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KEEP ON.

If the day looks kinder gloomy, An' your chances kinder slim' If the situation's puzzlin' An' the prospect's awful grim,

Famin' never wins a fight, An' frettin' never pays. There ain't no good of broodin' In These pessimistic ways—

There ain't no use in growlin' An' grumblin' all the time. When music's ringin' errywhere An' everything's a rhyme—

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

The man who has daily injured himself to the habits of concentrated attention, energetic volition and self-denial in unnecessary things, will stand like a tower when everything rocks around him, and when his softer fellow mortals are winnowed like chaff in the blast.—William James.

If cold weather is good for business business ought to be good just now.

If it isn't one thing it is another. The Illinois legislature convened yesterday.

Abe Martin is on record as saying that every once in a while you meet a fellow in some honorable walk of life who was once admitted to the bar.

Nebraska is struggling with the problem of a "wet" legislature in a "dry" town. Bootleggers are the last people in the world to find fault with this state of things.

California newspapers report that arrangements are being made for the annual Iowa picnic to be held at Eastlake Park, Los Angeles, on February 22.

A dozen of the leading cities of Illinois will vote this month on a proposal to adopt the commission plan of city government.

One of Attorney General Byers' last official acts was to render an opinion to Auditor of State Bleakly in which it is held that it is not a violation of Iowa insurance laws for a company to give its agents insurance at a reduced rate.

Director of the Mint Roberts has given out figures which show that high tide in gold production has been reached and apparently passed. In 1909 the production was \$454,000,000.

"We would rather be at home," was the verdict of the members of the United States navy who were feted by their British comrades across the water on Christmas day.

LET'S HAVE A PUBLIC MEETING.

Without doubt the best means of initiating a movement in the interest of a Greater Keokuk, growing out of the development of the water power, would be to hold a public meeting for the expression of sentiment on the subject and for taking the preliminary steps toward an organization which shall have matters in charge and concentrate and direct the energies of the community.

The situation is one calling for thoughtful consideration, and every good citizen should bring his best powers of mind to bear upon it. It is no exaggeration to say that the opportunity that is before Keokuk is without precedent anywhere.

DELIVERY OF MAIL ON SUNDAY.

In an article in these columns not long ago the opinion was expressed that if the people of Keokuk by petition or otherwise would indicate their willingness to forego the delivery of mail on Sunday the Postoffice Department would readily consent to such an arrangement.

This view of the matter has since been confirmed by the experience of Detroit and by the statements of First Assistant Postmaster Grandfield in his annual report just at hand.

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Keokuk Must Take The Tide at Flood

To the Editor of The Gate City:

What a wide experience Shakespeare must have had when he said: "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood leads on to fortune; neglected, all the voyage of their lives is filled with shallows and miseries."

There was a time when the city of Keokuk, the Gate City of Iowa and the west, was a factor to be reckoned with, but we care nothing now about the glories of the past, they are gone like a dollar spent; it is the glories of today, tomorrow and the next day that we are after now, and the question to be considered is whether or not Keokuk gets them or they go to some other live community.

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A Unique Revival. Mason City Globe-Gazette: D. L. Clarke of the Methodist church last evening inaugurated a new plan for a revival meeting and it will be watched with much interest.

"Let Us Have Peace" Burlington Gazette, Dem.: To the ordinary mortal, all this talk and bickering over whom shall be elected United States senator to succeed Mr. Dolliver seems to be detrimental to the state.

Chicago Record Herald: One of the aviators is planning to fly across the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. It is thirteen miles wide, one mile deep and there isn't a soft spot in it, even the narrow river being composed of hard water.

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with the process of advertising and boosting cities, make him deliver the goods and pay him a salary that is worth while, and one that will permit the employment of such a person who knows that line of business and knows it well.

It might be a good plan to consult with the Water Power people and see what they have to offer in the way of factory sites, and what they will sell them for, and further if they are in a position to advise us of any factory considering a move west.

Advertising alone will not help us, but advertising in the right way and in the right quarters will aid materially in the aid of our dreams of commercial supremacy in Iowa.

Byers Wants Cummins' Support. None of these fellows is going to withdraw of his own accord, unless he is made of different clay than was used in the construction of most politicians.

Repatriates at Des Moines. For twenty-five years at least Life Register and Leader: The truth is, as everybody knows who knows the senator, he has a lot of clever things at his tongue's end for a stump speech on the tariff.

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THE SENATORIAL SITUATION.

Young and Curtis Lead the Field, But Change May Occur at Any Time.

W. H. Powell's Des Moines letter in Ottumwa Courier: George M. Curtis' candidacy for the Republican nomination for senator to fill the unexpired Dolliver term has been the subject of a great deal of discussion among politicians since Mr. Curtis' visit to Des Moines on Sunday.

A deadlock would leave both factions on an even footing for 1912. So would the election of a man who is not to be a candidate to succeed himself. A primary election would mean a victory for the lone standpat candidate, Mr. Young, unless all the progressive candidates but one should withdraw.

As it stands now, Mr. Kenyon is in third place on the senatorial docket, with Mr. Curtis and the snort term first and Mr. Young and the primary second.

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Keokuk Savings Bank. In accordance with our usual custom, all savings deposits made on or before the tenth day of January will bear interest at the rate of three per cent per annum from January first. Keokuk Savings Bank. school work at Birmingham January 2nd. Miss Kate Mathews has returned to her school work at Farmington.