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**Before Going Away**

Don't forget to have The Gate City follow you by mail. To be happy and contented you must have the home news. Mail post card or phone 35.

**THE TOYS.**

My little son, who looked from thought-fal eyes  
 And moved and spoke in quiet grown-up wise,  
 Having my law the seventh time disobeyed,  
 I struck him, and dismissed  
 With hard words and unkindness—  
 His mother, who was patient, being dead.

Then, fearing lest his grief should hinder sleep,  
 I visited his bed,  
 But found him slumbering deep,  
 With darkened eyelids, and their lashes yet  
 From his late sobbing wet.  
 And I, with a moan,  
 Kissing away his tears, left others of my own;

For on a table drawn beside his head  
 He had put within his reach  
 A box of counters and a red-veined stone,  
 A piece of glass abraded by the beach,  
 And six or seven shells,  
 A bottle with bluebells,  
 And two French copper coins, ranged there with careful art,  
 To comfort his sad heart.  
 So when that night I prayed  
 To God, a wept, and said:  
 "Ah, when at last we lie with tranced breath,  
 Not vexing Thee in death,  
 And Thou rememberest of what toys  
 We made our joys,  
 How weakly understood  
 Thy great commandment good,  
 Then fatherly not less  
 Than I whom Thou has molded from the clay,  
 Thou'lt leave Thy wrath, and say,  
 "I will be sorry for their childishness."  
 —By Coventry Patmore.

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY.**

Of all sad words of tongue or pen—the saddest are these—It might have been.—Whittier.

Count Mouravieff, the governor of Moscow, on arriving at Calais from London left his handbag on the train for a few minutes. On returning he found that it had been stolen. It contained \$20,000 worth of jewels and \$4,000 in cash.

Headstrongness is a mental weakness.

One thing about money, when it gets tight it keeps out of sight.

When a man has water on the brain he shouldn't be surprised if his head swims.

The reports that Huerta was going to resign seem to have been violently overdrawn.

Ambassador-elect William G. Sharp will sail for France August 1 to begin his duties.

Walker W. Vick, collector of customs at Santo Domingo, has resigned because of ill health.

A woman may not be able to hit anything with a stone but she can cast a ballot straight.

Mayor Mitchell of New York announced that he would not consider the nomination for governor.

With some men the bifurcated garment when worn in the home is merely an insignia of sex rather than an emblem of authority.

A man who stole a dozen watches was in no dire need of the ten years' time given him by the court.

A father of two or three little tots has no need of going to a moving picture show down town of an evening.

The versatility of magazine writers was never better illustrated than when Link Steffens began muckraking the muckrakers.

George A. Murchie, a member of the St. John River international commission, died at Calais, Me., following an operation for appendicitis.

Rosalind, dowager countess of Carlisle, has sent to John Redmond, leader of the Irish nationalists, \$1,500 for the nationalist volunteer fund.

What Josephus Daniels, the well-known seafaring mariner, can't understand is why every water wagon in the navy now can't be its own drydock.

Secretary McAdoo smashed the camera of a Washington photographer who had snapped him. Some of our impetuous young bridegrooms are so sensitive.

The will of William H. Hornblower, late judge of the New York court of appeals, names as principal beneficiary the widow, Emily Sanford Hornblower. The estate amounts to about \$800,000.

The production of millstones and related quarry products—burrstones, chasers and drag stones—in the United States in 1913 amounted to \$56,163 in value, a decrease of \$15,251 compared with the value in 1912. The production of millstones in this country in 1913 was nevertheless larger than in all but three years since 1888, when it was valued at \$81,000. Millstones were produced in 1913 in Alabama, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

The Dubuque Elks have been taking note of what their brothers in other Iowa cities have been doing, and now the Dubuquers propose to show these dear brothers a thing or two. They have awarded the contract for a new Elks' home, that will cost an expenditure of \$125,000, says the Burlington Hawk-Eye. By the time that everything is completed and the boys are ready for the housewarming, they will probably have somewhere near \$200,000 invested. They expect to move in by March 1, 1915. What a housewarming that will be. No doubt they will make the good old town sit up and listen and they will have grand delegations from many of the sister lodges to assist in the proper dedication of that new home. It will be a day memorable in the history of Dubuque Elksdom.

**THE NEW FACTORY.**

The announcement in last evening's Gate City of the success of the industrial department of the Mississippi River Power company in locating an electro-smelting plant for Keokuk was indeed gratifying news to the people of this city. It portends to better things. It portends to larger development. It is an answer to those who have been asking what are the industrial associations of this city doing. And by the way they are doing all that other associations are doing under similar conditions. Development of the power zone will not be spontaneous. It will be slow and sure which is all the better. Permanence is the essential feature of development. Substantial things are not of overnight growth. What The Gate City wants the people of Keokuk to do is to give the industrial association of the city and the industrial department of the Mississippi River Power company the fullest support possible and to ALWAYS speak encouragingly of the city. Cut out the gloom and watch Keokuk grow.

**QUINCY SHIPPERS' ATTORNEYS ARRIVE**

James and Williams of Washington will represent them in Rate Hearing.

Quincy Journal: Attorneys F. B. James and E. E. Williams of Washington, D. C., who will represent the shippers and jobbers of this vicinity at the hearing before the interstate commerce commission Thursday, will arrive in Quincy tonight, and tomorrow and Wednesday will meet with shippers and jobbers at the Quincy Freight Bureau, regarding the hearing Thursday.

L. B. Boswell, secretary of the Freight Bureau, was in Washington last week, conferring with the attorneys, who will represent the jobbers in their efforts to forbid the railroads from increasing freight rates from this city to eastern points, and discriminating in favor of St. Louis shippers.

The Hannibal shippers and jobbers were conferred with today, and it is expected the shippers will present a solid front Thursday, when Examiner Brown opens the hearing at 10 a. m. in the district court room in the federal building.

**VICE COMMISSION HOLDING SESSION**

Chairman Promises to Dig Up Some Interesting Testimony Before Adjournment.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 14.—"Stick around a while and listen to the testimony. We've got the goods," was the statement of Chairman Howard Teasdale of the state vice commission, when one after another, heads of large mercantile houses told the investigators that the city is one of the most moral in the country.

Only one sensational tidbit was offered for something out of the ordinary. A Titan-haired beauty with a throaty voice appeared on her own accord and told of having been brought from Chicago to sing in a palm garden for \$35 per week.

"I only stayed a week," said the woman, "and I didn't get my money because I would not smoke and drink with the men. The proprietor also wanted me to get more than chummy with some of the 'Johnnies'."

Proprietors of stores uniformly testified that wages are not connected with vice; that they watched the lives of their employees and that the city as a whole compares favorably with others of its size.

Executive sessions with girl employees as witnesses were expected to fill in the day today.

**Japs Are Friendly.**

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEWPORT, R. I., July 14.—Evidences of Japanese friendship for the United States were cited here by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. In an address at the summer naval college, Daniels told of reports from Admiral Howard regarding the conduct of Japanese naval officers in the Pacific. "Only a few days ago Admiral Howard reported that Captain Moriyama of the Japanese cruiser Izumo," said Daniels, "on the west coast of Mexico had stated to one of our officers that his government had been scrupulous in forbidding and preventing the shipment of arms and ammunition from Japan to Mexico because of friendship for the United States."

The secretary said Admiral Fletcher displayed ability of the highest order as a statesman and a diplomat at Vera Cruz after that city had been captured by our forces.

**Sex Hygiene in Schools.**

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BERLIN, July 14.—That the work of instructing school children in sexual hygiene and enlightening the child's mind in sexual matters should be delegated to school physicians, was the opinion expressed by Dr. Gettkamp of Nerlin in the annual conference of German school physicians. In Germany each school has one or more physicians, appointed by the authorities, for medical inspection and to lecture upon hygienic subjects. It was Dr. Gettkamp's view that plain talks upon sexual matters should be a part of the school curriculum and that the school physician can better instruct in such matters than other teachers.

**EIGHTY THOUSAND RAILWAY MEN**

Will Strike on Western Roads Unless Mediation Settles Their Differences.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, July 14.—The strike ultimatum of 80,000 railroad employees of all the big trunk lines and their subsidiaries west of Chicago was to be presented to the general managers committee, representing the roads at a final conference today.

The action of the employees committee puts the next move up to the railroads. It is understood they will appeal to Secretary of Labor Wilson and ask for mediation under the Newlands act. The employees have not indicated that they will accept mediation, but it is generally believed they will consent.

If the railroads flatly reject the ultimatum without appealing for federal mediation, one of the greatest railway strikes in the history of the country is practically certain to follow, according to union officials. About 150,000 miles of railroads, including not only the western lines in the United States but all lines in Canada, west of Fort William, except the Grand Trunk Pacific would be tied up.

**Second Flight for Life.**

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 14.—Vindication for Mrs. Bessie Wakefield, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of her husband, William O. Wakefield, was predicted by the defense here today when the second trial of the woman opened in the superior court.

James Plew, Mrs. Wakefield's companion in the murder, was hanged on March 4. Women of Connecticut were active in behalf of the Wakefield woman and her appeal to the Connecticut supreme court of errors won for her a second trial. Recently Mrs. W. J. Blickensderfer made an automobile tour of Connecticut taking a "silver quarter" subscription to finance Mrs. Wakefield's second fight for life. Charles W. Bauby of Waterbury, Conn., will be attorney for the defendant.

A member of a family of fifteen children, Bessie Wakefield began working as "hired girl" for farmers near her home at fourteen, and at seventeen was married to William Wakefield, who was twice her age. Wakefield did not provide for his family and Mrs. Wakefield later became housekeeper for Plew. For a time Wakefield also lived on the Plew farm, then he again established a home and his wife returned to him. It was after this that Plew and Wakefield quarreled and Wakefield's dead body was found in a field twelve miles away. Plew's confession implicated Bessie Wakefield, and, subjected to third degree grilling by the coroner, she further implicated herself. Before her trial Mrs. Wakefield was without legal advice, and during the trial the jury was not segregated and was influenced by popular opinion. The defense claims that Mrs. Wakefield knew nothing of Plew's intention of killing her husband.

**Presidential Nominations.**

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, July 14.—The president has nominated:

To be collector of internal revenue first district of Missouri, George H. Moore, St. Louis.

To be collector of customs, district of St. Louis, Fountain Rothwell of Columbia, Mo.

To be appraiser of merchandise, district of St. Louis, Frank H. Sosey of Palmyra, Mo.

To be U. S. marshal, district of Indiana, Mark Storrs of Scottsburry, Ind.

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.**

Notice is hereby given that proposals as specified below will be received for the construction of the different parts of the Garfield school house in the Independent district of the city of Keokuk, in the county of Lee and state of Iowa, for said district.

Proposals will be considered for four different parts of the work separately, to-wit:

(a) For the heating and ventilating system of the building.

(b) For the plumbing of the building.

(c) For the electrical work and installation of the building.

(d) For the general construction of the building exclusive of the parts named (a), (b) and (c) above.

Plans and specifications under which all these proposals are asked and these bids will be received are on file in the office of H. E. Ratcliffe, architect, in Keokuk, Iowa, and may be seen there.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to F. W. Davies, treasurer, as earnest that the successful bidder will enter into a contract to perform the work according to the bid therefor, which checks will be returned to all bidders after contracts are signed by the successful bidders; said checks shall be for \$150 when accompanying proposals for (a), shall be for \$200 when accompanying proposals for (b), shall be for \$130



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reasonable time thereafter; but the board of education of the district right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

This notice is given by order of the board of education of the district aforesaid this 30th day of June, 1914.

Attest: G. WALTER BARR, Secretary Board of Education.