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THE LEGISLATURE'S WORK.

The Twenty-eighth general assembly adjourned last evening after completing a large amount of work in its closing days, and leaving a number of conspicuous measures to die in committee. The Times-Republican last evening presented a complete summary of legislation enacted up to the final day. A careful study of the work accomplished will be necessary in determining the value of the legislature's service to the state. Iowa has an admirable code of laws, and they were carefully revised and codified anew by the Twenty-sixth general assembly. It is doubtless easier to revise and amend old laws in the light of experience than to enact new. Yet the social, industrial and commercial evolution and development of the state constantly call for new measures. The propriety of enacting many new laws is questioned, and some of them after enactment prove ineffective. It is not a light task to meet all these demands for new statutes and all the protests which follow them. In the light of all these facts the work of the Twenty-eighth general assembly must be judged. It gave the state a number of new and important general statutes, and while it was a conservative body, it favored many progressive movements.

No legislature in many years passed has done so much for the cause of education. Its liberality in the way of appropriations toward the state schools and the library interests was very marked, while many minor bills dealing with the details of educational work show to what expense of time and effort this legislature put itself in the interests of education. The passage of the building and loan bill was a notable triumph. Its corrective work also in amending and changing laws was equal to its constructive work. Not only should this legislature be remembered for the bills it passed, but equally should it receive credit for those it killed. With the single exception of the neglect to rid the state of two political leeches in the way of offices known as state printer and state binder, a mistake for which many of its members will never be forgiven, the Twenty-eighth general assembly conferred a blessing upon the state in the bills it killed, unless it be perhaps the one raising the governor's salary to \$5,000 a year. Among these measures were the Eaton bill, providing for a commission to examine county offices; the Byers minority stockholders bill; the Cowles bill, to provide for state aid to high schools; the bill to give an additional judge to the Scott county judicial district; the bill to transfer the Des Moines water works building fund to the library building fund; the Temple appellate court bill; the Buchanan bill, to provide for a state department of building and loan; and the bill to legalize, for the city of Council Bluffs, a school building tax. These were only the important measures which died in the committee; many other measures of only less general importance, but of equally large moment to the men who were pushing them, went into oblivion with the falling of President Milliman's gavel in the senate.

DEWEY AND THE DEMOCRATS.

In casting about for the moving cause in the Dewey presidential announcement various influences have been referred to by seekers after the motive. An ambitious wife has been credited with being the inspiration. Dewey himself has not been taken into account, as his first impulse was to state that he was not fitted for the high office and to deny that he had aspirations in that direction. Some one or something has altered his purpose. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat sees in the movement an effort upon the part of certain democrats to displace Bryan in the affections of the party. That paper says: "The Dewey foolishness shows the desperation of the democrats in the matter of a presidential candidate. Not a single person in the democratic party who has any standing among his personal friends for common sense supposes Bryan can win, and a few of them are trying to trade on the popularity of Dewey in the hope of defeating Bryan in the convention and of saving their party from extinction. They care nothing as to Dewey's political principles, if he has any. They do not know whether he is for silver or against it, or whether he has ever given any thought to the money question one way or the other. His refusal to say which side he is on upon any question now before the people does not seem to impress the yellow newspapers and politicians with the absurdity of their proceeding. The democratic party has done many foolish things in its day, but it will hardly be guilty of the stupidity of nominating a man who, according to his own confession, neither knows nor cares anything about political issues, and whose view on the Philippines, in the nebulous way in which it has been revealed by himself, is against the democracy on the expansion question.

The Bryanite boomers in the Kansas City convention will make short work of the Dewey nomination nonsense."

PROSPERITY IN THE WEST.

There is a wave of prosperity in the west and southwest which must make the devoted Bryanites tear their hair. From Kansas we hear about a general freight agent saying that if he could borrow or buy 10,000 freight cars he could use them all. From Texas comes a report that the British government has placed an order of 500,000,000 feet of pine to be delivered at gulf ports; this is said to be more lumber than anybody ever ordered at once before in the whole world. The Topeka State Journal said last fall that Chicago sent \$1,500,000 to Texas to move the cotton crop and said "New York can confine her operations to loaning money to Mexico and European nations. The west doesn't need her help any more." In our own state of Iowa we hear of nothing but prosperity. Bank deposits have increased \$18,000,000 since Jan. 1, 1899. Farms come into town with the looks and appearance of capitalists—no longer the vacant eye, the uncertainty of carriage—everything sings the song of good times. Lands are selling as they never sold before and for 25 per cent more than they would have sold for a year ago. The cities have not yet felt the improvement to any marked extent, but it is coming—and the owner of good Iowa real estate, be it farms or city property, will never regret floating on the tide that leads to fortune.

Farm produce is selling at good figures in this state, live stock is disposed of at higher prices than for years, vacant houses are scarce in many towns and many new ones are being built, and labor is employed at satisfactory prices. "These are McKinley times indeed."

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

"The debate of the present session in both houses of congress is in many respects unparalleled since the days of Calhoun and Webster," says Professor Judson of the chair of political science in Chicago University. "It goes to the very foundations of our system of government. It seeks to detect the essence of the constitution. On its determination rest not merely national policies of far-reaching importance, but in fact the profoundest meaning of our organic law." Such is the expression of a noted scholar upon the discussion waged over the Porto Rican tariff bill. It was truly the greatest debate of the generation. As it progressed history seemed to be repeating itself. We could almost hear again the thunder roll of Webster's voice. "The constitution is extended over the United States and over nothing else, and can extend over nothing else. It can not be extended over anything except over the old state and the new states that shall come in hereafter, when they do come in." On the other hand able orators were reiterating Calhoun's insistent argument that as soon as the treaty with Mexico was ratified, at once the constitution of its own force covered all the newly acquired territory, and therefore it would be necessary that duties should be uniform in California and at points within the states. Political observers of mature years, as they listened to this debate seemed to be reading again the republican platform of 1856: "Resolved, That the constitution confers upon congress sovereign power over the territories of the United States for their government."

CORN AT A HIGH PRICE.

Attention is being called to the advance in the price of corn and the general strength of price for this cereal. It reached 42 cents per bushel in May option in Chicago Thursday, the it declined later as the result of heavy selling. Yet there is reason for believing a high price will be maintained and that the speculators at leading centers will aim to make the most of it. It will also stimulate the growing of corn. A Minneapolis commission house has issued a circular to its friends and customers in the northwest, in which it takes the position that corn is bound to advance until it reaches a point where it will stimulate a much larger movement from first hands. It holds that corn is worth 50 cents a bushel to feed to hogs and steers; that every corn-consuming industry in the land is running at full capacity, so there is nothing in the present price to check the demand in that direction; that our farm reserves are less in proportion to our requirements than in 1891, when corn sold at 75 cents a bushel. Additional reasons for believing in higher prices for this cereal are thus succinctly stated: "Because our secondary stocks in country elevators and cribs are the smallest in years, fully 150,000,000 less than last year. Because our visible supply is small, 13,000,000 less than last year, and a large proportion already sold for export. Because stocks at lake ports and in the hands of eastern dealers are the smallest in five years. Because the amount on ocean passage is only 5,000,000 bushels, 6,000,000 less than last year. Because stocks in the united kingdom and on the continent are very small, less than 500,000 in Liverpool—not one week's consumption. Because the consumptive demand in this country and abroad is the largest ever known and the natural growth of unprecedented business activity; we have no competition in the markets of the world, the Danubian and Argentine crops being complete failures. Because we are in an area of intense speculative activity and the same forces that have advanced the price of stocks, carried cotton to almost 19 cents a pound and pork to \$12 a barrel, will most certainly recognize the conditions existing in corn and carry it to proportionately higher prices."

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

"It cost a Chicago young woman \$3 to masquerade in male attire the other day. She only did it because she was dared." Chicago policemen are not the greatest sleuths in the world, but there are some cases which even they can "figure out"—handsome young women in male attire are easy," says the Sioux City Tribune. The Audubon Republican declares that "When the Chicago papers refer to themselves and lift up their voices against him, we may be sure that something is wrong, but the wrong is mostly with themselves. They are run for commercial purposes and what they advocate to quite a large extent depends on the tip they receive." "The G. O. P. is not quarreling with the spring elections," remarks the Burlington Hawkeye. The Sac Sun thinks "Admiral Dewey evidently has not seen the end of troubles from the marriage of a vain and ambitious woman." The Clarksville Star observes that "Boles has not been down east lately telling that corn is raised at a loss in Iowa."

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believes that "when an officer finds it necessary to go into print to defend his official action it is a pretty sure sign of a demagogue."

"There is one thing certain, no man can beat William McKinley for re-election to the presidency," declares the Okaloosa Herald.

The Tama Free Press thinks "it would not be a bit surprising if Herriott turned up a full-fledged populist."

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LOOKER-ON IN IOWA

For the Times-Republican. Armstrong, April 6.—Unquestionably the published letters of the Iowa congressman and Senator Gear, in the Iowa dailies on the Porto Rican question, have resulted in a reaction of opinion, on the part of many Iowa republican voters. This largely from a class of readers of the papers who form opinions more from headlines than from more reading on any subject. Add to this the other class who know beforehand that any action of republican congressman is bound to be right, i. e., "the king can do no wrong," men who are willing to admit in advance that our congressmen know more about national questions than members of the Iowa legislature, and it is now a fair statement that at least half of our republican voters will be satisfied if the 15 per cent duty becomes a law. The debate in the United States senate has been read, and De-De-De's and Spooner's speeches also have been read, many who heretofore opposed such duty against Porto Rico, more than any one factor in producing such a change of sentiment, is the reiteration that such duty is only temporary.

And in the minds of many this "temporary" clause begs the whole question. If by such a limit it is admitted that "our plain duty" commences in 1902, well and good. Then the only difference between the Iowa congressman and his constituents is the when? This latter phase of the question is only a question of policy. One thing this debate and these published letters of our congressman have brought out more clearly and that is where the military representative, the military government of Porto Rico. And some of these men conceding the power of congress to be absolute in all matters concerning the government of Porto Rico. Still clinging to the idea that Porto Rico is entitled to free trade with the United States, and say that congress should enact a law at once giving them such free trade. Such men quote freely from McKinley's message, and say that now is the time to act. That this question has a tremendous hold on the people is shown by the continued discussion of the subject by all classes. At no time during the past 15 years have our Iowa delegates in congress been as far away from the people as during the past 30 days.

Before this is in print the five-mile limit law will be killed. Some jealous friends of the university have claimed that Iowa City was no worse or better than other southern towns, and have taken the Looker-On to task for publishing statements of men who have personally investigated the conditions of affairs in that college town. Before the vote came up in the house the following dispatch, dated April 2, was sent out. It comes under the head of news: "Mayor Stahm is determined to stop the wholesale violators of the ordinance for selling liquor illegally on election day. The fine and costs (\$52.85) were paid. James Grady and James Lodge were arraigned for selling liquor on Sunday and on pleading guilty were fined \$50 and costs, making \$122.85 in all. Charles Schwinn was also arrested Thursday morning for Sunday opening but no hearing was held, as one of the witnesses for the prosecution is out of town. The trial is set for next Tuesday. In the open court yesterday morning the mayor instructed the city officers to arrest all persons found in saloons after 10 o'clock at night. They will be placed in jail and tried the next morning under the city ordinance. Instructions were also given to stop all sales after the hours set close. The mayor is fully determined to stop the arrogant violation of the law."

When the delegation of prominent citizens of Iowa City, visited Des Moines to influence members of the legislature against the five-mile limit law, did they mention that liquor was sold on election day, that saloons were open on Sunday, that traveling man living in Iowa City were "looker-on" that all saloons were closed promptly at 10 o'clock. The mayor is evidently on a false clue?

Perhaps the writer "runs onto" more of the dry goods boys' orators than there are. Certainly he has been made tired, very tired many times by their eloquence. For this opinion travels down to the depot to see the cars come in, and an interview enlightens us on the money and expansion question. Just now the trust is the uppermost question, and the Iowa populist is onto his job. But the writer is also willing to do something in this line. The next time he opens up in the depot ask him if he agrees with this. An excited populist editor says: "The octopus is becoming alarmed and desperate. It has burned its bridges behind it, and having allowed its hand to be bound it has no chance until it has been forced to shed its sheep's clothing and retire into its hole. There is one thing the octopus hasn't done yet. It hasn't mixed any metaphors."

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