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THE QUESTION.

Were the world as good as you—not an atom better—

Were it just as pure and true, Just as just and true as you; Just as strong in faith and works; Just as free from crafty quirks; All extortion, all deceit; Schemes its neighbor to defeat; Schemes some culprit to applaud; Would this world be better?

If this whole world followed you— followed you to the letter— Would it be a nobler world, All deceit and falsehood hurled From it altogether; Malice, selfishness, and lust Banished from beneath the crust Covering human hearts from view— Tell me, if it followed you, Would the world be better? —Selected.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Sorrow is a stone that crushes a single bearer to the ground, while two are able to carry it with ease.—Bailey.

Even the Christian Scientists are pestered with insurgents.

It takes two to make a quarrel, but it is the common experience that the other one is not generally hard to find.

Room for the sweet girl graduate and the lovely June bride! They are entitled not merely to the center, but to the entire stage.

The picture post card is a bugaboo to the postoffice employes, but it must be awarded a large share of credit for wiping out the postal deficit.

Kim Hubbard makes one of his characters say that it must be nice to run a boarding house and not have to worry about something different for dinner tomorrow.

A nephew of the late Senator Dolliver has just won first prize in a South Dakota forensic contest. The power of oratory seems to be inherent in the Dolliver family.

With the Democratic majority in the national house in mind, the Sioux City Journal observes that if enough Democrats stay away from the meeting it is sometimes possible to have a fair degree of harmony.

Dr. Wiley, chief chemist of the department of agriculture, says that suffering from the heat is merely a state of mind. This pronouncement should go far toward relieving the anxiety of some people regarding the next world.

An Idaho man who wanted to commit suicide adopted a unique plan. He fired a revolver into a satchel containing nitro-glycerine. This arrangement has the merit at least of being different from the usual custom of engaging in an automobile race or going up in an aeroplane.

The operation of the Moon law, fixing the number of saloons in a city at a certain per cent of the population, will have the effect of closing eight saloons in Des Moines as soon as suits can be brought against them. Thus far the city officials have failed to act for the enforcement of the law, but now will order the licenses revoked. The eight licenses were granted after the law went into effect.

Keokuk lost a lovable character in the death of Miss Sarah T. Meyling. She was all that was sweet and pure and ennobling in womanhood and her daily life was a daily blessing to all within the circle of her acquaintanceship. The influence of her character and example was wholly for good and her memory will be cherished as that of one who was a constant inspiration to what was highest and best. The world is richer for her too brief stay in it.

Milwaukee teachers have found that the spelling books now used do not fill the bill in the schools. They contain many words that are neither used nor usable, and it is proposed to compile another that will carry none of this dead wood. It will be a practical speller for Milwaukee children because the superintendent has requested teachers in all grades to send in lists of words most frequently and persistently misspelled by pupils. These are what will appear in the new Milwaukee speller.

The special election on the Stone & Webster franchise and the Keokuk publicity proposition will be held one week from today. Sentiment locally is overwhelmingly in favor of both, but this will not avail unless the voters in the city turn out and record their will at the polls. Ballots are the only things that count in an election. In all history good wishes never carried an election unless supplemented by votes.

As a possible Democratic candidate for the presidency Woodrow Wilson represents the scholar in politics. Champ Clark, on the other hand, stands for the Thomas Jefferson-General Jackson-one gallus Democrat who has acquired a mighty appetite during his long years of fasting as a private citizen. With these things in mind it isn't difficult to figure out which stands the best chance for the nomination.

The world is progressing. Originally there were only "three wise men" who journeyed from afar to meet at a common point, guided by a star. Now the number has increased to five and they have come to Keokuk as to find the ideal summer resort, under the guidance of Dr. G. Walter Barr whom this city is glad to acknowledge as a bright orb in its literary firmament. Thus does history repeat itself, with variations and additions.

George Fitch recently raised the question why people insist on getting married in June. One correspondent suggested in reply that by June father has usually recovered sufficiently from Christmas to stand another attack. Another correspondent confidently declared that there is no mystery about weddings in June. Summer railroad rates come on then. A third public illuminator said he had tried several months, but had found June the most satisfactory because it is so romantic. Mr. Fitch's inquiry is well enough in its way, but it doesn't go far enough. Why do people insist on getting married in July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April and May?

ALFALFA VERSUS CORN.

Going up to Ottumwa Friday on a Rock Island train Captain W. A. Duckworth of Keosauqua pointed out to the writer a number of fields of alfalfa in Van Buren county. The acreage of this product is constantly increasing in southeastern Iowa, which is presumptive evidence that it is a profitable crop. This has been the experience in Nebraska, where they are saying that "Queen Alfalfa has routed King Corn." Moreover the folks who are on the side of the new monarch are producing some mighty interesting figures to back up their assertion that a new era has arrived.

It is shown by these statisticians that a quarter section in corn will produce an actual profit of \$480 per year, while planted in alfalfa the same land will yield a net profit of \$1,920. The further advantage of alfalfa is that it adds to the fertility of the soil.

As a milk and butter producer, alfalfa has no superior, and it is the finest sort of fattening food for all sorts of live stock.

The village of Ansley, Neb., which has a population of only 700, shipped during the year from July, 1909, to July, 1910, some \$500,000 worth of cattle, hogs, sheep and horses, all of them raised and fattened on the alfalfa lands in that immediate vicinity. Corn cut some figure in the matter, to be sure, but not approaching the extent that the grass crop did.

Iowa land is better fitted than that of Nebraska for growing alfalfa, and there is no reason in the world why the farmers in this part of the state should not prosper from it as do their brethren of the less favored Nebraska prairies.

THE PRESENT WEEK.

President Taft and many other notables will assemble in Baltimore on Tuesday for the jubilee celebration in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of Cardinal Gibbons' ordination to the priesthood and the twenty-fifth anniversary of his elevation to the cardinalate.

Later in the week the President is to make a short visit in New York. Among his engagements in the metropolis will be to review a parade of Sunday school children in Brooklyn and an address at a banquet to be given at the Hotel Astor by the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' association.

Opponents of statewide prohibition in Texas are to hold a great rally in Fort Worth today to mark the formal opening of their state campaign. Governor Colquitt and other prominent men of the state are to speak. The state issue is to be decided at a special election to be held next month.

A large number of important conventions are scheduled for the week. Among those of more or less general interest will be the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of Canada, in Ottawa; the annual meeting of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, in Boston; the meeting of the Lutheran General Synod, in Washington, D. C.; the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' association, in New York City; the American Water Works association, in Rochester; the National Association of Clothiers, in Atlantic City; the Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit association, in Boston; the National Association of Piano Dealers, in Chicago; and the annual meeting and tournament of the North American Skat league, in Pittsburgh. Saturday is the day fixed for the

investiture of the Prince of Wales as a Knight of the Garter. It is understood that the investiture will be the start of the all-European aviation races, the Richmond Royal Horse show, the Franco-American celebration at St. Die, the international convention of Good Templars at Hamburg, and the continuation of the arrangements for the coronation in London.

THE ANNUAL FIRE LOSS.

Some interesting figures and comparisons have just been made public relative to the annual loss by fire in this country. According to the showing made, if all the buildings burned last year in the United States were placed close together on both sides of a street, they would make an avenue of desolation reaching from Chicago to New York City. At each thousand feet would be a building from which a severely injured person had been rescued, and every three-fourths of a mile there would be the blackened ruins of a house in which some one had been burned to death. Other interesting comparisons are briefly summarized below:

The fire losses in the United States in 1910 would pay the total interest bearing debt of the country in four years.

They would build the Panama canal in less than two years.

They exceed the total cost of the army and navy of the United States for the year.

They were greater than the annual expenditure for pensions or the annual cost of the United States postal service.

The cost of fires each year is one-half the cost of all the new buildings erected in a year.

The annual per capita fire waste in the United States is \$2.51; in Europe \$3c. Cause: The latter has better construction, less carelessness, increased responsibility.

If buildings in the United States were as fireproof as in Europe, the annual cost of fire losses and protection would be only \$90,000,000.

Fires in the United States cost over \$500 a minute.

The way to get lower insurance rates is to have fewer fires.

New York City spends \$10,000,000 a year for fire extinguishment, and only \$15,000 a year for fire prevention.

The 90,000,000 people in the United States use more matches than the 900,000,000 in the rest of the more or less civilized world.

Of 2,875 known causes of fire in Chicago last year, 1,089 were due to careless use of matches. Nearly ten thousand matches are scratched every second of the day in this country, every one a possible fire.

The report of the fire marshal for Nebraska for 1910 shows that of 824 known causes of fires in that state, 106 were due to matches, of which 55 were caused by children playing with matches, many of them resulting in serious injuries.

Defective flues are responsible for 13 per cent of all the fires.

The fire waste of the United States in the past ten years exceeds the amount of gold held in the United Kingdom, Austria-Hungary, Italy and Spain. It is equivalent to wiping out the entire corn crop once every ten years, and exceeds the annual value of wheat, hay, rice and oats. It is twice the annual value of the cotton crop. And most of this waste is easily preventable and due to carelessness in one form or another.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Alex Miller holds the most useful member of a lodge is not always the one who wears the biggest badge.

"The farmers of this country are not going to vote for any 'free list' proposition, we are quite sure," says the Logan Observer. "If they are to pay all of the cost of reducing the cost of living they are not going to be in any hurry to begin on that fancy scheme."

"There is little likelihood that Canadian reciprocity will enter as a factor in the next Republican national platform, nor is it probable that President Taft's position on that question will influence the attitude of the delegates toward him," asserts the Clinton Herald.

"The people of the United States will never stand for free wool," says the Des Moines Capital. "Free wool would destroy every flock of sheep in America. One would think that Col-

Nothing the Matter With Iowa

Harry E. Davis in Oskaloosa Herald: Nothing in the world, except her people are and have been suffering from a marvelous prosperity, due to her unequalled conditions of soil, climate and location.

What has become of the increased population reasonably due a section of earth so favored?

The answer is found on the emigrant trains headed for Canada, and every western and southern state, and in the most remote and obscure corners of God's footstool, wherever there is opportunity for human enterprise, ingenuity and effort, the farm, workshop, office and counting room are enriched by the stimulating influence of Hawkeye brain and brawn.

Why is this so? The wonderful success of our efforts to create wealth and "get money" has fired our brain with the Utopian hope that somewhere gold grows on trees, or oil, with which to fill our Aladdin lamps, gushes from the ground; our habit of looking for some constellation or newly discovered comet is so absorbing that we fail to note the electric light that brightens our home and dissipates the darkness of our streets; we are so intent in the pursuit of the promise of some mystic muse, that we pass the possibilities and certainties that Iowa offers in profusion unequalled by any other state.

That is partly the reason; the perverseness of human nature is responsible for part of it.

Seasonable climate rarely ever suits us. In winter we stampeped for southern California or Florida, where we can wear a duck suit and cork hat and swelter on the sand in the rays of a tropical sun. In July and August we are terrorized by the weather that six months before we traveled fifteen hundred miles to enjoy, and pack our grips for the northern lake or the snow-capped summit of the Rockies, where we can feel the tinge of zero, wear an overcoat and sleep in blankets. Why do sensible people spend fortunes every year seeking climate that Iowa furnishes always, in the proper season, by an admirable adjustment of changes that would delight any but the possessor of an overworked stomach or deranged liver?

Iowa climate: What more invigorating, nerve developing nutrient than the weather of her winter months?

What stimulates, encourages and revives, filling every effort with the zest of youth, as does the bursting into life of all nature in a riot of voluptuous splendor and rapturous melody during her splendid spring?

What is more gladsome than her summer sunshine, what more glorious than her harvest moon?

What is more beautiful, restful and supremely sublime than her autumn days?

If an Iowa farmer went elsewhere for what he consumed, going to the Dakotas or Kansas for his wheat, to Colorado for his potatoes, to Michigan or Missouri for his apples, to the rich river-deltas for his corn, to other places for other products, when they can all be produced in abundance on

whether it was "niece" or "neice," "dying" or "dyeing," "judgment" or "judgement," and "judgship" or "judgshp."

The Anabasis of the Grand Army.

Marshalltown Times-Republican: The long march nears its end. Each recurrent Memorial day is a milestone of its progress, a bivouac in the anabasis of the Grand Army which established universal freedom on the American continent. Year by year the line grows thinner, the steps of the marching men less certain and the hair beneath the service hats whiten with age. The anabasis nears the sea. So, weary, worn, scarred with innumerable wars, weakened with wounds, but unconquered and unconquerable, that handful who survived the first anabasis saw the waters shine in the sun and shouted at the end of their journey.

Behind the remnant of the Grand Army lies accomplishment; before it, rest. Its decay is physical. There is little senility, nor weakness in the human rights it established. Its monuments are not to be builded. They rise behind it marking epochs. Where ever the grand army marched it left

Back to Old School Days.

Boston Traveler: The more one reflects on the good old spelling bee, the more enthusiastic one becomes. There were spellers, you know, in the days when our parents and grandparents stood up in opposing rows in the little red schoolhouse and were bowled over, one after another, by "phthisic" and "caoutchouc" and "abecedarian" and "gauge," and when much fame was acquired by those master intellects that always knew

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footsteps immutably fixed in the history of the race. It is not pitiful when such men grow old and pass in the course of nature. It is as natural and as much a part of a great plan as when the corn rises in the fields, burgeons and bears and having fulfilled its purpose, passes in the process of an Almighty Wisdom. So came the grand army into being because the world needed it and Infinite Wisdom ordered. So it passes. But behind it leaves a higher civilization and the seed of a wider liberty.

The Old Timer. I was a knight of the open, And had a hull kingdom to guard; Them was the days of real glory— Their like won't be seen again. But gee! how the mighty have fallen Some fellows allowed that they'd stay, But I packed the signs of my knight-hood And let someone else pitch the hay.

I've slept out with nary a blanket— Them tents on the roundup's a joke I've froze to my seat in the upland With only the snow for the clerk; But the scar that is sorest and deepest Was made when the boss comes one day And hands me a pronged stick of hick'ry And says: "Jim you pitch the hay."

I was king, don't forget it, And set on a real leather throne. For I was the best of the top hands, And all the wide world seemed my own; But along comes their ranches and fences, And I says heated words that meant nay When they offer the lord of the saddle A hired man's job pitchin' hay.

You kin talk of the fall of the Romans The smash bang that comes to old Greece— They was play to the fall of my kingdom When the cowpuncher got his release; For he was a king in the saddle, And no one disputed his sway Till at last came a vandal in jumpers With his hint about pitchin' the hay. —Arthur Chapman in the Denver Review.

Tariff Ripping. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Give an incompetent party rope in tariff ripping and it will hang itself in an extra session, no matter how short.

A Leading California Druggist. Pasadena, Calif., March 9, 1911. Foley & Co., Gentlemen:—We have sold and recommended Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for years. We believe it to be one of the most efficient expectorants on the market. Containing no opiates or narcotics it can be given freely to children. Enough of the remedy can be taken to relieve a cold, as it has no nauseating results, and does not interfere with digestion. Yours very truly, C. H. Ward Drug Co., C. L. Parsons, Sec'y. and Treas. Get the original Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in the yellow package. Wilkinson & Co., and J. F. Kiedalsch & Son. —Use a Daily Gate City Want Ad per week.

To the Electors of the City: In view of the fact that certain queries are being made through the newspapers as to the propositions that are to be voted on in this City and as we have no other desire than to frankly discuss all objections that are seriously made as to matters affecting the welfare of the City, we hereby invite any elector whomsoever having in mind any objection that he considers serious or who seriously desires to arrive at a sound and correct conclusion as to the merits of said measures to meet with us at our rooms, No. 15 North Fifth Street on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday night at 8 o'clock as we will be glad to discuss and explain fully all of said matters to the end that we may all act together for the City's best interest. Before endorsing these measures we carefully considered the City's best interests and we endorse them only because we regard them as the most momentous step yet proposed looking to the up-building of the Greater Keokuk. KEOKUK INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.