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THE HAGUE PEACE PALACE. Untenanted, silent, brooding. On failure to meet its needs, it rises gaunt, like a ghostly haunt, Out of a waste of weeds.

Unkempt are its peace kept gardens. Its' fountains are filled with dust, Its dead vines fall from trellis and wall, Its bronzes are red with rust.

The spiders have woven their fabric Across every window pane, And shutters, that hang by a tendon, bang, While their hinges screech with pain.

The bittern booms in its shadow, It breathes the air of decay, The fitting bats and the prowling cats, Have driven the dove away.

Untenanted, silent, useless, A relic that no one keeps, Outside of its gate, and desolate Its founder stands and weeps. —W. J. L. in New York Sun.

On the first page of this evening's issue The Gate City is able through the courtesy of the Chicago Tribune, to reproduce King's cartoon bearing on the Christmas time. The cartoon is pertinent to the local situation. The Tribune is the pioneer in the Mr. Goodfellow movement in Chicago and it proved so popular that other cities are adopting the plan which has been so effective in bringing cheer and happiness to the children. It is just one of the many wholesome movements that the Tribune is responsible for. The Gate City acknowledges its appreciation of the loan of this cartoon.

The extraction of gasoline from casing-head gas (natural gas from oil wells) has become one of the important adjuncts of the natural gas industry in the United States. The production is increasing rapidly, the quantity produced in 1913 having almost doubled that of 1912, owing to the installation of a greater number of plants and to the advance in the price of gasoline. The use of natural gas gasoline are many and varied. It is principally used for raising the standard of naphtha or low-grade distillates consumed in motors; it is also used for lighting; and it can be used like regular gasoline in all the arts. There is an ever increasing demand for this gas to be used in automobiles.

KANSASANS AND BELGIANS. The people of Kansas are undertaking to add a valuable supplement to the report on their enormous wheat crop by the state board of agriculture. This supplement takes the form of 50,000 barrels of flour which is the minimum amount they will share with the people of Belgium.

All through Kansas there is an effectively organized and rapidly developing movement to unite all the people in sharing their prosperity with the war-impooverished Belgians. The farmers in their granaries, the churches singly and in groups, the federation of women's clubs, chambers of commerce and commercial associations, have already rallied more than 10,000 people in this state-wide co-operation.

In response to former Governor Stubbs' rallying cry, "Kansas, the greatest beneficiary of the war, to Belgium the greatest sufferer of the war," gifts of money, grain, flour, potatoes, and other food-stuffs, are rapidly being "mobilized." At Topeka the sale at public auction of a cow given by a farmer to the Belgian relief fund

was a picturesque feature of the campaign at the city's business center. The Kansas wheat crop is remarkable. From its 9,116,183 wheat-sown acres—the largest acreage ever devoted to this crop—the yield is reported to have been twice as great as the state's next best yield in 1903 and 25 percent greater than any other state has produced in any one season. The total crop is 180,924,885 bushels which, at the current price of a fraction over eighty-three cents a bushel, warrants the official estimate of the value of the crop at \$151,583,031, \$90 for every man, woman and child in Kansas. From it 49,205,540 barrels of flour can be produced, which would make eight and one-half billion loaves of bread, or nearly 95 loaves for every man, woman and child in the United States.

MEMORIES OF WAR. We have read a great deal that Dr. Burdette has written. We have never read anything of his that was not well worth reading again and again. And the "Drums of the Forty-seventh" is perhaps the finest thing that he has ever done," says the Los Angeles Times.

For the first time, amid all of the books it has been a duty and a pleasure to peruse, we have found one dealing with the experiences of a soldier of war there are volumes innumerable. Of the horrors and sickening experiences of war there are records to fill libraries. Of romance and heroism, of victories and furious charges, of the agonies of defeat and the heart-tearing marches and desperate hunger, we may read in books upon books.

Some of that is in "The Drums of the Forty-seventh," for these things belong to war. But there is also something more.

Here are the heartbeats of the private soldier, who has gone forth to serve his country without lust for glory or hate for his enemies; the laughter of his comrades is echoed on the pages; the warm glow of humor is shown through the exasperating physical discomforts; the vivid, sickening experiences of the man on the battle line are revealed with an exquisite touch, no less forceful for lacking brutality. It is war as the man in the ranks sees it and feels it, and as the humanitarian, with a heart of love and the wisdom of long reflection, looks back upon those days a half century later.

"The Drums of the Forty-seventh" is intensely graphic, whether the theme be light and rings the merry memories, or whether it be heavy and rounds the deeper tones of pathos. And all the way through flash keen, witty philosophical reflections. "Put a corporal on the throne," says Dr. Burdette, "send the soldiers to parliament and congress, and the legislators would automatically cease throughout the world. It seems to be that it has been a long time since a king was hurt in a fight. Nobody wears so many brilliant uniforms and such a medley of decorations as a monarch. And nobody keeps farther away from the firing line."

In greatness of character, as Dr. Tuck, the profound psychologist of Germany, declares, be limited only by the capacity for love, unselfish sympathy and understanding, then Robert J. Burdette is one of the world's greatest men.

THE EDUCATED MAN. A professor in the University of Chicago declares that to be educated a man must be able to truthfully answer the following list of questions: Has education made you public spirited? Has it made you a brother to make weak? Have you learned how to make friends and keep them? Do you know what it is to be a friend yourself? Can you look an honest man or a pure woman in the eye? Do you see anything to love in a little child? Will a lonely dog follow you in the street? Can you be high-minded and happy in the meanest drudgeries of life? Do you think washing dishes and hoeing corn just as compatible with high thinking as piano playing and golf? Are you good for anything yourself? Can you look out on the world and see anything except dollars and cents? Can you look into a mud puddle by the wayside and see a clear sky? Can you see anything in the puddle but mud? Can you look into the sky at night and see beyond the stars? The list will test the culture of the most refined. Try it on yourself and see whether or not you are "educated," forgetting for the time being that you may never have seen the inside of a college building.

Feeding of Salmon. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—A discussion of the best means of raising funds to defray the expense of feeding salmon fry while being held in retaining ponds, occupied the time of the state fish commission which met here today. It was doubtful if the state legislature which meets in January

KAHOKA, MO.

A mass meeting of citizens was held at the K. of P. hall last Friday evening to further discuss the proposed electric road between Keokuk and Jefferson City, via Kahoka. Mr. H. W. Knight, the promoter, was present and gave an interesting address, along lines similar to the one given considerable space in The Gate City some weeks ago. The object of the meeting was to lay before the people of Kahoka the proposition to raise \$600 for the purpose of surveying the route two miles to the east and two miles to the south of this city. Citizens of Wayland and St. Francisville having subscribed sufficient funds for the survey to within this distance on the east and citizens of Union township and Williamstown subscribing for an amount sufficient to bring the road to within two miles of the city on the south. Some fifty of the representative business men and citizens of the city were present at the meeting and after a full discussion of the matter a committee was appointed to solicit the funds. Mr. Knight, in a former meeting, stated that Kahoka would not be asked to subscribe, but would later ask for a franchise through the city. In explanation he stated that he was not asking a subscription now, but that the farmers along the line thought Kahoka should contribute, hence the meeting. It is the intention now to have surveyors on the ground by the first of the year. It was not stated at the meeting what progress had been made on the subscription proposition between St. Francisville and Keokuk, but it is presumed everything is satisfactory at that end of the line, as Mr. Knight stated that the four miles above referred to was the only gap to Williamstown. It begins to look like an electric line for this territory. Mr. Knight does not guarantee a road, but only agrees to get the matter in proper shape to present to capitalists.

Mrs. Anna Reser passed away at her home in this city Sunday morning at 11 o'clock after a lingering illness of many weeks, aged fifty-seven years, eight months and eight days. Funeral services were conducted from the residence Tuesday afternoon by Rev. T. Penn, of Monroe City, Mo., a former pastor of the M. E. church, south of Kahoka. Interment by the side of the husband in Kahoka cemetery. Deceased is survived by four children, Ethel, Elsie, John Earl and William Ernest. Also one step-daughter, Mrs. J. A. McMurray, of Scotland county; one sister, Miss Ada Sisson, one brother, Dr. W. B. Sisson, and her aged father, J. M. Sisson, all of Kahoka. Mrs. Reser was an earnest member of the M. E. church, south, a faithful mother and sister, and her demise is deeply regretted by all.

Thomas McCarty, of near Kahoka, and Miss Clara Adella Shannon, residing in this city, were quietly married at the Presbyterian parsonage Monday evening by the Rev. Paul Heiligman. They have the best wishes of many friends.

William Schreyer and Mrs. Eugenie Baker of Kahoka, were united in marriage at the home of Miss Summie Northcraft, in Kahoka, Tuesday evening by Rev. Wm. Cooney. The couple departed on the 8 o'clock train for St. Louis on a honeymoon trip, after which they will be at home to their friends in this city. They have the best wishes of many friends.

Almost every voter in Clark county is familiar with the charges preferred against James P. Scott, clerk of the county court, which were aired during the recent election in this county. Mr. Scott was re-elected by a big majority, democrats and republicans alike resenting the implications, which not only reflected on Mr. Scott, but his immediate predecessor in office, the late P. E. Hennessy, as well as other predecessors of the office for the past twenty years. Mr. Scott, following a precedent in the office, failed to copy on the assessors' book a tax record, or in other words make a duplicate of a piece of work in the office. During an examination of the county books the auditors discovered the omission, raised the "howl," admittedly for political purposes, and the state auditor filed suit to recover an amount in excess of \$200 for the state. A suit was also filed against the bondsmen of the late P. F. Hennessy. The latter suit, however, was known at the time to have been out-lawed, and has since been stricken from the docket of the circuit court. The case came to trial before Judge N. M. Pettinill Tuesday, the state being represented by the first assistant attorney general, L. E. Ewins. Judge Pettinill promptly decided against Mr. Scott. The case will be appealed to the supreme court. Mr. Scott, when informed of the omission by the auditors, promptly did the work, and the work was complete when suit was filed. This correspondent has to date failed to mix in the affair, but in common with hundreds of others in the county, is firmly of the opinion that Mr. Scott is being unjustly prosecuted.

Denmark. Winter seems to have arrived a little ahead of scheduled time and seems to stick too. But we did enjoy the long and beautiful fall weather we had, anyhow. The Union school will have a program and tree tomorrow evening. Mrs. F. M. and daughter, Winifred, were shopping in Ft. Madison last Saturday. The Congregational Sunday school will hold its Christmas concert Sunday evening, December 20, and supper and tree the evening of December 23. Mrs. Fred Henn and son, John,

were shopping in Ft. Madison and calling on friends, last Saturday. The roads are smoothing down a little since the freeze and snow and the autoers are again on the roads. Schools will close for a two weeks holiday on next Friday afternoon, and the teachers will go to their various homes while our students that are scattered among the various schools and colleges will be home soon, and many a mother's heart rejoices that the holidays are so near. The phone line here has been sold to Mr. Frank Liddle of Weaver, who will move here and care for his business. H. L. Henn is offering the Loton Car place for sale and also the place known as the Brown place, on the northwest corner of Denmark.

G. O. P. Holds Big Pow Wow. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Jubilant over recent successes and the laying of plans for the future will be the program of the republican state committee, when it goes into session today with the sixty-two county chairmen. A dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria with a guest list of 600 will take place in the evening. It is expected that a rather definite legislative program will be submitted later to Governor-elect Whitman for his guidance and approval.

Municipal Gallery. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—A small army of workmen were engaged today in making excavations for the new \$5,000,000 municipal art gallery to be

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erected at Twenty-fourth and Spring Garden streets. At the present time Philadelphia lacks a gallery that might be completed favorably with any of a dozen smaller cities in this country. Such pictures and statues of merit housed here are privately owned, or the property of historical societies. When the new structure is completed it is hoped that many art objects will be loaned or given to the municipal gallery. Others will be purchased.

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