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Come again, football friends!
The revolution season has opened again in Central America.

Prosperity is still waxing and will set a hot pace for the country.

Terrible battles are happening—over the Nicaragua cable. Both sides are winning.

Some persons express their optimism by eating chicken croquettes in restaurants.

"Paris is a woman's town," sings a Boston Globe poet. Other American poets have made the same remark.

It is clumsy to break laws when it is easier to evade them, but that is not a good excuse for evading them.

Berlin wants an immovable date for Easter Sunday. Let us hope they will also get a re-movable Easter Sunday hat.

Messina is alarmed over signs of further earthquake shocks. Messina seems a good place to keep away from.

The American Drednought is the greatest of all. Others do well; we do better. They do better still when we do best.

Aeroplane Farman flew for over four hours the other day. The coming aeroplane will have to have a dining-car attachment.

Rifman tribesmen send word to Spain that they have only started to fight. Madrid will get little satisfaction out of that.

A Washington man says he owes his longevity to pie, but few politicians can hang onto the pie counter a whole lifetime.

During the past year our paternal government planted 3,117,000,000 fish, which statement is the biggest fish story of the year.

This discussion whether or not there are insects on Mars is chopping controversy pretty fine. Wait till the hookworm gets settled.

Orville Wright says that flying is easy to learn. Few doubted that; it is the coming-down process which the majority want made easy.

The German dirigible air squadron has been executing maneuvers, and another war scare is due in the right little, tight little British Isles.

The germ family are in hard luck. Mrs. Sage is combating the tuberculosis germ, Mr. Carnegie the pellagra, and Mr. Rockefeller the hookworm.

What are said to be the highest falls on this continent have been discovered in Labrador. Maybe Canada was tired of owning only half of Niagara.

In her suit for divorce a Sacramento woman charged that her husband would not even buy her ice cream. Still, he may have loaded her down with fudge and chewing gum.

That Hartford 15-year-old boy who insisted on being taken to school after he had broken his leg, because he did not want to spoil a perfect record for attendance, may be counted on to appreciate the value of an education and to turn it to good account.

Writing of the evils of ear strain, to which the people of a large city are always subject, a doctor says: "When the ears have been strained by the noise and confusion of the day they may be refreshed in the evening by listening to music or to such other sounds as are restful to them." Perhaps you have noticed the restful effect after a hard day's work when the clock in the street strikes six and the hurdy-gurdy comes around.

The St. Lawrence river is an object-lesson in water power. An enormous volume can be turned to account by modern methods. And now progressive Americans and Canadians are uniting in an effort to utilize this power. A plan has been formulated which looks to the erection of a dam at Brockville which will draw out the Long Sault rapids and raise the stream at that point 18 inches, affording several hundred thousand horse power. Competent engineers have pronounced it wholly practicable.

The preliminary report of the department of agriculture shows that the corn crop this year is up to a high level and comes near to record-breaking figures. The yield is placed at 2,767,316,000 bushels, which is nearly a hundred million bushels more than that of 1908. The largest crop of corn ever gathered was that of 1906, which aggregated 2,927,416,000 bushels. At the prevailing prices the corn crop is estimated to be worth more than \$1,900,000,000. There is no doubt that "King Corn" does his part toward creating national wealth.

The post office rules that boxes of candy may be sent through the mails. Uncle Sam and Santa Claus are getting ready to pull together in this matter. Sweets to the sweet.

The Turkish parliament, which will reconvene next week, will consider a naval program that will involve the expenditure of \$100,000,000. This sum, it is estimated, will build and equip seven battleships of the North Dakota type and at once advance the Ottoman empire to at least a second-rate position as a sea power.

When the United States names its biggest battleships after the smallest, or the least populous, of the states does it indicate an opinion that the battleships may properly be minimized or that the small states need the advertising?

The power of humor was, perhaps, never more strikingly displayed than in the strike of 1,100 employees of a Schenectady concern who struck because a fellow-laborer who had poured sand down their backs and smeared their tools was discharged.

FAVOR CARROLL IDEA

Position Taken by the Governor on Insanity Approved

DR. McALLASTER READ PAPER

Superintendents of State Institutions Favor Executive's Plan of State Investigating Commission for the State.

Des Moines, Dec. 17.—A lively argument was precipitated in the quarterly conference of the state board of control and the superintendents of the state institutions when Dr. B. H. McAllaster of the Cherokee state hospital, in a paper read before the conference, advocated the voluntary admission of insane persons to the state hospitals.

The question of insanity in the state institutions was the theme for the morning and Dr. McAllaster said that the state should permit insane persons to voluntarily enter the state institutions. His suggestion raised a storm of protest from several of the conferees, their position being that such a rule would open the way to untold fraud and injustice. The opponents of the plan declared that in many instances relatives of persons who had money or property, would induce those persons to voluntarily enter the state insane hospitals and then while they are confined there, gain control of the money or property.

The entire question of insanity was thoroughly discussed and the conferees commended the position taken by Governor Carroll in a recent address, wherein he advocated the creation of a special commission to make a study of insanity among the patients of the state institutions as well as a study of the causes of insanity in Iowa.

Oust Clerk Brown in Emmet County. Des Moines.—The supreme court has ousted C. M. Brown as clerk of the district court of Emmet county and ruled that L. Heffalinger is the duly qualified clerk for that county. The decision was given in the case of State of Iowa vs. L. Heffalinger against C. M. Brown. In the election of 1908 one John Amundson was elected clerk. He died that month, and the district judge appointed Brown as clerk until the vacancy was filled. The board of supervisors in their December meeting selected Heffalinger as clerk. Heffalinger demanded that Brown turn over the office keys to him. Brown refused and Heffalinger brought quo warranto proceedings.

The opinion of the supreme court, affirming the district court, which held that Brown was not entitled to the office, was written by Justice Weaver. He said that the district court is not authorized by the statutes of the state to fill such a vacancy, either temporarily or otherwise, and holds that when the supervisors appointed a man to fill the vacancy caused by Amundson's death, that any power given Brown by the district court was revoked.

Hotel Law Declared Unconstitutional. Des Moines.—Iowa's hotel inspection law, providing for a state hotel inspector and requiring fire escapes on all hotels, and appliances for perfect ventilation, is unconstitutional and therefore null and void. This construction was put upon it by Judge McHenry of the district court in an opinion filed in the case of F. M. Hubbell against Lafayette Higgins, state hotel inspector. The suit was brought to test the constitutionality of the law and argued before the court several weeks ago.

Falls From Windmill on Bossy's Back. Gravity.—Martin Vandersyle, a wealthy farmer residing near here, fell from a sixty-foot windmill and would have surely been killed had he not fallen squarely on the back of a cow passing below. The animal's back was broken, but Vandersyle escaped without injury. The cow was a thoroughbred Short-horn valued at \$375.

Tries to Assault Girl at Church Door. Nevada.—An unknown man grabbed little Florence Knight, a 10-year-old girl of this city, in the shadow of a church, and attempted to assault her. The screams of the girl frightened the man away. The girl gives a good description of the man. She is positive that she knows him.

Byers Starts Suit. Council Bluffs.—Attorney General Byers has started suit in the district court here, claiming title to 250 acres of land, in the bed of what was formerly Boyer Lake, claiming the property belongs to the state. Owners of property surrounding the lake bed have claimed the property.

Capt. Loomis Drops Dead. Cedar Rapids.—Capt. A. M. Loomis, postmaster at Wyoming, dropped dead a short time after returning from a visit with his daughter in Omaha. Captain Loomis was one of the pioneers of Jones county, coming to Wyoming in the early '50s.

Death Came in a Tree. Cedar Rapids.—Daniel Bransfield, 50, a well known traveling man, is dead. He was cutting a limb from a tree when he was stricken with paralysis and soon died.

Fell 100 Feet to Death. Waterloo.—Benjamin Smith of Clarksville, employed by the Des Moines Tank company at Camden, N. J., in the erection of the tallest tank in the United States, fell 180 feet and was killed.

Sold Liquor to Indians. Dubuque.—Judge Reed in the federal court sentenced Fred Kurtz of Bloux City and James Bright of Webster county, both charged with selling liquor to Indians, to sixty days in jail and to pay a fine of \$100 each.

State Cattle Have Tuberculosis.

Des Moines, Dec. 15.—A serious epidemic of tuberculosis has appeared among the cattle in the state herd at the state institution at Mt. Pleasant and as a result it has been necessary for the state veterinary surgeon, Dr. Paul Koto, to order nearly forty head killed.

Dr. Talbot, one of the deputies, made the test of the state cattle recently and nearly forty head responded to the test. Dr. Koto at once ordered that they be killed. Chairman Cowrie and the other members of the state board of control could not believe that such a situation existed and Chairman Cowrie went to Mt. Pleasant to be present when the cattle were slaughtered and the post-mortem held. Chairman Cowrie has always opposed these tuberculosis tests, claiming that they did not amount to much. At the time the last general test of state cattle was made he became convinced, after the post-mortems were held, that there was something to the test.

Nevertheless, he believes that the test made by Dr. Talbot at Mt. Pleasant is pretty strong and for this reason he deemed it advisable to be present when the post-mortems were held. Dr. Koto said that nearly forty head had responded to the tests. At Eldora recently Dr. Koto applied the tuberculosis test to the state herd and found that four cattle responded to the test. These four were among a consignment shipped to the institution from Illinois.

Prof. Crossley of Ames Quits Job. Ames.—Prof. B. W. Crossley of the farm crops department, has resigned. He will go to his home at Council Bluffs February 1 to take up active farm work on his father's farm. The resignation is said to be prompted by the illness of his father. The resignation comes as a great surprise.

Professor Crossley is recognized as one of the leading experts on corn. He succeeded Professor Bowman, who resigned about a year ago. He has been extremely popular with the Ames students, and his departure from the college will be felt as a distinct loss.

Prof. H. G. Bell also of the farm crops department, is another one of the corps of instructors to resign. Professor Bell goes to the agronomy department of Maine State Agricultural school. He will leave January 1.

Corn Crop Falls Short. Dubuque.—Special reports received in Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois show conclusively that the reports of the corn crop are unwarrantedly optimistic. Iowa will have little corn to ship as 25 to 35 per cent is still in the fields, and most of the balance falls to grade better than third. The quantity is small and the quality is exceedingly poor, according to detailed reports.

Dobbins Gets Five Years. Council Bluffs.—Judge Green in the district court overruled the motion for a new trial of the case of John R. Dobbins, convicted of taking part in the alleged robbery of T. W. Ballew of the Princeton, Mo., banker of \$30,000 by means of a fake horse race. Dobbins was then given an indefinite sentence of not more than five years.

Calhoun County Farmers' Institute. Lake City.—The Calhoun County Farmers' institute will be held at Rockwell City on Jan. 11, 12 and 13, 1910. This is an annual convention for the benefit of the farmers. Prominent speakers have been secured on the following subjects: Corn, good roads, dairying and horticulture.

Lost Jewels Recovered. Boone.—A Des Moines woman has returned the bag of jewels valued at \$5,000, lost by Mrs. John Reynolds last September in the Chicago & Northwestern waiting room and received in return a check from John Reynolds of several hundred dollars reward.

Pella Will Pave. Pella.—The city council granted a petition requesting pavement around the public square and on Main street from the southeast corner of the square south seven blocks to the Rock Island depot, and one block east from the depot on University street.

Sundberg Wins Sweepstakes. Des Moines.—John Sundberg, president of the Iowa Corn Growers' association, raised more and better corn upon an acre of Iowa land this season than any other corn grower. This was decided by the judges at the seventh annual Iowa corn exposition.

New Hampton Hotel Burns. New Hampton.—The Arlington hotel at New Hampton burned to the ground from an overheated furnace, causing \$40,000 damage. Twenty-five guests were rescued by firemen, who wrapped them in blankets and turned them into the snow storm with the temperature nearly zero.

New Church is Dedicated. Lake City.—The newly built Lutheran church, six miles south of Farnhamville has been dedicated. The building is one of the finest in that section and is practically free from indebtedness.

Death of E. C. McMillan. Marshalltown.—At Keokuk occurred the death of E. C. McMillan, for twelve years warden of the Fort Madison prison and ex-sheriff of this county. Mr. McMillan was born in 1839 in Ohio.

Alleged Murderer Captured. Marshalltown.—Joe Slycord, wanted for the murder of Frank Batesole, formerly of this city, at Carrington, N. D., November 11 is under arrest at Grinnell. He is said to have confessed, claiming self defense.

Des Moines Woman Given Divorce. Marshalltown.—Mrs. Carrie Young, wife of George W. Young of Des Moines, was granted a divorce on the ground of habitual drunkenness. Mrs. Young is a daughter of Robert Elzy, of this city.

WOULDN'T IT BE MEAN?



WILL FIGHT THE STEEL TRUST

ORGANIZED LABOR PREPARES TO OPPOSE "OPEN SHOP."

Copy of Grievances Is Sent to President Taft and Governor of States.

Pittsburg, Pa.—At the close of a momentous two-days' conference here Tuesday, war was formally declared upon the United States Steel corporation by the leaders of organized labor throughout the United States and Canada.

The decision to battle long and hard against the stand taken by the steel corporation in its policy of "open shop" was reached by the labor conference only after hours of debate and a deal of trouble.

In a resolution adopted by the national labor leaders, organized labor throughout the country is called on to thoroughly and completely organize all employees in the iron, steel and tin plate industry, ordering an assessment of ten cents per member, recommending appointment of committees to see the president, congress and the governors for the purpose of laying before them the "grievances from which labor suffers at the hands of the steel corporation."

At the conference, which passed the remarkable battle decree, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, presided, and through his record books of the executive council of the federation.

The grievances of organized labor against the steel corporation, as set forth in the resolution, have been forwarded to President Taft and the United States senate and house of representatives. The governors of the states in which the United States Steel corporation owns plants or has interests will also receive a copy of the resolution.

The resolution deals principally with the low wages paid the men in the employ of the steel corporation, the hours of work and the general condition of oppression under which the corporation is alleged to hold its employees.

Thorough organization of all employees in the iron, steel and tin plate industry and co-related trades is urged and a call for organizers to assist in the work is made.

JOHN W. GATES IN NEW ROLE

Appears Before Methodist Conference and Warns Delegates Against Speculative and Other Gambling.

Galveston, Tex.—John W. Gates, the once prominent Wall street figure, appeared in a new light at the Gulf District Methodist Episcopal conference in session at Port Arthur, when he addressed the gathering of church men and laymen, warning them against speculation and all other forms of gambling.

He pictured the life of a man who gambled, and speculated, and turned fortunes in a few hours, jumping from pauper to millionaire, and then to pauper, as compared with the tiller of the soil, and the mechanic and the merchant, who earns his money by labor and by shrewd business methods, invest well his savings.

Woman in Quaintest Raid Dies. Emporia, Kan.—Mrs. Sallie McKinney, who, tradition says, led Quantrill and his band into Lawrence on the memorable occasion of the sacking of that town on August 31, 1863, died here after a long illness.

Girls Missing in \$250,000 Fire. Philadelphia.—Two girls are missing and 14 others narrowly escaped death in a fire, which Thursday destroyed the six-story factory building of Schrack & Sherwood, manufacturers of coffins and undertakers' supplies. The monetary loss is estimated at \$250,000.

Dynamite Bank; Take \$7,000. Fresno, Cal.—Robbers dynamited the vault of the Bank of Exeter, near here, and secured \$7,000 in cash early Thursday.

Says He Killed Employer. Larned, Kan.—Clyde Charles of Larned, Tex., Tuesday confessed to the murder of George Neptune, a farmer who lived near Larned, on the night of September 14. Charles stated that, following a dispute with Neptune over wages, he killed his employer.

Forty Injured in Express Wreck. Winnipeg, Man.—The Canadian Northern express was wrecked 100 miles east of here Tuesday. The cars tumbled over. No one was killed, but 40 persons were injured.

SUFFERED TERRIBLY.

New Relief from Distressing Kidney Trouble Was Found.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wolf, 388 W. Morgan St., Tipton, Mo., says: "Inflammation of the bladder reached its climax last spring and I suffered terribly. My back ached and I could hardly get around and the secretions were scanty, frequent of passage and painful. I was tired all the time and very nervous. I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, and after taking a few boxes was cured and have been well ever since."

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NOT HAVING ANY.

Bertie—But, my dear, there's no harm in a kiss. Nellie—No. Well, but then, where's the fun?

Resin in Three Weeks Does What Other Remedies Failed to Do in Four Months.

My baby's face was like a raw and bleeding piece of meat. I was at my wit's end what to do. Medicine from three physicians and ointments recommended seemed to make the Eczema worse. Then another mother spoke of Resin which I procured at once—remember I had no more faith in it than in all the rest I had tried—but I thought it would be wasting only 50c more. Never did I spend 50c to better advantage, for the first and second days I noticed a remarkable change, and now at the end of the third week I have my pretty blue eyed, rosy cheeked, cooling baby well again. I am safe in saying he is perfectly cured and the cure was surely something remarkable. Your Soap and Ointment did in three weeks what everything else I tried failed to do in four months. My baby was positively disfigured, now his complexion is all right again.

Mrs. H. F. Clemmer, Sunbury, Pa.

Coming to Terms. Possible Boarder—Ah, that was a ripping dinner, and if that was a fair sample of your meals, I should like to come to terms.

Scotch Farmer—Before we gang any further, was that a fair sample o' yer appetite?

Method in Their Madness. "Why do so many otherwise clever women write silly letters to men?" "They're probably making a collection of the answers they get."

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