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TWO VISITORS.

"O touch me, thou, and I shall rest," he prayed; And lightly on his cheek her lips were laid.

"How soothing is thy kiss, O Sleep," sighed he; "From life and grief and toil, it sets me free."

"I fear thee, Death, though fain to lay aside The burden of the heavy years," he cried.

"Ae dims thine eye; fear not," Death answered low, "For I am one you prayed to, long ago."

"Though men have given me a darker name, I come to you with peace as once I came."

"In trust you turned to me, as children do, Believing I should shield you long hours through."

"When you awoke, you found the shadows gone; This sleep has rest for you, this night—a dawn!"

—Arthur Wallace Peach in the Springfield, Mass., Republican.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The spiritual virtue of a sacrament is like light,—although it passes among the impure, it is not polluted.—Saint Augustine.

The agricultural experiment station at Ames will distribute a limited amount of new seed oats, "Iowa No. 105," which is yielding even better than that other successful Ames variety, "Iowa No. 103."

In 1914 in 116 different acre tests, "105" had the best record, yielding as high as 66.47 bushels per acre. This new oats must not be grown on thin hill top soils.

Railroad presidents of several lines having extensive mileage in Iowa appeared before Governor Clarke yesterday and asked for an increase in passenger rates of one-half cent in the state and a corresponding increase in freight rates, asserting that financial disaster is impending unless they get relief.

The state railroad commission has given jurisdiction over passenger as well as freight rates. There is a growing belief in the country that the railroads are entitled to some assistance and that their request is justified. There is no doubt but what the increased cost of operating and the reduction in freight and passenger rates has given the roads the squeeze and some relief is believed to be due.

Edwin T. Devine in The Survey, sees civilization peril in the European war and gives the American viewpoint as follows: "America is closer to the heart of Europe than at any time since England's colonies became independent states. To the most isolated farmhouse we have known for a hundred years that we are not remote from the portentous events beyond the sea; that the fate of our brothers over there, in some way which we do not well discern, involves us also. We are, whether we like it or not, full shareholders in the civilization which is imperiled. Our commerce and industry, our prosperity and well-being, our culture and religion, the foundations of our common humanity and the ideals of our common aspirations are all at stake."

Prohibition Again in Iowa. Fort Madison Democrat: On Friday afternoon last the Iowa senate passed a bill abrogating that portion of the nunci law that allows the operation of saloons in the state under certain conditions, retaining those portions that provide for penalties for bootlegging and other infractions of the prohibitory law now on the statute books. The bill passed Friday provides for the abolition of the open saloon on January 1, 1916, until which date present conditions will continue. There is practically no doubt that the action of the senate will be approved and duplicated by the house.

Present indications are that this action will be followed by the arranging both branches of the legislature for the submission of the question to a vote of the people as to whether or not the constitution of the state shall be amended to include prohibition. This will mean that the people of the state are again to go through another prolonged discussion such as was endured twenty-odd years ago; not a happy prospect. Those of us who remember that period and the ensuing troubles that developed after prohibition was adopted can look forward to a repetition with nothing but regret. The constitutional amendment campaign will occupy at least three years and will necessarily be unpleasant, to say the least.

And what's the good of it all? There is no thinking man who attempts to deny the evils of drink, but, also, a very high percentage of thinking men are convinced, after having seen it tried, that prohibition does not prohibit. It surely didn't when tried in Iowa. Conditions were horrible. Will it do it if tried again? Our belief is that it will not—no more than it does in Maine—and, if tried, con-

ditions will again be horrible. Were the same people living in Iowa now that were living in the state when the experiment was tried before we do not believe the experiment would be tried a second time. They are not here, however, most of them who were at that time of an age to be governed by their reasoning faculties and not by emotions having passed away. It appears now that their children and children's children must learn the lesson from the same teacher that they themselves did—experience. We are sorry that it must be so.

Public Opinion. The Seniors Side. To the Editor of The Gate City: A general misunderstanding prevails among the citizens of Keokuk as regards the conduct of the seniors engaged in the fracas occurred Feb. 10, on the evening, of Miss Dunlap's junior party. These are the facts: The juniors were not "tied together behind an automobile and trotted around the city." They were led separately, were not tied to the machine, and were at no time forced out of a walk. Their cords were held by boys leaning over the machine, which was driven about two miles an hour on low gear, for a distance of two blocks on Main street. They were positively in no danger at any time.

Again, their clothes were not soiled, let alone "tattered." Our prof? Ask any of the juniors implicated. They were not tied in "fancy dress costumes." They wore overcoats and the night was warm and balmy. At no time were they in any discomfort. The juniors will bear us out in this statement. When the boys were ten, they were given to understand that they would be released in a short while. We had no intention of leaving them tied all night. Again, not even one of the junior boys was taken out of the party, every boy being present at the party by 9:30 o'clock, where for various reasons they stayed some considerable time.

We want the public to understand that there were two separate crowds besieging the Dunlap residence, one being the seniors, the other a nondescript lot of rowdies, pool hall recruits and underclassmen. Everything that might be termed overhanded or discourteous, was done by this second crowd of irresponsibles, and we want the public to fully grasp this. The seniors class damaged no property, imperiled no lives, caused no serious discomfort or inconvenience, and were positively guilty of nothing that could approach being barbarous or thoughtless. The junior class bear us out in every statement of fact here set down and we ask the public to give us a square deal. All we want is justice, being then willing to submit ourselves to your decision.

Justice Adds Fourth Man to Window Display Committee and Makes Horgan Chairman. M. E. Justice, president of the Retailers' league, today added to the committee appointed to arrange for the window display contest, the name of James G. Horgan, of the Keokuk Electric Co. Mr. Horgan will serve as chairman of the committee instead of Emil F. Renaud, as stated in another place in this paper. Mr. Horgan's appointment to the committee was made by Mr. Justice when he learned that Mr. Horgan had served as a judge of a window display contest at Joplin, Missouri, and that he also had taken an active part in a style show and window display contest at Denver a few years ago.

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MAIL ORDER GRABBERS

[From the Quincy Herald.]

An exchange recently stated that five carloads of mail order catalogues had been received in that city by freight. These catalogues were taken over by an agent, who mailed them from there by parcels post, thus saving the mail order concern a pretty penny in postage. How many carloads of these catalogues were received in Quincy is not known, but this city is a distributing point just as well as any other city of any size. An interesting fact would be the total number of carloads of catalogues mailed out by the different mail order houses of the country. The amount would be staggering.

People patronize mail order houses because they believe that they get more for their money. If they would figure the cost of the catalogue, the number that must be published to reach every possible customer, common sense would tell them that the mail order house must make enormous profits to be able to solicit business in this manner. Many of the catalogues are wasted on sensible people and the freight and postage paid in getting them to these people are a dead loss.

With all this we are informed that a Chicago mail order house is distributing to its stockholders, absolutely free, \$20,000,000 worth of stock, a dividend that is enormous and which will bring huge dividends in years to come, to be paid for by the easy folks who make up the patronage. How much of this \$20,000,000 profit came from Quincy and vicinity? Supposing

it had been spent here, what an amount of good would it have done. The mail order business is the enemy of the village store and, after that has been forced into bankruptcy, it goes after the small city business. It does not kill a small city in a year or two, but it checks its growth, keeps it down and the pennywise and pound foolish patrons of the mail order house lose and incline property values. They blame everything imaginable for the fact that the town is "dead," but they fail to see that they are the ones who are doing more than their share toward killing it by refusing to build it up.

The development of a city depends entirely upon the prosperity of its business interests. If thousands of dollars are taken out of circulation every week and sent to Chicago to swell the dividends of millionaire mail order house stockholders, the town is subjected to a drain, which eventually will kill it. The growing town affords a better market, and as it grows and expands its boundaries, it increases farm values and brings the city closer to the farm. Prosperous businessmen have money for good roads and good roads mean higher land values.

It should require no great stretch of imagination for consumers to figure that if the mail order houses of the big cities can spend thousands upon thousands of dollars in getting out and mailing catalogues and still can declare dividends running into the millions, that the purchaser ultimately pays the freight and the dividends.

WIRELESS EXPERT HAS STATION HERE

Harold Hubinger Has Complete Outfit, and is Picking Messages From Panama and Arlington.

WAR NEWS THIS WEEK

From the Stations Along Atlantic, He Was Able to Pick up Some Tips—Is Real Expert in Wireless.

Picking up messages which are being flashed to the stations at Panama, and listening to messages being received at Arlington are two pastimes of Harold Hubinger of this city, who has installed a wireless outfit in the basement of the home of Paul Dyrast, 120 High street. The young expert in wireless is the son of the late John C. Hubinger. He has been experimenting with wireless for some time.

A night or two ago young Hubinger aroused the household with the news that he was getting war news ahead of the Chicago papers, his instruments having picked up some of the messages which were being flashed along the east coast of the United States. His instruments will pick up messages at a much greater distance than it is possible to send, with instruments of this power.

Young Hubinger has the aerial of his station attached to supports on the Dyrast house roof and on the roof of the old Collier property, having received permission to use this as one terminal for the aerial. He has lately been overhauling the aerial.

In the basement of the Dyrast home he has installed a complete wireless outfit, and here he spends the greater part of his time, listening to the messages which his instruments with their invisible antennae are able to pick up and convey to him. He is getting correct time from Arlington each day, and the climax was reached this week, when he "listened in" on some war news in the east.

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EX-GOV. EBERHART WAS HERE TODAY

Minnesota and Prominent Burlington Men Were Entertained at This Place Today.

ARE MET BY COMMITTEE

Prominent Local Men Meet Visitors at Train and Entertained at Luncheon at Hotel Iowa.

Former Governor of Minnesota A. W. Eberhart, and Thomas Wilkinson of Burlington, president of the Upper Mississippi River Improvement association, were entertained in this city this morning and noon and left this afternoon early for St. Louis, accompanied by three local men to attend the river terminal congress of the Mississippi valley states to be held at St. Louis tomorrow and Friday. The local men who left with them were Mayor S. W. Moorhead, who will represent the city, L. A. Hamill, who holds a commission from Governor Clarke to represent the state of Iowa, and C. F. McFarland, who will represent the local industrial association.

Mr. Eberhart and Mr. Wilkinson arrived here this morning at 9:05 and were met at the train by a committee of local citizens composed of the following: C. R. Joy, J. Albert Kiedatsch, J. F. Elder, L. A. Hamill, J. A. M. Collins, E. T. F. Schmitt, C. W. Kellogg, C. A. Sears, N. T. Wilcox, Theodore Craig, and Mayor S. W. Moorhead.

With the exception of Mayor Moorhead and Mr. Craig the visitors were escorted by the members of the committee on a trip of inspection through the power house and dam which Mr. Eberhart had expressed a very ardent desire to see.

On returning from the trip on the dam the visitors were taken to the Hotel Iowa where they were entertained at a noon luncheon given by L. A. Hamill, a close friend of the former governor. Twenty local men, including the city officials, were present at the luncheon, also the guests of Mr. Hamill.

The party left at 1:22 for St. Louis this afternoon. At St. Louis all will take an active part in the conference. Mr. Eberhart will serve as chairman of the meeting, Mr. Wilkinson will be one of the speakers on the regular program and will tell of the general improvements of river traffic on the upper Mississippi. Mr. Hamill, who long has taken a very active interest in the development of navigation on the upper Mississippi and who has been prominently connected with all the big improvements made, will be representative of this state, he is very active in the affairs of the conference, as will also Mayor Moorhead and Mr. McFarland.

HOLD CONFERENCE ABOUT BRIDGES

Lee and Des Moines County Supervisors Meet and Award Contracts for Lumber.

Ft. Madison Gem City: The Des Moines and Lee county board of supervisors met in a joint session at the court house in this city today, to complete the arrangements for the proposed repairs to be made to the bridges over the Skunk river, which link the two counties, and also to award the contracts for the lumber to be used in the re-construction of the bridges. The bridges in question are those known as the Weaver, Augusta and Bridgeport bridges.

In the party which came from Burlington to confer with the Lee County board of supervisors were: H. P. Simmens, chairman of the board and Supervisors Al Schaller and R. R. Sierken, County Auditor F. W. Parrish, County Attorney Geo. E. Mill and County Engineer Raymond Duerr. All of the necessary arrangements for the beginning of the work were completed by the members of the two boards and the operations of replanking and otherwise repairing the bridges will start soon.

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AMUSEMENTS. Tonight at Orpheum. The management of the Orpheum presents tonight a strong bill for its patrons, including Animated Weekly No. 147; "The Lady High and Mighty," a comedy drama with Mary Fuller, the great actress in the leading role; "The Butler's Baby," a fine comedy with Ernest Shields, Betty Shade and Eddie Boland in the cast that insures a laugh every minute. Tonight the Orpheum orchestra will play a specially selected musical program. Don't forget to see this great picture bill tonight. Come to the Orpheum always to see the best in movies.—Advertisement.

The Perfect Baby. Topeka Capital: Mrs. M. K. wishes to be supplied with the data relating to the perfect 2-year-old baby. All Mrs. M. K. needs is to ask the grandmother of any 2-year-old child.

Observe Child Welfare Day. SALEM, Ore., Feb. 17.—Today was "child welfare day" in Oregon by proclamation of Governor Withycombe. A number of meetings were held throughout the state at which the interests of children were discussed.

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