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HER MOTHER.

When she goes down the street in her tight hobble skirt, When she powders and rouges and chews gum all day; When she stops at the crossing to snicker and flirt, What does she think that her mother would say?

When she goes from the house with a smile and a grin, And a naughty don't bother me, I'm not a child; When she means to go so far and then to stop short, But follows the lure till the brink yawneth wild;

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY. He who lays but one stone well and truly is himself a master builder.—Lisle.

It is Kin Hubbard's observation that an optimist is always "broke."

"The American Inquisition" is what they are now calling the present congress.

A dollar bill is said to carry as many disease germs as a fly. Swat the dollar bill! Five dollar bills are preferable, anyway.

The window trimmers in session in Chicago have decreed that the dummy must go. None but real meat models will suffice henceforth.

It seems strange that the inquiry "What is beer?" should remain unanswered when there are so many experts on the subject in every community.

The average hen lays only eighty eggs a year and the American Poultry association says she should lay 150. Perhaps she needs to be encouraged with a few kind words.

The number of state banks and trust companies in Iowa is mighty near the 1,000 mark. The number, to be exact, is 994. Counting the national banks there are 1,600 financial institutions in the state.

Canada will vote on the proposed reciprocity pact on September 21. The interim will be spent by a good many Canadians in congratulating themselves upon the benefits certain to accrue to them through its practical operation. And all "free, gratis, for nothing."

While the per capita consumption of sugar in 1822 was nine pounds a year, the per capita consumption last year was eighty pounds. Facts like these help explain why it costs more to live nowadays than it did ninety years ago.

A meeting for the discussion of ways and means of increasing the number of farmers' clubs throughout the state will be held at the agricultural college building at the state fair grounds in Des Moines on Wednesday, August 30. All the clubs in the state are urged to have representatives at the meeting.

A Chicago phrenologist says that La Follette's bumps indicate that he will be President. But a Texas editor calls attention to the fact that La Follette never had half the bumps that Bryan has experienced, and yet nobody is predicting that the Nebraskan will be President.

Commissioner Roe was with the mob while the strike and rioting was in progress in Des Moines, and the mob is with Roe now that the "recall" is threatened. The situation in the capital city betrays one of the weak points in municipal government. And there appears to be no remedy for it except to educate the people to respect law.

"WALL" McFADDEN IS NO MORE.

An article in the news columns of the Council Bluffs Nonpareil tells of the death in that city of Wallace McFadden at the advanced age of seventy-five years. He was one of the pioneer citizens of Council Bluffs, having settled there sixty years ago, and has made it his home continuously ever since. His boyhood days were spent in Keokuk, and he will doubtless be remembered by members of the local bar and others by reason of his visits here in connection with the U. S. district court. During the civil war he served as a musician in Company A, Twenty-ninth Iowa regiment, 1861 to 1865. Following the war he was deputy sheriff in Pottawattamie county, under Republican and Democratic administrations alike, for a period of thirty years. In later years he served as an officer of the U. S. court.

"Wall" McFadden made quite a name for himself as the leader of what was known as McFadden's Drum Corps, one of the best known organizations of its kind in the west. It was always the principal attraction at Grand Army and other reunions of veterans. Thirty years ago and for many years before and after it invariably made its appearance on the streets of Council Bluffs on receipt of the news of a Republican victory. It often happened that the first intimation the people of that city had of Republican success at the polls in those days came to it in the music of the fife and drums of McFadden's martial band as it paraded the streets. No hour at night was too late for it to announce in martial strains that the G. O. P. had scored another triumph at the polls.

PERKINS ON COMPETITION.

On the very day that George W. Perkins was expected to deliver an address before the Michigan College of Mines at Houghton, Mich., he was required to appear as a witness before the congress committee on the steel trust. But his address was read and published broadcast in the press of the country and has made a deep impression for its radical position on the great industrial and political problem of the day.

CRUEL AND INHUMAN.

A country paper over in Illinois is moved to profound grief at the cruel abuse of state employes as outlined in the testimony of Hon. Charles Perkins at his recent appearance before the Lorimer committee. Says the paper in question: "It is reported that there were 187 janitors and twelve clock-winders on the pay-roll of the late Illinois legislature; and the dozen of poor, hard-worked clock-winders were required to keep fifty-eight clocks, too, at that! Have they no humane society at Springfield?"

NOTES AND COMMENT.

According to the Peoria Herald-Transcript, a red ant, a chicken sandwich and a summer shower all mixed together make a picnic.

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THE CANADA WHEAT CROP.

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million acres. Manitoba has a somewhat larger acreage, and in Alberta there are about 1,200,000 acres under wheat.

TEN REASONS FOR HOME BUYING

An Omaha trade publication gives ten reasons for buying at home, all of them good ones—as follows:

- 1. Your home merchants can duplicate the prices made by any responsible concern anywhere on goods of equal quality, in the same quantities and on the same basis of delivery and payment.
2. You can examine your purchases in the home stores and be assured of satisfaction before investing your money.
3. Your home merchants are always ready and willing to make right for any error or any defective article purchased.
4. Your home merchants help support, through direct and indirect taxation, your schools, churches, libraries and other public institutions.
5. Your home merchants help make a good local market for everything you have to sell, and that market—more than any other factor—gives your land its present value.
6. Your home merchants are your good friends, ever ready to extend a helping hand in time of need.
7. If this community is good enough for you to live in and make your money in, 'tis good enough to spend it in.
8. The best citizens in this community are those who believe in and practice home patronage. Be one of the best!
9. Merchants in the distant city give you nothing valuable that the home merchants cannot, and will not do for you many things the latter do gladly.
10. Every dollar kept in circulation in this community helps increase property values. Every dollar sent out of this community that could as well be spent here hinders the wheels of progress and helps to build up some other community at your expense.

BOIL THE HOUSE FLY.

Dr. Howard, chief of the United States bureau of entomology, suggests that it would be well to fight typhoid fever by fighting the fly and that the proper time to attack the fly is before he is hatched. This is so simple that we wonder we didn't think of it before. Dr. Howard says that one of the best ways of getting rid of the musca domestica in embryo is to boil him, not necessarily in oil, as they used to do with the heretics, but in good hot water poured over the garbage can or the manure pile where the eggs of the female are deposited. He says that an application of boiling water to the garbage can or the manure pile twice a week will cut the progeny of the house fly so short that it will make him feel like Robinson Crusoe. The suggestion is worth heeding. Boil the fly!

and deservedly. This love and veneration is entertained not alone by Catholics, but people of all beliefs, for he has shown himself to be a man, broad and liberal, a man with a heart. Millions of prayers are going up daily for his speedy recovery.

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Taft His Own Successor

Waterloo Reporter: President Taft is coming into his own and will undoubtedly be his own successor. He is growing, as he should, in popular favor everywhere.

The people are beginning to understand him, know him, realize that he possesses backbone and that he acts regardless of self consideration. For a long time conditions were such that the adoption of public measures, whether possessing merit or not, the fault-finders not waiting to see, seemed to reflect seriously upon President Taft. Out of these clouds of doubt the bright sun now shines forth and silhouetted against the beautiful sky of complete success is a big man in stature and ability. In his right hand, which is held aloft, that all may see, are the acts of the greatest administration the nation has ever witnessed. Recounted they make pages of history and briefly enumerated they include the Canadian reciprocity agreement, the general arbitration program, (which now embraces Great Britain, France, Germany and the Netherlands, with Japan apparently about ready to respond to overtures), the knowledge of conditions in Mexico which prompted the taking of a strong position in order to avert a serious situation between that country and ours, the successful prosecution of many trusts, the friendly and successful intervention in South America to prevent a collision between two nations, the correction of corrupt practices at the port of New York, and, in general, the rehabilitation of the custom service, the expedition of work on the Panama canal, the wiping out of the postal deficit, the message to congress in support of conservation measures, the appointments to the supreme court, the establishment of a postal savings bank system, the successful advocacy of a bill which brings the railroads more nearly under government control, the reorganization of the navy—these and the earnest effort to have the congress readjust the tariff, ought to convince the people that the President has been wisely and industriously and courageously employed in projecting and promoting measures for the public good.

And all of this in two years' time. It is true that President Roosevelt, advocated many of the policies that President Taft has carried to a successful termination. The difference between the two men, and no reflection is intended, is that while the predecessor had the happy faculty of apparently doing things he really never quite finished and in consequence never left any bad places. He stirred up the animals but stopped in time to avoid the bite. President Taft, on the other hand, pushed things through and accomplished results. Naturally new departures made sore spots and for a time Mr. Taft has suffered from his activity, he was not as politicians say, diplomatic, and the real worth of the achievement had to dawn gradually, work itself into the graces of the fickle public. With art this difficult feat has been accomplished and the harvest of complete

success is now being garnered. In fact the people are just finding out that the wonderful presidential granary labeled "doing things" contains a most magnificent crop. There are still a few people who hold to the now exploded opinion that President Taft, while a very good man, was not or is not fitted for the duties of the high office he holds; that he was perhaps more suitably qualified for a judicial position of the highest order. An analysis of the situation removes all doubt as to the President's ability, (grasp of the public problems) and as to his training in such direction. He was graduated from one of the best American schools and had inherited a taste for public affairs from a father who served with distinction in the cabinet and diplomatic corps, he has been the solicitor-general, a judge, the governor-general of the Philippines and secretary of war. He performed all the duties of these several offices with distinguished credit to himself and his record in the Philippines has rarely ever been approached by the most able leaders of the nation in any like capacity. His education, his fund of experience, coupled with great natural ability, has qualified and fitted him most thoroughly for the position he now holds and to which he will again be returned. The public is quick to find fault, slow to extol virtue, but in the President's case the tide of approval is fast turning and the real worth of the man is coming to the surface.

President Taft turned things over in his own state, (Ohio) wrested control from Cox, Foraker and Dick, purifying and cleaning up, and for a time it looked as though it was all over with him in the Buckeye state. Yet the good accomplished is now bearing fruit, the censure is giving way to praise and commendation, and Ohio will give the nation some larger plurality than it did in 1908 is the prediction of those posted and who know whereof they speak.

Up in the New England states with the old time Republicans in absolute control the thought of Taft being hardly a possibility six months ago was not entertained. Today Rhode Island and Delaware, the two smallest states in the union, are solidly for him and very encouraging reports come from that section.

Some of us did not agree with the President on the Canadian reciprocity pact matter. Indeed the Reporter does not now because it thinks the measure will be injurious to Iowa, a purely agricultural state, and on the whole of more benefit to Canada than to the United States. Notwithstanding this difference of opinion the Reporter is for Taft because it likes a man of ability and courage, a President that acts, one that heeds to the line, let the chips fall where they may, a Republican on every occasion an' worth two Democratic aspirants even on the reciprocity matter. The people of Iowa will be for Taft because they like him, admire him, believe in him and the party he represents.

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