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ABOU BEN TEDDY.

Abou Ben Teddy (may his tribe increase!)

Awoke as usual from a dream of peace, And saw a pressman writing in his room,

Who questioned him concerning of his boom.

Exceeding quiz had made Ben Teddy hot,

And to the visitor he cried, "What rot Writest thou now?"

The pressman turned his head, Saw that his getaway was clear, and said:

"I write their names you openly present

Themselves as candidates for President."

"And is mine one?" said Teddy. "Not as yet;

Though 'tis agreed that you're the one best bet."

"Get out!" roared Teddy. "Not a word today!

The pressman vanished by the window route,

And next day, when the public prints came out,

With trial ballots taken east and west Canst beat it?—Teddy's name led all the rest.

—B. L. T. in the Chicago Tribune.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Reputation is what people think of us; character is what we are. Prosperity is what is thrust upon us; success is what we achieve.

Fame is the world's oft-erring judgment from without; greatness is the soul's true measure from within.—Harlan Reed in Peoria Herald-Transcript.

The ground hog has been nominated as the "national bird." Don't all speak at once!

The muddle at Lincoln is said to be the inevitable result of trying to run a \$4,000 ball team in a \$2,000 town. That is a very common mistake.

In figuring the cost of beef and "be revenue received, the packers forgot to figure in the value of the hides as a by-product. Looks like a skin game.

A scientist declares that the awakening of the earth in springtime is due to periodic microbe activity. Quite likely. But back of that is the heat of the sun which stimulates the microbes.

The Vinton Times says all is harmony in the Democratic party. The Cedar Rapids Gazette pertinently suggests that the Times must have taken a course in a correspondence school of guessing.

The Missouri Republican Editorial Association heartily endorsed the administration of President Taft. Missouri Republican editors are real Republicans without any ifs, buts or provisions.

The Des Moines Tribune gives notice that every man who clambers onto the Roosevelt hand wagon will be expected to blow a horn or beat a drum. How about those on the Cummings vehicle? Do both?

A dead ancestor counts for more than a live Chinsaman in the Celestial Empire. Maybe this helps explain why the conversion of the one into the other is such a flourishing industry over there at the present time.

An amendment to the Nebraska state constitution regarding woman suffrage will be presented to the next legislature. Advocates of woman suffrage are organizing throughout the state for the purpose of waging a campaign of education that this amendment may be carried.

A Chicago baby was born last week with four well developed teeth and within thirty hours it grew another. This is another of those wise provisions of nature that we read about. There is no place under the shining sun where one needs to get his teeth—especially his eye teeth—through the gums earlier than in Chicago.

Can a person legally qualified as an elector lawfully serve as mayor of an Iowa town and as justice of the peace at the same time? The state department of justice some time ago ruled that he could. The county attorney of Winnebago county thinks otherwise and the present attorney general agrees with him. The matter is to be carried up to the supreme court, and if that tribunal sustains these authorities the mayors in fifty Iowa towns will be ousted from their offices.

Judge Alton B. Parker, late Democratic candidate for President, is to be congratulated upon having the courage of his convictions. In the face of the growing sentiment in his party for recall of judiciary he boldly declared in an address before the South Carolina Bar Association the other day that "recall of the judges spells in the ultimate result a recall of the judicial system and the substitution of the vigilance committee." Brave words, these, and as true as they are fearless.

Mayor Gaynor's latest venture is a compilation of the world's sixteen best books, named in the order in which he believes they influenced his life. The list follows: The Bible, Shakespeare, Homer, Milton, Rabelais, Franklin's "Autobiography and Letters," "Biography of Benvenuto Cellini," Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations," De Lome's "British Constitution," Euclid, Hume's "History of England," Cervantes, Gil Blas, "Plutarch's Lives," Gibbons' "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," Bacon's "Essays."

The Des Moines Register and Leader, an able and influential supporter of Senator Cummins, is to be credited with a plain statement of fact coupled with some good advice. In a recent editorial article it declared: "President Taft will be renominated on the first ballot; certainly on the second, or not at all. The Iowa delegation will in no way determine that result."

Almost every day witnesses one or more additions to the list of those who have been "solicited by their friends" to become candidates for mayor or alderman at the coming municipal primary election. As a rule those who are said to be "considering the matter" have already made up their minds to enter the field, and only await what they think will be the best time for announcing their candidacy, while the "feeler" thus thrown out is doing its work. No one is deceived by this polite fiction and no harm comes of it. The more candidates in the field the merrier—and the better. There will thus be wider latitude of choice and the scattering of votes for the many unfit will work to the advantage of the few competent and worthy. It is generally agreed that "37 varieties" of pickles are not too many. An equal number of candidates for municipal office ought not to be a superfluity. Get into the game!

WOMAN SUFFRAGE NOTES.

The woman suffragists see in the present conditions much to encourage them, they claim. Briefly stated some of the indications may be given as follows:

The Ohio Woman Suffrage Association has opened campaign headquarters in Columbus, the constitutional convention now being in session in that city. Herbert S. Bigelow, who has been elected president of the constitutional convention, is a member of the advisory campaign committee of the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association. Hon. W. B. Kilpatrick, chairman of the constitutional committee on woman suffrage, is a charter member of one of the largest and most active suffrage organizations in the state.

The New Hampshire Woman Suffrage Association has opened headquarters in Concord, and is now fully organized and equipped for an active campaign looking to the submission of an amendment enfranchising women by the coming constitutional convention and its adoption by the voters at the next election.

Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict, campaign manager for the Political Equality League of Milwaukee, is confident that Wisconsin will win in the woman suffrage campaign now at its height in that state.

In Oregon a few days ago representatives of different political, social and industrial associations met and organized a state-wide "Association of Voters for Woman Suffrage." Many of the most prominent men of the state were enrolled as members and pledged themselves to work actively for the woman suffrage amendment at the next election, when it will be submitted to the voters.

The campaign for equal suffrage in Kansas is becoming more vigorous every day, and the literature department of the National Suffrage Association is compelled to work overtime to supply the demand for pamphlets which are being systematically distributed all over the state.

It is expected that the present session of the West Virginia legislature will pass a bill granting school suffrage to the women of that state.

The formation of a National Men's League for Woman Suffrage is being considered by many of the leading men of this country, and will no doubt materialize in the near future. An International Men's League for Woman Suffrage was organized in 1911, the president being Sir John Cockburn, K. C. M. B.

In Maine the Woman Suffrage Association and the State Grange are considering the matter of co-operating in securing the initiative upon the question of equal suffrage before the next legislature.

The commission which is engaged in codifying the election laws of Pennsylvania will probably fix March 15 as the date for the hearing of arguments for and against granting to the women of the state the right of suffrage. This commission will then submit its recommendations to the next legislature.

The Men's League for Woman Suffrage in Iowa and the Political Equality club have co-operated in the establishment of state headquarters in Des Moines, and are preparing to wage a vigorous campaign throughout the state.

Under the auspices of Dartmouth college, sixteen of the New Hampshire Secondary schools have arranged a series of debates which will begin early in February, the proposition for the debates being: "Resolved, That in New Hampshire women should be given suffrage rights equal to those of men."

GOVERNOR CLAIMS CREDIT. Governor Carroll has issued a statement in which he charges that candidates for the Republican nomination for governor have purloined the "Greater Iowa" platform from him and that they took it after he had made and won four campaigns on it. He also intimates that some who are now enthusiastic for a "Greater Iowa" were obstructionists at a time when he was urging a development of the state. His statement, which is somewhat caustic, is as follows:

"It may become necessary for me to discuss the 'Greater Iowa' movement again soon in order to keep these new enthusiasts from appropriating to themselves all that has heretofore been said and done upon that subject. I did not hear either of the speeches delivered by our candidates for governor, but have read them quite carefully and observe that what was said about a 'Greater Iowa' sounds quite familiar and, indeed, when placed alongside of my message, inaugural address, campaign and other speeches, looks quite familiar. I won four contests on that issue myself."

"I will, no doubt, be remembered that when I was making one of my campaigns on state issues and insisting that a governor ought to interest himself in promoting the welfare of the state rather than trying to run the national government, Uncle Harvey Ingham declared through the columns of his paper that a governor is a mere pawn on a chess board, to be moved about whenever a United States senator or someone else interested in national affairs says 'check.' It is therefore exceedingly gratifying to me, in view of that declaration, to see him, as well as many other heretofore obstructionists to about every movement that I have inaugurated, line up for a campaign on state issues, and it is doubly gratifying, as well as amusing, to witness the contest now going on to see who is entitled to be a candidate for governor on my old platform."

"I welcome all of these gentlemen into this new-found relation that some of us assumed a good while ago and have been working for, even while they could see nothing but party strife at the nation's capitol. But why should they not get clear into the Iowa booster bandwagon rather than to stand on the rear steps and quarrel about who is the discoverer of the 'Greater Iowa' idea? The people well understand that they are neither the discoverers nor even early explorers. We do, however, need their help, and if they had joined with us earlier we would have been further along now."

"I think the people would be interested in knowing something more, not only about what has been and is being done in this 'Greater Iowa' movement, but in learning who is responsible for the failure of some measures much needed to help along as well as knowing who have been real progressives in the movement for a 'Greater Iowa.' For these reasons I may discuss those matters again in the near future."

NOTES AND COMMENT. The Des Moines Capital says the greater Iowa platform will accommodate all the candidates who wish to stand thereon without crowding.

"The senator has not the slightest intention of playing stalking horse for somebody else," says the Des Moines Tribune, referring to Mr. Cummins.

The Fairfield Ledger, recalling Professor Holden's exploitation of Idaho lands, says it may support Holden, but it would prefer to do so on some other platform than booming Iowa.

"In reality state politics has little in common with national politics," says the Mapleton Press. "If Holden has got something up his sleeve that is real good for Iowa let us have it, if he hasn't been a politician all his life."

The Waterloo Courier suggests that if Professor Holden is going to claim a monopoly of the "greater Iowa" issue he should tell Iowa and the Republican party how he is going to do it. "Are we going to have a campaign on real issues or a campaign of vague oratory popularly designated as hot air?" the Courier asks.

"The late Bishop Mackay-Smith," said a Philadelphia clergyman, "didn't believe in pulpit exaggerations. He didn't believe, I mean, that a divine had any right to take an old anecdote and tell it as though it were a true episode that had happened to himself."

"He once illustrated what he meant by telling about a minister who was entertaining a guest with an account of a fishing excursion in California when his little daughter said: 'Is that true, or are you preaching, papa?'"

Mr. MacTavish attended a christening where the hospitality of the host knew no bounds except the several capacities of the guests. In the midst of the celebration Mr. MacTavish rose and made the rounds of the company, bidding each a profound farewell.

"But, Sandy, mon," objected the host, "ye're not goin' yet with the evenin' just started?" "Nay," said the prudent MacTavish, "I'm not goin' yet. But I'm tellin' ye good-night while I know ye all."

An Old-Time Democratic State Convention.

Dr. George P. Neal in Fort Madison Democrat: Your memory is not at fault; it was in 1880 and the state Democratic nominating convention for the selection of delegates to the national convention which was to meet in Cincinnati, Ohio, was held in Burlington. It was a hot day, and I remember meeting you there quite distinctly. We had a drink of brown pop and were both enthusiastic for the nomination of General Winfield Scott Hancock, as Samuel J. Thilden declined to allow the use of his name, on account of feebleness and paralysis. Dan F. Miller, Jr., was there, I remember, and Charley Doerr. I was a delegate from Louisa county. I bought a clock that day at the Carpenter jewelry store and it was a good Democratic clock for thirty years. Daniel F. Miller, Sr., was defeated for delegate-at-large. In the crowd at the station, he was robbed of a valuable gold watch, which he prized as a keepsake. John P. Irish made the great speech of the day: "What will be the plan of battle?" were the first words uttered. It was a great speech and both the Hawkeye and the Gazette published it full.

I remember Joe Williams was on hand and was intending to report the convention for some paper, but succumbed to the heat and did not recover till the convention was over and was a matter of history. I will never forget John H. Craig, father of County Attorney Theodore A. Craigs, and of Hugh, who now resides in Riverside, California. John H. Craig was an impressive orator and, when he arose to speak, seemed at all times to be deeply in earnest. I admired him greatly.

It was a great meeting, participated in by an army of old Jefferson-Jackson Democrats who believed in and fought for the faith within them. John Zaiser, father of Rev. Father Zaiser of this city, was mayor of Burlington, and as mayor he made an address of welcome. Mayor Zaiser was a jolly man, rotund, short in stature, florid, a fine type of the Germans of that day. He made an address which was loudly applauded throughout. Dr. A. C. Roberts of the Democrat was there and I think Dr. George of the Daily Constitution of Keokuk. I remember the venerable Judge Ed Johnstone was present, Judge J. M. Casey and others from Fort Madison, whom I cannot remember. It was almost thirty-two years ago that this notable gathering occurred in Burlington. The late greatly lamented Benton J. Hall, then a state senator and the idol of the democracy, was a prominent figure in the convention. Two years later he made the race for congress and was defeated by Moses A. McCoid, by marked yellow ballots. In 1884, simultaneously with Cleveland, he was elected over John H. Woolson, and in 1886 he was defeated by John H. Gear. President Cleveland then made him United States commissioner of patents, which place he filled with distinction. He died about 1890.

This was the day that Tom Potter was almost supreme in Iowa politics. This, I think, was the last time that I ever saw the courtly Augustus Caesar Dodge, ex-U. S. minister to Spain, first U. S. senator from Iowa, a Jefferson Democrat undiluted—one of the Fathers of Iowa.

The Square Deal. Galesburg Republican-Register: In all this controversy it should be remembered that President Taft is entitled to a square deal, and it is only too patent that he is not getting it at the hands of some fellows that are out for the vice presidency. Sooner or later the sense of fair play in the American people will assert itself. Up to this date only the defamers of the President have been heard, and they seem to be as vituperative as those that assailed McKinley and incited a hair-brained fanatic to assassinate him. That platform passed by the progressives at Springfield did not give the President a fair deal, and misrepresented and misconstrued his actions, not giving him the credit for doing anything commendable. It is well to keep in mind that much of this hue and cry is raised by men who seek office and think the easiest way to get it is to discredit the President.

SUGAR CREEK.

Miss Ruby Karnes has returned from her school at Brashear, Mo. We understand Miss Ruby teaches the spring term at the same place. Lynn Hume and family took dinner with Robert Ross and wife Sunday. Mr. Geo. Haywood and Mr. Homer Collison had their wood sawed last week. Ed. Wiley did the work.

The young people of our neighborhood enjoyed a fine party at the home of George and Florence Andrews last Thursday evening. Alison Fish visited at the Sanders' home Sunday. George Brammer was at Thos. Wiley's Sunday.

Invitations are out for a masquerade social at the home of Robert Ross Saturday evening. Our school is progressing nicely. Much interest is taken by pupils and patrons. Sugar Creek was well represented at the opera at Kahoka last week. Tom Brammer and wife spent Sunday with John Brammer.

CARTHAGE, ILL.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thornber are attending the automobile show in Chicago this week. Josie Zimmerman, of Burnside, was visiting friends in the city Saturday. Mr. Lewis, of Chicago, was a business visitor to this city Monday.

Elder Nay, of Mediapolis, Iowa, visited the family of Hezekiah McPherson a part of last week. Miss Parthena McPherson accompanied him home for a few days' visit. T. A. Griffin, of LaHarpe, was in the city Monday.

Esther Flynn, of Ferris, was visiting Miss Sarah Peterson the latter part of the week. Sheriff E. E. McAdams and E. A. Wilcox, were business visitors to La Harpe Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Alice Green visited her mother-in-law at Denver last week, the lady being quite ill.

F. M. Whitcomb spent a day last week with his daughter, Mrs. Wm. B. Kimball, in Nauvoo. Anderson Smith is with his brother, James, of Middle Creek, who was injured a short time ago by a wagon running over his chest and neck.

Miss Helen Laffey of Burnside, visited Saturday with her cousin, Miss Emma Carroll. J. E. Brown of Augusta, was a business visitor to the city the latter part of the week. James P. McCollom, who is located at Dodge City, Iowa, came in Saturday for a visit with his family.

The basket ball game played between the Macomb Normal and Carthage college, at the college gymnasium Friday evening, resulted in a score of 11 to 9, in favor of Macomb.

Marriage Licenses.

Tracey Wright, Webster; Leafie Thompson, Webster. Henry Young, Burnside; Mrs. Ethel Pierce, Burnside. Herbert Whitcomb, Hamilton; Fancien Good, Keokuk, Ia. William Pilkington, Nauvoo; Edith Balmer, Nauvoo.

REVERE, MO.

Mrs. Joe Edwards is entertaining her brother, Albert Christy and wife. O. M. Lucas was a business caller in Kahoka Monday. Mrs. Jess Seward moved this week to their home recently purchased of Arthur Shurler. Tave McWhorter and wife were Kahoka visitors Tuesday. Dave Norton returned from Fort Madison Sunday. Roy Williams has moved into his new residence. There is quite a bit of sickness just now.

Steamboat Inspector Suspended.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Under charges of neglect of duty in connection with the explosion of the Mississippi river steamer "City of St. Joseph" at Memphis last June, Henry C. Waltze, steamboat inspector at Memphis, was suspended by Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel pending an investigation. A dozen lives were lost in the accident.

LOOK INTO HIGH COST OF LIVING

Too Many Combines Are in Force to Make Prices at All Reasonable [United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—A general investigation of the high cost of all of the necessities of life will be undertaken at once by the New York authorities. District Attorney Whitman said that since the opening of the grand jury investigation into the high price of butter and eggs, he has been deluged with complaints saying that there is a combination of middle men which extorts millions of dollars annually from the consumers here. It was explained that already Whitman has received what he considers competent evidence against the big milk combination in this city and this will be one of the first organizations placed under the probe. Next will come the so-called combination mer-

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chant trust which, it is alleged, is responsible for the present high prices for all vegetables. The second "at cost" sale of vegetables and fruits designed by Rev. Madison C. Peters to demonstrate the need of public markets here, was held and all of the stock secured from the farmers about the city was soon sold at prices far below the store quotations. Ryan jumped into the Menominee river. An unknown man leaped from the rear platform of an incoming train and dragged Ryan from the river, but Ryan died from exposure. Before death Ryan told hospital attendants he had a wife in Denver, Colo., with whom he became estranged in a controversy over their children. The body is at the county morgue. The Suffrage Flag. Mrs. James Lee Laidlaw has presented a suffrage banner that was used in the May parade in New York. To be taken to London very shortly. It will float over the American detachment in the five-mile parade which Mrs. Pankhurst is planning. There will be 40,000 in the parade, as she has planned it.

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