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AUTUMN. Green, brown and golden red, Behold the wooded hillsides rise; Southward the blackbird army flies, Soaking the summer days, now fled.

Upon the land a dreamy haze, Soft sunlight falling through the trees, And cobweb ships upon the breeze, Proclaim the Indian summer days.

The scarlet sumac and the golden rod, Make beautiful the lonely road; Though sad, the world's a bright abode, When autumn brings her praise to God.

So let me—when the autumn days Steal on my heart, life's summer o'er, Reveal heart beauty all the more, Give unto God a richer praise! —F. E. Cook, Warsaw, Ill.

Besides stopping the bullet of a policeman, an "innocent bystander" in Chicago was kept in jail five months on suspicion of being a hold-up man.

Earle Bullock of Cincinnati says out loud in court that his father-in-law alienated the affections of Mrs. Bullock, and insists on said father-in-law handing over \$10,000 as damages.

Wall street has appointed a committee to see what can be done for former employes out of a job. Business is so slack in the stock market that moss is growing on the door knob.

The International Sunshine society, incorporated in New York, has been cited by the attorney general of the state to come into court and show cause why its charter should not be revoked for misappropriating charity funds.

Lieutenant Wm. Edwin A. Lee, the naval officer who is said to have fired the first shot in the battle of Manila Bay, sixteen years ago, is dead at Los Angeles, aged 50. Lieutenant Lee was an officer on the revenue cutter McCulloch at the time of the battle.

Two judges of the municipal court are urging upon the Chicago city council the necessity of a law for the imprisonment of "gun toters." "Revolvers are made to kill," said one of the judges. "Possession of the weapon should be sufficient to warrant a prison sentence."

British householders are looking to America to supply 500,000 milk bottles and an equal number of paper discs to cover them. Heretofore these goods came from Germany and Austria. Russia is negotiating for 100,000 steel barrels in Pittsburgh. "Tis an ill wind that blows nobody good."

A Chicago policeman's wife whose uncle has just left her \$150,000 says that among the first things she will do will be to employ an eye specialist, hire a maid, employ a social secretary and purchase new dresses. Her husband says he is going to keep right on with his job. There is some good sense in that family.

The Gate City is engaged in the business of publishing a newspaper—not in running a department store; selling song books, bibles, cameras, toys and other things carried in stock by Keokuk merchants. The Gate City wants and tries to increase the business of all Keokuk stores, not to diminish their trade by selling similar merchandise.

The Wabash railroad is distributing illustrated posters free through its agents along the line, urging farmers to select seed corn now for next year's planting. The poster is brimful of useful information to the farmer on the subject of seed corn. Ask your local agent for a copy or write to J. D. McNamara, G. P. A., St. Louis.

Here is one of the pathetic incidents coming out of the shambles of Europe: Two wounded soldiers—one French, one German—lay side by side on the battlefield. The former passed his water bottle to the wounded German. The German sipped a little, kissed the hand of the man who had been his enemy and said: "There will be no war on the other side."

ECZEMA ON CHILD ITCHED AND BURNED

In Rash First. Could Not Sleep or Rest. Hard Crust Covered Neck. Awful Disfigurement. Cuticura Soap and Ointment Healed.

R. F. D. No. 4, Box 55, Holland, Mich.—"My child's trouble began by getting red and sore around her neck, and her face, behind her ears, under her arms, and different parts of her body were affected.

The eczema appeared in a rash first. It was wet and looked as if it was weeping. It seemed to itch and burn so that she could not sleep or rest. It got so bad at last that behind her ears was one crust or sore so that I had to cut her hair. There was a hard crust covering her neck. She could not have her clothes buttoned at all. I could hardly change her clothes for the time. She would cry when I had to wash her.

"We had her treated for some time but without success. The trouble had lasted about four weeks when we began to use Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I had not used them more than three days when I could see she was getting better. I got one cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment and I had not used more than half of what I bought when she was all cured." (Signed) Mrs. G. C. Bjornstrom, Mar. 21, 1914.

Samples Free by Mail. Although Cuticura Soap (25c.) and Cuticura Ointment (50c.) are sold by druggists and dealers throughout the world, a sample of each with 32-p. Skin Book will be sent free upon request. Address post-card: "Cuticura, Dept. T, Boston."

When, in 1898, this country went to war in a just cause and money was needed to put our military forces on a fighting footing, a war tax was proposed. Oscar Underwood, now democratic leader of the house, then a congressman, was against this tax. He said, "this tax will fall almost entirely on the hard working and industrious artisans, merchants, mechanics, farmers and professional men of the country, but not on idle wealth that is protected, but never made to pay for the benefits received. I know its features are partisan and unjust; they will oppress the masses of the people! They are unnecessary and the same amount of revenue could be raised from sources that would equalize the burdens of taxation and not be felt by the people."

Now, our country is at peace with all the world, yet the democrats, led by Mr. Underwood, propose an alleged "war tax" and under his leadership impose "tag rule" cutting off debate and forcing the fictitious war measure through the house of representatives. Will not the average man see the inconsistency of the democratic leader and his party?

SURVEYING IN EARLY IOWA. Where are the biographies of the surveyors whose works abide in the roads and lines which mark the limits of townships and the bounds of Iowa homes? These surveyors, chain carriers, and axemen were pioneers. Equipped with horses, camp furniture, compass, chains, tally-pins, hatchets, whetstones, pens, ink, paper, and field-books, they marked and blazed the way for the land hungry homeseekers. Long marches over unmarked courses, hunger, heat, and cold may have fallen to the lot of these surveyors, but such hardships were not always recorded in the reports sent to the surveyor-general's office.

Twenty-five contracts dated between May 4, 1837, and July 2, 1838, were made by the surveyor-general for surveying in the territory of Iowa. The surveyors with their assistants worked four to seven months and covered courses of varying lengths at \$2.75 per mile. Such men marked off millions of acres and their pioneer work in the founding of the commonwealth is worthy of the historian's labors.

SPARKS FROM THE FIRE WASTE. The fire waste of the country is excessive, and is sapping its prosperity. Reduction of the fire waste is an important part of the campaign for the conservation of the national resources.

Fire losses in the United States and Canada in 1912 were \$225,320,900, most of them due to carelessness.

Fire losses and the cost of fire prevention in the United States amount annually to \$450,000,000, or more than the total American production of gold, silver, copper and petroleum in a year.

The cost of fires each year is one-half the cost of all the new buildings erected in a year.

The annual per capita fire waste in the United States is \$2.51, in Europe, 33c. Cause: The latter has better construction, less carelessness, increased responsibility.

If buildings in the United States were as fireproof as in Europe, the annual cost of fire losses and protection would be only \$90,000,000.

Of 4,676 known causes of fire in Chicago last year, 970 were due to the careless use of matches. Nearly ten thousand matches are scratched every second of the day in this country, every one a possible fire.

Over five thousand are killed and 50,000 are injured annually as a result of fire.

The proportion of insurance capital to insurance liabilities is very much on the decrease. In the past forty years the liabilities have almost doubled, while only \$30,000,000 more capital was invested in the business in 1913 than in 1870.

SCIENTIFIC ADVANCE OF GERMAN.

In their sensational advance into France the German forces utilized modern inventions, the aeroplane and the automobile, in a most scientific and effective manner, as is told in the special war issue of the Scientific American of October 3rd, where the following interesting facts are given:

Eye witnesses of the German advance into France from Belgium say the first sign of the army consisted of six to twelve aeroplanes flying at different heights covering a width of ten and more miles. Slightly behind these aeroplanes came a fleet of twenty and more armored motor cars, capable of making easily 40 miles an hour. Against such a reconnoitering force the British cavalry was at a great disadvantage, as the quick-firing guns on the cars easily disposed of small bodies of troops, and the aeroplanes aloft gave notice in time of the advance of re-enforcements. Except in the thick of a battle no report has come from the battlefields showing that the advance army ever ran into an ambush. With armored cars scouring the ground below and aeroplanes peering into things in general from above, it would have been impossible for large bodies of troops to hide. In the beginning of this month strong pressure was brought by Gen. French. It is reported by British motor men, and some hundred touring cars

PUBLIC OPINION

Monesty. To the Editor of The Gate City: Like some christians who are leading on the Lord to save them in place of saying themselves by living a clean, pure, honest life—an honest man, a man who pays for the necessities of life first is the noblest work of God. Let's be honest—honest with the tax payer, honest with the renter. Get your taxes down a little bit. We did not raise, all of us property owners, with the water power and new tenants are demanding cheaper rents. Make your taxes lower in proportion. Be honest, be just, and then Keokuk will prosper. There is no other way to grow.

W. K. HODGE.

IOWA VETERAN LIVING IN OHIO

Pays a Visit to Keokuk and Looks Through Estes House Where He was Treated.

The Gate City had a most pleasant visit from Judge J. A. Troette, an honored veteran of the civil war who, with his good wife, is making a brief visit to Keokuk en route from his home at West Steubenville, avenue, Cambridge, Ohio, to his former home at Mount Pleasant. The feature of Judge Troette's visit here is to take a look through the Estes house, used extensively as a hospital during the war, and where for five months he was a patient, suffering from a serious wound he received at the battle of Juka, Mississippi.

Judge Troette enlisted in the Fifth Iowa volunteer infantry, commanded by Col. W. H. Worthington, whose lamented death occurred under sad circumstances near Corinth while he was in the faithful discharge of his duties as officer of the day. Colonel Worthington was known as an excellent officer and had been recommended for promotion. It is claimed that had he survived the siege of Corinth, he would have been made a brigadier general.

Judge Troette has a remarkable memory of those memorable days when men's souls were tried and worn. Many of the old names were recalled, Judge Howell, he said, and J. W. Delaplaine conducted The Gate City then. Although absent from the locality he has kept good record of men and happenings. He recalled Judge Samuel Miller of the U. S. supreme bench, Col. H. H. Trimble and spoke highly of the old bar of Keokuk. He specially remembered Sam Sample, as he familiarly called him, now of St. Louis. Mr. Sample was a lieutenant in the company of which Judge Troette was a member. It was refreshingly and honorably veteran of a long and entertaining to meet this great war period, who bore the brunt of battle courageously and came out of the long contest in which he engaged in fourteen battles with five wounds received in the several battles and it seems that there is a kind of limp in his walk, yet he appears robust in mind and body and gives promise of many more years of usefulness.

Judge Troette is a lawyer by profession and is as well equipped for a forensic combat today as he was for mortal combat in the days when cannon and musketry were brought into play to arbitrate differences.

The business districts of Keokuk still contain many marks of recognition for him. They still look familiar and he spoke kindly of the people. It is regretted that Judge Troette and his good wife who accompanies him, could not make their visit longer, in which they might be shown the attractive places of the city and the wonderful growth and changes the few past months and years have wrought. He is a grand old man. He enlisted from Mt. Pleasant, whither he and Mrs. Troette went yesterday afternoon. It is hoped he will return to his Ohio home by this route and remain longer in Keokuk.

FOREST NOTES.

Six thousand bushels of lodgepole pine seed are being collected this fall on the Arapaho national forest, Colorado, for use in reforestation work next spring.

The Philippine bureau of forestry has recently invited bids for the cutting of nearly 300,000 acres of choice timberland on the public forests on the island of Luzon.

Officers of the Okanogan national forest in the state of Washington are installing powerful signal lanterns for night use in reporting forest fires from lookout peaks.

It is said that the first saw mill in the United States was at Jamestown, from which sawed boards were exported in June, 1607. A water power saw mill was in use in 1625 near the present site of Richmond.

California yew which grows on the national forests of that state, is finding some use in present day archery practice. Its qualities closely resemble those of the old-world yew which made the English long-bow famous in mediaeval times.

The supreme court of Pennsylvania has decided that the amount of damage collectable on growing timber set on fire through negligence is not only the value of the wood destroyed but also the injury to the property as a whole through the destruction of the young growth.

An Optimist at 80. Cyrus G. Northrop, former president of the University of Minnesota, in an interview: I am an old man now, and have seen many things in the world. I have seen this great country that we speak of as the northwest come, in my life time, to be populous and rich. The forest has fallen before the pioneer, the field has blossomed and the cities have risen to greatness. If there is anything that an old man 80 years of age could say to a people among whom he has spent the happiest days of his life, it is this: We live in the most blessed country in the world. The things we have accomplished are only the beginning. As the years go on, and always we increase our strength, our power and our wealth, we must not depart from the simple teachings of our youth. For the moral fundamentals are the same and unchangeable.

OTTO STAFFORD DIED SATURDAY

Passed Away at the Home of His Sister, Mrs. W. N. Sage, 711 Franklin Street.

Mr. Otto Stafford, son of Mrs. J. M. Stafford of Kahoka, Mo., and brother of Mrs. W. N. Sage of Keokuk, Miss Blanche Stafford of San Francisco and Roscoe Stafford of Milwaukee, died October 10, 1914, at the residence of his sister Mrs. W. N. Sage after an illness of two weeks. Mr. Stafford was born in Clark county, Missouri, April 11, 1875, and resided there most of his life.

Brief services will be held at the residence 711 Franklin street, Monday morning at 8 o'clock, and the remains will then be taken to Kahoka, Mo., for interment.

—Read The Gate City want column.

THE JOB FOR THE MAN.

Clint Herald: A Sioux City directory man announces the population of that city to be 100,000. That fellow ought to be shipped to Petrograd. He would make a good man to estimate the number of Austrian prisoners.

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