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A MORNING CALL.

Good morning, Mr. Robin! When did you arrive? Heard you singing yesterday, "This good to be alive!"

Back some time, I reckon? Heard you, as I said, But you had left the neighborhood before I left my bed;

And every time you called on me, I haven't any doubt, I had slipped off to the office—and you always found me out!

And how is Mrs. Robin? Hustling with her nest? I expect you're both so busy that you haven't time to rest.

And when it comes to getting worms, you'll have to meet the bills! Ah, yes, you'll go to Nature's school throughout the summer term—

Well, good-by, Mr. Robin! Please call again—and soon! Bring Mrs. Robin with you—to-morrow, say at noon.

I'll be mighty glad to see you—and if there comes a frost, I'll grub-stake you, I promise, and we'll never count the cost.

Peter Coates of the great London threadmaking firm of J. and C. Coates, left an estate of \$12,500,000.

Back in Indianapolis the News threatens to pull off a prize guessing contest with the hope of discovering why an electric light company which sells "the juice" to the city at two cents a kilowatt hour, insists on soaking the private consumer for from seven to twelve cents an hour.

Fulfilling a promise which he made to his wife at the time of their marriage, although she has been dead sixteen years, Matthew Eber wore at his fifty-ninth birthday anniversary last week the silk hat which he wore before he was married. He has worn it on every wedding anniversary.

Governor McCreary has named a commission of ten educators who will select the common school textbooks to be used in Kentucky outside of the cities, for four years, involving an outlay of \$1,500,000.

W. J. Henderson, the musical critic, cruelly jolts the pride of "intelligent and discriminating audiences" by telling how Caruso, after being wildly applauded in the star role in "Pagliacci," stepped behind the scenes and sang in his best style a solo which was programmed against the name of a minor singer and didn't get the whisper of a hand.

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THE PETSCH INTERURBAN.

Within the past few weeks representatives of the proposed Petsch interurban road have been soliciting subscriptions in Keokuk for an electric line to run from Fort Madison to Keokuk, touching Nauvoo, Carthage and Hamilton, and Elvaston; possibly other points.

There is no question but that such a line would be of inestimable value to this city. It would tap a country that is rich in farm products and populated with a happy and prosperous people.

It would seem that such a line should from the start prove prosperous. The only fear The Gate City entertains is that the promoters may not get sufficient encouragement to make the line a reality.

We believe that Messrs. Petsch and Payne are earnest in their efforts to see such a line constructed. They have no doubt gone carefully over the proposition and realize its benefit to the cities and towns and country touched.

Those who are familiar with the conditions agree that it looks like a practical and sensible proposition. And the one feature that indicates a broad element of fairness is that money subscribed will not be called for until the line is in actual operation.

There is no question of the great amount of benefit it would be to the Keokuk merchants and there is an earnest hope in this city that the movement succeeds.

GREATER IOWA.

The real purpose back of the booster trip of a number of Iowa men who visited Keokuk Monday evening is to get a closer working organization in the state known as the Greater Iowa movement.

No matter what the difference of opinion may be relative to the representation of the state at the Panama exposition in San Francisco there can be no difference as to the necessity and benefit that a Greater Iowa movement would bring to the whole state.

These men evidently see the necessity for such a concerted movement or they would not leave their business to promote the idea. With a state so rich in products as Iowa, with so much to commend itself to the people of the whole world every effort should be made to increase the population.

Results come from united action and that is what these men are after. Keokuk can well afford to enter into such a spirit and such an organization. When a state wide question is up and when action from all sections of the commonwealth is desired and essential to any project that involves the welfare of the whole state such an organization as the Greater Iowa could lend its strength and influence. It would be effective. Ralph Bolton of Des Moines pertinently pointed out the good effect of organization in his remarks at the Industrial association rooms Monday evening.

IOWA GOOD ROADS DAY.

At the instance of the Iowa Automobile association, Governor Clarke has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of the state of Iowa to devote June 15th wholly to roads.

Mr. Nissen of the State Automobile association states that they expect to assist in organizing each county to hold meetings, dragging contests, etc. to arouse the greatest possible interest in good roads.

The Iowa Road Maker wishes to suggest that every community arrange to take this day off from all regular duties and spend it, if not in actual road work, at least in discussing the subject and in listening to men who have given it special study.

If the weather is reasonably favorable, every road in Iowa ought to be dragged for this day. Incidentally we might suggest that every road in Iowa "must" be dragged when it needs it but that does not mean by any possibility that they are being so cared for.

Great interest has been manifested in good roads days in other states and Iowa certainly ought not to be an exception to the rule. Road drag day last year was quite generally observed in spite of the fact that it was extremely dry and therefore unpleasant to drag. Let us make every arrangement to take full advantage of the opportunity to work together at this time and make a splendid showing throughout the state.

EARLY BATTLES IN IOWA.

One hundred and eighty years ago white men and Indians fought a battle in the heart of the Iowa country. At this time the French controlled all of Canada and the greater part of the Mississippi valley. For many years they had been at war with the Fox Indians and had finally subdued them.

But in 1733 the Sacs, who had hitherto been friendly toward the French, confederated themselves with the Foxes, and thus a formidable enemy again appeared. Accordingly, in August, 1734, a party of Frenchmen, with a considerable number of Indian allies, set out from Montreal on a long expedition against the Sacs and Foxes, hoping to either induce the Sacs to withdraw from the confederation or destroy both tribes.

The French expected to find their enemies located in eastern Iowa along the Wapokongon river, but when they reached that point after a wearisome march in mid-winter they discovered that the Indians had taken up their abode along the Des Moines river. Hither the French followed them and a battle was fought not far from the site of the present city of Des Moines in which it is difficult to say which party was victorious. The French, however were forced to retire with-

out accomplishing the object of their expedition. An interesting official report of this expedition appears in the April number of "The Iowa Journal of History and Politics" published by the State Historical society of Iowa.

OVERWORKED COMMISSIONS.

Whatever may be said as to the desirability of public utilities, the administrative difficulties are unquestionably enormous. The amount of detail work upon the commissions of the various states, by the public utility laws, is so great that it is questionable whether any of these commissions is even yet equipped to make available for intelligent use the vast mass of information, which the utilities are compelled to furnish them.

In many cases, commissions are forced by the very volume of duties imposed upon them to devote their attention to those which they consider the most important and to neglect others of seemingly less importance.

This point was strikingly illustrated by the house committee on interstate commerce during the course of the hearing on the steel car bills. One speaker advanced the argument that under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission, the affairs of electric railways would be neglected in favor of the seemingly more important matters connected with steam roads, and pointed out that after six or seven years' jurisdiction over electric railways, the commission paid so little attention to this branch of its work that it was impossible to find on its reports a list of the electric railways reporting and their mileage.

The administration of the affairs of a single railway company is a work of complexity and magnitude. Multiplied by the number of companies in our larger states it assumes colossal proportions and while regulation is, of course, not administration, in many instances, in some of it, aspects, it is fast approaching it and in consequence the detail assumed by the commissions is swamping their forces, clogging their machinery and is hampering for those delays, which are annoying to the public, and costly to the state.

It is a constantly increasing cause of criticism of public service commissions, that they are so overwhelmed with detail, that they have not the time to devote to the broader and more essential duties assigned them. In bare administrative efficiency, the commissions have much to learn from the companies, over whose destinies they preside and whose affairs they guide.

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bering this fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of the last great campaign which brought final peace to the country, and as they remember the fearful price paid for it, the policy of "watchful waiting" over a matter which should have been taken at the start and these yelping, snarling dogs have been whipped and made to behave, does not look good.

We have hardly yet found a second Abraham Lincoln in the presidential chair. We would not question the personal courage of either Mr. Wilson or Mr. Bryan but neither one of these men could have done Mr. Lincoln's work.

L. H. AYER. Keokuk, Iowa, May 5, 1914.

CARTHAGE, ILL.

John P. Byler and son Earl of near LaHarpe were business visitors to the city Saturday. Beecher Jacks of Lomax was visiting in Carthage Saturday, making the trip in his new Pierce Arrow car.

Charles Bartlett of near LaHarpe was a business visitor to the city the last of the week. George Aleahire returned the last of the week from a business visit to Chicago.

Mrs. Henry Webber spent the latter part of the week with her sister-in-law in Hamilton. T. E. Burner and family of near Augusta visited relatives in the city the latter part of the week.

Miss Nora Shively spent the week end with friends in Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wilcox and son Ted visited over Sunday with friends and relatives in LaHarpe.

Miss Nelle Greer was a Keokuk visitor the first of the week. Mr. Geo. Chapple, railroad promoter, has opened an office in the Foulds building for his company, and Marion Milsted has been employed to obtain the right of way.

Will C. Newton of Lomax visited home folks over Sunday. Many automobile loads of people of Carthage visited the scene of the new oil discovery between Plymouth and Colmar Sunday. All report the well a wonder and the people in the surrounding country are very much excited over the prospects and strangers by train loads visiting the scene and options being taken on all the country surrounding, where possible to obtain an option.

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falo, New York. Funeral held from the residence at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Mr. Throup of Mt. Pleasant. Interment in Salem cemetery. Julia A. Rice, aged sixty-one years, departed this life Sunday night, after an illness of several weeks duration. The deceased was superintendent of Salem school for a number of years and was known and esteemed by a large circle of friends. At his bedside with his wife, was his sister, Mrs. Shedel, of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Rice's brothers and sisters, Dr. Pittman, Bloomfield; Dr. Pittman, Ottumwa; Miss Lydia Pittman, Ft. Dodge; Miss Sadie Pittman, Omaha, Neb.; a nephew, Thomas Hewitt. Funeral will be held from the Congregational church, of which he was a faithful member, at 1:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Services will be conducted by Rev. Frank Beardsley of Kansas City. At a meeting of the school board, the high school faculty were retained, for the ensuing year. Superintendent C. K. Hayes, Assistants Miss Anna Packer and Miss Joy Pierce. The latter of Abingdon, Illinois. Grammar school, fourth room, Miss Susie Spues, of Birmingham; third room, Miss Mayme Rennolds, of Wayland, were chosen; second room, Miss Mabel Wilmethe re-elected. Miss Mary Maris, who has taught in the primary department for several years, resigned. Vacancy to be filled. On May 22 the seniors of the high school will present the play, "A Rustic Romeo." The members of the graduating class are: Misses Bertha Pittman, Goldie Thompson, Ima McManisters, and Miriam Hill; Gilbert, riggs, George Tyner, Newell Collins, Arthur Watts and Paul Ratliff. Iowa Wesleyan academy team came over and tested their skill against the high school nine in a very interesting baseball game Saturday afternoon. A large crowd witnessed some fine playing. The Mt. Pleasant boys were well pleased with the nice entertainment accorded them by the local young folks. Mrs. Leona Williams and Miss Allie Hightower came from Earlman to visit at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Smith. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thompson entertained thirteen guests at dinner Sunday in celebration of their fourth wedding anniversary. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Charles Penn, north of town, entertained Mr. and

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Mr. Springer was a Croton caller Monday. Roswell Star was a Keokuk caller one day last week. Mrs. Albert Swanson and son are visiting the R. B. Nelson home. Mr. Isom Hufford had the misfortune to cut his hand. Bessie Louis and Isom Hufford were Croton callers Sunday. Perry Moline and wife visited the Wells home Sunday. Morris Springer makes his usual call at the Anderson home.

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