforth the meetings of the Keokuk city council are to be public and the citizens of Keokuk will be welcome to attend them. This announcement is made on the authority of Mayor Elder, who writes The Gate City as follows:

To the Editor of The Gate City:

Whereas there seems to be some misconception by some of the citizens of Keokuk in regard to meetings of the city council, the council has requested me to state to you that all meetings of the city council are and have been public; that any citizen of the city of Keokuk is welcome at any time in the council room or other city office, during business hours and, in fact, each one is cordially invited to call and inspect our work, provided they do not waste the time of city commissioners and employes. Yours very truly, J. F. ELDER, Mayor.

The announcement is worded to convey the impression that the meetings of the council under the commission plan have been open all along. As to this the only information the public has hitherto had was contained in the statement made by Mayor Elder in his inaugural address that one public meeting would be held each month and that at all other times the business of the council would be transacted behind closed doors. The mayor now states that "all meetings are and have been public," which is equivalent to admitting that that official and his associates early recognized that their policy of secrecy was a mistaken one and that they had promptly reversed themselves. To complete the record it only remained for them to acquaint the public with the fact, as Mayor Elder has done in his letter to this paper printed above.

The only complaint voiced to date against the local commission was the policy of secrecy announced by the mayor at the outset. Now that it is known that this policy does not obtain and that to use the mayor's language—"any citizen of Keokuk is welcome at any time in the council room or other city office and in fact, each one is cordially invited to call" and learn for himself what the commissioners are doing, there should no longer be any feeling of resentment toward the commission on the part of the community. All cause for criticism has been removed and there is no reason why every good citizen should not co-operate heartily with Mayor Elder and his official associates to make the commission plan in Keokuk an unqualified success. This desirable end can be attained only through the united, well-directed efforts of both citizens and commissioners. So far as the proceedings of the latter have come to public knowledge they have met with cordial approval. There is reason to believe that Keokuk has been better governed during the past five months than ever before in its history, due in part to merits inherent in the commission plan and in part to able and faithful administration. Now that the interest of the community has been provided and its moral support is ensured there is nothing in the way of making the city government of Keokuk an example worthy alike of the admiration of Keokuk people and the emulation of other municipalities.

PRICES HERE AND ABROAD.

With each successive campaign Democratic newspapers and stump speakers reiterate the charge that American manufacturers sell machinery in foreign countries cheaper than at home. That this charge is wholly baseless is conclusively shown by figures recently compiled by Senator Beveridge from the government insular reports of April, 1910. The original table included reapers and hay rakes, but the latter two are omitted for want of space. The comparison was the same as for binders and mowers, given herewith:

Table with 2 columns: Country, Price. United States \$125.00, Great Britain 135.16, France 173.70, Germany 202.00, Denmark 167.50, Sweden 160.80, Hungary 243.60, South Russia 169.95, North Russia 180.25, West Siberia 187.98.

CARVER FOR SENATOR.

Mr. Joseph Carver of Harrison township was in Keokuk yesterday renewing old acquaintanceships and making new ones. Mr. Carver is the Republican nominee for state senator in this district and is entirely worthy the honor that has come to him. He has lived in Lee county all his life and is a fine representative of its best citizenship. His occupation is that of a farmer, and he ranks among the foremost and most successful in this part of the state. Mr. Carver has the qualifications of a good senator and if elected will represent Lee county in the upper house at Des

Moines with honor to himself and credit to his constituents. The Gate City commends him unqualifiedly to the voters of the county as in every way worthy their support.

PRECAUTIONS AS TO FOOD.

Messrs. J. C. Blaisdell of Bradford, Ill., and Alex Peterson, of Galesburg, Ill., state food inspectors, have issued a statement of the precautions to be observed in purchasing food which are applicable in Iowa as in our neighboring state. They declare that no law enacted by national or state legislative assemblies more closely affects or more greatly injures to the benefit of the average citizen than has the pure food legislation. And it is suggested that when the retail dealer comes to believe, as he should, that the officers of the state food department are his best friends, then both may work together for the elimination of adulterated and misbranded foods from the market.

It is rightly argued that the consuming public have also a duty which they owe to themselves and those dependent upon them, and that is, to closely read the labels upon all canned and bottled goods, all pickles, jams, jellies and preserves before buying. The use of preservatives in this class of goods may not be to such an extent as to be injurious to public health, but may be used if plainly stated upon the label as to the name and percentage of the preservative used. In this connection the following good advice is given:

"Do not expect to get the best grade of goods at the lowest prices. Pure unadulterated goods of any kind demand and obtain a higher price than the low grade. One of the objects of the state food commission is, and should be, to protect the honorable retail dealer from the unprincipled jobber and manufacturer, if any such there be, and thus protect the consuming public.

"Retail dealers should be careful not to expose fruits of any kind in street display, where flies may have access to them or where dust or microbes may light upon them. Keep these food products covered with mosquito bar and thus help to conserve public health.

"Dates and figs in bulk, being of a sweet, sticky nature, must always be kept covered, preferably under glass, as they are eaten without being washed and may, if uncovered, be the means of carrying disease germs. Oysters sold in bulk must in the future not contain ice nor water. The oyster being a habitat of salt water, will when taken from thence and placed in fresh water almost immediately begin to bloat, a sure sign of decomposition and unfitness for food. Yet, now often have we seen a person take one of these bloated bivalves upon a fork, tell of its size and fatness as he dropped it down his throat, when the fact was the oyster was rotten and not fit to eat.

"Again, the ice melting or the water added may come from well, pond, or slough, which abounds with diphtheria, typhoid or scarlet fever germs. The ice melted or the water added is sold as oyster syrup and is clearly a fraud upon the purchaser, hence, the imperative order that the practice of icing or watering fresh oysters must be at once and forever discontinued. Users of milk or ice cream brought in cans or other containers must be careful to thoroughly scald out such vessels before returning them to the owner; seams or corners of milk vessels rapidly sour and become centers of ptomaine poison germs. Scores of people every season are poisoned through eating ice cream from cans not cleaned immediately after being used. Fresh fish boxes are also easily contaminated and we wish to urge the necessity of extreme caution in keeping these receptacles in a sanitary, cleanly condition. Fish should be handled with care, and the boxes kept covered so that no flies can have access, and no chemical preservative is allowed in handling them. A violation of this may provoke a severe prosecution."

Farmers and others should take notice that a marketable egg is one that is fit for human food. Those that have been heated in the incubator, in the oven, in hot water, or pricked may not be sold at all, under any circumstances. Stored, held or pickled eggs must be sold for what they really are and not as fresh. People are being prosecuted for violating this law, and a word to the wise should be sufficient in this connection.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

According to the sunflower philosopher, some people get everything into their heads except sense.

The Dubuque Times-Journal says the state platform adopted puts the Republican party on the defensive.

The humorist of the Peoria Herald-Transcript has noticed that two souls with but a single thought have a way of eating twice as much as one.

The meanest thing about money, in the view of the New York Press paragrapher, is how little it is when it is paid to you and how much when you pay it out.

The Des Moines Register and Leader's idea of nothing to be interested in is this search for a white giant who can pound Jack Johnson into a state of insensibility.

The Des Moines Tribune predicts that within two weeks there will be less signs of dissension in the Republican ranks than there have been at any time in five years.

"It doesn't seem to make much difference in Iowa," says the Castana Times, "whether it is high license, low license, mule tax or prohibition—the way of the thirsty isn't so very hard. A community that hasn't good sense

enough to regulate its own affairs will get little benefit from a state law."

"Wonder how it would do for all of us to be just plain Republicans," says the Charles City Press, commenting on Senator Cummins' declaration that Iowa Republicans cannot remain half standpat and half progressive.

PART OF CONSPIRACY.

Trouble at School for Deaf an Echo of Institutional Attack.

DES MOINES, Aug. 11.—The breaking out of trouble for the school for the deaf at Council Bluffs is another result of the agitation which took acute form during the legislative session of a year and a half ago. One of the superintendents—not of the deaf school nor of a hospital, but an institution which runs so smoothly that no person would ever suspect a chance for trouble stated to the writer at the time of the last quarterly conference two months ago, that all the institutions were suffering from the agitation and disturbances which had commenced with the demand for a legislative probe and which culminated in the Mitchellville outbreak. He stated that he wished the newspapers could have entered upon a conspiracy of silence about the matter; but on the other hand that some way might be devised for having leading newspaper men visit the institutions and see for themselves the work that has been done for Iowa's unfortunate and delinquents in recent years.

"We have all suffered from this trouble," he said, "much more than anyone knows of. We feel that every institution is in a measure under suspicion when the head of the system is under attack. We have never been able to understand just why the demand came for an investigation of the institutions is in a measure under suspicion our work; but we do know that it has crippled us in our work and we fear that for the future there is a possibility of trouble for any or all of us. Hence we are not doing as good work as we would otherwise."

The attack upon Superintendent Rother, however, is an old matter. The deaf people are very hard to manage. It is notorious that they are never satisfied, are sensitive and somewhat suspicious, and for a number of years a small group of graduates of the deaf school have been insisting upon having a deaf person at the head of the school. This will not be done, however, as the position is essentially an administrative one having largely to do with the relations of the school to business affairs. It is related that last winter when the board of control was being bombarded with letters from deaf persons, demanding a change, a letter came from a former student who had been, in fact a very obstreperous student and who had been resentful of the punishment inflicted upon him. He was then in Cuba and wrote that he had been urged to write a letter attacking Mr. Rother. He said he declined to do so, that he left the school feeling very hard toward the superintendent, but that now he realized that he, the boy, was wholly at fault and he would not say a word against Mr. Rother. This fairly illustrates the nature of the attack now made.

WITHOUT ANY TIRES.

Rubber Will be Eliminated From Machine That the Wizard is Working on.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Thomas A. Edison, with that youthful enthusiasm that gives the life direct to his gray hair, has a new ambition. He is bent now upon sending humanity back to nature—in a motor car.

It is for this purpose that a series of runs are now being made in the interests of showing just what is now possible in that line.

"What I am doing," as Mr. Edison himself put it, sitting in his Orange laboratory, "is to show that a man may take his wife out and go motoring in an electric car for a day among our Jersey hills, or up in Winchester or down on Long Island and come back to New York with power enough still in his machine to run forty miles further.

"The next thing I want to do is to get rid of pneumatic tires—get rid of rubber. I've got my claws on an idea too. It's rubber that makes motors cost. Why, a friend of mine came up from Atlantic City recently and the trip cost him \$240 for tires. Think of \$94 for a shoe. It may do for the people who live at the Plaza, but not for anybody else. I'm going to make the motor so cheap that anyone can afford to run one who can afford to buy one. It's the repairs that make them so expensive now.

"I am building for myself a big four-seater car that will be done in about a month, to show what can be done with an electric car on a large scale.

"I am also building a 1,000-horsepower storage battery locomotive that is to be tried on the Erie railroad. I hope to be able to electrify that road's entire suburban system. Such a locomotive will permit alternating electric trains with the regular ones. It can be recharged at the public service company's plant. That will make cheap power for you."

Taft Republicans Real Republicans.

Washington Democrat: One thing is certain and that is, either Cummins and his followers are not Republicans or Taft and his followers are not. And to say that Taft is not a Republican is the same as saying that Jesus was not a Christian, and we use the name with all reverence, for Christians are Christians because they follow Christ and Republicans are Republicans because they follow a leader and that leader at this time is Taft. You may talk of Lincoln and McKinley and Roosevelt till you are black in the face, but they are back numbers. Two are dead, and Roosevelt is out of politics. Every whipsnapper that bobs up hangs onto Roosevelt's coat tails but that avails him nothing. By taking thought, no man can add ought to his stature and so nobody by saying he is for Roosevelt can make himself a Republican. If he is a Republican, he is for Taft and not ashamed to say so and if he refuses to endorse Taft he is a Democrat or a hypocrite and we do not care which horn of the dilemma you take.

Crocker's Brigade.

Clinton Herald: There are few organizations in the state of Iowa in which a larger number of Iowa people take an abiding pride than in the Crocker's Iowa Brigade association.

The membership consists of remnants of one of the greatest fighting machines during the civil war. Clinton once had the honor and the pleasure of entertaining this association, which meets every two years. This year the reunion is to be held in Washington, the little Iowa city which witnessed the birth of the association thirty years ago. As might be expected death is making constant inroads upon the membership. Yet the attendance at the reunions is remarkably large. At Oskaloosa two years ago 320 of those who were members of one of the four regiments registered during the two days. It is believed that the attendance at Washington this year will be even greater. One of the most pleasing features of the Oskaloosa meeting was the large number of wives and children of the old soldiers in attendance. These number 150, showing that the interest in the gather-

ings of the famous old organization is not confined alone to the men who wore the blue and carried the musket. It is hoped that an even larger number will be present this year.

ENGINEERS OFFER SUGGESTION.

Railroad Men Would Have Chauffeurs Stop at Crossings.

Centerville Citizen: The Burlington Route engineers are suggesting that the state enact a law which will compel all automobilists to come to a full stop when approaching a railroad crossing and ascertain whether there is danger before attempting to cross the tracks. Last Tuesday there were three automobiles struck by Burlington trains on grade crossings and one life was lost, each the case of chauffeurs trying to cross ahead of the trains.

The engineers say they have to watch all crossings closely and that not a trip is made but they prevent collisions by applying the brakes to prevent striking machines which dash onto the tracks ahead of them. Many narrow escapes are reported and every day accidents occur which the engineers have been unable to prevent.

In very many cases it is time no objection with the persons in automobiles. They could just as well stop a minute, the engineers say, rather than take the risk of losing their lives.

DENMARK.

Miss Minnie Woodruffe has returned for a short visit with home folks and friends, from Ainsworth, Neb., where she has been since last October, teaching music in the public school, having charge of choir and music at the First Congregational church and teaching both instrumental and vocal music to private pupils.

Mr. Fred Herm and family were in Ft. Madison yesterday, having dental work done.

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Drs. Philpott, of Ft. Madison, were out yesterday to dress Mrs. Getchel's wound. They hope to have Mrs. Getchel sitting up by the last of the week.

Why does not some one with an automobile gather up the old settlers around here and take them to the old settlers' meeting at Donnellson, on August 27th. At a town in Washington county, on today, August 11, all the old settlers will be brought to their celebration in autos furnished by the committee, and the old settlers will have a parade all for themselves. There are several old settlers in

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Denmark, as Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor and others, who, if they get to the Old Settlers' some one must get them there. Mrs. Woodruffe is having her house where Mr. Asa Houston and family live made to look like new with a good coat of paint. As soon as Mr. F. Henn finishes the painting of this house of Mrs. Woodruffe's he is to put a cement porch on the east end and around the south side of her own residence, making good improvements on both places. The engineers say they have to watch all crossings closely and that not a trip is made but they prevent collisions by applying the brakes to prevent striking machines which dash onto the tracks ahead of them. Many narrow escapes are reported and every day accidents occur which the engineers have been unable to prevent. In very many cases it is time no objection with the persons in automobiles. They could just as well stop a minute, the engineers say, rather than take the risk of losing their lives.

Emery Goss came home from Galesburg, Ill., last week, sick, but we understand that he has recovered since, and has returned to his position there. Nothing like mother's cooking to straighten a boy out. Mrs. Sniff had a chill yesterday. We hope that she will not be sick. Mr. and Mrs. H. Sawyer called on Mrs. Getchel, their niece, yesterday. That was quite a walk for two as feeble as Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer. of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ruble. Mrs. Parker of West Liberty is visiting relatives here and at Bonaparte. Selma and Hallie Shinbloom are spending some weeks in Fairfield, the guests of relatives. Mrs. Cora McDonald has returned to Bonaparte after spending several weeks here caring for her mother, Mrs. L. A. Brown. A Mrs. Stevenson of Bonaparte is with Mrs. Brown. Frank Shinbloom has gone to a town in Illinois where he has employment. Word has recently been received here of the death of Chas. Lorton, at his home in California. Mr. Lorton was formerly a resident of this place. Gladys, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Murphy, has been quite sick. Mrs. Mae Henry is also on the sick list. Mrs. Hattie Herring of Kansas City is at the home of her father, Mart Corbis.

Spider-Web Suits. Now that the hot weather is with us again it might pay some enthusiastic tradesman to revive the manufacture of costumes from spiders' webs, which at one time served to make a cool and attractive fabric. The first person to use the webs in this way was a Montpelier merchant named Bon. Louis XIV. himself deigned to appear in a spider-web suit, with gloves and stockings of the same material, and several of his court fellows followed his example. The fashion was at its height from 1709 to 1711. But the spiders appear to have struck work, or perhaps they were swept down by conscientious housemaids. Anyhow, you would hardly get a spider suit today. BENTONSPORT. Quite a number from here attended chautauqua at Farmington Sunday. Mrs. Nancy Downing and grand-daughter, Glen, returned home from Eldon Tuesday where they had been the guests of Mrs. J. O. Murphy. The tent meetings at Vernon have closed. Mrs. Mary Weaver entertained her nephew, Geo. Mitchell and wife, and Mrs. Mandy Mitchell, Tuesday. Miss Mary Stevens has been employed to teach a school 1 1/2 miles south of Bonaparte. Mart Campbell is entertaining two grandchildren from Norman, Mo. Max E. Ruble of Keokuk is a guest.