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A PRAYER.

Lord, not for the light in darkness do we pray. Not that the veil be lifted from our eyes, Nor that the slow ascension of our day

Be otherwise.

Not for a clearer vision of the things Whereof the fashioning shall make us great, Not for the remission of the peril and stings

Of time and fate.

Not for a fuller knowledge of the end Whereof we travel, bruised yet unafraid, Nor that the little healing that we lend

Shall be repaid.

Not these, O Lord. We would not break the bars Thy wisdom sets about us; we shall climb

Unfettered to the secrets of the stars In Thy good time. We do not crave the high perception swift

When to refrain were well, and when fulfill, Nor yet the understanding strong to sift

The good from ill.

Not these, O Lord. For these Thou hast revealed, We know the golden season when to reap

The heavy-fruited treasure of the field, The hour of sleep. Not these, we know the nemlock from the rose,

The pure from stained, the noble from the base, The tranquil holy light of truth that glows

On Pity's face.

We know the paths wherein our feet should press, Across our hearts are written Thy decrees,

Yet now, O Lord, be merciful to bless With more than these. Grant us the will to fashion as we feel,

Grant us the strength to labor as we know, Grant us the purpose, ribbed and edged with steel,

To strike the blow.

Knowledge we ask not—knowledge Thou hast lent, But, Lord, the will—there lies our bitter need,

Give us to build above the deep intent, The deed, the deed. —John Drinkwater in Spectator.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Censure and criticism never hurt anybody. If true they show a man his weak points and forewarn him against failure and trouble; if false they cannot hurt him, unless he is wanting in character.—Gladstone.

March came in like a lamb and went out like a gentleman. It will also have to be conceded that Gentle Spring might be gentler.

Great thought! Why not induce the "typhoid fly" to use the public drinking cup?

The Illinois Central railroad boasts that it did not kill a passenger last year. That is something quite worth while bragging about.

A Des Moines couple will walk to Los Angeles. Which prompts the presumably envious Sioux City Journal to remark that the desire to get away from Des Moines must be very strong.

A wealthy Carthage bachelor is going to marry a telephone girl because she was always polite to him on the wire. This leads the Quincy Whig to inquire: "Why spoil a nice, polite telephone girl?" The question involves two more: Are nice, polite telephone girls as scarce in other communities as the inquiry seems to imply? Here in Keokuk it would never occur to anyone to propound such an inquiry. In this city all the telephone girls are nice and polite, and there is no case on record of one of them being less so after marriage than before. But, of course, Keokuk girls are exceptional in a number of important particulars.

Kansas now has a law prohibiting the publication of unsigned political articles in newspapers and also prohibiting the insertion of articles which tend to injure any candidate for public office. It will not be Kansas' fault if the millennium does not arrive on schedule time.

Illinois is jumping on the public drinking cup with both feet, but Iowa continues to use this distributor of deadly disease germs without apparent regard of consequences. Both the white plague and the black plague will find numerous victims as long as the healthy are thus brought in contact with the secretions of the diseased. Iowa needs a state-wide campaign against the public drinking cup.

The Sioux City Tribune explains that the popularity of the commission form of city administration, which attracts the attention and, on the whole, favorable comment of Harper's Weekly, is due to the preaching of the gospel of the management of the affairs of a city is business and not politics. The sentiment created in the public mind by this preaching awaited only the presentation of a practical scheme for taking city administration out of politics and committing it to business. The commission plan came to fill the bill.

Over seven billion calls were made last year over the American Telephone and Telegraph company's telephone wires at an average cost of about two cents a call. Stated in dollars and cents, the company collected \$165,612,881. This is more than three times what it cost to run this government in George Washington's day. The entire income of the company last year was \$35,358,328, and it made the comfortable dividend of 10.2 per cent on \$263,235,600 of capital. The original investors in telephone stock took long chances and are entitled to liberal returns.

THE COURT HOUSE PROBLEM.

Fort Madison is naturally exercised over the destruction of the county court house there by fire. The old building, as was proper, had a large place in the affections of the community. It was regarded with mingled feelings of veneration and pride and was invested with associations and memories not easily effaced or forgotten. Much of the history of Lee county and Fort Madison was made in one way or another within its walls. Understanding these things, one can understand why the recent serious injury to the venerable structure touched the heart strings of the good people of our neighboring city.

At this writing it is not known whether it is the decision of the people in that part of the county to repair the old building with the funds available for the purpose or move for the erection of a new and finer one. The opportunity is a good one for Fort Madison to secure a modern building, up-to-date in every particular and equal to the needs of the community in future years, if that city so elects. This is a matter for our neighbors there to decide. Whatever their decision in the matter, they can rely upon the good will of Keokuk and its best offices toward the attainment of the end in view.

THE KEOKUK BOOSTER BILL.

The Keokuk publicity bill, as told by a Des Moines special to The Gate City on Friday, passed the house on that day and now awaits only Governor Carroll's signature to become a law. This important measure was first proposed at the big booster meeting held in the Grand opera house in this city early in January. The outline there presented was used as the basis of the act later introduced in the legislature and since endorsed by both branches of that body. The act provides, in brief, that city revenues arising from licenses, fines and sources other than the general tax levy may be expended, under proper restrictions, for publicity purposes with a view of inducing the location of factories and promoting the general prosperity. Its passage means the realization of Keokuk's ambition to improve the unexampled opportunity now before it in a way befitting the magnitude and importance of the water power project and the possibilities it involves. Careful estimates place the sum of money that will be available for publicity purposes under the new law at approximately \$40,000 annually. This will be in addition to the \$60,000 subscribed by citizens to the Keokuk Industrial Association, and will afford an ample fund to make Keokuk's advantages, attractions and resources widely known. The personnel of both the Industrial Association management and the city council is all the assurance that is needed that the money will be expended wisely and well.

Great credit is due Senator McManus and Representatives J. M. C. Hamilton and F. H. Krebill for their successful efforts in behalf of the bill in the legislature. Senator McManus had charge of the measure in the body of which he is a member and secured its passage by the senate without much difficulty. In the house a large number of members from country districts were opposed to the bill and its fate in that branch of the general assembly was for a time in grave doubt. Representative Hamilton had it in immediate charge in that body and was ably seconded and aided by Representative Krebill. Thanks to their industry and zeal in its behalf they were able to triumph over all opposition and secure its endorsement by a handsome majority. Keokuk feels greatly indebted to these gentlemen and makes its best bow to them in return. All three of Lee county's members of the general assembly have demonstrated their efficiency and worthiness and earned the high regard of their constituents.

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A NEW KEOKUK AUTHOR.

Keokuk has a new candidate for popularity in the field of authorship in the person of Hon. James H. Anderson, who has just made his appearance in the world of letters with a work on the "Riddles of Prehistoric Times." The volume is one of two hundred and sixty odd pages, handsomely printed and bound by the Broadway Publishing Company, New York, Baltimore and Atlanta. The frontispiece is a lifelike picture of Mr. Anderson. Numerous illustrations by Hudson adorn the pages and add to the attractiveness of the book.

In the foreword Mr. Anderson explains how he came to write the work, which is intended as a kind of log or record such as sailors keep of voyages in unknown seas. He modestly says that for forty years he was "a plodding lawyer, but having become incapacitated by reason of a stroke of apoplexy, pondering on the riddle of existence, he compiled the book, which is but a resume of facts gleaned while he was seeking to know whence came the world and its people." The fact of the matter is that instead of having been "a plodding lawyer," Mr. Anderson was one of the brightest lights of the legal profession in Iowa and the west and has to his credit an exceptionally brilliant career. But great as his brain was, it never outgrew his heart, and he will long be honored and loved as well as admired in the community in which he did most of his life work. All who know him personally, and many who do not, will read with interest what he says as to his methods in the preparation of his book.

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POLITICAL PARADOXES. The Dubuque Times-Journal indulges in the following play on words: "The reservation" Republicans must be Cummins men. The senator is for protection with an "if" and for reciprocity with the same reservation.

The real "Reservation" Republicans—each word with a big R—are for Protection, with an equally big P, without an "if" or a "but" or any equivocation, mental reservation or self evasion whatsoever. By the same token they are opposed to reciprocity with Canada on the terms proposed because it is inconsistent with proper protection of the most important industry in this country. Paradoxical as it may sound, they are "Reserva-

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Dr. Eastman declared that too much civilization means more locks on the doors and more policemen to keep the peace. He said the Indian used to spend the years of his life between the ages of six and sixty to build up his physical being in the way that nature intended. "He could run for days without exhaustion," he said, "and did not need a rub down on his return. At times he fasted, giving the entire physical structure its needed rest. His life was an example of the principles which he desired to inculcate in his children."

"He was governed by instinct and intuition which never erred. His home life was perfect in its simplicity. He killed the beasts of the field only for food, and never wantonly slaughtered them."

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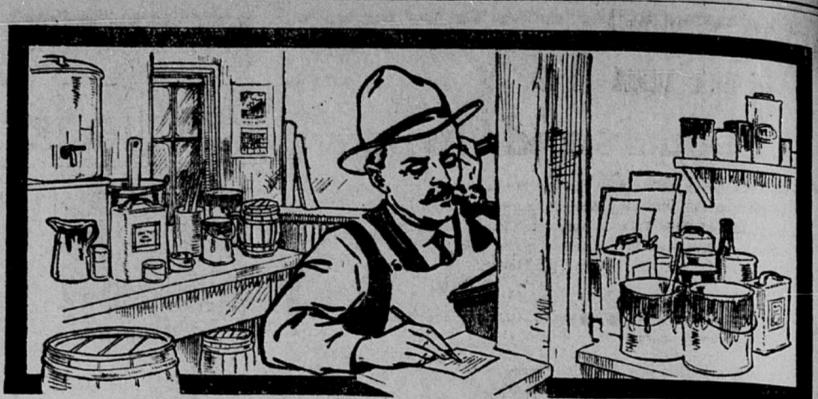
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