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TOD MUCH MAUDLIN SENTIMENT.

There is far too much of maudlin sentiment indulged over the question as to whether we should endorse the president or Iowa's two senators. If we are men of mature judgment we should meet in our county conventions and say what we think. If we think that the two senators have represented our views as to what constitutes good public policy and good republicanism we should say so. There will be no discourtesy to the president or to anybody else. What is a political party, anyway? Is it something that should be worshipped as a fetish regardless of purposes or is it an organization of men perfected to accomplish what those men believe to be right? If it is the latter, then it behooves men to begin in their county conventions to state boldly what their views are. It then becomes the duty of county delegations to appear in a state convention and state boldly what the majority of republicans in their county think. And then it becomes the duty of the state convention to state boldly what a majority of the republicans as represented by a majority of the counties think. In this way the president and leader of the whole party in the nation may know what the republicans of Iowa think. He is entitled to know and it may be assumed that he will try to lead in the direction in which a majority of the republicans in a majority of the states wish to go.

It is silly to argue that because a president or a senator goes one way that he is entitled to the blind support or endorsement of a state convention. He is entitled to nothing of the kind per se. He is entitled only to know what a majority of his party think. If he has been in harmony with the majority at home he has guessed right. If he has not been in such harmony why should a majority of the republicans of his party in the state stultify themselves by saying that black is white?

Party doctrines or rather party platforms should come from the voters up to the leaders and not be swallowed whole by the voters because such platforms might have come down to the voters from the leaders.

The policies of the party for the next national campaign are now in the formative price. If Iowa has an idea of its own as to what the republican party in the nation should stand for, this is the year she should tell what it is. Pennsylvania will be there with her voice raised all right and Pennsylvania will run the whole show unless Iowa and the other middle western states have nerve enough to speak their own minds thru their party conventions.

THE "AG" BOY.

A husky, keen faced and intelligent boy was talking with one of the editors the other day. In the course of conversation it came up that he was home over Sunday from college; that the school is Ames; that he is taking the "Ag" there. It developed further that he didn't see anything quite as good and with quite as certain "possibilities" in any course as in the "Ag." He is getting ready to "farm" for himself and farm, right. But if he desired to work for a salary he saw numberless opportunities. The college is unable to furnish the men called for. One fellow had just gone to take charge of a 600 acre farm in southern Iowa at a \$1,500 salary. There isn't any seeking for a good job; the good job is jumping sidewise looking for the young man whose training and common sense and business capacity and anxiety to do something fit him to handle another man's business. This big boy looked out of level eyes, strong, self reliant at the future. And only a few months ago he came out of the high school wondering what this outside world was like. The "Ag" course has its sure cer-

tainities, not possibilities. The question of possibilities isn't in the course but in the boy. He is "it." There are good jobs innumerable waiting and waiting for him. If he hasn't money to start farming for himself the man who has money will be glad to divide profits with him. He has the surest investment in what he knows. And if he can start for himself there is nothing more to say but plenty to do. The "Ag" boy is a sure winner if he is worth training.

And the "Ag" course seems to be such a sure developer. The "Ag" boy works with things and not with abstractions. All he handles is concrete. His is applied science. He takes the world apart and looks at the works. He gains immediate understanding of how life is adjusted. He is in immediate touch with the springs of life and its activities. He gets reasons as he goes along. Live, certain reasons for the existence of things and their purposes. And he grows. His look levels. He faces things because he knows things and how to meet and handle them and knows he can handle them. The "Ag" student develops self reliance early.

AS TO "WABBLING."

As as the wabbling of the Iowa congressmen who were quoted by a Washington correspondent as "wabbling" it develops that the wabbling was in the correspondent's mind. There wasn't any among the congressmen who were expected by Iowa to vote with Iowa against Joe Cannon and the Cannon autocracy.

It would appear that injustice has without intention been done these congressmen who voted for the deposition of Cannon from the rules committee. It is learned that they feel hurt over the imputation and it is evident in the light of history that they have cause to feel that they were set in a false light. The fact appears to be that the Iowa insurgents never weakened in their support of the Norris resolution. But they must comfort themselves with the reflection that the correspondents were anxious, that they were seeing with eyes keen for signs of strength and weakness and that the result was in doubt. It is due to the correspondent and the Iowa newspaper which printed his telegram to consider that their anxiety for the result is their best excuse and that in times of stress things are said and done which in calmer time would have fallen of doing and of saying.

It seems that the Iowa insurgents at all times stood firm. Some of them cared less for the fashion in which the result was to be brought about than others, perhaps, but the objective of all was common; whether by capitulation or by vote, the purpose was the elimination of the Cannon czarship.

It is a good hearing. The job was done, the result accomplished. Let it be written that there was no "wabbling." And send the country such another day and keep us here to see. Those who did not know how to weaken were Good, and Pickett and Kendall and Woods and Haugen and Hubbard. Smith did not weaken either but he was fighting for the old autocracy, for the system of the special interests. So were Hull and Dawson and Kennedy.

Topics of the Times

Incidentally the price of golf balls is up 25 per cent and the farmer can't be blamed for that.

The \$11 hog is so common that anybody fries him for supper. Along in 1895 a peep at a \$11 hog would have been worth a \$5 bill if anyone had had that much money.

If Mary's little lamb had been worth \$10.00 on the market do you suppose it would have been following her to school or sailing to Chicago?

Greater Des Moines failed to get the lesser railroad rates.

Watch Teddy scatter bones and skins among universities like a successful duck hunter distributes the trophies of his skill.

If as the president says more team work is needed in congress how does the way the boys carried the ball to Cannon's goal suit him?

Mc Murdock didn't lead the big fight but he started it, and he stayed in it until the last crown was cracked. Always look for a redheaded man at both ends of trouble.

Uncle Joe may be "the same game old sport" but nobody has caught him trying new jig steps during the past week or two.

No one thought it would be so keenly disappointing to Uncle George of the Sioux City Journal to see the Iowa congressional delegation united.

Maybe it was in sympathy with the house insurgents that Mt. Etna got busy.

At this rate the dandelion can't be very far away. Get your implements sharpened.

Band concerts in the parks wouldn't seem out of place this freak March month.

Also, there is a chance for cleaning up the back yard earlier than usual.

They have been rechristening their fire horses in New York. "Jerry" became "Hanover," "Mike" was rechristened "Woodbine" "Bob" was

called "Blue Jeans," "Paddy" was turned into "Alvine," and "Chester" became "Arthur." Wonder what they would have done with a Teddy.

When graft got into the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's forty-nine story building, it naturally extended to those higher up.

Yes, but Teddy sent for Giff. How are you going to get around that?

An English suffragette touring America in the interest of the cause has been caught smoking cigars. Well, what of it?

Dr. Cook is now said to be penniless. And the worst of it for him is that he can never again "Mike" the public on the same game or any other. The doctor is all in.

A former Pittsburg alderman testified on the witness stand in that city the other day that he is now living on a farm. He must have made a good killing.

One of the bad features of the Pittsburg affair is to have it advertised all over the country that aldermen are so cheap.

Dr. Cook has a brother in the milk business in New York. So it seems to run in the family.

The Sioux City Journal has a new press. So, in some respects Uncle George has no quarrel with progress.

Nearly always women who want to vote live in states where they can't. And nearly always women who live in states where they can't don't want to. It's a badly ordered world, this of ours.

IOWA OPINIONS AND NOTES.

"If Iowa republicans are to desert the president, where will they go?" asks the Sioux City Journal, and the Register and Leader rejoins, "If Iowa republicans follow the president in his present erratic course, where will they land?"

"The fact that the republican state convention is to be held in August is not the only reason that it is likely to be a very warm affair," remarks the Manson Democrat.

The Glidden Graphic says: "The effort to use Roosevelt as a crutch infamy is not likely to prove successful. Among the fellows who are urging him to get into the game of insurment suppression are included several whom he knows to be enemies of reform in all its forms. He will not decide the matter fully until he has counted noses and determined to whom they belong. Inside the outlook office in New York he will learn some things which he will not get from Aldrich sources."

The Des Moines Tribune says that what Iowa needs is a revolution in state government. "The Iowa school system is absurd," the Tribune continues, "the road system is anything, worse, the detention system in many respects barbarous. The state fell into these ways back in pioneer times and has never had enough attention directed to them to force time to force a change." In this connection the Tribune suggests that Governor Carroll should add one member to the board of control, now that opportunity offers, who would in a sane and practical way get Iowa out of the ruts.

Congressman Jamieson says he favors a six-year term for members of the national house. "Yes," exclaims the Ida Grove Pioneer, "most of those who have their feet in the trough would vote to make the office a life term."

The Sioux City Journal has known all along that "Colonel Roosevelt" is quite capable of obeying a sudden impulse to send for Pinchot, without giving much thought to how it would look.

"Of course," says the Davenport Democrat, "we all know that the insurgents have been cutting up a lot of capers in congress. But the question is, are they really cutting any ice?"

"Nothing in John Cowie's career became him more than his resignation the other day from the board of control," says the Odebolt Chronicle. "It came late, but nevertheless it came; and the people of the state are to be congratulated. Judge Robinson should follow suit."

Iowa Newspapers

MABRAY'S SHORT SENTENCE. [Fort Dodge Messenger.]

Mabray, the sawyer who with his gang pulled hundreds of thousands of dollars out of his victims, will get two years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine. For a man of Mabray's reputation the disgrace of the penitentiary will not hurt and the \$10,000 fine isn't a drop in the bucket compared with the big profits he made by fraud. So he gets off easy. However, the public may feel about Mabray tho they will waste no sympathy on his victims. In every case they were induced to bet their money on a foot race or wrestling match under the belief that it was to be a crooked deal and they were to be allowed to win. They expected somebody else to be swindled. It was righteous retribution.

THE PASSING OF THE HORSE. [Chelsea Critic.]

"The automobile certainly has put the horse on the hummer, hasn't it? Should say! I never really realized it until I was talking with J. A. Casey, a friend of mine, who farms a little and raises a little stock and such like. Well, Mr. Casey says he thought the matter over and concluded that he had too many horses so he decided to sell a bunch of five 2-year-olds. Owing to the bumps the autos have given the horse business the best Mr. Casey was able to do was to get \$1,000 for those five 2-year-olds. Now, let me ask you, isn't that a dirty shame? It is! It most certainly is! Aw! Curse those gasoline waggons, anyhow."

THE RETURNED FARMER. [Odebolt Chronicle.]

Retired farmers have expended about \$75,000 in buildings in Odebolt within the last three years and have added materially to the wealth and beauty of the town. We get the best class of them; and all citizens who have the real interest of the town at heart will be glad to have more of that kind come to Odebolt. It isn't a good advertisement for the town to have people go-

ing around electioneering "round retired farmers; nor does it sound well for some retired farmers to pose as city men and denounce the men who moved to town a few years ago and spent ten dollars to their one. We need a lot more retired farmers of the class we now have; and sensible men who want the town to grow should discourage foolish talk intended to bar them from office.

AFTER-CUMMINS' SPEECH. [Sioux City Journal.]

The effect of Senator Cummins' three-day speech is quickly seen. The attorney general, after consultation with "leading republican senators who favor the bill," is preparing several amendments. One of those amendments demanded in the minority report made by Senators Cummins and Clapp. The interstate commerce commission is to approve all traffic agreements before they become operative. Shippers are to be allowed counsel before the commerce court. Water transportation companies are put on the same footing as other transporting companies. That most singular proposal to have the commerce court pass, in advance, on the legality or public utility of proposed consolidations, thereby giving them a "community bath" is to be stricken out. The stocks, bonds and capitalization features are to be changed. One more amendment is absolutely essential. Before a change in rates is made it must have the approval of the interstate commerce commission.

A DES MOINES WOMAN'S VIEW. [Register and Leader.]

If Mr. Ash must have a position, I suppose it is up to the city to give it to him, for there is not a reputable business house in the land that will employ a man who boasts that he is a bartender. He could not get a job as bartender in a saloon for a saloonkeeper will not employ a man who drinks, so I have been told. Is this the kind of a booster or booster Des Moines wants on her council? Meantime I plead with the voters of Des Moines to vote for the man who is doing his best to make it hard for our loved ones to do wrong and easy for them to do right. And if his fair name of our city will reach to the uttermost parts of the earth. Yours for a clean city. Ella M. Hill.

For Sunday Reading

All Sorts of Opinions

Writer of Seven Thousand Hymns.

This is Mrs. Frances Jane Van Alstyne, better known as Fanny Crosby. Blind and 90 years old this month, she is still full of fun and life, and still writes according to a brief sketch in the March Ladies' Home Journal. Indeed, "she laughingly says that she intends to live to be 100, for her mother lived to be 102, and she thinks she can improve on that record." We read further:

Every little while some mercenary bookhawker tries to sell a few extra copies of Miss Crosby's books by telling the prospective purchaser a woeful tale, "Buy a book to help the poor blind writer who is starving in a little garret up in Connecticut," is the heart-moving utterance which he hopes to coax forth money for his own profit. The purchaser buys the volume, and then, if he is curious, consults some publisher or friend of Miss Crosby who knows the facts.

Is it true that New England's great hymn-writer is starving?" he inquires.

"Not at all," is the response. "She is on the pension list of at least one publishing firm and receives weekly from them a substantial check. This firm paid \$200 to furnish a room for her, and she is living with her relatives. She will be supported the rest of her life whether she works or not, and when she dies this firm will bury her."

No career in American history resembles hers. She has written, he says, 6,000 and 7,000 hymns. She has had 105 different names de plume because her publishers said they did not want to have the same name opposite every hymn in the book. When she lived in New York she used to write ten or twelve hymns every week, for her versatility is amazing. She can compose music, and has set to music one of her own hymns. Her husband was a musician, and composed the music for a number of her hymns. He, too, was blind, but the two used to go about New York together without assistance. One of their friends jokingly said to him: "You know what the bible says about the blind leading the blind." "Well, it doesn't apply here," he replied. "We travel side by side."

Have a Right to Rise. [Dr. Emil G. Hirsch.]

Collectivists, while they deny any man the right to rise above his fellows, are themselves examples of men who have done so. They are the aristocrats of the advocates for a new social system, and for it he said that the aristocrat of all the fields of progress are the people who count for the most. God's word is spread by them. On the few and not the many is placed the duty of carrying the seed of the word of God to the uttermost end of the earth. What is now on earth has come thru the mentalities of God's chosen aristocrats of the spirit and the soul.

In the material fields in which we endeavor to become great the methods are the same. The greatest of us become great by the credit for the advance. To him who is a genius aristocracy is a duty. Boastism, if you will have it, should be his system. It is in the manner of the use of his power that the genius must be careful. He is always mothered by the mass and it is their benefit that he should use his genius.

In England and Germany the great men do not shirk their public duty. They enter into municipal and national affairs with all of the vigor of our great men put into personal matters, and the result is that the governments of those nations are the best in the world. Our legislature is the goal of those who could not rise high in private life. The English parliament is the government of the nation, and England's great enter so that the nation may be bettered. Germany's soldiers, statesmen and business men enter into municipal life and have made the German cities the best governed in the world.

State and Church. [George Burman Foster.]

The principle of the separation of the state from the church has been enforced among us, and will yet be enforced among all peoples. But there are three new tasks which are claiming our devotion: The separation between religion and church; the separation between religion and history; that is tradition; and the separation of the

new religion from the old God. As to the first, it is increasingly clear that the religion of ecclesiasticism, dogma and cult is giving way to a religion of human freedom and brotherhood. As to the second, the painful critical work must go on to its logical conclusion of disengaging religion from its inner dependence upon historical personalities and the legendary traditions concerning them. As to the third, an investigating, democratic people emphasizing personality can not long worship God who has no new experiences, who is monarchical and absolute, who is a substance to be divided into three parts, with a problematic number of attributes and offices, but is not the living personal God who is doing things today.

Still, while church, with saints and dogma and cult, in passing, religious men who are like minded will ever gather together for the enjoyment and enlargement of their mutual faith and hope and love.

Religion is not church and church is not religion. But religion leads to fellowship. And while religion will ever arise out of living fountains in human nature communing with a present and not a past God, still inspiration and incentive and comfort will ever be derived from the historic revelations of God in all the great past. And while a new religion must have a new God, that God will be invested with values which the long human story has achieved.

What the Church Needs. [Rev. J. W. Welsh.]

God never delivers us by means of unnecessary miracles. He uses human beings to fight his battles—and our own.

There never can be a leader without a following: "three-fourths of the success of a sermon depends upon the audience."

Leaders are really followers; they are the servants of the multitude they seem to assemble and command; a Luther is not so much the creator of the reformation as the creature of it; great movements are God's more than man's. A leader prematurely sent would dissipate his energies in vain; all uprisings are uprisings of the people; all great evils are the people's sins—at least the people alone can remedy them, and when they are aroused no embankment can hold back the mighty flood. Therefore we find that God delays the advent of the leader until that tremendously important contingent, the followers are aroused and equipped and anointed.

The church of today should be composed of those who have seen the need and felt the call; the drift away from the church of that miscellaneous company who never sympathized with her aims is not to be lamented; the literary society or the art club is not weakened by the loss of those whose chief interest is something else.

The modern church must specialize upon the mission Jesus gave it—namely, that of touching, transforming and teaching individual men and women—the spirit-interpreted gospel its only weapon.

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20, R. & S. M.—Stated assembly Monday, April 18, 8 p. m. A. D. MEEKER, T. I. M. I. T. FORBES, Sec. ST. ALDEMAR COMMANDERY No. 30 K. T.—St. Knights to be at the Asylum promptly at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, March 27, 1910, to attend Easter service at the church. You must be prompt. Fred M. Wilbur, E. C. Fred Wallace, Sec. CENTRAL CHAPTER, No. 47, O. E. S.—Special meeting Friday evening, April 1, at 7:30. Mrs. George Downing, W. M. Edna C. Fularton, Secretary.

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