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AN ENTREATY.

Let me but live my life from year to year With forward face and unreluctant soul.

Not hastening to nor turning from the goal; Nor mourning for the things that disappear.

In the dim past, nor held back in fear From what the future veils, but with a whole

And happy heart that pays its toll To youth and age, and travels on with cheer.

So let the way wind up the hill and down, Through rough or smooth, the journey will be joy;

Still seeking what I sought but when a boy, New friendships, high adventure,

and a crown, I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest.

Because the road's last turn will be the best. —Henry Van Dyke.

The formal opening of the Panama canal has been postponed until July. It was to have taken place in March.

Culebra Cut is responsible for this alteration in the plans. The cut keeps on sliding in spite of all that has been done to check this annoying proclivity.

and, according to engineers, there is no immediate assurance that the slides will end, says the Chicago Post.

It would be a strange and tragic thing if, after all that has been spent in money, labor and genius on this great achievement, Dame Nature should stubbornly refuse to settle down and let us profit by our enterprise.

The farmers of Lee county are in session today at Donnellson in annual meeting to discuss matters pertaining to rural welfare.

The Lee county farmers' institute has constantly increased in value since its organization several years ago.

At first it was a small affair, but Jos. Fry as its early president for several years persisted in the movement until today it returns profit to all who participate.

Excellent talent from the best colleges in the country is secured to talk on farm topics and the meetings are entertaining and instructive.

The American farmer is gradually developing along scientific lines and intensive farming is producing better results.

The Lee county institute affords a fine opportunity for instruction.

IOWA'S SOUTHERN BOUNDARY. An event of importance in the year 1816 was the survey and marking of the line which many years later came to be Iowa's southern boundary.

says the January "Iowa Journal History and Politics." By a treaty of 1803 the Osage Indians surrendered their rights to a considerable tract of land within the Louisiana territory.

On the account of the war of 1812 the government did nothing to follow up the treaty until after peace was declared.

Then John C. Sullivan was commissioned to mark the northern border of the Indian cession. With the aid of a few Osages he projected a line from a point one hundred miles north of the mouth of the Kansas river due east.

As he supposed, to the Des Moines river, driving stakes in the prairie and blazing trees in the timber.

For many years this old Indian boundary line "lay undisturbed by the tread of the white man, while the grass grew over the stakes and mounds the surveyor left in his wake and time almost weathered away the blazed trail where the outstretched hand of civilization had sought to mark its line."

THE FAT MAIL ORDER HOUSES

[From the Burlington Hawk-Eye.]

Burlingtonians and others who are patrons of the great mail order houses may be interested in learning that one concern, by reason of liberal patronage at the cost of home merchants, has had a most prosperous business year and that the directors last Saturday declared a stock dividend of fifty per cent.

It calls for the issuance of 20,000,000 new common stock absolutely free. The melon has a par value of 20,000,000. With the stock quoted Saturday at 197, its market value is much more.

Naturally the issuance of 20,000,000 new common stock will tend to reduce its market value but it is safe to say that its value will remain at a same concern paid a stock dividend of 33 1/3 per cent.

Thus within a period of four years it ordered a stock distribution of 33 1/3 per cent in extra dividends and at the same time paid cash dividends at the rate of seven per cent. Its annual sales have increased from \$51,000,000 in 1909 to \$101,121,669 in 1914.

Let us hope that these stupendous figures may open the eyes of those inoculated with the mail order germ to the folly of sending their money away from home for their daily needs, thereby swelling the coffers of multi-millionaires who have no interest in communities such as ours, save for the money they can squeeze out of them by glittering and alluring catalogues.

They pay no taxes except in their own cities and to the federal government on their tremendous incomes. They hire no labor here nor have they any capital invested here.

We are not informed of any home merchants declaring any fat dividends of late, although all things taken into consideration they are selling better goods at lower prices than the plethoric mail order corporations.

The mail order "fan," in his unique arithmetic, forgets that he pays cash in advance and he generally fails to add the freight cost to the original cost of the article he sends for. It does not occur to him until he takes an invoice of the junk at home and a sorrowing long look at his dwindling bank account, what an extravagant habit the catalogue habit becomes.

Even were the prices of the mail order houses lower than those of the local merchant, the patron of the former would still be the loser for he will find that he has purchased during the course of a year many articles for which he had no use whatever. He bought them just because he could not resist the hypnotizing catalogue.

The new bridge, the Tri-State fair, and other new enterprises, at present engaging the attention of this community, are hardly more essential to the future of this town than that our people should cease enriching the gigantic mail order houses by their misguided patronage and should patronize the home merchant.

We have said it before and we will continue to say that the dollar saved until the close of the war, excepting the attention of this community, are hardly more essential to the future of this town than that our people should cease enriching the gigantic mail order houses by their misguided patronage and should patronize the home merchant.

times is particularly to be noted in the professional schools. Business reverses make men realize that mental capital is of greater permanent value than the material resources.

Our universities now begin to rival even the largest of the foreign universities in the numbers of students registered. During the present year, and while the war lasts, there will be much more educational activity in this country than in any of the countries of Europe.

The following universities now have more than 5,000 students in attendance: Columbia, 11,294; California, 8,180; Chicago, 7,131; Wisconsin, 6,696; Pennsylvania, 6,565; Harvard, 6,411; Michigan, 6,319; New York university, 6,142; Cornell, 5,939; Illinois, 5,664.

Instead of there being an increase in the enrollment of medical colleges during this session, there will be a decided decrease, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association. Of about sixty-five medical colleges from which reports have been received, enrollments show that this decrease will be about 8 percent, as compared with from 3 to 6 percent in each of the last few years.

The raising of the standards for admission to medical colleges, therefore, has had a favorable effect in decreasing the number of those who take up medicine as a life work. The number has been reduced to nearly the normal supply for this country, and that supply will be much better qualified.

CIVIL WAR CHAPLAINS COULD AND DID FIGHT

Some Curious and Humorous Incidents in the Career of William A. Pile.

Editor National Tribune: About the year 1858 a Methodist minister by the name of William A. Pile was pastor of the Methodist church at Salem, Iowa, my residence at that time. Rev. Pile was faithful, earnest in manner and popular. In 1860 he was transferred by the Methodist conference to take charge of a church in northwestern Missouri.

Soon after the beginning of the civil war Rev. Pile received the appointment of chaplain of a union regiment. The next report about Rev. Pile was interesting. His regiment had been sent to the field for service. The chaplain, as always, anxious to be doing something, got permission to pass through the union lines that he might discover what the rebels were doing. He carefully approached their lines till he espied some rebel pickets, who had stacked their arms and were engaged in a game of cards.

Now, Mr. Pile, believing that card playing is the parent of the sin of gambling, felt it to be his christian duty to break up the game; so slyly approaching unobserved, he got possession of their arms, and with pointed guns he loudly demanded their surrender, and surrender they did.

Now this act of the chaplain in these latter days might be called a regular hold up; but the account did not state whether he demanded their money, but being a Methodist preacher, it may be presumed that he did not. But the account did state that the Rev. Pile, with pointed gun, marched his captives into the union lines and delivered them up as prisoners of war.

The next account about Chaplain Pile he had received a commission of colonel of a regiment. About that time I entered the army and heard nothing from him, but lately in the National Tribune's account of the capture of Mobile I notice that General Pile's brigade of colored troops took a prominent part. Whether this "General" Pile is the same person as my old acquaintance, Rev. W. A. Pile, I know not. Soon after the close of the war Rev. Col. Pile was elected to congress. After serving a term he concluded to re-enter the ministry; that is, he accepted the appointment of United States minister to one of the South American republics, I think Venezuela. What has become of him I know not.—H. M. Farr, M. D., Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

The following is the congressional biography of Representative and former Chaplain Pile: Pile, William A., was born near Hannapolis, Ind., February 11, 1829.

He received a liberal education; studied theology and preached; member of the Missouri conference; entered the union army in 1861 as chaplain of the Missouri volunteers; took command of the light battery in 1862; promoted to the rank of brigadier-general and served until the close of the war; elected a representative from Missouri to the fortieth congress as a republican; defeated for re-election; governor of New Mexico 1869-1870; minister resident to Venezuela 1871-1874; when he resigned; died at Montevideo, Cal., July 7, 1889.—Editor National Tribune.

RECEIVES THANKS OF WAR WIDOW

Dallas City Woman who Sent Package of Clothing on Christmas Ship, Has Word from England.

Mrs. C. R. Bogress of Dallas City, sent a package of children's clothing to the Christmas ship, but she wrapped it carefully herself and put a self-addressed stamped envelope in it, and recently received the following letter in the envelope she had sent, says the Nauvoo Hustler.

"I write you to thank you for the parcel I received today. I am the widow of a soldier who was killed in action in the battle of Armentieres on Nov. 3rd.

"I am left with two little ones, my eldest is 2 1/2 years old and I have a baby 5 weeks old. So you see that your parcel is most acceptable at such a time as the present.

"My baby was only three days old when I received the sad news of my husband's death, but I have put my trust in the God above and He will help me. I only hope and trust that all will look up to Him, for I am sure there is none of us who knows what is in the future for us.

"I draw my letter to a close with the hope that you will accept my sincerest thanks. I shall always think of you as a friend, and I shall always think of the things which you have sent."

The incubators will soon be overhauled and gotten ready for hatching purposes.

Frank Wolfe of Omaha is in Nauvoo visiting his parents.

Thanks are due to blizzards for not having gone to other places by way of Nauvoo.

Hobbes have been thick as flies in Nauvoo and some very impudent ones among them. One visited a residence here and asked for something to eat and was supplied with eggs, coffee and bread when he asked the lady if that was all she had.

He was fired without the eats. Another was begging old shoes when he had on a pair of good ones. This town ought to have a rock pile for some of these gentry.

The Nauvoo young ladies sewing circle will meet at the home of Miss Marion Argast this week. The young ladies will enjoy themselves as only young ladies can.

The farther one gets away from the cities the safer it is to leave the door open. There has not been a burglary in Nauvoo for many moons.

It is said that a third ward widow in Nauvoo has made application for divorce from her absent husband.

If you run across a fellow with a tooth brush in his upper vest pocket, you can gamble he don't live anywhere in particular.

Ed Bucher of Ft. Madison was a Nauvoo visitor last Monday. Ed conducted one of the most popular and up-to-date tonorial parlors in the Gem City in the-Anthes house block and is a king of good fellows among the traveling men as well as his home people. The Keokuk Daily Gate City is always found on his reading table.

F. E. Murray, that city's popular cigar dealer, was a visitor with him and his "Nico" brand has a large trade in Nauvoo which he keeps busy supplying our dealers. Their many friends are always glad to meet them.

Women's styles have got all the attributes but modesty, said an old Nauvoo dame.

C. R. Montgomery has returned from Chicago where he went to visit the auto show and on business.

Malin Boyer of Bowen, Ill., was visiting in Nauvoo last Friday. He was returning from a business trip near Farmington, Iowa. Caleb Boyer and wife and daughter of Nauvoo, returned with him for a visit.

Mrs. John Hohl has returned from Crescent City, Ill., where she has been visiting her daughter and little grandchild.

The Nauvoo Young Ladies Sodality bazaar, entertainment and chicken supper takes place next Saturday afternoon and evening in the Nauvoo opera house. A grand time is expected, for these young ladies are fine entertainers.

Only about two weeks more before Lent begins and then most of Nauvoo's society people will take a rest. Don't worry about this; in keeping with the statistics on chance and hazard, there is a 10,000 to 1 bet that you will get run over by an automobile during 1915.

The Nauvoo Civic League ladies held an interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Wm. F. Hertel last Tuesday.

The adjustment sale and St. Louis firm has the stock in charge.

Mrs. Magdalene Argast, an aged Nauvoo lady, is very ill. This popular lady is 84 years of age.

Tuesday was ground hog day and his hogship failed to see his shadow when he poked his nose out of his hole. If old traditions are true, we can now look for an early spring and no 81 weeks more of winter weather.

The Troubadour concert company occupied the Nauvoo opera house on Wednesday evening of this week. After the concert, a dance was given by the orchestra.

The adjusters for the insurance companies in which L. C. Schaefer held policies, adjusted his loss and allowed him \$820 on building and contents.

There isn't anybody who knows more about the science of government than the fellow who is always smoking a corn cob pipe and hanging around while the blacksmith is shoeing some animal.

The Nauvoo volunteer fire ladders enjoyed their annual banquet last Tuesday evening. They had good eats and liquids and enjoyed games. The boys had a delightful time.

Nauvoo was to have been visited by something new on the evening of February 8. It was Stowe's Uncle Tom's cabin company, but for some reason the date has been cancelled.

A Nauvoo citizen said that the smaller the church, the plainer the people and the more gospel preached in it.

Those who are fighting for better highways maintain that there should be more drags on the roads and fewer on the movement.

The Industrial ladies society of the Nauvoo Presbyterian church will give their annual dinner on Washington's birthday on Saturday, Feb. 20, instead of the 22. It will be served in the church basement.

Cashier A. J. Schneider of the Nauvoo State bank, had his ears quite badly frozen while fighting the fire at L. C. Schaefer's residence last week. Several others also got nipped by the severe cold.

The Nauvoo Gate City

Nauvoo, Ill., Feb. 3 1915

Little Louise Lower received a fine fifty dollar victrola from her aunt, Caroline Fowler, of Kansas City, as a birthday present. It is needless to say that this little six year old miss is delighted with this splendid gift.

Tuesday was Candlemas day in the Catholic church.

Those who are inclined to join the movement in favor of eating less butter may find a suggestion made by a Nauvoo citizen useful. He turns his bread butter side down when he eats it so as to get more of the taste.

The greatest ambition some people have in a small town is to see if they can beat the fire engines to the fire.

As soon as you can see some angle worm on the top of a pavement that are alive and kicking and fat enough to make a catfish's mouth water, then that is an indication of a very early spring. It beats the groundhog theory every time.

Sunday, February 14, is St. Valentine's day and then you can get, even with your enemies by sending him one of those horrible comics, and let your darling know that you love her by mailing one of those dainty and highly perfumed ones. The postoffice resources will be considerably increased for a few days before that date.

Most of the toys left for Johnnie and his sister by Santa Claus are already fit for the repair shop. If the truth be told, most of them are more suited for the junk pile than they are for the skilled attention of any interne in a doll hospital.

Quite a number of people from Montrose can be seen in Nauvoo almost every day. This is caused by the solid and safe free ice bridge across Lake Cooper, which has formed at this point.

According to statistics the output of oil for Illinois for the past two years was over 50,000,000 gallons. At these figures, Illinois ranks third in the United States. Nearly every week or so a new well is brought in somewhere in some parts of the state and it is predicted the production will materially increase during the current year.

Miss Minnie Guillian visited for several days the past week in Keokuk.

Fred Salm, Jr., has been in South Dakota on business connected with his farm possessions up there.

The Nauvoo city council members met in regular session last Monday evening and outside of allowing the usual bills, no important business was transacted. It was official pay day for those holding city offices, also.

Have you ever noticed that many men who find fault each month with the way his electric light and water meter is read is the same men who are always kicking at the butcher, the telephone system, the way his furnace burns and the stupidity of the teacher who is teaching his son at the public school?

It is said a Nauvoo young man and a young widow will be united in marriage and then move to Missouri and occupy a farm which the young man intends to purchase.

It is now said that the parcel post has proven a success like the wireless, the auto, the bicycle and the airship.

Mr. Dan Agne of Keokuk, was among Nauvoo cigar dealers last Friday selling Seibert's brands of goods. Dan makes a first class salesman and disposes of many goods here. Mr. Agne is also leader of the famous orchestra which bears his name.

The Nauvoo Ladies' Priscilla club will meet again on Thursday afternoon of next week, the place not yet decided upon.

The Nauvoo I. O. O. F. mask ball will take place in the Nauvoo opera house on Friday evening, February 12, Lincoln's birthday. A large crowd of spectators as well as masked persons is looked for.

Some people are so proud that this is a free country that they wind up in the calaboose trying to live up to themselves.

Nauvoo M. E. Ladies' Aid society will entertain in their church basement February 10 and 11. They have an important program in hand.

"What is the most important work in the world?" is occasionally asked by some person, and this answer follows: "The preacher, the doctor, lawyer, journalist and teacher will all say that life would be impossible without them. They are essential, but not the most needed. Every man, no matter what his work is, when he sits at his table and sees bread, ham, butter, eggs, milk, potatoes and apples, must be forced to the conclusion that the farmer's is the most important work of all. He is the hunger banisher. Remember a well filled stomach is behind every great and hard wrought deed.

This month will not have a full moon and it has not happened since 1866. Some fellow has figured that it will not happen again in 2,500,000 years, but how in the world does he know it?

John Kraus, Nauvoo's cigar dealer, was a Keokuk visitor last week's end.

Mrs. Fred Gehring, who had just returned from a visit to the south, departed for California to join her husband there.

Nauvoo's canning factory is contracting for peas for the coming season. It is hoped that they will have a better season preparing this product than they did last season.

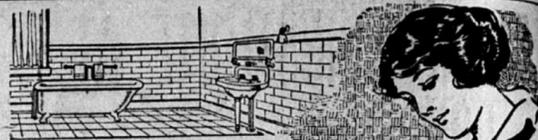
There is held English services at the Nauvoo Lutheran church every Sunday evening at 7:30. The Luther league meets next Sunday evening at 7 and the Ladies' Aid society meets Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Waraw people are trying to bring up the local oration question for the spring election. It has been brought up twice in Nauvoo and both times defeated and it is believed that nothing but county option will eliminate our saloons.

Music in Your Toes? DENVER, Feb. 3.—Fest talk! They are especially expressive when the average person is telling a false-

hood. This is the conclusion reached by John A. Rush, district attorney in Denver, who as prosecutor of the county, has made a study of feet.

"The said Rush today, "I watch his feet. They are an index of the mind and come pretty close to telling whether a person is telling a falsehood. The first evidence of nervousness appears in the feet. A witness who is lying will shift his feet and become jerky and uneasy. Such evidences are invariably an indication that the witness either is not sure of his testimony or is not telling the truth."



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