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McCLEARY DISCOVERS SOMETHING.

In a series of debates with his democratic opponent in his Minnesota district, Congressman McCleary has contributed to politics an edifying example of representative government.

"As I said at Fairmont, in the first of these debates, I recognize the right of the people of a district to instruct their representatives in congress on any subject on which they have reached a conclusion. Having interviewed representative republicans in every county in this district, I am in a position now to declare myself on the speakership part of the next national house of representatives. And this closing debate of the series seems an appropriate occasion for making the announcement.

"I am under no obligations whatsoever to vote for Mr. Cannon as speaker of the house of representatives in the next congress. I find that the sentiment of the republicans of this district is against his re-election to that office. And, feeling it my duty to carry out the wishes of the people, I now declare that if elected to congress I shall not support Mr. Cannon for speaker."

CULBERTSON--LEADING CITIZEN.

The case of Banker Culbertson offers its lesson to all men of business. He was one of the big men of the town, the president of the First National bank. His home was the home of elegance, the big house in the town. His wife a social leader, other men thought that county went to Culbertson for business advice. They once sent him to the legislature. They all respected him and honored him, every day in the deference they showed him when meeting casually as business men do.

"What would Lincoln do?" asks the Dubuque Telegraph-Herald. The chances are that he would grab a club and show those standpat republicans where to head in.

"They say Governor Hughes is not a politician," remarks the Cedar Rapids Gazette. "And it is true that he isn't. The governor's a statesman," asserts the Sioux City Tribune.

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always replies, "That looks good and twenty-five years ago it might have interested me, but if I should make a mistake at my age I could not begin all over again and make another fortune. I'll just let the farm keep on working for me. It's a sure thing," and he borrows no trouble. He ought to live until he's a hundred. The man who grinds at his business until sickness carries him away or the man at 60 who wades into some scheme up to his neck and then over his head, both become failures in life even before they are wrecked financially.

The case of Culbertson can be read with profit in every town in Iowa for his prototype is there going to and from his meals three times a day just as the creator had put him in that tread mill when he organized the universe.

THE HOD CARRIER WAS MISSING.

In the course of the last twenty-four hours a Times-Republican man has been casually approached by two building contractors with almost the identical complaint that they can't get men to carry a hod. One spoke of conditions in Marshalltown, and the other, independently of the first, spoke of the troubles he had in another Iowa town where building had been active.

"I tell you," said the first man, "if our storekeepers would quit trusting so many men, more fellows would have to work. As it is, you and I, who pay our bills, have to pay the same price as other folks pay and the price is made high enough so that we make up when these loafers don't pay, then when I try to get a man to carry a hod I don't get him, see?"

And this employer was speaking in real earnest for the building season is closing, and he is being pressed to get work finished.

It is not likely that the custom of giving credit has a great deal to do with men refusing the common labor of carrying a hod, because even this much-abused and senseless custom among merchants has its limitations, and men who prefer to loaf rather than do hard work would soon get on the dead beat list if they did not have some woman in the family willing to rub out a poverty stricken existence at the wash tub. The trouble lies mostly in this much-boasted prosperity. Too many men do not have to carry a hod. They can get other and better jobs. And that led the newspaper man to look wide and observe that perhaps we three had better vote for Bryan and less prosperity. Having some building to do next year he thought that he might save \$1,000 on lower prices, but both contractors seemed to look upon that suggestion as a joke.

IOWA OPINIONS AND NOTES.

The Mason City Globe Gazette says: "All that Mr. Bryan needs is time in order to be able to answer all of his own arguments."

"The drop in hogs is the result of unfinished herds rushed to market to the advantage of the bull tactics of the packers. However, the feeder prefers 60-cent corn in the hand to an eight-cent hog in the bush."

"The Lacey campaign is in full swing," notes the Des Moines Capital. "And it might have added that we all know who are pushing the swing," rejoins the Sioux City Tribune.

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The Cherokee Times notes that "some narrow-minded sheeps are attempting to belittle the fact that Taft gave special honor to Cummins by saying it was to the office he holds down, not to the man, the honor was shown. This might do for Iowa, but it does not explain why Taft invited him to speak with him in other states. The fact is that Cummins and Taft are in accord on public questions, and therefore it was natural that he should elect Cummins rather than Lacey to expound those views."

Topics of the Times.

Half the libraries in Iowa were given by Andrew Carnegie. That's enough Mr. Carnegie. Try endowing hospitals for a change.

Virginia has adopted the electric chair. From late reports this method of execution comes pretty close to the kerosene plan so much favored in the south.

The bitter attack on John F. Riggs ought to make him friends. In school work at least Riggs is a progressive and school work is the duty of his office.

The Telegraph-Herald before election may yell "Governor White" until it is black in the face, but it will not be able to use the title after.

Really the constitution of Turkey is not so pressing just now as the price.

We bar the doors and close the shutters to. And think that we are safe from prying eyes? Then thru a crack we peep to criticize.

And are displeased by what our neighbors do? But let us smile and whisper as they pass. To think we do not know our house is glass!

According to the Catholic directory for 1908, there are 13,377,426 Catholics in the United States. These figures represent a gain of 788,073 for the last year. . . . New York leads all the states with a Catholic population of 2,650,000. Then come Illinois with 1,468,644 Catholics; Pennsylvania with 1,404,604; Massachusetts with 1,213,121, and Ohio with 619,029.

Births among the Japanese in Hawaii during the fiscal year ended June 30 outnumbered those of all other nationalities in the territory combined, according to statistics issued by the territorial boards of health. Perhaps this is the plan they have taken to raise the revolution of which Captain Hobson warns.

Cannon's friends blame Roosevelt for the speaker's troubles in his home district. Roosevelt can well afford to accept the responsibility. It is only part of the blame that is properly placed, which has been showered on the president.

A Pittsburg man called his affinity to the phone and shot himself in her hearing. If all dealings with affinities were conducted by long distance phone he might have been saved the trouble and discomfort of suicide.

The king of Italy is to give Steve Elkins' daughter, Duchess of Abruzzi, diamonds worth \$100,000. But from all accounts of the girl Italy will have the best of it thus leaving out of consideration the bonus of old Steve's railroads and coal mines.

Of course Lacey headquarters had to break out and circulate a slander on Governor Cummins. The hired man personnel of the press bureau however throws the odium back on Lacey. What orders did he issue?

John Mitchell, the wisest of labor chiefs and one who has secured most for the interests he represents, denies statements of a circular containing an alleged interview with him, and says his understanding of the policy of organized labor is not politically partisan but friendly towards all who are friendly. It is an excellent plan to listen to John Mitchell. He is not a "big chief" but an earnest and acknowledgedly honest man with brains and the good of organized labor in mind.

Just as likely as not when a man has won success by hard work and ability and gained the entree to swell society, it all turns to ashes in the mouth, because he can't dance and hasn't learned bridge.

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The work Governor Cummins is doing for the state ticket in this campaign should shame some of those who have been calling him a democrat in times past.

The traveling man who looks forward to big orders next year because stocks are so low now, should remember one thing and that is that a vote for Taft is a vote for restoration of business confidence. Why take chances?

To elect Congressman Smith speaker of the house in place of Cannon is all right. He has not raised his voice loud enough in protest against Cannon to suit many of us but all men do not have the nerve of reformers and anyway, the defeat of Cannon would make the success of Smith or any other good man quite probable.

For five or six years the T-R has been the only newspaper in Iowa giving its readers pages eight columns wide, but now one of the Des Moines dailies has followed suit and is making noise enough about it to celebrate the discovery of America.

When a man travels 100 miles for \$2 he can just credit Cummins in Iowa for \$1 and remember his obligation to ask for the separate senatorial ballot on election day.

If a man was out of work he might vote for Bryan at no risk because he would have nothing to lose but even then he would be closing the doors of

opportunity to get work. The man with a job, however, should take no chances. There are worse things than high prices.

Young man, ask your merchant friend, your closest personal adviser who has had business experience before you decide to vote for democratic candidates. His judgment is as good on the present issue as it is upon the investment of money.

Iowa Newspapers

MINISTERS' SONS GOOD.

A Des Moines newspaper last Sunday discussed the morality and tendencies of ministers' sons. The idea prevails that such youth are predisposed to go to the bad. There is no reason for such a conclusion. A distinguished bishop of England once investigated this idea from the reverse standpoint. He took the names of 2-135 persons named in a national biographic library as distinguished men of these he found 350 were sons of physicians, 500 were attorney's boys, and 1,250 came from the homes of clergymen. The latter (the clergymen) were undoubtedly fewer in numbers than the attorney's perhaps were equaled by the physicians.

THE LAW IN CARROLL.

The saloonkeepers who kept their places open on the Fourth of July have not been indicted by the grand jury just adjourned. They will be learned with distinct feelings of disappointment by people who believe that saloonkeepers as well as other law breakers should be punished for crime. But as a practical question it has never been possible to induce a Carroll county grand jury to return an indictment against violators of the liquor law, and the grand juries have had final consideration in these cases. In our opinion, no exception should be made and violators of liquor laws should be punished just the same as violators of any other law against crime.

A TUMBLE WEED.

It was only a tumble weed that rolled down Frederick street Monday morning, propelled by the wind, but it recalled to several bystanders that thirty or forty years ago, when they were barefoot boys with cheeks of wax, and many a tumble weed would skid down the street across the prairie, and when they came to a fence the place would soon fill up till the wind would level with the top, when over the weeds that followed would go to continue before the wind. To the boy the weeds had a sort of fascination, and many a boy recalls racing with them across an eighty. With cultivation of the land they are not as common as they were in pioneer days, and in town are almost a curiosity.

CEDAR RAPIDS WOMEN SWEAR?

"(Cedar Rapids Republican.) "Some how or other it seems to me that women are learning to swear," said a traveling man. "Women that would scorn to do anything that would reflect on their honor think nothing of ripping out an oath that would shock even a man. While I am speaking of it, to my mind it seems to me that women are learning to swear in a small town in Wisconsin some weeks ago and another commercial traveler gave it as his opinion that the ladies are learning to swear from the stronger sex. At any rate it is a shame that woman is coming to a point where she will degrade herself by using blasphemous language."

CUMMINS AND LACEY.

Let it be remembered that at the coming election there will be a supplemental ballot to the regular ticket. It will be for the choice of a United States senator to fill the Allison vacancy. One wing of the party has chosen Governor Cummins, and the other—the so-called standpat wing—has chosen ex-Congressman Lacey. Every republican is invited, we urged, to vote for one or the other. At the June primary the candidates were Allison and Cummins, and the vote of the people was in a total vote of more than 200,000. In this county a round majority was given to Governor Cummins. We think this majority should be doubled. Lacey is a reputable and a worthy candidate; but he is a veteran in years—sixty-seven last May. He had enjoyed several terms when his district dropped him out in 1906. Governor Cummins represents the progressive element in the republican ranks of Iowa, and will be more heartily in sympathy with the idea of revising the tariff, to which the party has pledged itself in its national platform of this year.

LACEY'S CAMPAIGN METHODS.

Major Lacey's campaign for the senate has already fallen to its proper level. Already he is making use of the methods of intonation and false suggestion to accomplish his purposes. His literary bureau is busy sending broadcast over the state printed matter setting forth that he is the "republican candidate" for the senate. Support is asked for him on the ground that he is the "republican candidate."

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done in Iowa and the nation in the past four years should have taught him something, but that would be to ignore the fact that the true bourbon never learns and never forgets. Major Lacey is a typical standpatter and the methods he uses are typical of the interests he serves.

THE IMMORTAL SPELLBINDER.

The usual editorials which appear in quiet campaigns concerning the decline of interest in political oratory and the disappearance of the stump speaker are rather more numerous than usual this year, and as usual are based on a failure to remember the past or to comprehend the present. There never was a time in the history of the country when people turned out to hear political speakers better than in 1896, which was only twelve years ago, and to come closer home Dan Hamilton's speaking campaign in the sixth district two years ago made him many hundreds of votes. People read much more than formerly and do more independent thinking and they will not turn out to hear questions in which they have no interest, discussed by men in whom they have no faith. They pass away only with free speech and free government. Bryan, Dolliver, Kendall, Cummins, San Jones and Billy Sunday all prove that oratory is still effective. There has never been a time in the history of the country when a larger proportion of it, prominent public men, were effective public speakers.

JUST TWO STORIES.

Once upon a time there was a man. And that man lived in Grinnell. And he had lots of money but no friends. One day another man spoke to him about making friends and he replied: "I don't need friends; I've got lots of friends and he had no friends. Moral—But what's the use of pointing the moral—it's too easy."

Then there was another man. He might have lived in Grinnell, but he didn't happen to. He didn't have so much money, but he had lots of people who called themselves his friends. That was while he spent his money on them. And one day a real friend took him to task for throwing his money around so freely when he really didn't have so very much. "What's the difference? I've got lots of friends who will take care of me if anything should happen." And one day he lost his money. He also lost his "friends" the same day. And last week they buried him at the public expense.

Moral—But what's the use? It's too late for the moral to do any good for old people, and young people know too much to profit by other men's experience.

FOOT BALL NOT YET SAFE.

An Iowa young man who participated in a high school football game last Saturday, died as a result of over-exertion. This one more is added to the list of fatalities of the strenuous game. The football season is yet very young—barely a month has elapsed since the season—and yet there have been several fatalities, and scores of players have been more or less seriously crippled. Either football ought to be abandoned altogether, in the opinion of a great many people, or at least only those young men who are physical giants ought to be permitted to participate in the game.

There is an element of danger in all games. In the course of a season not a few base ball players are injured; occasionally a base ball player meets death; but the percentage of injured participants in base ball games is very small in comparison to the number injured in football. The game of base ball is safe and sane compared to the game of football as now played.

We were assured a few years ago that football had been debilitated; the players had been rendered less able to injure or be injured by the adoption of which players and public would applaud. But if there is a smaller percentage of casualties, the public does not know about it.

Athletics are a necessary part of the life of school at a college, but football as at present played, hardly seems necessary. The greater percentage of the people would undoubtedly be pleased if the game could be really debilitated or a substitute of some kind provided.

OLD DOC MCCOY.

"(Reminiscences in Centerville Citizen.) "Doc McCoy had the respect of all small boys. On one occasion, a boy by the name of Hilleker, Strickler, Ewing or Overstreet, was very ill. The boy might become "an angel." The gang of which I was one, had never seen a boy about to become angelic and we went to the house and were admitted. I remember the house fronted north and that there was an east window. The bed upon which lay the "embody-angel" lay in the southwest corner of the room and a door opened on the east wall to another room. Us kids all stood at the foot of the bed, looking at the pale, wan and weary sufferer, whose eyes were the biggest part of him in sight and as we stood there, Doc McCoy came and the boy's mother came in and said, "Willie won't take the medicine," and Willie, in duty bound to show off before us "kids," said, "I'll be dogoned, if I take any more stuff." Old Doc, in the mildest tone imaginable, said: "If mamma will get me a glass of water and a spoon, I think Willie will take it for me." Willie rose up in bed and said, "No, I won't." Old Doc smiled a smile and said, "Oh yes you will!"

The water and spoon were obtained and Doc mixed a dose of some kind of white powder and stirred it up with the spoon and then asked the "mamma" to leave the room and he thought Willie would take it better if she left the room. The mother left the room and then to our surprise and consternation, Old Doc pulled an old-fashioned disk knife out of his pocket. It was about an inch wide and about six inches long. It had a spring in the back of it and he set the spring and opened the blade, which looked fiercer than a butcher knife. He then approached the bed and said to Willie, in a very different tone of voice than that he used to the mother, "Now then, you little devil, do you suppose that my reputation as a doctor is to suffer because you won't take the medicine? You sit up in bed and take this medicine, or I will cut out your gizzard right before these boys." We were all scared. We all

HAPPY HAYFEVERITES.



Berryman in Washington Star.

stood there like statues but Willie raised up and gulped down the medicine at one gulp and old Doc opened the door and said, in a soft voice, "Mamma, Willie has taken the medicine." From that day, Old Doc went up in our respect, like mercury in a thermometer, placed in hot water. Old Doc was a never failing source of local interest. Each day brought out some new phase of his character and I can only give the more prominent incidents in his life, as I recall them. Taking the north half of the west side as to its incidents, I will commence with old Doc McCoy's corner. The old doctor was an old dandy. He was a taxicologist in some respect and practiced on dogs and cats. I recall one beautiful summer afternoon, when Spurge Spooner and I were "kids" and time was hanging very heavy on our hands, we passed by old Doc's home and in front of the window sat old Doc with his watch in his hand and a few feet away was a little yellow pup, in great agony. Spurge and I did not note any particular relation between the doctor's watch and the dog and simply from that unborn curiosity that exists in the mind, heart and gizzard of all normal "kids," we looked at that dog, which had become quiet and we wondered if he was dead, or only in a cataleptic condition or a moribund state. So we "kicked him a few," to see what he would do. He rolled his eyes like a dying calf and raised up, even two or three feet and fell over dead, an extinct canine, a deceased dog, a four-legged cadaver. As the dog fell, old Doc raised, and then our hair raised. I can not remember all that was said, except in a general way, we were informed that that dog was worth \$100 and we killed him, but out of compassion and consideration, respect and esteem he had for our parents, he would overlook it. We were charmed, captivated by his mercy and leniency, but the end was not yet. We were, thereafter, called upon on "divers and sundry occasions" by Doc to bury other dogs' high priced dogs that had died at his house or barn, all of which we did, until one day, "Bob Glenn" got hold of one story and told my father about it and then Doc McCoy had to hunt up another "pup-undertaker." As to the number of cats and dogs we officiated as undertakers for, I have lost count, but I am sure it was a hundred.

What Democrats Say.

The true worth of a man can best be judged when his friends are giving their opinions of him candidly. Before he became the party nominee the New York Staats Zeitung, the newspaper owned by Hermann Ridder, now treasurer of the democratic campaign fund, said of Mr. Bryan: "I shall vote for Mr. Taft because I believe his election will insure prosperity to the farmer, the mechanic, the business man and to the country generally." "He is a wise, safe, conservative and courageous thinker on economic questions affecting the people and the public welfare." "He has had large and responsible experience in public affairs and has discharged his many important public duties well, faithfully, and patriotically with repeated proofs of his great administrative ability." "He is a strong, forceful, straightforward man, direct and frank in speech and act and without subterfuge or evasion. He is a man of the people, full of sympathy for his fellowmen, having devoted to the best development of this country on just and fair lines that shall insure everyone his just and fair proportion of this country's prosperity." "The country needs Mr. Taft to carry on the Roosevelt policies on calm, thoughtful, conservative but positive lines, unimpeded only by what he believes to be for the best and permanent good of the people and the maintenance of this government upon a righteous, upright and dignified plane." "I have great respect for Mr. Bryan's personal character and patriotism and as a public speaker he has few, if any, equals, but I regard him as an unsound and dangerous thinker on economic questions. Unsound because his public utterances for the last twelve years or more prove it. Dangerous because he has the courage of his convictions, and has a wonderful spell-binding oratorical power in advocating and advancing his views, but no position he has taken on economic questions for the last twelve years (unless it be the tariff and on this he has wobbled some) has stood the test of time, thought and investigation and one by one they have been repudiated by the people of this country as unsound and dangerous to their best interests.

Henry Watterson, in the Louisville Courier-Journal of Feb. 24, 1908, also contributes to that literature in which the democratic candidate is condemned by the big men of his own party. Mr. Watterson is in charge of the democratic campaign press work but then he wrote: "As one of the guilty in 1896, the not in 1900. I am so sensible of my lack of desert that, whilst in the coming campaign I shall labor to elect him, I shall not expect any other than negative results from his advent to power, nor dream of crossing his threshold after his election."

Just before Mr. Bryan's return last summer and his bad break at Madison Square garden, Mr. John G. Carlisle said to me "I know Mr. Bryan—I know him well—I like him, but he has no more idea of the responsibilities of government than a child."

A Banker Fears Business Disturbance. Frank H. Jones, secretary of the American Trust and Savings bank of Chicago, who served under President Cleveland for four years as first assistant postmaster general, and who has been identified with the democratic party for thirty years, has declared

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER. A Pure, Wholesome, Reliable Cream of Tartar Baking Powder. The cream of tartar used in Dr. Price's Baking Powder is derived from grapes in the exact form and composition in which it occurs in that luscious, healthful fruit. Improves the Flavor and Adds To the Healthfulness of the Food. Its Use a Protection and a Guarantee Against Alum Food.