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FORWARD.

A thousand creeds and battle-cries,
A thousand warring social-schemes,
A thousand new moralities,
And twenty thousand thousand dreams;

"Each on his own archaic way
From the old order speaking free—
Our ruined world desires," you say,
"License, once more, not Liberty."

But oh, beneath the wind-whipt form
When storm and charge are on the deep,
How quietly the tides come home,
And how the depths of sea-shine sleep!

And we that march toward a goal,
Destroying, only to fulfill
The law, the law of that great soul
Which moves beneath your alien will.

We that like foemen meet the past
Because we bring the future, know
We only fight to achieve at last
A great reunion with our foe;

Reunion in the truths that stand
When all our wars are rolled away,
Reunion of the heart and hand
And of the prayers wherewith we pray;

Reunion in the common needs,
The common strivings of mankind;
Reunion of our warring creeds
In the one God that dwells behind.

Then—in that day—we shall not meet
Wrong with new wrong, but right with right,
Our faith shall make your faith complete
When our battalions reunite.

Forward! What use in idle words?
Forward, O warriors of the soul!
There will be breaking up of swords
When that new morning makes us whole.

—Westminster Gazette.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Suggested by the Washington Democrat: A worthless man always knocks on his home town.

Abe Martin has also noticed that the fellow who rushes in generally crawls out.

Under the tutelage of Italy Turkey is now learning what is meant by the "forward pass."

Whiskey is now being made from bananas. It will presumably cause more falls than before.

Thirteen car loads of potatoes were shipped out of Scott county at Eldridge on Tuesday, and it is claimed that this is less rather than more than the daily average of late. The price paid is forty-five cents. The potatoes go to Chicago and other Illinois points.

Alabama's new constitution contains a clause providing that a sheriff who permits a prisoner to be taken from his custody and lynched shall be immediately removed from office. In the one case tried under this provision the supreme court sustains the law. That is one way to stop lynchings, and a very good way.

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, one of the promoters of the holy cause of suffrage in the Empire state, suggests this marriage formula for all loyal suffragists: "I promise to uphold his (or her) political views and I agree to settle all marital difficulties out of court." But suppose his (or her) political views run counter to the interests of the suffragists, what then?

There is talk at Des Moines to the effect that Governor Carroll will become president of a large local insurance company immediately upon retirement from his position as chief executive of the state. It is said that the governor has kept up his interest in insurance matters ever since he retired as state auditor and is today considered one of the very best informed insurance men of the state.

More coal was mined in Iowa during the year ending June 30, 1911, than in any other year in the history of the mining industry in Iowa, according to statistics collected by the mine inspectors given out by L. E. Stamm, secretary in the state mine inspector's office. Although fewer men were employed in the mines than in previous years, the mine output of the state amounted to 7,590,935 tons, as compared to 7,222,480 tons in 1910 and 7,346,253 tons in 1909.

A number of Democratic newspapers throughout the state are mentioning Judge Martin J. Wade of Iowa City as the probable candidate of their party for governor. The opposition could go farther and fare worse—and probably will. Judge Wade would be a highly creditable candidate, but his good judgment would likely prompt him to decline the doubtful honor of leading a forlorn hope.

The Oskaloosa Herald has been doing a little figuring and finds that a presidential primary in Iowa, such as a few interested politicians are clamoring for, would cost the state $151,171. These figures are arrived at by using Greene county as a basis, the special primary there last year costing $1,526.98. Greene county is an average county and there are 100 in Iowa. Results would not justify the cost.

A few drivers of cheap autos still persist in cutting out the muffler despite the law to the contrary. Most offenses of the kind are committed at night, which makes them all the more serious because they interfere with sleep. There is no more certain way for the police department to make itself popular and earn the thanks of the community than by arresting the cut-out smart alecks and fining them heavily. An example should be made of a few of them as a sure and speedy means of abolishing a real nuisance.

Representative Carry of Wisconsin tells some amusing incidents in connection with his daily correspondence. Recently he sent a number of his constituents a parcel of documents, under government frank which bears the warning "Penalty for Private Use, $300." Some of the documents were sent back unopened with the statement that the recipients wanted the books for their own use and did not care to pay the $300 fine. In another case a Norwegian made a request for a dozen mail sacks in which to place his newly harvested potatoes.

HON. JAMES M'KINNEY.

Iowa newspapers and people, as well as Illinois newspapers and people, are voicing regret over Congressman McKinney's announcement that he will not be a candidate for another term. This means that his merits as a representative are recognized outside his district and state and that his retirement, when it shall occur, will be a real loss to the public service. For the length of time he has been in the house Mr. McKinney has been an exceptionally influential and useful member. He brought to the position a wide knowledge of public affairs generally, combined with intimate and thorough acquaintance with the financial problem, and gave all his time and energies to his duties as a legislator. At considerable personal inconvenience and expense he conducted investigations on his own initiative that he might be able to vote intelligently on questions of public interest and importance coming before the house. His trip to the Philippines to study conditions there at first hand is an instance in point.

There is cause for general and genuine regret when one so well qualified for legislative duties as Mr. McKinney has shown himself to be feels called upon for any reason to retire from public life. Men of his caliber and character are exactly the kind of men needed in congress at the present time. The currency question, the tariff, internal waterways, conservation and other important problems are pressing for solution and the best efforts of the best men in the country are needed to solve them aright. Happily Mr. McKinney's present term is not yet at an end and the country will continue to profit from his services for a year from next March. But for his declination to accept renomination and re-election it would be glad to do so indefinitely.

WILSON AND HIS CRITICS.

The Des Moines Register and Leader believes Secretary Wilson "owes it to himself and to the state as well to put in permanent form his own explanation of the part he has had in arranging for the coming brewers' congress." The Cedar Rapids Gazette expresses what The Gate City regards as the right idea in the following paragraph:

"We believe too much stress has already been laid upon the secretary's participation in the coming meeting at Chicago. The secretary of agriculture is, we believe, just as consistent in his advocacy of temperance as are many of his critics. An unnecessary amount of ado has been made over the incident. And especially unwarranted is any assumption that it was the secretary's initiative that led to the international recognition of the brewers."

TO CONSERVE BUTTERMILK.

The state board of railroad commissioners has under consideration the establishment of a low rate on tank car shipments of buttermilk. The matter was brought to the attention of the board by John Thompson of Sioux City, editor of the Farmer and Breeder, who says that millions of gallons of buttermilk are going to waste in Iowa every year because the freight rates are prohibitive. According to Mr. Thompson from fifteen to twenty millions of gallons of buttermilk are poured into the sewers at Sioux City annually. His idea is to establish a tank car rate for a short haul not to exceed two or three cents per hundred pounds. If such a rate were in force, Mr. Thompson argues, farmers would find the feeding of buttermilk to stock profitable, and would consume every gallon that is now wasted. At present buttermilk is freightable under the fourth class rate, with no provision for carload shipments.

APPRECIATION OF MRS. REEVES.

Mrs. Winona E. Reeves of this city, national president of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, was made the recipient of unusual honors at the recent twentieth bi-ennial session of the grand chapter of that unique organization in St. Louis. The dispatches told at the time of the handsome gifts showered upon her, and now that the delegates have returned home they are explaining to their friends the reasons for her exceptional popularity. One of these delegates, Ola Babcock Miller of Washington, Iowa, contributes to the Democrat of that city an article several columns long telling of the delightful entertainment provided in St. Louis and ending with a fine appreciation of Mrs. Reeves. The many Keokuk friends of the lady will thank us for bringing it to their attention:

"Now, a word of appreciation of the president of the session, Mrs. Reeves of Keokuk. She is a woman of unusual strength of intellect, tact, kindness and largeness of heart. She has the gift we mentioned as displayed by Miss Farrier, that of being 'quick on trigger,' grasping instantly the humorous in a situation, straightening out every tangle, disarming suspicion, preventing controversy. All P. E. O.'s just naturally love Mrs. Reeves, Iowa's delegation, as the state president, Mrs. Yeager, aptly remarked when she pinned a watch on Mrs. Reeves during Friday morning's session claimed the right to 'watch' her for the rest of her life. Many other gifts from other states prove that it is her own personality and not local pride which accounts for the regard in which Mrs. Reeves is held."

From all accounts St. Louis did itself great credit in the matter of entertaining the P. E. O. officers and delegates. Mrs. Miller says that the entertainment was so lavish that there was danger that the delegates might conclude that it was easy, as many of the members are women of wealth, but she hastens to add:

"This is not the reason, as one St. Louis woman remarked they had done 'everything from scraping kettles to cleaning floors to make the money.' I never anywhere have seen as excellent cooking in any hotel. The meals and the service were perfect. But there! I guess the only way to get done is to stop."

A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.

The practical objections to a presidential primary in this state are clearly set forth in an article in the Sioux City Journal. The consideration suggested in the following excerpt is in itself enough to condemn the proposition as impractical and unwise:

"Even if the expense difficulty were overcome there would be a large obstacle in the way of an extra-legal party primary. That would be the virtual impossibility of preserving party lines at the primary. If the Republicans should call a presidential primary it is a practical certainty that the Democrats would not. That would leave the Democrats at full liberty to help select the Republican candidate in the primary and then nominate their own candidate in the old fashioned way. And there would be no law under which Democrats could be even slapped on the wrist for participating in a Republican primary."

COMPLIMENTARY TO IOWA.

President Taft, after he left Iowa last week, gave out the following which is very complimentary to the state of Iowa:

"I am very glad I went to Iowa. I had no fear that my reception would not be cordial. However, some had suggested otherwise but these were not Iowans. Perhaps, their wishes were father to their thoughts. At any rate I wish to testify to my gratitude to the governor, the state officers, to the congressmen of Iowa and to the senators for their cordial reception without regard to the question whether they agreed with me in politics or not. I want to say the same thing about the people who turned out. I believe they have learned something that I had in my heart to tell them and I guess it has not done them any harm."

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Alex Miller's idea of no honey moon is for a couple to get married and then board at the restaurant.

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The Ottumwa Courier has noticed that the fool and his money never have to look far for grounds for divorce.

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Wrestlers barred the strangle hold long ago. "Uncle Sam proposes that big business shall do the same," says the Omaha Bee.

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"A man at Shenandoah has whiskers eight feet long," says Bailey in Britt Tribune, and adds: "Rye and barley are both bearded but it has been noticed for many years that where the beard is very heavy there is seldom much in the head."

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"Champion Gotch finding the wrestling profession too slow a way to get rich, has opened a garage at Humboldt," says the Jefferson Bee. "Between the new business and the rake-off from his farms, with an occasional "wrassle" as a side line, it is probable that he will be able to keep the wolf from his door."

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A Chicago newspaper correspondent, writing from Iowa, says that if Taft and Harmon are the nominees there will be a third ticket in Iowa backed by Republican insurgents and Democrats, who do not believe that Harmon is ultra radical enough. The hero of this third party is to be Mr. Cummins. "Fiddlesticks!" comments the Cedar Rapids Republican. "Mr. Cummins is not going to break with his party in that way. Before the election is over he will be again saying that any kind of a Republican is better than the best Democrat, when it comes to going into the voting booth. Mr. Cummins may do some talking, but he never takes any desperate chances."

The Ministers and Mr. Wilson.

Cedar Rapids Republican: The Davenport Democrat, almost in bitterness says:

"Secretary Wilson is about to enter the pulpit. That is to say, the three thousand ministers of Iowa will make an example of him if the plans do not miscarry. Are we to have a government of ministers, for ministers and by ministers?"

The ministers have a perfect right to express themselves and their expressions will have weight according to the matter, the logic and the justness of their utterances. The Davenport paper should know that ministers do not seek authority over it or over any of us. They no longer exercise that. They have to depend, like other speakers, on the amount of rightness there is in their statements or their attacks. They will be on the same plane as other men who speak politically; because their utterances are made in pulpits they will not have more weight. The question is a political one, largely and it will have to be on the plane of political influence. No one can doubt that three thousand speeches might cut some figure, even in an election. It remains for Mr. Wilson to do what he believes is right for him and the ministers of the state, of course, must do the same thing.

But on the side and on the quiet, we can not help thinking that this is a great ado about nothing, a tempest in a teapot. Mr. Wilson's connection with the international congress of brewers would have attracted no attention at all, but for this fuss and it would not have helped the brewers at all, but for this fuss. What has been done so far has been entirely in the course of ordinary procedure. As a government official, head of the department that includes barley and hops, Mr. Wilson owes the same courtesies to brewers that he does to churches and as long as the business of brewing is a legal business, and a source of income for the government, no government official can treat it as an outlaw and refuse to extend to its conventions and congresses the ordinary courtesies. The use of his name would not have sold an extra glass of beer anywhere in the United States. The only evil that one can see in the whole matter is the evil of agitation and while that agitation may embitter some men toward the brewing business, it is likely to make friends of many more for it may seem to them as uncalled for, if not unjust.

Going to Keep Watch.

Galesburg Republican-Register: And now the old Mississippi river is about to get on a rampage we will just keep our eye on the dam at Keokuk. That old river comes booming down from hundreds of miles above and is a majestic and mighty thing. If the dam can withstand the shock and can in the future utilize the tremendous power contained in that stream it will be one of the great things of the world. The streams in the north that have been knocking out big dams are puny compared with the Mississippi.

The Story of Sue Sawyer

By Mark Field.

During the war of the Rebellion, and especially during the early years of the conflict, there was no quarter of the country whose inhabitants suffered as much for their loyalty to the union as those of East Tennessee. That part of the state of Jackson and Polk had originally been settled by Scotch-Irish Presbyterians of the type of the one who opened his prayer in the kirk with the words:

"O Laird, mak us recht, for thou knowest we're very contrary,"

And the invincible "stand-pat" pertinacity which characterized their Scotch ancestors who stood firmly against the brutal persecutions of Charles II. in the 17th century, was the warp and woof of their Tennessee descendants in the trying times of 1861 and 1862. Say what you please about there being nothing in human pedigrees, but here is one among the many striking incidents which clearly prove that blood tells as much in men as it does in horses.

Now to our story, and it is a true one,—the scene Knoxvile, Tenn. The rebels have that city in their grasp. Parson Brownlow, the preacher, the editor, the annointed leader of the Tennessee loyalists, is in the Knoxville jail enduring the consequences of his fidelity to the Union. But over the roof of his home in the city float the Stars and Stripes in defiant glory. Two of the most heroic women the world ever saw are keeping house in that home—the wife of the parson, and his widowed daughter, the tall, stately, queenly Sue Sawyer. It is a little while after the noon hour; the sun is shining brightly; the richly ornate lawn is loading with delightful fragrance the lively breeze that stirs and flaps the folds of the national ensign, and to paraphrase Burns:

"While o'er their heads the tree-tops hing,
The little birdies blythly sing,
Or lightly flit on wanton wing"
Around this grand old home.

But hark! What sound is that? It is, it is! the fife and drum, and Dixie in the air. The sound comes nearer and nearer, and with it approaches, now indistinctly seen, now unmistakably visible, now descending into the glen, now marching over the hill—up and up in double file, a full company of infantry, all in Confederate uniform. It halts in front of the Brownlow mansion and forms in line. The captain steps out and says: "Which one of you men will volunteer to go up and bring down that flag?" But before the words are fairly out of his mouth the front door of the house flies open with a resounding bang. Out darts with bullet-speed a commanding female form, and with a nine-inch revolver levelled full at the captain's head, she makes the heavens ring with her cry: "Captain, the man that takes another step toward this house, or that attempts to touch the flag above it, will die in his tracks!"

The captain, looking first at the muzzle of the gun and then into the face of Sue Sawyer, stood transfixed and speechless for a moment, and then, turning to the company he said: "Boys, we are southern men. We can't walk over such a lady as this. About face! Shoulder arms! March!" And away went the captain and his men to their camp, while the glorious and victorious Sue walked quietly into the house, and then out onto the lawn to water her flowers.

As the Confederate captain marched away he was heard to say: "Gosh, boys, that lady ought to have command of the whole Yankee army." His gallantry is scarcely less to be admired than Sue Sawyer's patriotic bravery.

It was not long after this that General Sherman, at Grant's order, raised the siege in which General Burnside was cooped up at Knoxville, chased Longstreet out of Tennessee, and gave full relief to all the devoted patriots of that state.

The Brownlow family was distinguished throughout the war for its devotion to the Union cause. After John Morgan escaped from the Ohio state's prison, and sought refuge in Greenville, Tenn.—the home of Andy Johnson—he was killed in that village by Captain Jim Brownlow, son of the parson.

Granger, Mo., Oct. 10.

SUGAR CREEK.

Quite a number attended the carnival at Keokuk. They were sadly disappointed in the attractions, although the water power is well worth visiting.

We are having some very cool weather at present. The change is quite welcome from the extreme heat of the summer.

Misses Edna and Martha Schellenberger and Elva McKinney visited our school last week. These estimable young ladies seemed well pleased with the progress we are making.

Sunday was our first pretty Sunday for a month. A small number in attendance at Sunday school.

Misses Ona, Kathleena and Madeleena Alexander, Aleen and Elva McKinney, Messrs. Louie Zennert and Felix Roberts, spent Sunday with their friends, Hazel and Willie Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Hume visited with their son Harry of Diamond, Sunday.

Mr. S. J. Buchanan has returned from West Plains, Mo., where he had gone in search of a new location. He is well pleased with the country and contemplates moving his family in the near future.

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brammer Wednesday.

Ray McKinney and Wells Sanders attended the state fair at Springfield.

SALEM.

The Ladies Aid and the Missionary societies of the Congregational church gave a reception at the W. A. Bliss home on Tuesday afternoon. The guests of honor were Mrs. J. W. Hawkins and Mrs. Edward Barney, who will soon go to their new homes. The former to Stockport and the latter to Oakland, California.

Invitations are issued for the wedding of Miss Dora Wilmeth to Dr. Clyde N. Moore of Gering, Nebraska. The marriage will occur at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wilmeth, on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Branch are enjoying a visit with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Hester, from New London.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Friends church will have a quilting Wednesday afternoon of this week, at the home of Mrs. Bonnell.

Mrs. Clara Rye of Mt. Pleasant was a guest Monday of her sister and brother, Mrs. Edward Barney and S. W. Pitman.

Mrs. Manion Parker came from Ottumwa and spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. C. Scott.

Mrs. Phebe Childs Arnold will move from Cameron, Missouri, to the Almond property on Depot street.

J. T. Ingrim and wife are spending this week at Council Bluffs attending the soldiers' reunion.

Miss Kate Hoggatt came from Mt. Pleasant and spent Monday with relatives and friends here.

Miss Neva Foss of this place, is the new telephone operator at West Point.

The Misses Masden are entertaining Mrs. I. C. Laukenan from Bay City, Michigan.

O. N. Knight and wife are at home from a visit with relatives in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Barney spent several days of last week at the Allen Barney home in Jackson township.

Mrs. Mattie Gillard is visiting relatives at Danville.

Mark Kirkpatrick made a business trip to Stockport Monday.

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