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THE MAN WHO WINS.

The man who wins is an average man, Not built on any peculiar plan, Not blest with any peculiar luck; Just steady and earnest and full of pluck.

When asked a question he does not "guess"— He knows, and answers "No" or "Yes;" When set a task that the rest can't do, He buckles down till he's put it through.

Three things he's learned: That the man who tries Finds favor in his employer's eyes; That it pays to know more than one thing well;

For the man who wins is the man who works, Who neither labor nor trouble shirks, Who uses his hands, his head and his eyes; The man who wins is the man who tries.

—Charles R. Barrett.

Keokuk can and will!

Thought for the day: Handsome is that works his hands some.

It looks to Abe Martin as though the Union was preserved so ball players could go south to practice.

A little 'w's fought at Tobacco, Mexico, the other day. No one needs be told what kind of a fight it was.

One of the developments of the mass meeting in the opera house last evening was that the clergy are the best story-tellers in Keokuk.

"Can Keokuk come back?" No one who was at the mass meeting in the Grand opera house last evening will ever again ask that question.

It will be understood hereafter that no committee sent out to solicit funds will be complete unless Father Gillespie is a member of it.

The Toledo Blade says that knitting stockings for the heathen is one form of Christianity. Shoveling slush off the sidewalk is another.

A farmer in Missouri and a policeman in Granite City, Ill., both dropped dead while reading newspapers Tuesday night. The insurgent sheets have a lot to answer for.

Bert Keltz and Charley Phillips are running the headquarters of George Curtis for senator at Des Moines. The Mason City Globe-Gazette concludes that evidently Curtis has a liking for canned goods.

In his address in the opera house last evening Wells M. Irwin suggested the motto of Dumas' "Three Musketeers" as a motto for Keokuk: "One for all and all for one." The proposition, it is unnecessary to add, was well received.

The Clinton Herald reviews the case of Lee county in the matter of commitment of tramps to the county jail at large expense, and concludes that "the general assembly will do well to act favorably on the request of the Lee county people. The fee system is pernicious and has no place in our government." The good offices of the Herald in this matter are highly appreciated.

Dean Davenport of the Illinois agricultural college made a plea before the school teachers in Chicago for more practical work in the public school. He said only one pupil graduates out of 100 enrolled in the public schools, only one in three of these goes to college and only one out of these three graduate in college, making one college graduate to every 850 pupils enrolled. Yet we plan that they all graduate. He suggests that one-fourth of a pupil's school time should be spent in some life occupation.

The announcement on scientific authority that Des Moines water isn't fit to drink was made just in the nick of time. The members of the legislature from the prohibition counties in the interior of the state were at their wits' end for a valid excuse.

The Town Criers' club of St. Paul, an association of advertising and business men, will present to the Minnesota legislature a bill to correct "fake" advertising and to put mercantile wares offered for sale on much the same basis as that for food products. An important provision of the measure will be the requirement that merchants offer for sale the exact quality of goods which they advertise. They must also be in position to prove, under penalty, that the stocks advertised were acquired in the manner they represent. A committee is engaged in framing the measure.

The Carthage Republican prints a paragraph to the following effect: "It seems that Keokuk shut out two factories employing 1,500 men each by placing prohibitive prices on real estate and now The Gate City is making plea Devlinne appeals to the people of Keokuk to at least turn over and quit snoring."

The Carthage Republican is misinformed. No "two factories employing 1,500 men each" have been shut out of Keokuk by reason of prohibitive prices on real estate, nor has a single factory employing any number of men been deterred from locating here on that account. Thus far real estate prices in Keokuk have remained reasonable and every effort will be made to keep them so.

THE MEETING LAST EVENING.

The mass meeting of citizens in the Grand opera house last evening to discuss the opportunities and needs of Keokuk growing out of the development of the water power met every expectation and was highly satisfactory to all in attendance. The capacious structure was filled completely and standing room was at a premium in the lobby and on the stairways. The large audience was in an expectant and receptive mood and accepted with evident favor the various suggestions that were offered. The addresses were one and all in excellent spirit and taste. The feature of the occasion was, of course, the address delivered by Engineer Hugh L. Cooper, printed in full in this issue of The Gate City. Like good wine, it needs no bush. His remarks bore every evidence of having been carefully considered and were listened to with marked attention and interest. It was the gentleman's first public appearance in Keokuk, and he must be credited with having made a distinct bit as the counselor, adviser and friend of the community. His straightforward, plain, practical business talk cleared the situation very materially and pointed the way to definite results in increased industrial activity, augmented population and greater prosperity. No address delivered in Keokuk in recent years was heard with more general interest, advantage and pleasure.

A full report of the meeting is printed elsewhere and it is unnecessary to review the details in this connection. The immediate practical outcome was the adoption of a motion authorizing Chairman Logan and Mayor Elder to name a committee of fifteen representative citizens to consider ways and means of promoting Keokuk's interests and report at a future meeting to be called by the chairman. This committee will be named at an early day, and will at once address itself to its appointed task.

There is real cause for congratulation in the good beginning that has been made. The large attendance, the deep interest, the earnest, effective addresses, the spirit of the gathering, the action taken, all mean one thing—practical results. It is now assured that Keokuk will go forward as one man to the attainment of the ends in view and that it will spare neither time, effort nor money to reap the advantages possible to it as an immense storehouse of electrical energy. The opportunity that is before it is an exceptional one and it is to be improved accordingly. Keokuk has girded up its loins and turns its eyes to the future with a confidence born of high resolve.

A BIG BOOST FOR KEOKUK.

Mr. M. F. King, Sr., of this city is in receipt of a letter from a personal friend in Omaha who is a large contractor there. The writer tells Mr. King that he has just sold 8,000 yards of granite stone paving blocks to the city of Hannibal, Mo., to pave the levee there. The blocks were shipped from Omaha and made ninety car loads. Of still more direct local interest is a paragraph in the letter in reference to the magnitude of the Keokuk and Hamilton water power project and the benefits already accruing from it. The writer says: "I very much appreciate the postal card picture that you sent me showing a view of the proposed dam, and it certainly looks like business. About the time that I received your card I also received a pamphlet with different views contained therein from the Concrete Mixer Company of Milwaukee. We are one of their customers here and have bought several of their machines for mixing concrete, and they stated in very high terms that they had been fortunate enough to receive the contract for supplying all the concrete mixers for the Keokuk dam, which was the second largest work of that kind in the United States, the other large one being the Panama canal. This was certainly more than I anticipated, although I realized that it was a very large prop-

osition, and, although I was one of the doubting Thomases regarding the construction of this dam when I visited you, there is no question or doubt at the present time that you are going to get everything that you contemplate, and that it will be a very large boost for Keokuk and surrounding territory, as the different papers all over the country are taking it up and giving them a great deal of free advertising, which you know counts a great deal towards building up a country."

ALL EATING IS A RISK.

Dr. G. H. Brown of Indianapolis, member of the Indiana state board of health, who was the guest of physicians in Des Moines the other day, gave some startling reports on food products and poisons as discovered by H. E. Barnard, state chemist of Indiana. One of his statements was to the effect that toxic poison in the apple which Eve ate and not the eating of the apple itself ruined happiness in the first domestic circle in the Garden of Eden. Another was that Nebuchadnezzar ate alfalfa, not common wild grass, inasmuch as a man could not live on the latter, while alfalfa contains a large amount of nutriment. Other postulates were as follows: "Eating at any time is a risk from the toxic standpoint." "Smoking is less harmful than chewing."

"There are deadly poisons in small quantities in many foods." The Register and Leader in its report of his address quotes Dr. Brown as saying: "Eating at any time is a risk, and as a pastime it is beset with dangers from the toxic standpoint. Man's appetite is inquisitive and in search of something new and different. This has led to many disastrous results. Many have argued that the Creator when He placed man on earth gave him a menu card and told him to eat, the card simply listing all of the things that looked good and tasted good. Some say that Providence would not deliberately poison men with good tasting food, but Eve's apple looked good and tasted good. The average person sitting down to his dinner in home or cafe might push back everything from the table and refuse to eat if he knew of the poisons that every article before him contained. Arsenic is present in beef, veal, wheat, potatoes, sea food and drinking water. Fusel oil, generally said to be an indicator of poor whiskey, and which is violent poison, is the most positive proof that the whisky is genuine. Prussic acid is present in fruit seeds. Oxalic acid is present in rhubarb, pie, tart and in the choicest citrus fruits. Benzolic acid is present in cranberry sauce, while caffeine is present in coffee and tea. A popular idea that chewing tobacco is less harmful than smoking is dispelled."

The speaker was asked what there was left to eat, and answered: "Nothing. Just eat what you like and trust to chances. Life is all a lottery. Eve gambled on the green apple and she got a good dose of toxic acid poisoning. No wonder she soured on Adam. By the way, there is a hopeful rainbow sign. Did you know that nature had put into our system a large battalion of germ fighters to put to death these poisons? A boy eats a green apple and the boy writhes with pain. Nature is doing all in her power to counteract the poison. Nature provides her own antidotes. Man cannot do more."

THE PRIMARY ELECTION PLAN.

The Gate City was asked by wire for a brief expression of its views on the proposition to nominate a candidate for United States senator at a special primary election instead of by legislative caucus. The request came from the Des Moines Capital, and the following reply was published in Wednesday's issue of that paper: "KEOKUK, Iowa, Jan. 11.—The Gate City has never been specially enamored of the primary election plan of selecting nominees, but now that this has become the settled policy of all states alike. It does not understand why, if it was the only proper way to select the successor to Senator Allison, it should not be equally the proper way to select a successor to Senator Dolliver."

NOTES AND COMMENT.

The Sioux City Journal observes that Governor Carroll has grown on the job.

It is related that Robins, the New York bank robber, whose real name was Robinovitz, repudiated his parents. "Well, he only beat them to it," remarks the Des Moines Capital.

"There used to be a united Republican party in Iowa," says the Marion Register. "It was a victorious party then. It is a divided party now. A house divided against itself must fall."

The Topeka Capital remarks that Atlee Pomerene, the new senator from Ohio sounds like a tropical fruit. The Des Moines Register and Leader explains that in reality he is the lemon Ohio voters handed the Republican party last November.

The Monticello Express suggests that the prohibitionists, who now want the malt law repealed and statewide prohibition left in force, are either too young to remember, or have forgotten the demand for the malt law as it was voiced twenty years ago.

Hitting at the Farmer.

Fairfield Ledger: Here it comes again. Another congressman has offered a bill in the house which puts the so-called necessities of life on the free list. In line with the demands of the tariff rippers and free traders generally it includes "cereals, vegetables, meat products and the like." The farmer is going to have his inning with tariff reform. It is just the time when the Iowa farmer

locomotor-car ataxia!" exclaims the Knoxville Express.

The Hampton Chronicle favors straight salaries for county supervisors.

The Crime Against Agriculture. Des Moines Capital: Every voice now raised for tariff revision is a voice against the farmer. The farmer has good prices.

The tariff may not be changed on farm products, but the agitation itself is injuring the farmer more than it is injuring any other man. If the state of Iowa sends a man to the United States senate to help along the agitation for rapid changes in the tariff, the state of Iowa will be aiding her own destruction.

Iowa is a farm state. Iowa produces the food for millions of people who are in shops and factories. If the men in shops and factories are not employed they can not buy the Iowa farm produce. Talk in congress throws men out of employment. No manufacturing state is neglecting its opportunities. Every New England state is demanding cheaper products from Canada with which to feed the working men. When Canada feeds the working men of New England the Iowa farmers will not feed them. Canadian farm products are nearer to New England than are the Iowa products.

The selection of a senator from Iowa may be a matter of faction at the present time, but if a low tariff man is chosen, the farmers of Iowa will suffer. Low tariff never produced good times in America and never will. The farmers ought to read the history of their country.

Not a voice is raised against anything but the agricultural schedule. The iron and steel schedule is forgotten, but people talk for lower schedules for beef and pork. Every man who goes to market with a basket and pays a high price for anything, without stopping to reason, damns the tariff, while he owes his own employment to the tariff. If we did not have a tariff, our importations would be so increased that American labor would be idle.

Yet men are elected to congress on the sole issue of cutting down the tariff in order to cut down the purchasing price.

Iowa is a seller, not a buyer. Iowa is a producer. It is a little strange that the people will forget these things in the heat of a political contest. It is a little singular that they become worshippers of men instead of advocates of principle. Man worship may be a satisfactory thing. It may lead to applause. It may please somebody, but if it cuts into the business of the farmer, the farmer will soon turn from his man worship.

Sunday Closing at Jacksonville.

Jacksonville Courier: The movement for the closing of postoffices on Sunday has reached Jacksonville and probably will be pushed to a successful conclusion within a short time. If a sufficient number of people express a willingness that the local office should remain closed on Sunday the department at Washington will issue the necessary order and the employees of the office will thereafter enjoy a full day of rest.

The movement in Jacksonville is yet in an embryonic state and no campaign has been outlined. It is expected, however, that soon petitions will be circulated among the citizens for an expression of opinion and if enough of them indicate their willingness to give up the privilege of getting their mail on Sunday the post office will then be closed on that day.

It is understood that the movement plans to close all departments of the postoffice excepting the lock boxes. The front doors would remain open so that renters of lock boxes might have access to their mail. The local office now remains open for one hour Sunday morning, each of the carriers being required to distribute mail to his patrons as it may be called for. It is said that practically one-half of the people who call for mail Sunday morning do so from force of habit and not because they really get mail. It is expected that a sufficient number of these people, together with many business men who now make a practice of attending to their mail on Sunday, will agree to forego this pleasure of labor, whenever it may be considered in order that the employees of the office may enjoy a day of rest.

Sob Squad Ahoy.

Des Moines Capital: Two 19-year-old hopefuls up at Duluth bound and robbed a hotel clerk of \$50 and then murdered a policeman. If captured and brought to the bar of justice the Duluth sob-squad will doubtless be on hand to make a plea that as they had never robbed or murdered any one before the precious pair should be given one more chance.

Heiress Plans Investment.

A girl who inherited a snug little fortune of twelve thousand dollars has been rather cramped financially all her life, and she had always longed for the luxuries and frivolities of existence. Her uncle came to talk the matter over and advise her as to the investment of her little fortune. "Now, my dear," said he, in the tone of a genial but prudent counselor, "of course you have made some plans—have some idea of how this is to be invested? What yearly income do you expect? From your twelve thousand dollars?" Then the young woman replied: "I expect, dear uncle, to invest my money so that I shall have a yearly income of twenty-four thousand dollars for six months."

Black Light.

This curious term was first used by Le Bon of the French Academy of Sciences to describe a form of radiant energy which arises from the back of a thin sheet of opaque metal when the front is illuminated with ordinary light. Black light in some of its properties resembles the X-ray, but differs from it in fundamental points. Le Bon announced the discovery of this singular radiation in 1897.—Sunday Magazine.

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Do It Now. Don't love me when I'm dead and gone And weep above my tomb; If you've a blossom saved for me Gimme the dad-burned bloom. —Houston Post.

KAHOKA, MO.

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Sample died at her home in Kahoka, Tuesday, January 10, aged 76 years, 6 months and 22 days. After brief services at the home Wednesday morning the body was taken to Luray for interment. Deceased had been a resident of Clark county since the age of three years, and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Debarah Thompson. She leaves one brother to mourn her departure.

All roads and all telephone lines led to Jefferson City this week—and the appointment of county clerk has not yet been made.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Briggs of Kadota, South Dakota, are the guests of the Sherwood and Hanslow families.

Edward, five months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Townsend, of Iola, Kansas, died Monday. The body was brought to Kahoka for burial, funeral services being held from the home of Denver Thomas, Wednesday. The father is a son of Mrs. Tillie Townsend.

If Governor Hadley had forgotten that Clark county was on the map he has not been reminded of the fact during the past week.

Judge J. W. Riley has purchased the Shackleford farm of 270 acres in Grant township. Consideration, \$13,500.

Mrs. Dan Combs died at her home in Union township, Monday. The body was taken Tuesday to Unionville, Mo., for interment.

The Woodmen installed officers and had a banquet Tuesday night. A large crowd was in attendance and a fine time was had.

The local lodge K. of P. installed officers Thursday night, and enjoyed a luncheon and good time.

Sidney E. Calvert and Miss Helen McKee have announced for the office of county superintendent of public schools.

The regular term of the probate court convenes February 13. The county court was in session Thursday for a short time on account of the prevalence of smallpox in southeast Clark county. Dr. Martin was appointed health officer and instructed to quarantine the cases.

The Gardiner Bros. will be at the opera house all next week.

The funeral of P. F. Hennessy Tuesday morning was largely attended. The services at the home were conducted by Rev. Allison, assisted by Rev. Laidley, after which the M. W. of A. in which order he held a \$2,000 policy, took charge and performed the burial ceremony at the grave.

Sam R. Frazee, formerly of Kahoka, but for the past few years a resident of Vinita, Oklahoma, will remove to Riverside, California.

Kahoka physicians have raised the price of calls in Kahoka from \$1.00 to \$1.50 in day, and \$2.00 at night. A corresponding raise in rates to the country has been made.

C. W. Watson is at home for a visit with home folks.

Word has been received in Kahoka

of the death at Oklahoma City, Okla., of Mrs. Samuel Spangler, mother of Hon. E. P. Spangler and Mrs. Thos. Hill of Kahoka.

CARTHAGE, ILL.

Mrs. W. T. Williams of Plymouth, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Helfrich.

E. M. Booth is in Keokuk, in the employ of the Keokuk Garage Co. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Berger, of Nauvoo, are visiting Mrs. J. B. Risse.

Miss Olive Burner returned Wednesday from a visit in Rock Island and Yarmouth, Iowa.

Miss Ola Huston has been elected to the chair of English in the Shennandoah, Iowa, High school, and commences work January 20th.

Miss Ruth Snow, of Vermont, and Miss Ellen King, of Muscatine, Iowa, both Ferry Hall teachers, visited last week with Miss Helen Noyes.

Mrs. Lee Walker is visiting in Alledo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lock of Quincy, visited here during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smart and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Newman.

Mrs. E. E. Mack went to Ithica, N. Y., Sunday evening to be with her son, Edward, who is ill. Judge Mack accompanied her to Chicago.

J. L. Shultz went to Burlington Tuesday evening to meet Mrs. Shultz, who has been visiting her parents in Beatrice, Neb.

Miss Nellie Culkin returned to her school work at Moline last week.

Mrs. H. C. Johnson visited relatives in Plymouth last week.

Misses Edith and Gladys O'Hara went to Quincy Wednesday last to hear Madam Shumann-Heike.

Hon. A. W. O'Hara spent last week at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Mrs. Elzey Garard, of Chicago, visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Garard, the past week.

Mr. Lee Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Duncan of this city, and Miss Jessie Weiss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Weiss, of Chicago, were married at the bride's home Monday evening, January 9th, and arrived in this city Tuesday evening to visit his parents.

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