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THE BETTER THINGS.
 It is better to lose with a conscience clean
 Than to lose by a trick unfair;
 It is better to fail to know you've been,
 Than to triumph the joy of a far-off goal.
 And the cheers of the stander-by,
 And to know deep down in your almost soul
 A cheat you must live and die,
 Who wins by trick can take the prize,
 And at first may think it sweet,
 But many a day in the future lies
 When he'll wish he had met defeat.
 For the man who loses shall be glad at heart
 And walk with his head up high,
 While his conqueror knows he must play the part
 Of a cheat and a living lie
 The prize seems fair when the prize is on,
 But save it is truly won
 You will hate the thing when the crowds are gone,
 For it stands a false deed done.
 And its better you should never reach your goal
 Than ever success to buy
 At the price of knowing down in your soul
 That your glory is all a lie.
 —Edward A. Guest.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY.
 I never could believe that Providence had sent a few men into the world, ready, booted and spurred to ride, and millions ready saddled and bridled to be ridden.—Richard Rumbold.

The present population of the earth is about 1,450 millions.

Washington, D. C., rigidly enforces the rule requiring sterilization of public drinking cups.

Scientists are unable to tell the earth's age exactly; their estimates range from 10,000,000 to 40,000,000 years.

According to figures published by the Insurance Press the fire loss in the United States last year totaled \$172,071,000.

California floods are doing an immense amount of damage, which goes to reveal that they have something else besides sunshine in the state.

A St. Louis man has undergone 121 operations. The doctors are determined to find out what's the matter with him even if it takes the hide.

Leavenworth is digging up old-time memories in connection with the demolition of the first Methodist church built in the city. It is said to be the first brick building put up in Kansas.

Jitney operators at which Wichita are fighting regulation with their backs to the wall since the state courts upheld the city's right to bar jitneys from thoroughfares on which street cars operate. The question of repealing the regulation is to be put up to the voters.

Soberly and solemnly the word comes from the dry belt of the state of Maine that woodpeckers take on jags from the sap of pine poles and usually wake up the neighborhood the morning after. The unflinching stunt of the drowsy boozers is to perch themselves on the gutters of houses and beat a tattoo on the tin or iron. Be-

side the woodpecker racket, a cat concert is a lullaby.
 If you burn oil lamps in your house, see that the burners are kept clean; that the lamps are filled only in the day time; and that the kerosene is kept in an airtight metal can. Those are safeguards against a fire which might destroy your home, its furnishings and even rob you of your loved ones.

"One hour's dragging on a day when there is the slightest snow will often put a roughly frozen road in good condition for the rest of the winter," says Dean A. Marston of the engineering division at Iowa State college and chairman of the state highway commission. "Don't wait for a warm day in order to smooth up rough patches of road," he advises, "but take advantage of the first day when there is the slightest thawing of the surface."

Muscat, the capital of Oman, on the Persian gulf, is called the "hottest place on earth," by a writer in Travel. The city was arrived in this ancient capital the thermometer registered 125 degrees Fahrenheit. To escape the midday heat the inhabitants resort to underground shelters called "serdads," the sunken windows of which are stuffed with brush that is sprinkled with water so as to establish a current of cool air. As regards the date trade, Muscat is in frequent communication with America.

A searchlight, or headlight, consists of a source of light usually of small area and high brilliancy, placed at the focal point of a parabolic mirror, or some nearly equivalent form of reflector. There is an extremely large number of uses that may be found for an intense beam of light of small angular width. In military and naval service, in all types of navigation, and in nearly every type of land transportation, the searchlight and headlight play a highly important part. There is also a large field for the searchlight in flood lighting and spectacular work. In all of these various types of service the principles of design are the same, and the difference between one searchlight and another is a difference in degree, not in principle.

Of 150 men who graduated from the agricultural course at Ames, last year, only twelve are not engaged in agricultural pursuits. Fifty are in high schools or colleges. That is surely a good showing, says the Burlington Hawk-Eye. But really nothing less could be expected of the famous agricultural college of Iowa. Young men may go to college, and take some sort of course, just because their families insist upon it that the sons spend a certain time at college. It is difficult with agriculture. The men who take that up, know exactly what they want, and they work hard as a rule, and are bent upon getting all that can be gotten in that course. Some even stay on and do post-graduate work. It must be a pleasure for the professors to work with a class of men who are keeping their minds upon the work in hand, and who are always interested in that work, and who are ultimately an inspiration to the teacher, just as the right teacher inspires his students.

AUTOMOBILE FATALITIES.
 Is the deadliness of the automobile increasing or decreasing?

This question seems to be answered in a very conclusive manner by the bureau of the census, in making public some preliminary mortality statistics for the year 1914, which indicate that during the five years from 1909 to 1914 the number of automobiles in use in the United States increased more than twice as rapidly as the number of fatalities caused by them.

At the close of 1909, according to figures compiled by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, of New York City, from state registration reports, the allowance being made for duplicate registrations, the number of automobiles in use in the United States was approximately 200,000; by the close of 1913 it had risen to 1,270,000; and a year later, at the end of 1914, it was 1,750,000.

In the meantime the number of deaths due to automobile accidents and injuries increased from 632 in the death-registration area in 1909, containing 56 per cent of the population of the United States, to 2,623 in the same area in 1914; and the increase from 1913 to 1914, for the registration area as constituted in 1913, then containing 65 per cent of the population of the country, was from 2,488 to 2,795.

Thus a five year increase of 775 per cent—accepting as reliable the figures compiled by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce—in number of machines has been accompanied by an increase of 815 per cent in automobile fatalities; and a one year increase of

33 per cent in number of machines has been accompanied by an increase of 12 per cent in fatalities.

Perhaps a more reliable comparison, from the statistician's point of view, can be made between the increase in number of automobiles in use and the increase in the rate per 100,000 population for deaths caused by them. This is because, with a given number of machines in use in a given area, the fatalities due to them will tend to be proportional to the population of that area. When the comparison is made on this basis, it appears that a five year increase of 775 per cent in number of machines has been accompanied by an increase of 258 per cent—from 1.2 to 4.3 per 100,000 population—in the death rate resulting from automobile fatalities. Similarly, a one year increase of 88 per cent in number of automobiles has taken place along with an increase of only 10 per cent—from 3.9 to 4.3 per 100,000—in the death rate charged to them.

One cause of this proportional decrease in the destructive effect of the automobile is undoubtedly to be found in a reduction in average annual mileage per machine; but, after due weight is given this factor, and a suitable margin is allowed for possible error resulting from inaccuracy in the estimated portion of the automobile statistics, the figures still appear to furnish ample justification for the conclusion that the automobile today, in regard to public safety, is not being driven with more care and more fore years ago.

WAR PROSPERITY.

A report on industrial conditions in Vermont credits war orders with the present prosperity in that state. The Windsor Machine Co. paid dividends aggregating 125 per cent in July and October. The Robin Hood Powder Co. secured large orders, and the machine companies in Springfield and Rutland are working on contracts. Another machine company that had an offer of a \$200,000 order for shrapnel last summer, declined it because women are the principal owners of the stock and opposed the manufacture of war munitions. But as business grew dull in regular lines and there appeared a necessity for reducing the force, another contract, this time for shrapnel, was quickly accepted and the works are now running overtime. Numerous small shops throughout the state are working on munition contracts which have been parceled out to them by the regular contractors and the newspapers seldom hear of it, but the machine shops of the state, big and little, are practically all working on contracts for some sort of supplies for the allies. The woolen mills on the Winooski river and in the valley of the Ottaquechee are "full up" with orders and advertising for additional help. The canning factories are going full tilt and sending their products abroad as fast as made. The hydro-electric concerns are pushed to the limit to supply the extra power demanded.

MILK AS A FOOD.

The value of milk as a food is not appreciated as it should be. Many adults consider it a beverage rather than an easily digestible and highly nutritious article of food. They do not realize that a glass of milk contains approximately the same amount of nutritive material as a good slice of beef, a quarter of a loaf of bread, or two large eggs.

It has been truthfully stated that we live not upon what we eat, but upon what we digest. Milk is more completely digested and utilized than any other article of food. Far more easily digested than such animal foods as meat, fish, etc., in place of which milk products find their logical place in the diet.

Not only is milk more readily and completely digested, but the same amount of nutritive material can be obtained for less money in milk than in other animal foods, according to Dairy and Food Commissioner W. B. Barney.

A table is being sent out by Mr. Barney showing the relative value of a number of common foods as compared with milk. In the quantities stated each contains the same amount of nutritive material as one quart of milk.

The cereal products are, in the raw state, the cheapest food stuffs we can buy, but many of the products manufactured from these cereals would not be so generally used were their cost compared with milk. Consider, for example, the widely advertised prepared breakfast foods. It takes from six to nine large heaping (approximately one package) of many of these prepared foods to contain as much nourishment as one quart of cream with three quarters of a pint of milk which they are served at the breakfast table. The quart of milk costs the housewife about eight cents, whereas the breakfast food requires the expenditure of from ten to twenty cents for a package. While the raw cereal products such as corn meal, flour, etc., are indeed cheap foods for furnishing energy, they do not contain appreciable amounts of protein.

On the other hand, more than 25 per cent of the food constituents of whole milk consists of this necessary material in its most useful form—casein. Protein, the most essential of food materials and the one generally lacking in inexpensive foods, is required to build up our body structure.

New 9P's Good.

Mondamin Enterprise: A lady who does not live 100 miles from this office suspected her husband was in the habit of kissing the pretty servant girl, and resolved to detect him in the act. After watching some time for an opportunity she heard him entering the kitchen quietly one evening when the prettily girl was out. She immediately placed a shawl over her head and entered the kitchen with her hand and heart burning with jealousy entered the darksome kitchen by the back door and was almost immediately seized and embraced and kissed in the most ardent manner. Burning with rage and bent on administering a terrible rebuke, she tore loose from the embrace and struck a match, and there stood face to face with the serving girl's beau. Her husband says after that his wife was never more affectionate since the day they were married.

The Nauvoo Gate City

Nauvoo, Ill., Jan. 26, 1916

Nauvoo's saloon men are now doing a big business selling booze to Iowa people from Ft. Madison and Keokuk. Vehicles from those places can be seen in Nauvoo almost daily now and when they return the conveyance is almost all cases is loaded down with "wet goods" which makes some believe there is some bootlegging going on somewhere.

During the year 1915 not many couples were joined in wedlock in Nauvoo. In the rural districts early marriages is still the prevailing custom. All young folks should settle down early and commence building houses. With all of any town's different sorts of prosperity, none is more significant than this.
 On last Sunday between the dinner hour and one o'clock, a man passing the frame building formerly occupied by C. R. Montgomery for a coal office, and now owned by Dr. Bortz, discovered it to be on fire. He noticed a small blaze in the weather-boarding and notified several living near who secured some water and smothered it without calling our volunteer fire ladders. It is supposed that the fire got started from sparks from a nearby chimney, although the incendiary origin was advanced. No damage resulted.

The mayor of Nauvoo should think of moving the official straw hat day day to Easter Sunday. If the weather we have been having keeps on, Nauvoo people admit he will have to do something.

Mr. Ellis Daugherty has moved his household goods to Nauvoo and will occupy the Bossler building in the Mormon temple block. We all are glad to welcome these former Nauvooites to this town, and we hope Mr. Daugherty will still conduct his LaHarpe meat market until he disposes of it to advantage.

One of Nauvoo's church goers has discovered why persons nod in their pews on Sunday morning. The blame is on the janitor and not on the minister. Proper ventilation is lacking, and a great sermon cannot be kept by the yawns of the worshippers.

Nauvoo's city jail was full to overflowing late last Saturday night with human freight and Chief of Police Johnson was at a loss as to what to do with his surplus consignment. One wobbly customer had to be housed in the hotel which was a lucky strike for him. Two hobos were given minutes with the "0" before the figure 1 on Sunday morning to clear Nauvoo soil from off their person and which they took advantage of quickly. Two others were used for indulging in ill-gotten booze from one of Nauvoo's underground wine caves which they entered without the owner's consent. One of those two is to be sent to Bartonville, Ill., inebriate asylum for repairs. Another one of those arrested will be tried Wednesday of this week for becoming too hilarious while in his cups on the same date. Still another person is threatened with prosecution for disposing of booze illegally regulated for him. His great state of ours, and his hearing may be held on Wednesday.

PFANSCHMIDT PAYS VISIT TO QUINCY

Former Sweetheart Is Said to Have Refused to See Him—Wants to Catch Murderer.

Ray A. Pfanschmidt returned to his home in Wichita, Kan., on the 21st last night. He came here about three weeks ago to wind up all affairs, legal or otherwise, in connection with the estate of his father, the Quincy Journal states. He visited here with his relatives and made a trip to Macomb. Ray expects to return here probably 1 April, for another visit.

Two other important occurrences marked his visit here. One was an attempt to talk to his former fiancée, Esther Reeder, and the other his conversations, yesterday, with Chief of Police Koch.

According to well informed persons Ray went to the country home in Melrose township where Miss Reeder has been staying. Though the ground was covered with the heavy snow of last week, Miss Reeder went out the back door and trudged through the snow to a neighbor's home to avoid seeing him. But, according to relatives of the family where Esther makes her home, Ray followed her to the neighbor's house. When he was refused admission, he asked if it was Miss Reeder's request. When told it was a joint request of Miss Reeder and the owner of the property, Ray left.

Ray talked to Chief Koch yesterday afternoon and last night at the police station. Chief Koch stated he talked only of his case, and said he professed to be as eager to run down the murderer as the chief, who, first in the capacity of a special detective, and later as police chief, collected evidence for the state.

According to Ray's conversation with Chief Koch he intends to return to his work as a gardener and landscaper artist. He told Chief Koch he would, hereafter, let Miss Reeder alone, since he was convinced it was her wish.

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also. Again we say it pays to advertise for just recently we stated in this column that Nauvoo's city jail had not been occupied by any law breaker for some time. This goes to show that the great family paper, The Daily Gate City, is read by use masses. Send in your advertising copy so that the management can extend the advertising columns.

The Nauvoo short course began Tuesday and will continue every afternoon for four consecutive days. Noted speakers will be present and their experience will help the farmers. A good attendance is expected at each session. Nauvoo's State bank's prize contest will be decided at one of these meetings.

Mother Mary Superior of the St. Mary's academy in Nauvoo had the misfortune to slip and fall on the icy walks in the institution's yard last Wednesday and was picked up in an unconscious condition. This kind and good lady was soon revived and apparently not seriously hurt, although she struck her head quite forcibly when she fell.

Have you ever noticed that the man who finds fault each month with the way his electric light meter is read, is the same man who is always kicking at the butcher, the grocer, the telephone system, the way his furnace or stove burns and the stupidity of the teacher who is teaching his son at the public schools.

When the ice trust commences to cut its monkey-shines this coming July it is not going to worry Nauvoo people and the thrifty farmers. During the hard freeze nearly all of our ice harvesters hired a large force of men and from Lake Cooper stacked their ice houses with enough of this wintry product to serve their needs during the coming summer. Some two or three here have not secured ice yet and may get left, although there is a great deal of winter weather before us yet. In other years many farmers secured their ice from the big creeks at Nauvoo, but now the ice is good almost anywhere and they go to the nearest point to harvest the crop.

Nauvoo's Priscilla club is slated to meet on Thursday afternoon of this week.

Crossing on Lake Cooper at this point now is not any too convenient at this time, although considered safe. About seven weeks more and then Lent begins, and after next Monday we enter February with twenty-nine days and leap year. Wonder if any Nauvoo girl will take advantage of the event.

Every traveling man who comes to Nauvoo has the grip. Some have two of them.

Ever since they teach Latin in the Nauvoo high school the girls have been pretty spry in the dead languages.

Nauvoo has the only lady weather prophet in this section, we believe. She allows she knows what the weather is going to be by the way her hair acts.

What would you do for a 10 or 12 year old boy who smokes cigars and cigarettes with the father's and mother's approval? Get him another father and mother, don't you think? Nauvoo has a number of these lads with or without their parent's approval.

On Wednesday last we had a week when we have ground hog day when we will learn if we will have six weeks more of winter weather.

Carthage, Ill.

Mrs. James Thomas, an old and respected citizen, died last Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Lawless. She was in her eighty-first year of age. Owing to the serious illness of her husband the funeral was held at the home, Saturday, January 11, services conducted by Rev. Ferris, of the Methodist church, of which she had been a faithful member for a number of years.

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