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THE TWO PRAYERS.

A youth stood with uplifted arms and faced the rising sun. God, he prayed, with earnest eyes, "ere my short day be done, O God of power, grant me power! O God of strength, grant strength to forge my way to fame, to claim a conqueror's crown at length; when death's shadow creeps a-near my name may show on high Peerless amid earth's mightiest—then could I gayly die!"

THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

The soul of man and the gospel of Christ answer to each other like lock and key.—Vinet.

Many fights have been taboed in pillow of the colleges. Brutalizing sports must go.

Both Bryan and Wilson are safe in quoting Ezekiel. None of the stuff is copyrighted.

Our idea of having a lot of time that must be employed somehow, is to counterfeit Villa "money."

A man has invented a device that will enable standing committees to sit down. It ought to fill a long felt want.

Count Von Bernstorff insists that it is up to England to propose peace. Do we hear a second to the motion from London?

More trouble for the railroads. Now there is a shortage of cars to transport goods for exportation. Don't they have their woe?

Winston Churchill admits he is responsible for the Dardanelles campaign, but the question before the house is, who is responsible for the war.

A woman at Live Oak, Cal., found \$200 within the leaves of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress." Lots of people have found more consolation than money in the work of the man who wrote one of the greatest works in the world while confined in jail.

Mayor Thompson has withdrawn from the presidential race which is in the nature of a surprise. When was he in it?

The Ancona incident is progressing satisfactorily. It has reached the stage when Germany admits that the Ancona sunk—somehow.

Vernon Castle, the tango dancer, is going to California to take lessons in aviation with a view to joining the allies. It is taking Vernon a long time to organize his drive against the Germans.

Many have believed that periscopes for use by soldiers in the trenches have been developed only since the beginning of the present war in Europe, but a confederate veteran of the civil war reports that his regiment, while near Kennesaw mountain, "captured a sharpshooter who had a small looking glass attached to the butt of his musket so that he could sit behind his breastwork, perfectly protected, with his back to us, and by looking into his glass sight along the barrel of his piece."

Near Reno, Nev., are peculiar beds of diatomaceous earth. This chalk white material consists largely of fossil microscopic animals called diatoms. These remains have collected here in numbers so immense as to form deposits hundreds of feet thick and in places make up almost the entire mass of the rock.

BUT THE GRIP Baffles US. The latest returns of the census bureau, just published, show the United States to be the healthiest place on the face of the earth.

According to the figures for 1914 the death rate in this country is now 13.6 per 1,000 of estimated population—the lowest death rate on record.

To make it even clearer, the report shows that there were only ten deaths in 1914 where there were eleven a decade earlier—a total of 38,500 lives in 1914.

This result is gathered only from statistics from registration districts. Unfortunately all communities do not register accurately the vital statistics, but twenty-five states and the District of Columbia do. From these sources and from thirty-two cities in states that do not keep complete statistics the census bureau's death rate returns were gathered.

Incomplete as the returns are, it drives home two important points: First, the most important need of nation-wide registration of health and birth and death statistics.

Second, the need, now greater than ever of the fight to prevent disease.

Already it is showing results in the saving of lives—and now that it is proved, keep up the fight.

CHRONIC RHEUMATISM. This affection may begin with an acute attack, but more often comes on, little by little, in middle aged persons. It is most common in the hands, wrists, day laborers of both sexes. Constipation and digestive derangements of various sorts are always present. There is no doubt that this disease, with the stiffness and aches that travel from joint to joint, in an amebic intoxication. The colon may be the real seat of the trouble, with auto-intoxication manifested in rheumatic symptoms, or diseased tonsils and teeth may harbor the original culture of disease bearing bacteria, says a writer in Good Health.

The teeth must be thoroughly cleaned, and treated as may be necessary by a dentist, while the tonsils must be treated or even removed if sufficiently diseased. The laxative food treatment and diet must be rigidly followed. Medicines are useless in chronic rheumatism while putrefactive centers exist. The only hope of curing chronic rheumatism is getting rid of the cause of infection.

JEWELRY - AT - COST CLEARANCE SALE. Odell & Hoar

STATE FIRE LOSS REDUCED IN 1915

Total Figures for Year Just Passed Shows \$5,768,202 or \$90,000 Less Than in 1914.

BAD START IS RECORDED

January Showed Considerable Loss According to Reports Which Were Compiled by Ole O. Roe.

Fire losses of Iowa were slightly reduced in 1915, compared with 1914, according to the report prepared yesterday by O. O. Roe, state fire marshal.

The losses for 1915 were \$5,768,202. In reaching this figure, the losses for December were estimated at \$600,000. The total fire loss in 1914 was \$5,858,985. The losses this year will show a reduction of about \$90,000, the fire marshal says.

Although the reduction in fire losses of the state seems small, Mr. Roe calls attention to the fact that the number of fire producing agencies has been steadily increasing. There are 145,000 automobiles in the state and nearly that number of barns or garages where gasoline is stored.

Slight Protection in Small Towns. This gives a good opportunity for the fire marshal says. Many of the smaller towns are growing, but the fire protection is inadequate, the state official says.

Water to fight fires. In the last month reports were received of two fires which virtually wiped out the business district of small towns.

The year 1915 opened bad as far as fires were concerned. The losses for January totaled almost \$1,000,000. The exact loss was \$975,450. This broke all records for the same period.

December Losses Heavy. The month of December, which just closed, showed heavy losses, following on November, which reported losses of \$749,850. The losses for December are estimated by Mr. Roe at \$690,000. The reports will not be complete until about January 15.

Burlington and Davenport had big fires during the month, which brought the general loss for the state up past the half million mark.

Table with columns: Month, 1914 Loss, 1915 Loss. Rows: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, Totals.

The 1914 fire loss was \$438,000 less than that for 1913. Therefore the loss for 1915 will be more than a half million less than the loss for 1913.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

No Crowding Permitted. Stand It, Greece Intends: As we understand it, Greece Gazette that only one of her neighbors at a time shall be permitted to walk over her flower beds.

tion. Remarkable cures are reported especially where diseased tonsils have been removed. One sufferer for years ceased to have any rheumatism in a week after his tonsils were extirpated.

ALCOHOL PREVENTS FREEZING. Alcohol solution is one of the cheapest and best anti-freeze mixtures for winter use in the auto, says the engineering extension department at Iowa State college, and its use may prevent an expensive freeze up in the engine.

The proper mixture, which varies with the temperature, is given in the following table: 10 per cent solution for 25 degrees above, 30 per cent solution for 20 degrees, 35 per cent solution for 10 degrees below, 40 per cent solution for 20 degrees below, 60 per cent solution for 35 degrees below, 60 per cent solution for 45 degrees below.

In case a mixture containing over 20 per cent alcohol freezes, it simply forms a soft mush that has no bursting power. In this case the water pump may be thawed out by pouring hot water on it. The radiator should be blanketed until it is thawed. Glycerine with water is also a good anti-freeze mixture, and it does not evaporate as alcohol does.

KEOKUK MAN IS RINGER OF CHIMES

J. H. Auld, Eldest Son of J. R. Auld, of This City, Has This Honor.

Ring the Christmas chimes in Minneapolis was done by J. H. Auld, eldest son of J. R. Auld of 1318 Des Moines street, the Minneapolis Journal says.

This is one of the refrains which the chimes in the courthouse tower will ring out to Minneapolis folk early tomorrow. There will be a program of fourteen carols played, beginning at 9 a. m., with "Joy to the World" and ending two hours later with the Doxology. The carols will be played at intervals of five minutes. The pauses are important to the belling. They allow him to regain his breath after the exhausting work.

J. H. Auld will ring the bells. For the last three years, on every holiday of the year, he has mounted the 287 steps that lead from the top of the elevator shaft to the courthouse belfry and has rung the chimes. The clappers of the bells are worked by levers. Only the clappers move. Mr. Auld said today that the courthouse "tenor bell" is the largest chime bell in the world. It weighs 7,000 pounds. There are ten bells in all.

The carols that Mr. Auld plays are written in a flat especially for chimes. Mr. Auld is the belling at the Church of the Redeemer, and is employed during the week in the Metropolitan Life building.

Women Spectators. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 3.—Appointment of a day when women may attend the training of young Ahearn and Mike Gibbons for their match here is regarded today by Dan McKerrick, Ahearn's manager, in a letter to a local club.

Fast Battle Expected. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 3.—A fast battle is looked for tonight when Tommy Buck of Philadelphia, and Benny Chavez of Trinidad, flashy fighters, meet for ten rounds.

CAMPAIGN BEGUN TO SECURE MONEY

Iowa Wesleyan's Friends Start Whirlwind Action to Secure Needed Amounts by January 20.

MT. PLEASANT, Ia., Jan. 3.—This morning the citizens of Heavy county inaugurated a whirlwind campaign to raise \$100,000 for Iowa Wesleyan college by January 20. The campaign is under the able leadership of Mr. George H. Holcombe of Burlington, a man who has a wide range of experience in this kind of work and a person in whom the utmost confidence is placed as to his inability to engineer through this great task. It is necessary to raise this sum by the date set to meet the requirements of the North Central Association of Colleges and the Episcopal Senate of the Methodist Episcopal church. The two organizations required that a college to maintain its rank as one of the standard institutions of the country must have above \$200,000 in cash and money on annuity, \$200,000 in cash or collateral as endowment.

Iowa Wesleyan was the first college west of the Mississippi. What the loss of the college would mean to this community the citizens realize. Conservative figures prove that the institution has brought to this county in the three-quarters of a century in which it has been located here, over five millions of dollars. It spends annually in this county over \$150,000. Its loss will immediately mean a decrease of five hundred in the normal population and a serious depreciation in property and farm lands adjacent to the city. It will mean that the door of education will be closed to hundreds of young people, who have not the means to attend school elsewhere. Business, with the annual loss of \$150,000, will suffer a most serious crisis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phipps were shopping in Carthage Wednesday. They happened along in time to witness the King-Huston wedding.

Our work again calls us to leave home for three or four weeks. We will conduct a revival campaign at Bethany, Ill., beginning January 2. Our better nineteen-twentieths will endeavor to gather news for this great daily. Telephone in your items of interest; we will appreciate it and so will our readers, and as this great journal is to advance the subscription price soon, we must do our part to make it better in every way, if that is possible.

Our women are rejoicing to know that they can now feel safe in going to Keokuk to do their trading as boozie is to be a thing of the past over there.

While Mrs. Stanley Barnes was making fruit salad at the Baptist parsonage Thursday, she lost her wedding ring in it. Clark Webster was sick Friday morning and for a time it was thought that he had eaten it in the salad, but calmness was restored in these parts when it was learned that she had fallen off the ring on when leaving home in the morning. Clark was real sick Friday, however.

A deal is said to have been closed whereby Frank Heagy becomes owner of the Webster restaurant, to take possession January 3. He will move a stock to a front room on the first floor of the Hick-dome and Joe McInerly will continue to sling the hash and shoot the biscuits as he is now doing so acceptably for Mr. Webster.

Billy Gabel was sick in bed Wednesday. One of Grandma Kincade's motherly onion poultices got him up and out Friday. We can think of several ailments he would prefer to wearing an onion poultice, but Billy says "they are it."

Aunt Mary Hood is sick with pneumonia. Because of her advanced age, results are feared.

Mrs. Pearl Roseberry is suffering a relapse, the wound left as a result of the incision having healed over and pus formed beneath. Dr. Gray and Dr. Kunyon opened the wound Thursday and all are hopeful now that the threatened blood poison has been averted.

Fred Marshall's boy is sick with a high fever. We can hardly conceive of the lively little fellow being able to lie still in bed very long at one time.

The Hamilton basket ball team came to Elvaston Thursday night and played a local team at the Hickydome. They played a good, strong, clean game, but the local team was too much for them and so Elvaston won the score, we understand, of 26 to 6.

J. H. Horney who was stricken with a fainting spell several days ago is still bedfast. His many friends are hopeful of his speedy recovery.

The M. E. church held an all day session at the church in their new basement, Friday.

The typhoid cases in town are all getting along very nicely.

Mrs. Mary Knapp is still confined to her bed yet with a serious breakdown.

Mrs. Don Hunt is here visiting her parents, Dr. Kirkpatrick and wife.

Mrs. Ollie Wayland of Peakville, Mo., is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Fichtenmaster.

Ralph Brettenbutcher of Keokuk was a Farmington business caller last Friday.

C. P. Franks, wife and family were out of town visitors the latter part of this week.

Helen Sutton of Bloomfield spent several Christmas with her grandmother, Mrs. Wm. McIntosh.

The Congregationalist held a watch meeting at their church here Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dickson were Croton visitors last Wednesday at the home of Geo. Shaw.

Wm. Beeson is in Fort Madison visiting friends.

Mrs. Roy Gray is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barton. Rev. Alexandria an' daughter, Martha, left for their new home in Inde-

The Happy Family Next Christmas will be the one in which every member has received a check from Keokuk National Bank Christmas Savings Club. Imagine how much merrier Christmas will be when everybody has received a MERRY. It's nice when all have money of their own—there's no asking—no coaxing—no disappointments—no "brokon hearts." Let every Family be the Happy Family Next CHRISTMAS. Let everyone—the baby included—enroll right away. It's the sure way to have the money when you need it. Keokuk National Bank

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