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of infectious diseases. The school board believes by instituting the weekly medical inspection, scarlet fever in the city will be checked and there will be less danger of any other communicable disease breaking out among the students.

The Simmons Hardware Company of St. Louis predicts that all business in the country in 1911 will be 20 per cent ahead of 1910. This prediction is based on reports from its 300 traveling salesmen.

Under the heading "Organization Effective" the Cedar Rapids Gazette has a brief article which reads as follows:

"A Cedar Rapids business man who recently made a tour of two eastern states, visiting the towns in which there were factories of various kinds, says he noted this—the towns which have made the greatest progress are the cities in which the business interests have been the most thoroughly organized."

The organizations were everywhere when it came to looking after industries already established or promoting new plants; the growth of the city seemed to depend on the thoroughness of organization.

With cities as with individuals, it is largely a survival of the fittest—and the fittest is the city which is the widest awake, the quickest to recognize opportunities and to grasp the opportunities with no uncertain clutch.

The foregoing points out very clearly the policy Keokuk must pursue in order to reap the most benefit from development of the water power. There must be organization and the organization must be as capable and thorough as it can possibly be made.

PELLAGRA NOT DUE TO CORN.

For a long time it has been a very generally accepted theory that the disease known as "pellagra," which has been more prevalent in Italy than other countries, has its cause in the eating of food prepared from corn.

It is now learned from a leading English medical journal, the London Lancet, that in the early part of the year just ended a committee of pathologists and epidemiologists was formed for the purpose of investigating the causation of pellagra, and at a meeting held later it was resolved that Dr. I. W. Sambon's hypothesis—viz., that the disease was possibly due to a protozoal organism gaining access to the human body by means of some biting fly—should be investigated.

An appeal was made for the necessary funds. Dr. Sambon proceeded to Italy in March, and recently presented an interim or progress report on his researches. He claims to have established: (1) That pellagra is not due to the eating of maize, either sound or deteriorated, as hitherto almost universally believed; (2) that it has a striking, peculiar and well defined topographical distribution; (3) that its endemic foci or "stations" have remained exactly the same in many places for at least a century; (4) that its stations are closely associated with streams of running water; and (5) that a minute blood sucking fly, of the genus Simulium, is in all probability the agent by which pellagra is conveyed.

When public attention was generally directed to this matter something over a year ago a number of physicians at Council Bluffs advanced the theory that the disease was caused by a blood-sucking insect resembling a flea. Dr. Sambon has not been able absolutely to fasten responsibility upon his blood-sucking fly, but he has brought together a body of evidence so strong as to be convincing.

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LAFE YOUNG'S GRANT CLUB SPEECH.

The address delivered before the Grant club in Des Moines Thursday evening by Senator Young was in that gentleman's happiest vein. The Capital in its synopsis of the effort says that "at times he almost started his hearers with the boldness of his speech, as he called a spade a spade. He hit out straight from the shoulder, putting the brand of demagoguery where it belonged."

In like vein the speaker of the evening told of the impressions he had had of the insurgents in Washington, only to find when he got there that they were quiet and peaceable gentlemen, and that instead of buckskin pants and bowie knives he found men who mingled with standpatters, reactionaries, enemies of the common people, slaves of the interests and everybody else.

"I haven't lied to a man running for postmaster in Iowa and I don't intend to. I am going to play an open game of politics and see how the people like it for a change. I haven't even promised doorknockerisms or anything else to anybody."

Discussing the condition which has arisen in Adams county, Ohio, Senator Young said that the pressing political problem is the sacredness of the ballot, and he said the best remedy for this kind of a condition anywhere is to teach the youths of the country to be patriotic.

"All the scientific reports on the tariff question will never change the condition which makes every man vote against free trade for the private interests of his own community. It will give us valuable information, but it won't change the roll call. Free traders are tariff reformers and insurgents are their half brothers, but I want a picture of any free trader or insurgent asking the commission to take the duty off products produced in his own community. Every insurgent will be against free trade six months after he gets it and will pray for the rocks of the world to fall on him so he can't hear the people's disapproval."

"I indict insurgents on another ground. When they get a new idea they want to take out a patent on it instead of giving it to the grand old party. When Grant had a new idea on specie payment he didn't tell everybody that they must follow him or they were whelps, but he another cigar and acted for the grand old party."

Senator Young defended President Taft. He declared the latter is making the best President we ever had. He predicted Taft's renomination in 1912 and asked that he be given a square deal. Mr. Young then took up the tariff and in speaking of the woolen schedule said:

"If the woolen schedule had been made on the insurgent plan in two years there would not be a wheel turning in the woolen factories of this country. This applies to everything else as well as woolens. If you manufacture goods in Europe you can't make them in America, and if you buy all your goods in Chicago you won't have stores in Des Moines. All merchants are protectionists, they want peddlers and bankrupt sales shut out for fear they will ruin their business. Iowa is feeding from twelve to fourteen millions of people and if free trade with Canada is established that country will feed the millions of Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Cleveland, Upper Sandusky and the cities and towns along the border. It will take \$25 per acre of Iowa land and add \$15 per acre to Canadian land. If you have free trade stop the reclamation work because our land will be too valuable to compete with cheap Canadian, Mexican and Argentine land."

In connection with the tariff Senator Young paid his respects to Governor Foss of Massachusetts whom he characterized as a demagogue: "A steer has not grown big enough to make a hide big enough to make a boot big enough to kick that demagogue into eternity." He decried the demagogue in politics, for he has brought all the troubles on the country. "Iowa is not bothered with such tom-foolery—not much of it—and we can make arrangements to get rid of that," said he.



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This country, and said: "I am for the United States of America against the world." All Iowa is with him on that platform. Senator Young closed by outlining how insurgents in congress had prevented him from having any committee assignment or even a committee clerk or committee room. His address, though strong and straight from the shoulder, was received in excellent spirit and he was warmly congratulated at its close.



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