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IMMORTALITY.

O friend of mine, whom I shall see no more, How little have the white sails borne to sea;

All that love wrought still lingers here with me; Still, still we stand together by the shore.

Men say of travelers: "They are far away;" And of the dead they say: "Their souls are gone;"

Yet now I know we keep the soul alone; Bodies may travel, die—the spirits stay.

Now hath God blessed me as the blind are blessed, Who, losing sight, have lost one sense alone;

For all the powers of my soul are grown, The vision vanished, memory keeps the rest.

And I have but to hark to hear thy song; Be still to feel thy presence, cheer and grace;

And in my dreams I see thy shining face, Angel of God, to bid me still, "Be strong!"

—Charles P. Cleaves.

A VISION OF THE FUTURE.

A day will come when a cannon ball will be exhibited in public museums, just as an instrument of torture is now, and people will be amazed that such a thing could ever have been.

A day will come when these two immense groups, the United States of America and the United States of Europe, will be seen placed in the presence of each other, extending the hand of fellowship across the ocean, exchanging their produce, their industries, their arts, their genius, clearing the earth, peopling the desert, and uniting, for the good of all, these two irresistible and infinite facts, the fraternity of men and the power of God.—Victor Hugo in 1849.

The papers are now saying that "Maine went" and then came back.

Nowadays California is known by its fairs as well as by its climate and sand fleas.

New York dispatches tell of a millionaire's wife eloping with a plumber. Some women are mighty mercenary.

The numerous showers of late have been satisfactorily accounted for. Old General Humidity is holding his fall maneuvers.

Kin Hubbard wants to know "What is worse than a red nose and a dyed mustache?" We give it up. What is worse?

Ninety-two million oysters have just been planted off the coast of Maine. New York chorus girls have real cause for rejoicing.

It is reported from Des Moines that one of the clerks in the state house has resigned. The report was evidently intended for consumption by the marines.

A Kansas woman says she wants a husband who is a "tower of strength, energetic and generous, very loving, very tender, very kind and courteous always." Is that all?

A Bloomington, Ill., man claims to have discovered a process by which he can make railroad ties out of corn stalks that will be cheaper and more durable than wooden ties. If such is the case he need not worry about where his meal tickets are to come from.

The Hamilton (Ill.) Press makes the following appreciative reference to the big special number issued by The Gate City recently:

"The Keokuk Gate City issued a forty-eight page booster edition recently, which was a very creditable newspaper. Both The Gate City and Keokuk are to be congratulated on the success of the venture. The contents of the edition proved very interesting reading and the paper, because of the value of its contents, is worthy of being filed for future reference."

Those who have tears to shed over the result in Maine would do well to retain them until the official count has been made. They weep best who weep after the returning boards have adjourned.

Here is still another of Nixon Waterman's quaint conceits:

There are "tongues in trees," it is agreed, And thus, so one perceives, They can tell us all the things they read As Autumn turns the leaves.

They "do things" at Waterloo also. The Courier of last Thursday evening was a thirty-two page paper issued in the regular course of business. The significance of the fact lies in the light it throws upon business conditions in that enterprising and prosperous community. Newspapers are a reflex of the communities in which they are published.

Claude Grahame-White does not believe that women will ever make good aviators and he says he is sorry that he ever taught one of them to fly. They are temperamentally unfitted for the sport, he says, as bravery and nerve are not essential, neither is good eyesight especially needful. Coolness, concentration and belief in themselves are absolutely necessary and these are characteristics of men rather than women, he says.

The advance in medical science and the attention given throughout the country to the care of health and the prevention of disease have resulted in a steadily decreasing death rate during the last thirty years. According to the census it was 19.3 in 1880. In 1900 it was 17.6, and last year has diminished to 15. The healthiest state in 1910 reports was the state of Washington, with a rate of 10. New Hampshire had the highest, 17.3; while Maine and Rhode Island were close second with 17.1 each.

The Lord loves a good fighter—one who believes he is right, puts all his strength in his blows and strikes straight from the shoulder. This is one reason why our good friend H. N. Wheeler of the Quincy Journal is so highly honored and respected by his friends and so mortally feared by his enemies. Of late Editor Wheeler has been paying his left-hand respects to William R. Hearst as a would-be Democratic leader, and the mercilessness with which he has purchased the arch-conspirator against the peace and dignity of that ancient and honorable political organization should serve as a warning to sinners for all time.

ADVICE TO ATTORNEYS. The Docket, published by the West Publishing Company, St. Paul, gives some good advice to youthful, ambitious and struggling attorneys which may be of advantage to some of the members of the legal profession in Keokuk. The counsel in question is thus plainly worded:

"In promulgating your esoteric cogitations and in articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable philosophical or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communication possess a clarified conciseness, a compacted comprehensibility, a coalescent consistency and a concatenated cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of stultent garrulity, jejune babblement and asinine affectations. Let your extemporaneous desecrating and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity without rhodomontade or theoretical bombast. And furthermore, sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous proclivity, psittacous vacuity, ventriloquial verbosity and vaniloquent vapidity. Shun double entendre, prurient jocosity and pestiferous profanity, obscure or apparent. In other words, talk plainly. Don't use big words."

CONGRESSMAN M'KINNEY'S VIEW. Hon. James McKinney, representative in congress from the Fourteenth Illinois district, called upon the editor of the Rock Island Union the other day and conversed freely concerning the condition of legislation and the work that is before the new congress. He believes that the tariff will be revised in a way that will mean revision and expressed himself as not wholly in sympathy with the attempts at revision made during the past extra session. While he does not condemn all of the bill and the schedules contained therein, he does say that they were ill-timed and were largely the result of the Democratic majority's attempt to play politics.

In speaking of the matter he was positive in his statement that the next congress would be able to get at the matter from a scientific basis; that there was no question but that those schedules which most needed revision would be reported upon in a way that would meet with the approval of the country; that it would be done with a view to the best interests of trade and with a constant eye upon the benefits to the consumer, and that the country can well afford to await this action before passing judgment.

He does not fear the passage of currency legislation that will pay to the benefit of Wall street. On the other hand he says that there has been a pronounced expression of disapproval on the part of the financial interests of the whole country against any laws which will tend to place the east in control of the money conditions that it will be impossible for the friends of Wall street to put through legislation favorable to a retention of its hold on the country. Elasticity, and a sufficient amount of currency

The Fremont Voters

The Fremont voters will have their fifth Annual Rally at Burlington, Sept. 21. The meeting will be held in the Congregational church at 1 p. m. Rev. Mr. Osborne, pastor, will speak of the "Passing of an Epoch." All members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. and the public cordially invited, Nathan Critchfield, Wapello, is president, and I. Prugh is secretary-treasurer. There are more than a hundred enrolled in Lee county. The attendance should be liberal.

To recall impressions of even so important an event as a vote for John C. Fremont for President over a half century ago is a difficult matter. It would be of small importance unless suggested by an authentic history of the times, and strengthened by it. At that time the Silver-Gray Whigs tried to maintain organization leaving the question of slavery to fate or the progress of events. The Democrats favored its extension to new territory or at least did not oppose it. The abolitionists did not cease their demand, that the slaves should be set free. The colonizationists insisted that the negroes be bought and paid for by the government and deported to Africa. The Know-Nothings hedged by attempting to curb the growth of the Catholic element, to limit immigration, to "put none but Americans on guard," to elect postmasters, not seeming to care whether "slavery was voted up or voted down." But the entire ferment was concerning slavery. When Fremont and Dayton were nominated and the platform favored the limiting of slavery to its then territory the lines were so clearly marked that men of all parties had to make choice. Thus the old parties were dissolved and the Republican party came into existence.

Whigs who chose to unite with the new party were called in derision Abolitionists? It seems strange now that this taunt was so galling. They, with the colonizationists and the anti-slavery Democrats, resented the name with vigorous protest. The term was considered insolent and insulting, and separated many friends. Whigs and others disclaimed the epithet and insisted that they hated an abolitionist as thoroughly as the devil is said to hate holy water. And "the underground railway" was in operation and carried many passengers towards the Dominion of Canada. The men who aided the fugitives to escape to freedom were mostly called "nigger thieves," and Whigs and others joined in the chorus. Many became Democrats and continued so all their lives. Many others besides a host of the old line Democrats joined the new party and then came the invention of a new title, namely Black Republicans.

for the needs of the whole country will be the object of proposed legislation. And barriers will be placed so that the restriction of the circulating medium will be practically out of the question.

Mr. McKinney is a member of the committee that will have this legislation in charge and his years of banking experience make him particularly fitted for the work. Our Illinois neighbors are to be congratulated upon having such a worthy and efficient representative.

A MERITED TRIBUTE.

The Quincy papers are still taking about Engineer Hugh L. Cooper and the great product of his genius that is now taking form here in Keokuk. The Whig, Journal and Herald have all paid their respects to him editorially. The last named paper in a leading article says:

"Only a man whose intellect has the capacity for reaching out into the future and making tangible the promise of the years to come, could have dreamed of the great Keokuk dam and have made it a growing reality. Only a man whose sense of proportion were economic, who could appreciate the values of varied commercial enterprise, could have made the address to the members of the Chamber of Commerce last evening that was delivered by Hugh L. Cooper, the chief engineer and vice president of the Mississippi River Power company. Cooper is a man of tremendous intellect, which does not stop with the mere conquering of great engineering problems but which reaches on past the physical aspect into realms of industrial activity. And he does it all with the comprehensive thought and careful weighing of detail, that he has employed in his construction work at Keokuk."

No one who knows Mr. Cooper personally or has any knowledge of the great work in which he is engaged here will say that a single sentence or word of the above tribute is undeserved. He is a veritable Napoleon in the field of industrial development.

STATE-WIDE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN.

The order has gone forth from the state fire marshal's office in Des Moines that Iowa municipalities must clean up at once. It has been found that in many places there is need of immediate reform in this particular in order that the cities may be safer from disastrous fires. The state board of health, also, has inaugurated a clean-up crusade. It has given notice to the railroads that they must do their share in lessening the chances of the spread of disease in epidemic form. The board sends danger in the fact that sanitary conditions are not observed to any great extent on passenger trains and has put under the

The converts to Fremont from either the old and rapidly dying parties were said to "have a black stripe down the back from the atlas to the coxigis," and that at first was exasperating, but in due time became amusing.

A volume, being a life of Fremont and Dayton, had a big circulation from that date. It was read by thousands. But many had read Fremont's Explorations, the one by the U. S. government, the other at his own expense, to find a way across the great prairies, and a pass over and through the Rocky mountains to the Pacific coast. The young men at the east and south had read these wonderful journeyings and looked upon Fremont with the greatest admiration. They commended his knowledge, his undaunted courage, his endurance, his faith; and with the enthusiasm of youth, regarded him as a true hero, worthy of exaltation. And his nomination for President gave them opportunity to honor him. Many a first-vote from family of dividers and discordant political faith, was cast for Fremont because of the success of the great Pathfinder.

A very little act in the life of a very great man may belittl him and injure his otherwise just appreciation. Fremont married the daughter of Hon. Thos. H. Benton, senator from Missouri. Benton traveled from Washington, D. C., to St. Louis—a journey taking many days at that time, expressly as he said, "to vote for James Buchanan and against his son-in-law, Col. John C. Fremont," and he boasted of the act. The surviving Fremont voter of today has a feeling that Senator Benton's act was far from manly and praiseworthy.

Was a vote for Fremont in the line of right and liberty? Was it for truth and justice and honor and all things that work for righteousness? Was it for the creation of the new republic? Was it for education, honesty, equality, fraternity? Was it for the perpetuity of the union of the states and the growth of prosperity and happiness of all the people? Let history answer.

The following shows the official vote of the counties of the First congressional district taken from The Daily Gate City of December 1 1858:

Table with columns: County, Bu., Fre., Fil., State vote. Rows include Lee, Van Buren, Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Washington, Louisiana, Total, State vote.

ban the practice of the roads in quartering employes in temporary houses on the right of way and in abandoned box cars.

In addition, Commissioner Barney of the state food and dairy commission is contributing his share to the cleaning up campaign. He is directing orders against dirty dairies, unsanitary food factories, bad restaurants, etc. In fact it has come to be recognized that if nobody else has the right to order cleaning up Barney can do it.

The new live stock board organized under an Iowa law of recent making is also engaged in directing a cleaning up campaign in the interest of better health for the live stock of the state.

Fortunately Iowa has not had any serious epidemic or any great calamity; but state and local authorities are planning to avert anything of the kind. Iowa is getting enough of a cleaning up to make it a better place in which to live.

EARLY MORNING SARCASM.

While Mrs. Ralph C. Tilly of Lawrenceburg, Ind., was pouring the breakfast coffee the other morning she remarked that it looked like rain.

"It does," said her husband, "and it tastes like water, but it smells a bit like coffee." Whereupon things happened, the exact nature of which is somewhat confused by the conflicting evidence concerning them. Anyway the husband had an opportunity to comment further on the quality of the coffee. He learned that it was hot and that it would scald. Also that his wife's rolling pin was made of seasoned timber and capable of fine execution as a weapon when in the hands of an irate woman.

In reporting the case the Springfield News suggests that there will be a divorce suit,—a double action divorce suit with both parties as complainants and bills and cross bills galore. All because a husband thought he was an amusing fellow, capable of making before-breakfast jokes at the expense of his wife and being able to get away with them. He explains, by the way, that he meant no reflection on the coffee and "was only joshing."

The Gate City agrees with its Springfield contemporary that the tendency to make conversation at the breakfast table is a dangerous one and the man who is given to sarcasm should never indulge it. It is far better and much safer to retire behind the morning paper and keep the jokes for the boys at the office.

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