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WHEN THE HEART GOES HOME.

When the days draw near Thanksgiving,
When the leaves are sere and dead;
When the morning air is frosty
And the skies are clear o'erhead;
There's a longing for the old place,
And the heart goes home once more,
Where the old time kindly greetings
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Then the faces long since vanished
Come to use with loving smile,
As we're musing by the fireside
Dreaming of them all the while;
When the days draw near Thanksgiving,
In whatever land we roam,
Something calls us to the old friends—
And it is then the heart goes home!

—Alma Pendexter Hayden.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Never the grove gives back what it has won.—Schiller.

In a Texas city fuel briquettes of much heating value are being made by a company which collects garbage and combines it with crude tar.

New Orleans proposes to get its share of the business of the Panama canal and is developing its port facilities on a scale involving a total expenditure of $50,000,000.

Men vote blindly, declared the president's daughter in an address at Madison, Wisconsin. But that was in 1912. Elections since then show that men are voting with their eyes open.

For many years thrown into the sea as worthless, a low grade Cuban molasses is being exported to the United States in increasing quantities for use in road building, distilling and other purposes.

Sioux City plans to place on the local counter, beginning January 1, $40,000 in bonds bearing 4½ percent. If the local sale proves satisfactory, future issues will be marketed in the same way.

The plaintiff did not hail from Missouri, but he managed to show the railroads through the federal supreme court that a mileage book is good for the transportation of others when presented by the purchaser.

Miss Mabel Boardman, secretary of the National Red Cross, said the other day at a meeting in Washington in the interests of the organization, that a fund of $1,000,000 is necessary. She said that Japan has several million dollars for its Red Cross work, and that Russia had nearly $20,000,000, but the United States has less than $1,000,000.

Senator Theodore Burton lost whatever chance he had of coralling the Iowa republican delegation to the national convention. In a moment of thoughtless enthusiasm he slipped a tip to a servitor while within the bounds of the state and fractured the law forbidding the same. Next to a beer souse or a bourbon highball, tipping is most abhorred among Hawkeyes, says the Omaha Bee.

Republican success in a national election has never depended on carrying either Maryland, Kentucky or New Jersey. But no democrat ever got to the white house who did not carry all of these states and New York into the bargain. Maryland and Kentucky may or may not be democratic next year; the chances are that they will not. But New Jersey and New York are sure to be republican. And the candidate who carries these states is always elected.

The largest two direct current dynamos ever built have been completed in Germany, each with a capacity of about 50,000 sixteen candle power lamps.

Baltimore experts figure that the minimum wage on which a single woman could live decently in that city is $6.50 a week. Eighty-one per cent of the women employed in Baltimore's department stores get less than that.

The young girls taking the short course in the home economics department of the Missouri State University learn how to can fruit and vegetables, and also to preserve fruit and make pickles. The amount of fruit put up by them in the classes would stock an ordinary fruit closet with enough to last quite a while.

A year ago Wilson referred to the advocates of national defence as "some among us who are nervous and excited." Has he now joined the company? He has reason to be "nervous and excited," that is plain; because the indications are that no one of his original policies meets with public approval, and the people are by no means likely to regard his shifted opinions now as altogether dissociated from considerations of his own political necessities.

In his speech to the Manhattan club at New York, the president again complained that he does not feel free to express his opinions as other men can. In view of the radical change which has come over his expression of opinion regarding national defence within the past eleven months, his querulousness seems hardly well-founded. However, let him cheer up. After sixteen months he will be at liberty to talk as freely and as volubly as ex-Presidents Roosevelt and Taft.

Some of the newspapers reporting the investigation of the price of electricity in St. Louis, confuse the price as sold by the Mississippi River Power Co. and the price charged to the St. Louis public utilities. Subsidiary companies organized in St. Louis buy the current at one price from the Mississippi River Power Co., and sell it at a higher rate to the public utilities. All the more reason why industrial development at Keokuk should be more certain because power can be obtained direct from the company operating the Keokuk dam. That the power to factories locating in Keokuk is attractive is best shown in the recent location here of several new industries.

Edmund E. Sheppard is the author of "The Thinking Universe," reason as applied to the manifestations of the Infinite. The price of the book is $2 and is published by the Authors' Company, 1735 West Sixth street, Los Angeles, Cal. The Advanced Thought Publishing Co., 168 North Michigan avenue, Chicago, Ill., are the distributors. The aim of this work is to make comprehensible the grandeur of the immobile, intangible, infinite, reposing majestically in its eternal, unchanging stillness, in everything, as everything, propelling everything. The method is by a proper classification and description of the processes of the human mind to make clear that right reasoning must precede right thinking, which is synonymous with right acting. Thus, and in more detailed way, the author describes the logic which goes to make up the book, and "The Thinking Universe" should be in every home.

LEARNING TO SPELL.

A father who takes a deep interest in the school work of his children was discussing their progress. He said that he had a daughter in the seventh grade of our public schools and that the child had but one spelling lesson a week. He said that when he went to school he had spelling every day. The result was that he learned to spell, while his child guesses at many words which she ought to spell in her sleep. He also discovered that his child learned how to spell St. Petersburg, Tsing Kiangpu and Orinoco, but was in blissful ignorance of how Hannibal and Palmyra should be spelled, not to mention many of the words of her daily vocabulary.

Poor spelling stamps the writer at once as poorly educated. No matter how thorough his education may be, his style suffers when he has to study how the words are spelled and with a faulty style and orthographical errors in simple words, the writer at once creates a bad impression in the mind of the reader, a handicap which, under certain conditions, may never be overcome. The Quincy Herald thinks the time to learn how to spell is in school and the start must be made early. The child should know how to spell each word it adds to its vocabulary, for, after the words at its command have passed a certain limit, the correction of errors becomes almost impossible.

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OUR HEROES.

We reverence our national heroes so much—after they are dead—that we quite forget how our ancestors talked to and about those same heroes when they were living. Passing by the fact that Jackson was called a tyrant and despot, not wholly without cause, and that Wendell Philips described Lincoln as "an old turtle," consider the following bit of invective addressed to the Father of His Country:

"As for you, Mr. Washington, posterity will be at a loss to decide whether you are an apostate from good principles, or whether you ever had any!"

A more biting epigram never was penned—or a more unjust one. Yet the man who wrote it was that devoted patriot, Thomas Paine. He had written a pamphlet so splendid that Washington had it read aloud to his troops; he had headed a subscription list which brought the country more than a million with every penny he possessed—five hundred dollars. Yet he indulged in this tirade against one of the noblest me never born, says the Chicago Journal.

So much can passion and prejudice blind even an exceptionally clear mind, so little, sometimes, do we know our heroes while they are still among us.

REPUBLICAN AID NECESSARY.

The first conspicuous volunteer to report to Mr. Bryan's camp for the fight on the president's proposals for preparedness is Congressman Kitchin of North Carolina.

Mr. Kitchin is the ranking member of the house committee on ways and means. He will be chairman of that committee in the next congress and as such will succeed Mr. Underwood as floor leader of the democrats. He has never been an ultra-enthusiastic supporter of the president's policies. He was one of the nineteen democratic representatives who voted against the ship-purchase bill; and his relations with the little coterie of cabinet officers who have assumed to speak for the administration have never been unduly intimate. His brother, ex-Governor Kitchin, wants to be senator from North Carolina in succession to Senator Simmons, but the white house favors Simmons—and this does not contribute greatly to Congressman Kitchin's zeal for Wilsonism.

In addition, Mr. Kitchin will have to father the revenue bills which will pay for preparedness. He is radical in his views of protection; he is, in fact, about as close to a free-trader as we have in public life. And he is by no means enamored of the talk favorable to a continuance of the duty on sugar. Naturally, too, he dislikes to have his name linked up with a measure providing for an issue of bonds. Yet he sees these necessities staring him in the face and inevitable if any considerable measure of preparedness is adopted.

Consequently — by conviction, through political alignment, and because of personal pride of opinion—Mr. Kitchin's opposition to enlarged expenditures for defense is logical and natural. His refusal to join the president is a serious matter.

Both Mr. Kitchin and the administration will seek to soften the force of the blow by declaring that the North Carolinian is acting on his individual responsibility and not as the democratic leader of the house. This may be true; but it is intimated here that the president must be weakened indeed before congress if he cannot carry his floor leader with him on a policy which has such nation-wide support as preparedness has.

This, in fact, is the case. The president will not dominate the situation this winter as he has hitherto done. In 1914 the democrats in congress were all candidates for re-election, while the president had two clear years ahead of him. The representatives then needed him, while he was measurably independent of them. Now they are all in the same boat together. They are all trying to hold their places. The president must play the game of congressmen instead of asking congressmen to play his game only.

So far as the defense program is concerned, nothing can be done by the president and his party alone. Republican votes will be necessary. Republican votes will be supplied, but it is most unlikely that they will be forthcoming merely to ratify a plan which has been devised by the president and his democratic political counsellors.

Mr. Kitchin, for instance, objects especially to the naval side of the president's plan. It is probable that republicans also will object to it. Mr. Kitchin objects because he is a consistent "little navy" advocate. Republicans will object because the plan, as now outlined, lacks the support of the naval experts whose opinion is entitled to the greatest consideration.

The republicans in congress do not regard Josephus Daniel's views as entitled to larger weight than those of the central board of the navy, and they will probably decline to follow Mr. Daniels in preference to Admiral Dewey.

In short, if the defense program must be put through by republican votes, it is only fair that republicans should be permitted to say what the program should be. Heretofore, Mr. Wilson has been impatient of suggestions arising from republican sources. Now, if he is sincere, he must deal with republicans on a patriotic, not a partisan basis. Otherwise, he must face defeat in congress for national preparedness and defeat at the polls for himself.

TALK WITHOUT THOUGHT.

Chicago Tribune: As well reprove the east wind as try to bring the Hon. William Jennings Bryan to account for loose utterances. It is the unwithered charm of Mr. Bryan that he does not have to think before he talks. The officers of the Navy league feel that unless this unfettered force that makes for good retracts his statement that the league is subsidized by armament makers he ought to be brought into court to answer charges of malicious libel.

If Mr. Bryan must know of what he talks before he talks he will be compelled to retire to Fairview and raise rutabagas. It will be equivalent to complete suppression of the most powerfully vocalized emotion in the United States.

Mr. Bryan cannot help it if he thinks that everybody whose opinions are opposed to his is crooked. That is the inveterate and ineradicable habit of the emotionalist before whose eyes the good, the true and the beautiful spread themselves so openly as to make recognition unescapable for all honest men.

Failure to believe as Mr. Bryan believes therefore reveals perversity, dishonesty, corruption and the work of the devil. Mr. Bryan cannot help believing that any more than he can help being Mr. Bryan.

IOWA'S GOOD SHOWING.

A. R. Corey, secretary of the Iowa department of agriculture, declares that Iowa made a better showing at the Panama-Pacific exposition than any other state in the union. He has just returned from a two weeks' visit at the fair at San Francisco.

"While the Iowa breeders of live stock were not permitted to participate in any division but the horse department they captured the most coveted prize at the Panama-Pacific exposition," said Mr. Corey. "In the draft horse department Iowa brought home the following grand champion awards:

"Champion Percheron stallion, champion Percheron mare, champion Belgian stallion, champion Belgian mare, champion Clydesdale mare, and in addition to this a great number of first, second and third and fourth prizes were captured in the above divisions.

"In the agricultural department the only other division in which Iowa participated, we won the grand prize for collective agricultural exhibits, the most coveted prize in this division, 2 medals of honor, 13 gold medals, 85 silver medals, 161 bronze medals, all on Iowa agricultural products. The Horn of Plenty, pouring forth a river of corn forty-five feet high and sixty-five feet in diameter at the base, was the predominating feature of the Iowa agricultural exhibit and played an important part in winning the grand prize for collective agricultural exhibits. The volume of this pile of corn gave the Iowa exhibit an individuality over all other agricultural exhibits in the building and made it the most discussed exhibit in the agricultural palace. Not only Iowans, but all other visitors at the agricultural palace left the building with the impression that Iowa produced corn of good quality and an abundance of it.

"It is to be regretted that Iowa breeders and exhibitors were denied the privilege of showing their cattle, swine and sheep. Had this privilege not been withheld there is no question but what they would have carried away the highest honors to be obtained at the exposition, the same as in the horse and agricultural departments."

JOTTINGS FROM THE SAGE OF SEVEN PINES

Jasper Blines Treats a Variety of Items in a Most Entertaining Manner.

In my travels through the northeast counties of Missouri, I observe that the chief affair of all business, agriculture, is averaging fairly well. Even with an abnormally rainy summer, the farmers are in advance of last year in the main crops. It is a source of encouragement to notice the steady advancement of farm progress, which is especially shown in the building of commodious dwellings for the comfort and reward of the patient husbandman. More and more the leading business lanes realize value of the land, and place upon its importance its supremacy of moral and material greatness. The land abides while other business affairs fail.

For some weeks I have been away from the Seven Pines home, and have taken many literary scouts in search of news and knowledge, and of making observations and studies of rural life in its many phases. Northeast Missouri is taking rank with the splendid divisions of the central west, and to be a citizen of the state is a credit and an honor.

Along the line of the Atchison-Santa Fe I notice constant advancement in the character of this great railway system in its general efficiency of ease and safety for passenger and other business. In many places the road bed is being raised and leveled, the rails are made heavier, and a hundred other improvements are being made. When the survey was made and the line conclusively decided upon in early 1887, the engineers kept in view the importance of a broad right of way and plenty of land for future demands. The right of way in certain localities is two hundred or three hundred feet in width, and many wondered why so much territory was taken. But the passing of years has fulfilled the wisdom of the forecast of the engineers and proved their talent of prophecy. Now, most of the line is equipped with double track and great switch yards and gradually the system is moving up to degrees of finer excellence. I should pronounce the building of the Atchison-Santa Fe line the very greatest material blessing that has come to the state of Missouri. This is the tribute that I bestow upon the imperial line.

Over in Colony, Joseph Johnson showed to the writer a relic of the good old times before the civil war. This memento of the long ago days is a pistol of crude workmanship, having a small hammer for the firing of the percussion cap. The barrel was partly destroyed by the discharge of the pistol from an overcharge of powder. The weapon belongs to the simple and not very effective styles of firearms in use a century or more ago.

Talk concerning the European war of a dozen great powers, continues to be one of the main topics of conversation, and very few venture an opinion as to peace and the date when the blight upon civilization shall cease. A census of the thousands of expressions on the subject which I have heard, places the blame upon the German officials, and the war is declared unjustifiable and wicked. Peace and civilization have been disregarded and offended, and the sorrow and destruction caused by the cruel selfishness of the offenders cannot be atoned for in a hundred years.

The vital and progressive town of Medill is healthy and possesses elements of confidence and Spartan valor. During the recent eight months, beautiful dwellings have been erected, a bank established, two new general stores located in the commodious bank and town hall building, and material is being centered upon the block immediately south of the bank, where a Baptist church will soon be erected. Former Citizen Abram Harkness is promoting many improvements, and is a great power for good in church and Sunday school work. Medill has a Cumberland Presbyterian minister permanently located in his beautiful new residence, and protracted meetings now in progress, will continue some weeks.

Over in the Gorin depot on Monday, I talked with a long time friend, Henry Becker, of Keokuk. I have known Henry since 1870, when he came to Alexandria and worked in the store of his brother, Charley. Henry is a native of Prussia, and has been doing service as a traveling salesman for a hardware company for thirty-seven years. I think of the Becker brothers with a high degree of respect.

At a K. & W. station recently I saw a train of twenty-five cars, all laden with the best class of horses of our land. Well, the horse is a great means of transportation and will never be outranked by gasoline power.

I have made some studies of the drainage canal systems of Clark, Knox and Scotland counties, and summarize the subject into one statement that all the valley lands will be drained and the flood waters hurried away by the canals which have been built and will be excavated in future years. Along the North Fabius a powerful dredge boat is now employed in excavating a canal which will be extended on east to the Mississippi. During September and October the enterprise was completed through Knox county, and the work is now in progress in Clark county. The republic moves.

JASPER BLINES.

Medill.

Like Return From the Grave.

[United Press Leased Wire Service]

MONROE, Wis., Nov. 26.—Thirty-two years ago Fabian Streiff, then twenty-nine years old, shouldered his rifle and told his relatives he was going out to hunt wolves. As the days passed and he did not return home, searching parties were sent out, and his parents, who were wealthy, offered big rewards. But when no trace of the man was found, he was mourned as dead. It was believed that he had been killed by the wolves.

A few days ago word was received of the missing man from Stockton, Ill. He was brought home today to live the rest of his life with his relatives.

After leaving home, it is believed Streiff received an injury which impaired his memory. He worked for a farmer near Morrison, Ill., for nearly thirty years. After he became too old to work, the farmer turned him out. He walked to Stockton where he was found.

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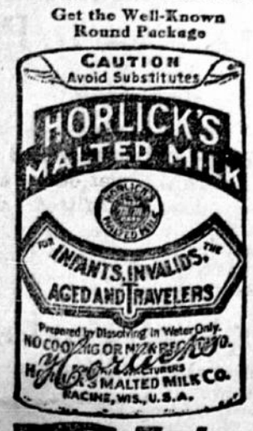

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