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Every sign now is that there will be no bill passed in congress for the direct election of United States senators. This is noted with satisfaction by the Macomb Journal, which is hopeful that by the time congress meets again this "bobble-skirt in politics" will be clear out of fashion. 'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished.

The woman suffrage amendment to the state constitution has been reported favorably to the house at Des Moines and advices say that it will be so reported to the senate in all probability. Despite the fact that there has been practically no work done in its behalf the chances seem good for its adoption by both branches of the legislature.

Are we to have an automobile trust next? A report is current in Wall street to the effect that men representing J. P. Morgan and the Rothschilds, and who were formerly connected with the Licensed Automobile Association and Walter Flanders of Detroit, have organized a \$100,000,000 corporation to buy up and control the entire automobile manufacturing industry of the United States.

E. E. Clark, formerly of Cedar Rapids, now a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, may be placed in the senatorial field with hopes of breaking the deadlock at Des Moines. Mr. Clark was formerly head of the Order of Railway Conductors and is a very worthy and capable gentleman. Another possibility is Robert Hunter of Woodbury county. He has not been prominently identified with either faction of the Republican party in the state and his friends believe he would be an acceptable compromise candidate.

The senate and house judiciary and corporations committees of the general assembly will grant a hearing tomorrow afternoon on the Francis public utilities commission bill. This measure differs from the Sammis and other public utilities bills before the senate in that it preserves to the cities and towns, or is designed to do so, all the powers of local regulation and control of local utilities. As far as the cities and towns are concerned, the commission established by the Francis bill is nothing more than a court of appeal. In addition the commission has direct and immediate supervision over all utilities which are state wide in their operation. Senator Francis believes his bill is a happy medium between the public service commission bills and the measures which have been introduced looking to preserve to the cities the right to control and regulate their own public utilities.

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AN ELOQUENT ADDRESS.

Mr. E. W. McManus of this city is winning quite a reputation for himself as an orator with his address on "The Price of Progress" which he is delivering in neighboring cities and towns. Last Sunday evening he gave it in Fort Madison and the newspapers of that city speak of it in terms of highest praise. The Daily Gem City surrenders nearly a column of its space to an outline of the address and compliments to the speaker, and predicts that it will be a long time before a Fort Madison audience again has an opportunity of hearing a more forceful arraignment of modern evils and a more deft and apt exhibition of humor and pathos. The same paper says that alternately the audience were swayed from tears to rollicksome mirth.

Mr. McManus' thought, as voiced in his address, is that the history of the world is a story of progress in body, mind and soul, and each age has added something to the composite mass which is the present. The relationship that exists between nature and human activity is dwelt upon and it is pointed out that nature's laws cannot be violated with impunity. In Mr. McManus' view indifference is the great American sin. He was especially happy in his remarks concerning the home, which he characterized as the bulwark of society. At one point in the course of his remarks he brought down the house by declaring:

"If we could harness one-half of the energy wasted in our churches every Sunday by women craning and straining their necks for a glimpse at a sister's bonnet, we wouldn't have to dam the Mississippi river for power."

The speaker's remedy for the evils of society and the world is love, which he declared, "has wrought more miracles than even subtle magic boasts, and through it we may redeem ourselves as we were redeemed on Calvary by Him whose love was universal." The synopsis of the address given to the public fully justifies the newspaper verdict there that it was highly entertaining and contained much food for thought.

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NO ALUM, NO LIME PHOSPHATE

NOTES AND COMMENT.

"Instead of creating a public utilities commission, the state had better abolish some existing bodies," says the Iowa City Republican.

"If the present salary of Iowa legislators was large enough to go to Des Moines on, it is plenty large enough to come home on," says the Cherokee Democrat.

The Burlington Hawk-Eye says that as things are now going, there will be need of a treaty of reciprocity between New England and the agricultural states of the west.

The Onawa Democrat approves the proposed increase in the pay of Iowa legislators. "As the pay is now," the Democrat continues, "no man of brains who is poor can afford to be a legislator."

A St. Louis man got a Black Hand letter written in German. The Des Moines Register and Leader suggests that the sender must have been determined to make it as terrifying as possible.

It occurs to the Des Moines Tribune that possibly Champ Clark was moved to remark that "we have too many rainbow chasers" by the fact that he is being crowded out of the limelight.

The Sioux City Journal suggests that if you think the popular magazines cannot afford to pay a higher postage rate on their huge advertising sections just write to one of them for quotations on the cost of a one page advertisement, one insertion.

Liberalize Financial Laws. Cedar Rapids Republican: It will be a matter of regret if the present legislature should adjourn without removing some of the embargoes that have been levied on business interests. Take the matter of building interurbans. It is agreed among us that certain laws now on the statute books make the building of such lines almost impossible, because men with money will not put their money into them. We have laws upon our statute books that discourage the investment of outside capital and we have laws upon our statute books that encourage home capital to go out of the state to seek investments.

After we have talked about this all we want to, it still remains true that after an inheritance left to a widow and children has been taxed according to the laws of Iowa, in any city, there will hardly be 2 per cent of income left. That is not enough and those who have money to invest simply are compelled to take it out of the state. You cannot get away from this fact. It is double taxation that has driven millions of capital out of the state and that has made it impossible for Iowa people to lend money to other Iowa people.

The Petersen law penalizes instead of encourages the investment of capital in new enterprises, like interurbans. It has taken all possibilities out of such enterprises, all possibilities of profit. To start new enterprises with large capital you must leave a little room for the speculative values in properties. If there is only six per cent in them, men will not put their money into new things, but they will keep them in old line investments like farm mortgages, on which they can make just as much.

If the legislature shall adjourn without liberalizing the provisions of these laws it will mean two more years of waiting for the development and the investment in Iowa for which we have all been praying.

Linguistically Omnipotent. Chicago Tribune: When Owen Moran the English lightweight champion, meeting the immortal T. R. on a New York Central dining car, shyly expressed big surprise that an ex-president would engage in conversation with a pugilist, our Theodore "straightened up and clenched his hands." "Well," said he, "there's no king I can't talk to and no honest man that can't talk to me." And in his own language, he is Peter I. of Servia, Chowta Maha Vajirudh of Siam, Hubbulah of Afghanistan, Sid Mohammed of Tunis, Menelik II. of Abyssinia, Seyid Mahomed Rahim of Khiva, or Ahmed Mirza of Persia, no king can escape if T. R. has determined to talk.

The Akkood of Swat. What, what, what. What's the news from Swat? Sad news. Bad news. Comes by the cable led Through the Indian Ocean's bed, Through the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea and the Mediterranean—he's dead; The Akkood is dead!

For the Akkood I mourn. Who wouldn't? He strove to disregard the message stern.

But he Akkood n't Dead, dead, dead; (Sorrow Swats!) Swats who hse w! Akkood bled, Swats whom he hath often led Onward to a gory bed. Or to victory. As the case might be. Sorrow Swats! Tears shed. Tears shed like water. Your great Akkood is dead! That Swats the matter!

Mourn, city of Swat! Your great Akkood is not. But lain 'mid worms to rot. His mortal part alone, his soul was caught

(Because he was a good Akkood!) Up to the bosom of Mahound. Though earthly walls his frame surround

(Forever hallowed be the ground!) And skeptics mock the lowly mound And say "He's now of no Akkood!" His soul is in the skies— The azure skies that bend above his loved

Metropolis of Swat. He sees with larger, other eyes. Athwart all earthly mysteries— He knows what's Swat.

Let Swat bury the great Akkood With a noise of mourning and of lamentation!

Let Swat bury the great Akkood With the noise of the mourning of the Swatish nation! Fallen is at length, Its tower of strength, Its sun is dimmed ere it had nooned; Dead lies the great Akkood, Is not!

The great Akkood of Swat. —George T. Lanigan.

Iowa and California. Des Moines Register and Leader: Writing to the Hampton Chronicle, Ralph Clock, a former Iowan who has recently located in southern California, makes the following comparison of his new home and the old:

"Iowa is considered a rich state, and her prosperous farmers are heralded far and wide as examples of the highest degree of prosperity, yet, unless you make those lands in Iowa produce more than you are now doing you cannot hope to retain that reputation very long. I know of an instance, and it is only one in a thousand, in this country, of an eighty acre farm, within a few miles of this place, which produces as much for its owners in raising celery or sugar beets, as would five or six hundred acres of Iowa land."

Iowa's agricultural experts at Ames have been urging this view upon Iowans for years. Iowa soil is not yielding a third of the wealth it might yield with thoroughly scientific cultivation. Prof. P. G. Holden says he could add millions to the corn crop value of a single county if he were allowed to dictate its planting and care. Secretary Van Pelt of the Iowa Dairymen's association says the same thing could be done for dairying.

If Iowa will study its agricultural possibilities and make the most of them scientifically, California can never pass it. But Iowa needs to wake up and bestir itself to the utmost. The sunshine and the soil and the rain are happily combined in the right proportions in Iowa, nature has done its part well, but it is up to the Iowa man to do equally as well.

The Law of Protective Covering. Sioux City Journal: A congressman, whose name has not been divulged, has stumbled on "a higher law of nature," which has been named a law of "protective coloring." Under this law the hunted politician is filled with desire to "look as much like his surroundings as he can and to sink in to them unobserved, like any other pursued animal which takes to the deep grass or the tall timber."

FRANKLIN.

Referee E. P. Arnknecht of Donnellson sold the real estate of the late Mrs. Catherine Pardall at the court house by public sale Friday, which was attended by a large crowd. The different parcels went as follows: Twenty acres timber in Jefferson township to W. G. R. Beck, \$800; 15 acre bottom east of town to P. L. Pardall, \$315; homestead, consisting of house and three lots to F. C. Knabe, \$325; fraction lot No. 10 to L. C. Pardall, \$15; \$0 acre farm, two miles west of town to Wm. Hoenig, \$750. After deducting all expenses and inheritance tax the balance will be distributed into twenty-nine parts, about one-third going to heirs in Germany. Our local court will be in session next Saturday. Rev. J. F. C. Trefzer will lecture before the Christian Endeavor societies in Burlington next Sunday and on this account there will be no services at the local church. Mrs. A. H. Laisy is still confined to her bed by illness. Last week her en-

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Montrose. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Wharton of Route No. 2, celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary Saturday evening, February 18. About forty of their neighbors and friends managed to find their way through the mud, with baskets well filled with good things to eat, and spent the evening very pleasantly with games, music and social conversation. Misses Ella Dugan, Margaret Brayton and Emma McBride deserve special credit for the pleasant manner in which they helped entertain the company.

The guests presented Mr. and Mrs. Wharton a purse of about \$8.00 as a token of their esteem. At a late hour the friends departed for their respective homes, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Wharton many more happy anniversaries. The event was planned as a surprise, but as usual, some one "let the cat out of the bag." During the Lenten season there will be services at the St. Barnabas Episcopal church by the able divines, Rev. Dr. Rudd of St. Luke's church, Ft. Madison, and the very able expounder, Rev. Gilbert of Moor, will enlighten our church people as regards their christian duties.

There are many families who have two or three members of the family housed with measles. Uncle Charlie Curtis called on Constable Armentrout Monday, who is a victim of paralysis and recited one of his favorite poems, Johnnie's History Lessons, that shows a remarkable memory. J. P. Kennedy is building three new houses to rent. Mr. James Cooney has recovered from gripe and is able to come down in the city. Chas. Sullivan spent several days last week with his parents at Alexandria, Mo. John Alvis of Keokuk has bought the Kandle home; consideration, \$1,100.

The roads are something fierce in this vicinity and our rural neighbors have difficulty in moving to the different farms. Frank Sawyer is housed with the gripe. Mrs. Emery Brewer is moving into the Johana Moore property recently sold to the water power. Mrs. J. P. Barber has returned from St. Elizabeth Hospital, Ft. Madison, much improved in health. Norwin Jordan and Thos. Scott have arrived from Graceland College, Des Moines, where they have finished a course in telegraphy. Mrs. David Houghton has recovered from a recent sick spell. A miscellaneous shower was given to Miss Ada Cloud of Jefferson Town-

ship Thursday, preparatory to her approaching marriage. Frank Davis has sold his home to Wm. Fowler of Sandusky. Rev. Potter of Keokuk lectured at the Presbyterian church Monday evening. Mrs. Jacobs is a guest of her son's family at Oskaloosa this week. CROTON. Mrs. E. J. Holmes of Edina, Mo. was the guest of Mrs. E. J. Watts last week. Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Scott who have been in Kissinger, Mo. for the past four months have returned to their homes, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Springer and family. The latter expects to move to Keokuk in the near future. Dawson D. Bibler of Stanhope, Ia. was the guest of relatives here the past week. Miss Genevieve Anthony of Ottumwa, and cousin, Miss Minnie Lane of North Dakota visited their grandmother, Mrs. Bert Nelson Friday and Saturday. Misses Blanch and Florence Wells and Miss Florence Davis, Mr. Eval Gray, Dawson Bibler and Lester Sals gaver spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mrs. E. J. Watts Sunday evening. Mrs. R. Beggs, Mrs. H. Mcomber, Mrs. E. J. Watts and Blanche Mcomber attended the revival in Athens Friday evening. Misses Blanch Mcomber and Doris Simmons and brother Earl of Farmington visited Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. H. Mcomber. Mr. Henry Myers is very poorly. Mrs. H. Mcomber and daughter Mary visited last week in Farmington. Misses Florence Davis, Florence Wells and Dawson D. Bibler spent Friday evening with Mrs. A. Harlin also taking supper with her. Backache, Rheumatism, Sleeplessness. Result from disordered kidneys. Foley Kidney Pills have helped others, they will help you. Mrs. J. B. Miller, Syracuse, N. Y., says: "For a long time I suffered with kidney trouble and rheumatism. I had severe backache and felt all played out. After taking two bottles of Foley Kidney Pills my backache is gone and where I used to lie awake with rheumatic pains I now sleep in comfort. Foley Kidney Pills did wonderful things for me." Try them now. Wilkinson & Co.