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Keokuk, Iowa, Nov. 1, 1911 Philadelphia is not so slow after all.

Even a world's series, like other things, has an end.

Some aviators seem to think the Wright brothers are wrong.

Nobody has called Senator Stephenson a tightwad, anyway.

Colonel Roosevelt again declares that he will not break his silence.

Base ball will never get its due until they play twelve months in the year.

A correspondent asks if a pledge to right. Good ones are if only they are kept.

Yale's budget for the year foots up \$1,500,000. But do not tell Richard T. Crane.

No man has dared sitting on the lid over Atlantic City for fear of an explosion.

A little more than a month now and Washington comes back on the front page.

How did they ever get the name of "trusts" when everybody suspects them?

All Abdul Hamid had to do to retire from public life was to run back to his harem.

Sun Yat Sen is the Chinese revolutionary leader. Sounds like that breath killer.

Currency reform does not trouble the average citizen so much as some other reforms.

How could they blame Senator Stephenson when he signed his checks in blank?

What could Mither McGraw have meant by telling Home Run Baker, "We will get you?"

Even before Ty came into fame, or being, in fact, cob pipes were all the rage in Georgia.

"Jawze" Fred Williams is back in Massachusetts politics. Where is "Chowles" A. Towne?

La Follette Tour in Doubt.—Headline. If that is all that is in doubt, prospects are not so bad.

If China ever does really wake up, Japan's finish as the boss of the orient will be easy to see.

Do you notice how many more heroes there are since Mr. Carnegie began distributing his medals?

Ab Stand Pat, the Chinese revolutionary leader, paradoxically as it may seem, is a rantankerous insurgent.

Miss Anna Willis Wilson, the original "Miss Liberty" whose profile adorns the silver dollar, has been for the past twelve years at the head of the kindergarten system of Philadelphia, her native city.

Senator Bailey of Texas will be content to lose himself in private life if one of two editors is appointed his successor. The Houston Post stands perpendicular and boldly challenges the lightning.

Omaha pulls down seventh prize in Uncle Sam's latest land lottery. If that is the way the awards are to be made, we should be glad to have some of them come this way.

Bat Masterson is suing a New Yorker for saying that Bat used to be too free with his shooting arms. This fellow evidently took Bat at his word some time or another.

About a month ago a man started from New York to San Francisco in an aeroplane. If he has luck he will reach the Pacific some time this autumn. It seems too bad to put the railroad out of business so fast.

"Almost any man the Democrats may nominate for President can be elected in 1912," shouts Chairman Underwood. All right, then we present that effete champion of the quiet life, Colonel J. Hamilton Lewis.

Two deaths from heart failure and one attempted suicide are traced to the defeat of the Giants and the humiliation of Mathewson recently. The number of fatalities due to the epidemic of cold feet will never be known.

Mr. Hines helped Senator Stephenson a little for old-acquaintance sake. They had been friends for twenty years. Had any other friend of as long-standing been up for the office, it would, of course, have been the same.

Dr. Wiley, official pure food booster, persists in piling up trouble. Having thrown out a few thrills by asking, "What is whisky?" and "What is beer?" he turns light-heartedly to the greatest mystery of all, "What is mince meat?"

Eugene De Sabia, a millionaire, is spending \$10,000 to keep mosquitos away from his country home at Hillsborough, Cal. The mosquitos have been breeding in a stream on the place, and he is building an enormous concrete wall to turn the water in another direction.

Two of the primary candidates for United States senator in Arizona filed instructive schedules of campaign expenses. The socialist didn't spend a cent, and the Democratic aspirant admits blowing in \$15. In the balmy state the game is young.

The department of agriculture has found that this "Miracle Wheat" peddled over the country at \$60 a bushel by "Pastor" Russell of Brooklyn is a very inferior seed, which yields less per acre than almost any other kind sown. That probably will not prevent its being continued as a part of this get-rich-quick enterprise.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT. "There will also be some political gold bricks offered to President Taft," says the Burlington Hawk-Eye.

"Try as they will, the people of the country as a whole do not seem to be able to take the La Follette boom seriously," observes the Boone News-Republican.

"How few political questions are discussed purely on their merits," say the Iowa Falls Citizen. "Partisanship, factionalism and political bias warp every question out of shape."

The Odebolt Chronicle says that the bulk of the present objection to a presidential primary comes from the standpoint side, and from the crustacean members of the faction at that.

The Harlan Republican says it looks very much as though big business has grown very tired of the Taft regime, and has made up its mind it will fare better if a new deal can be had.

"If it is the desire to hold a primary to let the people rule, why do the politicians want to force a presidential primary?" asks the Waterloo Times-Tribune. "Why not a referendum vote on the matter first?"

The Logan Observer learns that "Ding" "strained his good right arm trying to flop his cartoons from progressive to standpat and then back to progressive as often and fast as Harvey Ingham changed his editorials."

"The business men and farmers of the United States would like to have a chance to make a living," says the Des Moines Capital. "It would be a happy thing if the politician could be induced to soak his head and keep quiet for a time."

The Bedford Times-Republican says that President Taft does not need anyone to attest to his progressiveness in the real sense of the word. "There has come to be a difference," the Times-Republican adds, "between being progressive and a progressive."

"Did you ever stop to think," says the Estherville Vindicator and Republican, "that most of our winter resorts have thousands of people who

have made their fortunes in Iowa? In fact there are more from this state, as a usual thing, than from any other state in the union."

The Manchester Press says that if progressive Republicans cannot support a President whose administration has written into law so much progressive legislation as the present one and made big and little corporate offenders shake in their shoes, they must be anticipating the age of miracles in administrative achievement.

The Knoxville Journal says it would be a fine honor to Senator Kenyon to be appointed to the supreme bench, but it sincerely hopes that the senator will remain where he is. "He will be needed in the senate in the next few years," the Journal continues, "while the great battle of popular government is being fought out."

The Iowa City Citizen says the suggestion that the Democrats of Iowa should hold a presidential primary will receive Democratic encouragement long enough to get the Republicans into that sort of a scrape, and right there it will end as far as the Democrats are concerned. "There will be no Democratic presidential primary," the Citizen predicts. "Victory seems too near for that."

"It is easy to overestimate the meaning of these demonstrations," says the Sac City Sun, referring to the ovations accorded resident Taft enroute. "In most instances he has been the guest of commercial clubs, which have used the presence of the President of the United States as an advertising card. The ovations may have but little meaning, and surely have no political significance."

Charlie Bliss' Forecast. Montgomery News: The corn is out, the wheat is in, the summer's work is done, the year grows weaker every day, its race is nearly run, the apples gleam like rubies bright among the fading leaves and Nature for the forest trees, a mottled garment weaves. With gold and scarlet, in and out, the threads run bright and gay and boldly flaunt their garish hues upon the waning day. The hectic flush, presaging death, is on the fading year, but pumpkin pies are getting ripe and, therefore, I don't keel!

The gossamer rides on the breeze and through the hazy air there comes a spicy fragrance and a subtle essence rare. A benediction seems to rest upon the woods and hills that calm and soothe stills. The song-birds, as they journey south, take up their glad refrain and promise up with joyous notes that they'll come back again. Yet still a pensive sadness seems to rest upon the year, but hickory nuts will soon be ripe and, therefore, I don't keel!

The hickory nuts are falling fast, the quails are fat and lazy, the rabbits vault across the road and set the schoolboy crazy. The chipmunk hides its stolen hoard, the squirrels all make merry, the while the crow in yonder tree is circumspect and wary. The frost has made persimmons ripe, the "possum does not stop until he finds the ripest fruit, right in the very top, the coon dog's bark is heard at night, the coons are wild with fear, but sausage will soon be ripe and, therefore, I don't keel!

The coming season now is o'er and sugar's getting cheap, and we have helped the sugar trust its bounteous harvest reap, the cider in the cellar will be useful by and by, especially in this case in townships that are "dry," the apple crop was plentiful and as sure as you were born the Lord has well provided for the lamb that has been shorn! But I pass up these blessings and all this rich good cheer, the turkey gobbler's getting fat, and, therefore, I don't keel!

O, who would trade the autumn joys for those of spring or summer? The sausage and hickory nuts put all else on the hummer! The pumpkin pie and turkey met that served Thanksgiving day will make all care and trouble take wings and fly away. Then bring a pan of popcorn and a dish of apples, too, and mull a little cider from a mellow, harmless brew, and as we all make merry we'll fall not to remember the joys and happiness that come with the gay old month, November.

Strange. Marshalltown Times-Republican: The police of Chicago inform the inquiry board that there is no vice in the city. Strange how the scandalous rumor got started isn't it?

Your Town. Davenport Democrat Talk for your town; hurrah for it. A college president says a boy draws the college colors closer about him every time he yells for them. The professor is right.

City Without Pawnbrokers. Quebec is a city without pawnbrokers, the last person in that business having died about thirty years ago. Since that time, it is said, no person has applied for a license. The high license fee is held responsible to a considerable extent for this unusual state of affairs.

Selfish Interest. "You seem to be developing a great interest in conservation." "I am," replied Mr. Cumrox. "If they keep cutting down the trees, there won't be any woods for me to take to when mother and the girls get up these rounds of social gayety."

Apportionment for 1912 Convention Delegates Will Number 1072 if Arizona and New Mexico Become States.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Under the new apportionment law the next Republican National Committee will consist of 1064 delegates, or, in case Arizona and New Mexico become states, 1072 delegates.

Missouri will have 36 delegates in the convention and 18 votes in the electoral college. The important thing politically in Missouri next year will be how those 18 votes shall be cast. The state in the last two presidential elections delivered the electoral vote to the Republican nominee, once to Roosevelt and once to Taft. Doubt exists this far in advance of the election among Republicans of the state of the ability to turn over the electoral vote next year to the Republican nominee, but it appears to be based upon the apathy of the Republicans rather than upon any progress that the Democrats have made.

Democrats Fought the Bill. Missouri is more certainly a Taft state today than any so-called doubtful state of the Union. There is less insurgency among Republicans there than in any other state of the Middle West, and it is difficult for an outsider to understand why there should be a doubt about the electoral vote being given to Mr. Taft, who undoubtedly will be the nominee of his party. The vote is there, and the incentive for keeping Missouri in the Republican column would seem strong enough to bring it out.

Missouri Democrats in congress fought to the last ditch the reapportionment bill passed by the special session of congress. They fought to the last ditch the amendment offered by Representative Barthold, which left the matter to the decision of the people through the initiative and referendum by striking out of the bill the words "by the Legislature thereof," yet a Democratic Legislature had adopted the initiative and referendum in Missouri. The Democratic representatives and senators from Missouri were for the initiative and referendum at home, but opposed it in Washington, and it was only through the persistence of the Republican congressmen from Missouri that the matter was left open to the people. The performance of the Missouri Democratic congressional delegation is being repeated now in Missouri by the grandstand demands of the Folk and Clark adherents for a primary, which probably will never be held, and which both sides to the controversy hope never will eventuate.

Representation by States. Francis Curtis, who for several

years has been in charge of the joint publicity bureau of the Republican National and Congressional committees, has compiled a table showing the number of members of the electoral college and the delegates to the national convention under the new apportionment law. The table follows:

Table with columns: States, Electoral college, Delegates to national convention. Lists states from Alabama to Wyoming with corresponding delegate counts.

on as a delegate to the state Sunday school convention by the Christian church Sunday school. The convention meets at Sedalia.

J. W. Lockhart died near Luray last Saturday aged 53 years. Interment Monday at Mt. Moriah cemetery.

The re-opening of the Baptist church has been postponed on account of the inability of the workmen to finish the repairs in time. When completed this church will show a great improvement.

A lot of new machinery is being installed at the milk factory. Next year the company expects to be able to take care of a whole lot more business.

A Mail Carrier's Load Seems heavier when he has a weak back and kidney trouble. Fred Duehren, mail carrier at Atchison, Kan., says "I have been bothered with kidney and bladder trouble and had a severe pain across my back. Whenever I carried a heavy load of mail, my kidney trouble increased. Some time ago I started taking Foley Kidney Pills and since taking them I have gotten entirely rid of all my kidney trouble and am as sound now as ever." Wilkinson & Co.

300 FARMERS HEAR KING'S ROAD LECTURE Large Number Gathered at City Hall in Hamilton Yesterday Afternoon.

[Special to The Gate City.] HAMILTON, Ill., Nov. 1.—More than three hundred farmers of Hancock county and the surrounding section of western Illinois gathered at the city hall in Hamilton yesterday

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afternoon to hear D. Ward King in his famous good roads talks. For more than an hour Mr. King talked on good roads to the farmers and following there was an extended discussion. In fact those present took such an interest and asked so many questions about the work that it was late in the day before Mr. King went out to demonstrate on one of the Hamilton roads. The speaker was introduced by C. P. Dadant.

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