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THE SECRET CHAMBER.

A thing of gossamer, with dewdrop crowned; I never thought to touch her, to draw near. And claim her mine, my love. A glory round. About her shone serene, that bade me fear. To dream too boldly, would not let me hear. The murmur of my youth's increasing fire. And thus she died, and left the morning drear. As fading stars before the day retire, A maiden white, untroubled of the world's desire.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Moderation is commonly firm, and firmness is commonly successful.—Johnson.

The United Press Associations serves from 600 to 650 papers, A. P. from 500 to 550, Hearst 150 to 200.

The war reports are to the effect that Italy will soon be in the fight. There must be something attractive in the European conflict.

From the speed at which earthquake waves travel through the earth an English scientist has constructed a theory that the world has a dense central core, which may be measured in time.

Remember when clean-up week arrives every one is expected to take some part and make the event a big success. Cleanliness removes the danger of disease. It has other virtues.

A British financier says the war will soon end from exhaustion and a German authority says the kaiser will dictate peace in London two years hence. It's a long, long way to peace.

A New York judge reaffirms a previous ruling to the effect that the husband is the boss of his own household. But the judge leaves the husband to do his own enforcing, which leaves the ruling where the judge blows his smoke.

Victor Murdock, retired congressman from Kansas, who is back at his desk on the Wichita Eagle, is credited with a purpose of telling the truth in the society columns. His courage is admirable. So is that of the man who jumps off a tall building.

The river is the product of its tributaries, and the latter, in turn, of the creeks, brooks and springs. The city is largely the product of the surrounding country. How important, then, to keep pure the sources, says the Burlington Hawk-Eye. The country public school, the country church, the country agricultural and social clubs, the country neighborhood, these are all sources of a mighty stream of influence for the public weal and the future of the republic.

The oldest lawsuit on the Chicago dockets, having whiskers twenty-nine years long, was argued again last week. The case involves the validity of a five-year contract with a cemetery beautifier, who now sleeps in the cemetery he helped to beautify. All the witnesses are resting under the willows, and the judge who first tried the case has been retired by the voters. But there is enough cash tied up in the case to keep the legal pulmotor in action.

Do Not Grip! We have a pleasant laxative that will do just what you want it to do. Rexall Orderlies. We sell thousands of them and we have never seen a better remedy for the bowels. Sold only by us, 10 cents. McGrath Bros. Drug Co.

The Dupont powder company is evidently one of the concerns that appreciate the old adage that it is an ill wind that blows nobody good. Evidently the European war has made their business very profitable, as the company has recently announced a twenty per cent boost in wages which affects about 15,000 men.

A Gate City representative was in a Keokuk business house early yesterday morning and found one of the proprietors engaged in measuring and planning for the window display for next Saturday. Interest in these displays have reached a high point and it is gratifying that the merchants are taking such an active and earnest part. The display contests are having a good effect and the Keokuk business houses are showing a fine improvement since the movement was launched by the Retailers league.

SETTLE-UP WEEK.

In several of the smaller Iowa towns a "settle-up week" has proven a gratifying success. There is considerable preliminary work, in order that everybody may become familiar with the plan. The object is to get all sorts of big and little, new and old accounts out of the books of the merchants. After the necessary educational campaign the "settle-up week" is formally opened. As a rule the first day or two are rather disappointing, but by the close of the week, it is generally shown that the plan has been successful beyond the fondest hopes of the originators.

There is always a percentage that can not be reached by this or by any other means. But even some accounts are settled, that had been practically despaired of. Some do not pay because they cannot, and others because they will not. But after all, the vast majority of the people who have gotten into debt have been careless and the fact that they are behind is simply a matter of negligence on their part, says the Burlington Hawk-Eye.

Many there are who always desire to be in every popular movement. And so they come to the front cheerfully and do not fail to make the fact known when the "settle-up week" comes around. They are fond of advertising themselves.

A psychologist would probably have other reasons for the success of the "settle-up week." Whether the plan would work out in a satisfactory manner in larger towns and cities, that is something that has not been proven to the present time. Perhaps to a certain extent, it could be done everywhere.

And having once gotten down to a cash basis, how much better for dealer and customer, if the rule were made to stay there. After all, there is no need of the abuse of the credit business that is noted in most quarters. After all, it means many losses, and, of course, the people who do pay promptly, also have to pay for those who never pay. If that is not the case, then the merchant goes to the wall and his assets consist largely in a vast collection of uncollectable bills.

If the "settle-up week" will lead to the cash basis, it will be an excellent innovation. And if it does not, it will still be a good thing.

INSURANCE RATES.

The Iowa legislature should give earnest consideration to the bill for the regulation of insurance rates submitted by Emory English, state insurance commissioner. The bill contemplates the maintenance of uniform rates on the same classes of property, fire, lightning, windstorm and hail insurance companies doing business in Iowa. The object aimed at is salutary. If the principle is approved time should be taken to disclose and remedy any errors of detail. If objection is taken to the principle the legislature should make it its business to find and apply a better one. The fire insurance business in Iowa is sadly demoralized for lack of stable, uniform rates, says the Sioux City Journal.

The bill offered by the state insurance commissioner provides for the creation of rating bureaus. A bureau may comprise an insurance company, a number of insurance companies or a person or company not directly in the insurance business. Every insurance company operating in Iowa would be required to affiliate with a rating bureau and accept its rates as the basis for Iowa business. The rating concerns would be subject to inspection by the insurance commissioner. Any property holder could go to a bureau and ascertain the rating on his property. If he should believe the rating unjust or discriminating he could appeal to the insurance commissioner, who would, after a hearing, have the right to order the substitution of a reasonable, nondiscriminatory rate.

If the proposed system should work out as planned it would provide uniform rates for like classes of property and like hazards throughout the state. The rates could not be made too high, for it would be the business of the state insurance department to keep them at a reasonable level. Under the lack of system which now prevails some policyholders pay abnormally high rates while others get the benefit of abnormally low rates induced by cutthroat competition. If there is any business in which a standard of uniform, reasonable rates should be maintained it is the insurance business. Everybody must understand that there is no such thing as an insurance bargain. A company cannot sell insurance below cost and continue in business. Every cent that is paid out to the policyholders must be paid in by the policyholders. The insurance company is merely a central agency in which policyholders pool their risks and bear their losses in common, paying the central agency a fair commission for its trouble. Under the circumstances it is idle to urge insurance companies to compete by making low rates to get business. Just as soon as a company gets to making rates that are too low, the more business it gets the sooner it will go broke. In that case the policyholders will be the main losers.

The state is justified in saying that the insurance companies shall not get together and agree upon a system of

IOWA'S BACKWARD STEP

Johnston Bill Passes. Dubuque Times-Journal: For several days it had been evident the Johnston road bill abolishing the state highway commission would pass the house. This result was made sure when the Barry substitute was defeated on Wednesday, Thursday by a vote of 64 to 43 the house approved the most reactionary measure in the matter of road development.

The forces that are determined to return absolute control of highway and bridge construction to boards of supervisors, without state supervision either in the matter of cost or character of work and without regard to the essential matter of state uniformity, have triumphed—at least temporarily.

What the state highway commission has accomplished in the matter of saving on bridge and road construction for Dubuque county, as recent contracts on open bids demonstrate, has been accomplished in greater or less degree in most of the counties.

Should the bill pass it means the abolition of the highway commission and a return to a system that has been abandoned by forty-one states of the union.

The evidence is abundant, however, the measure will be killed in the senate. The unfortunate feature is the fact certain needed amendments to the present law which should have been made by the house, may now be lost. But there is satisfaction in the thought that the present law, even with its imperfections, is not to give way to a measure as reactionary as it is vicious. It is to the credit of Representatives Kane and Horschem of Dubuque that their votes were registered against the bill.

Iowa is Behind. Des Moines Register and Leader: Why is it so hard to fix in mind that Iowa did nothing two years ago that had not already been done by every progressive state before us?

The uninformed listener to the debate might gather the impression that in creating a highway commission with authority Iowa had outrun all precedent.

The fact is there are but seven states that do not have state supervision of roads. Of the remaining forty-one more than thirty give state aid, and several build state roads.

It was six years ago that then Attorney General Eyer, prepared a bill copied after the Wisconsin road law

vals that will mulct the property owners of more than a reasonable commission on the cost of carrying their insurance. On the other hand, the state should not leave the companies without some means by which uniform, reasonable rates may be maintained. The important thing from the public standpoint is that the rates shall be uniform as well as reasonable and that there shall be no favorite playing as between property owners of the same class. If the English plan shall be found to fill the long felt want it should be adopted. If it should be found wanting, the legislature should hurry up and devise a better plan.

The Third Degree. From the Memphis Commercial-Appel: In England the constitution requires a suspect, placed under arrest, to make no admission that may be subsequently used against him in the event of a criminal trial. In other words, a person placed under arrest is not urged to confess or to make any incriminating admissions. If he desires to confess or to enter a plea of guilty this is his privilege, but the police powers cannot compel him to do so.

In this country, it is just the reverse. The minute the arresting officer lays his hands on a person suspected of crime, pressure is brought to play to force an admission of guilt. Charles Ketchum, in his play, "The Third Degree," exposed the iniquitous system as it is applied in the United States. Congress has frowned against it, but the system continues just the same. The secrets of the police are usually the ones forced from its victims.

A Syrian woman, charged with murdering her husband by administering arsenic, was found not guilty last week by a jury at May's Landing, N. J. The verdict, while it may have been influenced somewhat by the defendant's sex, is directly attributable to disapproval of the methods of the police.

On the night of her arrest the woman was disturbed at half hour intervals.

SOFT FLUFFY HAIR IS FIRST AID TO BEAUTY

If your hair is not fluffy, soft and lustrous, is falling out, streaked, faded, brittle, or full of dandruff, and if the scalp itches, do not think it must always be that way, for pretty hair is only a matter of care and the use of the proper hair dressing. Your hair is like a plant—if neglected it soon dies, while with a little attention it keeps fresh and beautiful.

Parisian Sage is a scientific preparation that supplies just the elements needed to invigorate the hair roots and stimulate your hair to grow long, thick, fluffy, soft and lustrous. It removes all dandruff with one application and quickly stops itching head and falling hair. It is the ideal hair tonic and scalp treatment—contains nothing injurious and is delicately perfumed.

Wilkinson & Co., or any drugist, can supply you with Parisian Sage—it is inexpensive. You cannot be disappointed with this delightful and helpful toilet necessity, for it will surely give your hair the beauty and charm of youth.

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City was a Charleston caller Friday. Frank Curtis of Montrose was a Charleston caller Friday. Joe Wahner and Adam Hopp were Donnellson callers Thursday. Wm. Knobs of Montrose was a Charleston caller Friday. Wm. Swinderman and family of West Point passed through town Sunday. Sunday morning looked like winter, the ground being covered with snow. Mrs. Elizabeth Noonan and daughter Emma were Keokuk callers Saturday.

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