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NEWS BUTCHERS AND LITERATURE

If the stock of literature displayed and sold by news butchers on the trains is to be accepted as typical and adapted to the taste of the traveling public, then public taste "needs fixing."

The boy's own literary taste is not to be held responsible. He carries the books that sell best. The big company which supplies him with his literary wares is watchful of the public demand.

There is prevalent a marked and unhealthy craving for the trashy and vicious. Perhaps the newspaper stories of criminal climaxes are in a measure blamable for the vogue of "Harry Tracy" and its congeners.

Much of the trash sold on the trains is absolutely vicious and demoralizing. It is foolish and filthy and carries contamination. It teaches a lesson of loose morality and is a condonation of crime.

A VICTORY FOR FAIR PLAY

The settlement of the Chicago street railway strike in favor of the company on almost every important point, coming at a time when retrenchment seems to be the watch-word all along the lines of commercial forces, may be looked upon as the turning point in the present era of labor union excesses.

The question of wages will go to arbitration on the basis of the scale paid in other cities. The workmen were willing to arbitrate an increase but refused to arbitrate on any basis that made a reduction possible.

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related, guaranteed price; you direct my labor and make a profit on it if you can. If the employer can not direct that labor he is denied the opportunity of making it earn more than said workman could earn for himself and it is to be presumed that the laborer's price is equal to what he could earn for himself, hence the employer under the union demand is denied his margin of profit by the very stipulations of the contract.

The company, likewise, wins on its contention for an open shop. One year ago, it is not likely, this point could have been carried, but, as the labor question is studied, it is apparent that, as between private employers and workmen's organizations, the closed shop is a matter of contract.

The right of the union to be heard in the matter of routing cars was a just one only in-so-far as the routing affected their comfort and wages. The company contended for the right to manage its own business and to do its own routing and won.

There is sufficient cause for thankfulness today. The country in general may offer thanks for the best crop of a decade, for the continuance of business prosperity and the hope which present conditions offer to the future.

If each individual were to count his causes for thankfulness perhaps the first thought would be gratefulness for life and health and comfort in the home holiday. It centers in the life of the family. It is essentially human.

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TOPICS OF THE TIMES

Manchuria, according to the London Contemporary Review, has already cost Russia \$300,000,000, with a better chance of a further outlay of an equal amount than of dividends on the investment at large.

Miss Vera Goldstein, of Victoria, is about to test the right of women to sit in the Australian parliament by offering herself as a candidate. She is remembered in this country as the Australian delegate to the woman's suffrage convention in Washington last year.

"To settle a bet," said the visitor, "how long can a man go without food?" "Ask the man over there," said the snake editor.

It is a queer state of things, indeed, that confronts the parents of Philadelphia. With 1,944 children on "part time" and 2,029 in "double classes," there are 159 unoccupied schoolrooms in the city.

Ottumwa is in extreme danger of losing her water supply. The high water that flooded the city and did untold damage to property last fall also changed the course of the Des Moines river at that point, leaving the water station on a little bayou in place of on the main channel.

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The London Mail relates an exciting incident which occurred in connection with a meet of the Belvoir Hounds at Newtonham. A fox was pressed so closely that he endeavored to cheat his pursuers by entering the grounds of a neighboring farmhouse.

All good advertising is educational, says Printer's Ink. It is unfortunate that there is not more good advertising. Men who read ponder over what they read. If one's advertisement may not attract the reader to his place of business, it may take him to another.

OUTSIDE POINT OF VIEW

The Modern Magazine, and its Readers. Some one once compared an old saying into "show me the newspaper, a man reads, and I'll show you the man. This may have been true at one time, but today, with the universal acceptance of all kinds of news and commentary, this is no longer true.

day it has evidently reached its old time prosperity, and this brings out the point of this screed. Magazines have to and do cater to a certain class of readers, and time shows they can only increase the number of their subscribers inside of that class.

The boys and girls are now at school who may some day see the industrial development of the old south surpass that of the old north—the textile factories of New England, New York and New Jersey and the iron works of Pennsylvania eclipsed by those of the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

The modern magazine publisher, very much like the modern hotel, keeper, knows that he cannot feed everybody. So the mental purveyor offers a hungry public the kind of food he thinks they prefer, that is, he offers to a certain class the kind of mental food he thinks they want.

IOWA OPINIONS AND NOTES

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The ship subsidy question comes up in the Waterloo Courier columns as follows: "That Great Britain should propose to abandon ship subsidies will be a severe blow to the contention of those who maintain that American merchant marine can only be re-established with the aid of subsidies."

The Burlington Gazette, dem., charges it all up to strenuously. "This strenuous," it asserts, "can not permeate the whole nation without many ambitious citizens letting go of a strictly moral accountability in the race for wealth and for distinction in public affairs."

The Dubuque Times remarks as a matter of course that "the democracy is reliably 'again the government.' It defends the right of suffrage during the civil war and denies it in the case of Panama. In the case of the Philippines it denies our right to govern another people without their consent, but it insists on the right of Colombia to govern the Panamanians without their consent."

THE PUMPKIN VINE

The Chicago and Northwestern railway has a piece of track running from Belle Plaine, Ill., to Muehsknock, in the coal fields near Oskaloosa. It is by all odds the crookedest railroad in the state—possibly in the United States.

THE LIQUOR QUESTION

As a boy, the writer remembers going home from school and passing by the open door of the open saloon. In summer the fumes of beer floated in the water, crowds of men and boys toasted their shanks by the big stove

in front of the bar, while the wives and mothers huddled over a dilapidated old cook stove, half frozen. We can remember passing by the open saloon when going home from school and seeing the knock-down and drag-outs, and men lying beastly drunk in the back alleys with great swarms of flies hovering beautifully over open mouths.

Under high license, the drug stores sold to the "lones"—those who did not want to be seen in a saloon. When the prohibition came, part of the liquor patronage of the saloon went to the bootlegger, and part stopped drinking.

THE HUNTING SEASON



"Ah, a turkey or a goose!"



"Nope. Here it is."

can offer the class that enjoys such food "a square meal" at a low price, and the magazine publisher prescribes along exactly the same lines. Some of our modern magazines are all pork and beans. Another publisher caters to a class that want their mental "game"—want it is near prostitution as can be handled and held together.

Another class of magazines cater entirely to the Bertha M. Clay and the Duchess style of admirers. At the risk of personal trouble the writer calls them the sweet girl graduates' consolation. The kind of magazines our daughters desire before they are married, and an inherited taste on the feminine side of the house.

It is always pleasant to dissent, and a controversy is the breath of life, but in this instance one finds it hard either to dissent or to controvert unless it is the statement that Hamlin Garland is an Octave Thane.

IOWA AND AUTHORSHIP

The Keokuk Standard and the Marshalltown Times-Republican have been discussing Iowa authors, who they are and why the state does not produce more of them. Octave Thane and Hamlin Garland are drawn into the discussion, as about the brightest lights in the literary horizon of this state.

Why then, brethren of the press, be so distressed over Iowa's lack of progress in this respect. When America does speak to the world the speaker is apt to come from these productive prairies, instinct with the energy of reproduction, sweetened by the

winds of the south, and purified by the winds that blow from the northwest, as from any other part of the country. The Marshalltown paper is mistaken when it says that the Iowa author must go abroad for the mighty inspiration of mountains and primeval forests.

THEATER BAGS

Nothing is a more acceptable present than a theater bag made of hold fast, opera glasses, scent bottle and handkerchief. In choosing materials for a theater bag you must bear in mind the worldly circumstances of the recipient, and if the theater bag will be carried in and out of trains and trolley cars select something that does not easily soil and lose its pristine freshness.



A USEFUL THEATER BAG

contrasting color in oriental satin. It is joined up the sides and lower edges. The distinctive touch consists in cutting the top into tabs, turned under to form loops. A number of rings half an inch in diameter are sewed below the tabs, and ribbon or cord is run through them to draw the bag by.

An exceedingly dainty bag is one in the rosiest shade of pink satin embroidered with a design of yellow clusters of roses. It is lined with primrose silk, but the top, instead of being split into tabs, is turned down and hemmed.

Some smart bags have part of the center of the pattern cut away, allowing the lining to be seen, and the raw edges outlined in gold Japanese thread. Pretty pieces of Japanese embroideries, now covered fashionably, make effective frills if inserted of oyster white satin are mixed with the embroidery strips.

A Runaway Bicycle

Terminated with an ugly cut on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill., developed a stubborn ulcer, unyielding to doctors and remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it. It's just as good for burns, scalds, skin eruptions and piles. Twenty-five cents at George P. Powers' drug store.

A Good Name

From personal experience I testify that Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers are rightly named, because they give strength and energy and do their work with ease. W. T. Easton, Boerne, Tex. Thousands of people are using these little pills in preference to all other pills, because they are so pleasant and effective. They cure biliousness, torpid liver, jaundice, sick headache, constipation, etc. They do not purge and weaken, but cleanse and strengthen. Sold by all druggists.

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THE ITCH KING OF THE BLOOD?

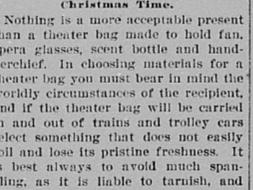
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If You Have Any of the Following Symptoms Send Your Name and Address Today.

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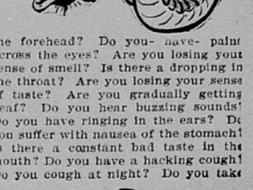
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