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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

If you suspect a man don't employ him; if you employ him don't suspect him.

Old adage brought up to date: In time of peace fortify the Panama canal.

Another thought for the day: Half a loaf is better than no chance to loaf at all.

A town in Kansas is named Chalk. Seems as if it might be easily erased from the map.

If there are no more Gouls to be married just now the world will proceed to move on as before.

If the first robin is wise it will think over for a time the matter of making its appearance. There is such a thing as being entirely too previous.

Some of the senators seem inclined to run Lorrimer's toga through the mangle.—Sioux City Tribune.

Present indications are that it will be hadly mangled.

There is said to be plenty more snow where the last came from. Let's have it now rather than later. Snow storms in April and May smack too much of insurgency.

During the last three months a bank burglary has been committed in Kansas every three days. This, evidently, is one of the things that is "the matter with Kansas."

Judging from their numerous references to him, Senator Young is giving the esteemed Des Moines Register and Leader and the Des Moines Tribune a lot of worry these days.

The days are now one hour longer than they were on December 22. Which is further proof that all things work together for good to those engaged in developing the Keokuk and Hamilton water power.

Professor Ross, sociologist at the University of Wisconsin, says the medical profession has become the most distinguished in our day, occupying the place the clergy held in the middle ages, and that we ought to canonize some of our physicians. It is respectfully suggested that Charley Miller of the Waverly Democrat put this in his pipe and smoke it.

The insurgent Waterloo Courier pretends to know: "Why doesn't Life Young follow the example of Kenyon and Funk and withdraw, throwing his support to another standpater, just to see if the assembly will elect somebody that gives their mouths a different taste?"

The answer is to be found in an old poem beginning: "Won't you walk into my parlor?" said the spider to the fly."

Attorney General Conson has filed an opinion with the governor to the effect that the latter has a right, under the Iowa laws, to appoint a minor to the position of notary public. The custom has always been followed of appointing only persons of age to these places, but the attorney general finds no law on the subject and says the governor is justified in following the rulings of the courts.

Champ Clark told the Young Men's Christian association at Springfield, Mass., Sunday that the country was getting better. If it were not, he said, our boasted systems of education and religion were both failures, and he did not believe either was. He cited many instances of physical improvement to support his theory and presented a very optimistic and yet plausible view of conditions today as compared with previous times.

The call for memorial services for the late Senator Dolliver and a collection for a monument in his honor, in the Methodist churches of Iowa last Sunday, appears to have been quite generally ignored. This was because of no lack of appreciation of Senator Dolliver's character and public services, but because it was felt that expressions of regard ought to be voiced from places other than the pulpit on the Lord's day. It was also felt that to take up a collection would be more or less of an imposition on the churches, which are already overburdened with financial obligations which must be met. The Gate City is fully persuaded in its own mind that in ignoring the call the churches did just right.

It is remarked by the Sioux City Journal that "if you want to know where Life Young stands on any question all you have to do is ask him." That is one of the things that distinguishes Mr. Young from a number of other public men. He has the courage of his convictions and isn't afraid to go on record on any matter that comes up for consideration. This country would be governed better if there were more legislators like him.

Fort Madison has been having trouble with its water company on account of the quality of water furnished. As a last resort it has decided to withhold payment from the water company for hydrant rentals until such time as usable water is furnished the people for domestic purposes. Keokuk used a like club on the water company here with entire success some years ago. There's nothing like hitting at the pocket book of a public utility company to bring it to time and make it live up to the terms of its contract.

The farmers of Iowa are decidedly opposed to the proposed reciprocity treaty with Canada. The Cedar Falls Record tells why in a few words that go directly to the point, as follows: "The whole plan seems to be to give the east cheaper food products at the expense of the farmers of the west. If the east is seriously disposed to tote fair they will insist upon a reduction of the duty upon manufactured goods as well as upon farm products, but Canada is not a manufacturing country but it is a great agricultural section and even with the low duty on manufactured goods the proposition is decidedly one sided."

The commission form of city government was overwhelmingly defeated at Galesburg. Presumably every community is the best judge of its own needs and interests, but unless conditions in Galesburg are materially different from what they are in most municipalities that city has made a serious mistake in rejecting an arrangement that has made for better government wherever it has been tried. Keokuk has had experience with both forms of city government and could not be induced to abandon the commission plan and return to the old aldermanic system. Even were it disposed to do so, it could not afford the expense which government by political parties entails.

A sweeping amendment to the Cossion law providing for the removal of law enforcing officers for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office, is proposed in a bill introduced in the state senate by Senator Wilson of Clinton. The amendment is sweeping in that it provides that "All county, township, city and town officers, elected or appointed" come under the provision of the act. This means that practically every officer in every city, town, county and township may be removed by exactly the same procedure as is established in the Cossion law for removing county attorneys, sheriffs, mayors, police officers, marshals and constables. Such a powerful instrumentality in the hands of irresponsible and vindictive persons could easily result in grave abuses. The general assembly would do well to go slow in widening the scope of the Cossion law, the wisdom of which is sub judice as yet.

A TRADE CATECHISM.

The Iowa City Republican has published a brief trade catechism relative to reciprocity with Canada that every Republican would do well to commit to memory. Western farmers in particular would do well to make it their own and write their representatives in congress to vote against the proposed treaty. The questions and answers are as follows: Where does Canada raise her wheat? In the great northwest. Is it farther from the wheat section to New York than it is from Iowa to New York? It is. Is it far from eastern Canada to New York? No, the distance is very short. Why is land so cheap in eastern Canada? Because there is no market for food products, for which the land is adapted. Why is there no market, if the land is so close to New York? Because a tariff is levied on food products from Canada to help the Iowa farmer. Would the Canadians raise more corn and corn fed products if the tariff were taken off? Yes, dear farmer, for they would have the richest market in the world. And what would happen to the Iowa farmer? He would get it in the neck.

GOOD ON RECIPROCITY.

Washington advises say that Representative Good, from the Fifth district of this state, will shortly make a speech in the house in which he will oppose the Canadian reciprocity agreement submitted to congress by President Taft. Mr. Good is quoted as saying of the reciprocity agreement that he does not consider it provides for a fair exchange. He is represented as thus defining his attitude: "My position simply is that I am willing to vote to give the President authority to arrange for free trade with Canada in return for free trade for our goods entering Canada. If that is not done, then we should adjust the tariff between Canada and this country on the basis provided for in the Republican platform, that is, on the basis of difference in cost of production."

THE K'S ARE IT.

Keosauqua Independent: Keokuk, Kalamazoo, Kewanee, Kokomo and Kearney have each been rewarded for their patience, and Uncle Sam must be getting near to Keosauqua in that census matter. His Face Familiar. Judge Gottfried Wende, an assemblyman from Erie, Pa., in recalling the days when he was a police magistrate, told this story on himself: A prisoner was arraigned before him on a minor charge. Assuming a stern expression, Magistrate Wende said: "Have you ever been arrested before?" "No, sir." "Have you ever been in this court before?" "No, sir." "Are you certain? Now be careful and remember you are under oath." "I am very certain, sir." "Well, your face is strangely familiar." "I am the

return for having the things he produces deprived of duties. He holds that complete free trade with Canada would be a much fairer arrangement than this. In case of free trade all interests would suffer alike. The reciprocity agreement contemplates sacrificing western farmers for the benefit of eastern manufacturers. Let's have fair play!

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

So satisfactory have postal savings banks proved thus far, Postmaster General Hitchcock declares that, if he had the necessary appropriation at hand, he would establish five hundred additional postal savings banks in as many towns and cities throughout the country. Total deposits already in the forty-eight existing banks, in one month, aggregate \$60,000, or an average of \$1,200 for each institution. This average is greater than that of the British postal savings banks in 1908, the year of their greatest success. Assuming that this average will be maintained throughout the year, the aggregate annual deposits will be close to \$750,000. It is anticipated by the officers of the system that the deposits will be correspondingly greater when the service is extended to first class offices.

An interesting fact about these banks is that what was generally anticipated has been realized: the favor with which foreigners regard them. A large proportion of the depositors last month were foreigners who had been accustomed to send their savings abroad. Should all the money that flows from foreigners in this country to Europe be retained here, the effect upon trade and commerce would be highly serviceable, if not marked. That loss, heretofore, has been a conspicuous factor against us in all approximations concerning our foreign trade balance.

In view of the successful operation of the new system during its first month Postmaster General Hitchcock has recommended to congress that the appropriation of \$1,000,000, for which he appeals, shall be made immediately available for the extension of the postal savings system to a considerable number of post offices, the patrons of which are asking for the new banks.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Abe Martin suggests that folks that take themselves seriously ought to be colonized. "It is not the climate that changes, it is our memories," says the Burlington Hawk-Eye.

The Sioux City Journal has noticed that a center of politics forms a whirlpool for business.

The Davenport Times says that Senator Root threw the brush away and kicked over the bucket of whitewash.

"Colonel Roosevelt says 'I am a progressive, but he isn't working much at his trade nowadays,' suggests the Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

Poetry of the period: Teddy was a rover bold, An orator erratic, And every where that Teddy went They voted Democratic.

The Marshalltown Times-Republican says that what Iowa has lost by emigration appears to have been supplied by the increase in the number of real estate agents.

"The trouble with Iowa," says the Davenport Democrat, "is that anyone who lives in this state for a few years gets enough money ahead to be able to move to California and take it easy for the rest of his life."

Pudd'head Wilson's simple rules for saving money: To save half, when you are fired by an eager impulse to contribute to a charity, wait and count forty. To save three quarters count sixty. To save it all county sixty-five.

"The best opportunity for a living is where the soil is willing to enter into partnership with industry. There is no better state than Iowa," says the Eldora Ledger. "Flowers do not blossom here in the winter time, but the zephyrs of health and wealth are more abiding than flowers and perpetual sunshine."

The Coon Rapids Enterprise says it may be that the President is right, in the main, in his advocacy of freer trade relations with Canada, but it will certainly look to most farmers in Iowa, especially the old time Republican farmers, that if this trade agreement becomes a law Iowa farm and other interests will suffer greatly.

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bartender across the street," exclaimed the prisoner.

Timely Advice.

When you have written a letter red hot. Lambasting some chap in his tenderest spot. Someone who's done you an under-hand trick. Some one who's wounded your pride to the quick. Try to remember that writing abuse Does no more good than the hiss of a goose. This is the meaning of all of your sass. "You are a villain, and I am an ass." Take up your letter and read it through thrice. Then put it on ice a while, Put it on ice.

THORNE CAUSES ASTONISHMENT

New Railroad Commissioner Wants State to Pay His Expenses While Acting as Attorney for Meat Producers' Association.

DES MOINES, Feb. 9.—The state executive council has a decided problem and one that is causing no end of comment and considerable astonishment at the capitol in a bill that has been presented by Clifford Thorne the newly elected member of the state board of railroad commissioners.

Files Expense Account. This calls for \$177 which amount as itemized covers the expenses incurred by Mr. Thorne while attending the recent interstate commerce commission as the special counsel for the Corn Belt Meat Producers' association, which it is generally understood paid him \$25 per day for his services.

Thorne's Assumption.

Mr. Thorne assumes he is entitled to his expenses as he became a member of the commission January 1, and claims the state was benefitted by his appearance in Washington. However, the records in the office of the commission show no resolution or other action on the part of the commission authorizing him to go as a representative of the commission. The executive council will probably take this absence of authorization into consideration in passing on the bill.

Was Not Authorized.

The law as it stands permits the commission to attend such hearings upon action of the commission—but no authorization occurred in this instance and Mr. Thorne appeared avowedly as the counsel for the Corn Belt Meat Producers' association. While he was in reality a member of the commission after January 1, Mr. Thorne was not in the state capitol, and the commission had not organized for business until he returned from Washington where he went as counsel for the Meat Producers. The organization and election of a chairman was in fact delayed by his absence.

Are our merchants ready for the competition of those alluring spring catalogs from the metropolitan department stores? Of course the bargains at home are better, when you consider that the home merchant gives you his personal attention and the chance to return goods that are not what was represented. But the public forgets this, trade has to be drummed, and the only efficient salesman is the home newspaper.

SALEM.

Daniel Boon Heller, student of Iowa Wesleyan University, gave an enjoyable lecture at the M. E. church, Saturday evening. His subject, "Chips and Whittlings." Misses Florence Cooledge and Ruth Anderson, also of Iowa Wesleyan, charmed the audience with their singing. The entertainment was under the auspices of the Epworth league. A neat sum was realized from the admission fee.

N. F. Weeks came from Garden City, Kansas, to visit his father, Nathan Weeks, and other relatives at this place.

The G. U. G.'s gave a good program and an oyster supper at the M. E. church on the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Mrs. Marian Becker came from Ottumwa Wednesday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Scott.

T. B. Sater returned to Danville Tuesday evening. Mrs. Sater and little son, Thomas, remained for a longer visit with relatives.

Mrs. Ann Brady recently enjoyed a visit with her son, A. Brady and wife from Kearny, Nebraska.

Miss Clara Cooper departed Friday evening for Kansas City to attend the millinery opening.

Mrs. Jerome Campbell spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Frank McMillan, near Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. H. S. Brown recently visited her daughter, Mrs. Chambers, at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. W. S. Judy of Mt. Pleasant made a short visit with relatives here last week.

F. S. Bell of Twin Falls, Idaho, is transacting business and greeting his many friends here.

Mrs. W. K. Bunker has returned from a visit with relatives at Galesburg, Ill.

Miss Jennie Ingram returned to Coppe Tuesday evening.

Miss Clara Cooper spent Tuesday

and Wednesday at Stockport and Cottonwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett of Fairfield were guests a few days of last week of Mrs. Bennett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Shamponi.

Mrs. Ralph Ford of Mt. Pleasant was a guest last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Long.

Born, Wednesday, February 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Kerr a daughter.

Mrs. Jerry Hoggatt is at home following a visit with relatives at Mt. Pleasant.

Enoch Berry was a business caller at Mt. Hamill Wednesday.

Mrs. Jerome Eighme is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Swartz, from Burlington.

A. J. Ingram and wife left for their home at Arvada, Wyo., Monday.

M. E. Bishop departed Monday for Florida on a business trip.

Col. J. S. Tall and Elmer Hull left Monday evening for Oklahoma on a business trip.

Mrs. Mary Sexsmith, wife of Rev. Matt. Sexsmith, died at her home in Kahoka, Friday evening, Feb. 3, 1911, after a long illness, aged 49 years, 10 months and 5 days. Funeral services were conducted from the M. P. church in Kahoka Sunday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. E. M. Houchens. Interment in Kahoka cemetery. Deceased was a noble christian woman and her demise is deplored by a host of friends. The husband and one daughter survive.

Thomas Wilber Fields died at his home in Kahoka Sunday, Feb. 5, at 11:50 o'clock, aged 63 years, 1 month and 3 days. Funeral from the home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with services by Rev. T. A. Allison. Interment in Kahoka cemetery. Deceased was an expert jeweler. He is survived by his wife, who has the sincere sympathy of many friends in her sorrow.

Dr. Hiram Hillier, of Philadelphia, was called to Kahoka by the illness of his mother and brother.

County court convened Monday. The court has the difficult task of selecting a county highway engineer out of about twenty applicants.

James A. Reed's commission as senator was held up for some hours because he failed to file his campaign expense account, but for some reason the fact escaped the notice of nearly all the democratic papers in this section of the state. One paper attempts to justify the new senator by saying that Senator Warner failed to file his expense account. How silly and ignorant it must think its readers. Senator Warner made no race for the office and was elected by the legislature as a compromise candidate after the legislature had been dead locked for many weeks.

A democratic paper of the first congressional district is much wrought up because Congressman Lloyd was not mentioned in the list of candidates for the gubernatorial nomination. Although Mr. Lloyd has been congressman from this district for many years, and while he has accomplished nothing, or practically nothing, for his constituents, he is a good man and must be given credit for the fact that he has too much political sense to throw away a sure job in a sure democratic district and go chasing after a political job to which he could never be elected; and we are taking into consideration the fact that another is said to be figuring on his political scalp in this district. The next governor from Missouri is going to be a republican, and Mr. Lloyd is wise enough to know it.

Charles Carter of Kahoka and state senator from the Twelfth senatorial district is surely getting his "crimps" by the senate committee on bills.

They have reported adversely on his 49-pound sack of flour and his primary bill. The former should have become a law. There is a question as to the advisability of the latter measure. But the signs of the democratic times in Missouri is changing front on the direct vote on United States senator scheme since the state is republican, and since if this had been the law both Senators Stone and Reed would now be private citizens—where they really belong. The strange part of the matter is that Senator Carter has not had the political acumen to discover the fact.

C. L. Young was a Memphis visitor Saturday.

Representative Turner has secured a clerkship for his sister, Miss Louise, in the Missouri house. Nick Dunleavy who has been Turner's appointee, is said to have been taken care of by Senator Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hiller and Mrs. Sarah Hiller are much improved. George A. Brinkman of Keokuk was a guest of the Trump families Monday.

Uncle John Bates died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. P. Wilson in Kahoka Sunday, February 5. Funeral services from the Christian church Wednesday. Interment in Kahoka cemetery. "Uncle John" was a soldier in the confederate army during the war. He was an old time resident of Clark county. He is survived by three children, James and Robert of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Mrs. J. T. Turner of Kansas City, Mo.

Justice Perry united in marriage Monday, Warren King and Miss Fannie Johnson, colored, both of Keokuk.

Mrs. Virgie Waples died at her home near Winchester Monday, aged nineteen years. Her maiden name was Dorothy, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dorothy. A husband and

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infant babe and other relatives survive. The case of State of Missouri vs Thearus Rowe has been continued to the June term of circuit court. Attorney John Mead of Augusta, was a business visitor to the city Monday. Marriage licenses—Artie Munson, Joetta, Zelma Farr; Charles Henry Linnenburger, Warsaw, Rosa May Jinst, Warsaw; Perry Almer Stamp, Stronghurst; Nellie G. Morning, Basco; Frank Smith, Carthage, Mabel Sammons, Carthage; Everett C. McDaniel, Plymouth, Lola F. Wintermyer, Plymouth; Jas. M. Plowman, Bowen, Mary A. Wilder, Denver. SUGAR CREEK. Linn Humes and family spent last Thursday with Tom Gregory. Isaac Sander returned home last Friday from Hamilton, Illinois, where he attended his brother's wife's funeral. Herbert Humes and family spent last Friday with Linn Humes. Mrs. Arthur Brown of Canton spent the first part of this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hayward. Isaac Sander and family spent Sunday with Jim White. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brammer spent Monday evening with Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Row.

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