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SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 38, R. A. M. Stated convocation Monday evening, Feb. 19, 7:30 o'clock.

STATED ASSEMBLY, King Solomon Chapter, No. 32, R. & S. M. Monday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p. m.

STATED CONCLAVE, St. Aldemar Commandery, No. 29, K. T. Tuesday, Feb. 20, regular business, 7:30 p. m.

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THE PROPHET NOT WITHOUT HONOR

While an element of the present legislature is picking away at the road laws of Iowa, devoid of a constructive purpose and determined to ignore the recommendations of all those who have been equipped with some special knowledge upon the subject, it would appear in a letter from the state engineer of Kansas that the report of the better roads commission to Governor Clarke is at least not without honor...

"I have read your committee's report on the financing of surfaced roads in Iowa in a recent issue of Wallace's Farmer, and I have been wondering whether or not your report was published in pamphlet form and if so whether I might be able to obtain about three copies."

"This report is the best thing I have seen on this subject and I wish to congratulate you and your committee upon the excellent work you have done and the able manner in which you have presented this problem to the people of Iowa."

Kansas for results as measured by the amount of surfaced roads is about as far down the list as Iowa, having only 1.1 per cent of its roads surfaced to 1 per cent for Iowa and 11.3 per cent for the average of all states, with 42.6 per cent for Indiana. However, while small men in Iowa are trying to destroy all expert supervision of road construction and have actually cut the tax available for roads, the legislature of Kansas is trying to create a state highway department which will meet the federal government's requirements for federal aid.

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great their choice. They are broadened and enlightened by reason of their determination to improve the abundant opportunities and possibilities of the Iowa farm. The farmer who gets in on the ground floor of this great movement to make the soil give them a square deal is the farmer who will be successful, and the men who gathered here yesterday have every reason to be proud of their membership in the agricultural association.

In short the farmers of Des Moines county—those "successful, up and coming" farmers of whom the Gazette speaks are using an agricultural expert and soil doctor precisely as the successful individual stockman and farmer uses a veterinarian.

Time was when the owner and the hired man "doctored" a sick horse. But a \$250 animal gets veterinary attention now. Also time was when almost anybody with a full beard and a distaste for labor or with nothing else to do could be a "horse doctor" and get away with it fairly well by looking wise and using a technical term or two, right or wrong; but that is over with. "Horses are good property." We have to save them and get the most out of them.

Farm land is good property. The land that wasn't worth more than \$50 an acre has vanished with the shot that sold at \$3 at public sales, some with the \$5 calf, departed with the span of three-year-olds that sold for \$125 a pair, vamoosed with the farmer who begged like a dog for credit until after harvest. As to cheap land "there ain't no such animal." It is an extinct as the dodo and ichthyosomething-othor.

Two hundred dollar an acre land can use an agricultural veterinary to advantage.

Topics of the Times

Of course a majority report favoring submission of a national prohibitory amendment doesn't necessarily mean that it would pass the states but what do you know about congress in a condition of mind like that?

And the senate denied that it had the makings for a cigarette bill and nobody had a match anyway and anyhow mother and father could see from the back windows.

When that "overt act" shall have been committed by Germany and the United States compelled to resort to armed defense of its rights to unmolested travel upon the common seas what will our nation do about it?

Assuming that war has been declared what then? Will our navy put to sea and seek a conflict and if so with what? Or will it remain in a state of preparedness to protect our shores while a million men are drilling and waiting for shoes and guns to be made?

So long as Great Britain stands between us and the German navy we couldn't reach our adversary for a test of strength upon the seas but suppose that the German navy should remain safe and sound behind its own fortifications until we were actually at war and then suppose Germany should suddenly negotiate a peace with its European enemies, what would prevent her release to seek to compel us to pay her war debts?

The German navy is reputed to be larger and stronger than ours. If it is so and can defeat our navy our ports would be blockaded until we were willing to pay a ransom and it would require ten years' time in which to construct a new navy even if we were permitted to start. Are we rich enough to be the prize from which the losses in Europe are to be paid or are we strong enough to keep our jewelry intact when strong armed men infest the public highways?

It is probably not in the mind of the government of Germany now to seek war with the United States for purposes of spoliation. The present argument is born of Germany's dire necessity to do damage to enemies that already beset her but should she be compelled to settle with her enemies at great cost to herself the feeling of her people would be that the shot and shell made in America did it and with that feeling rife in her land and a war still unsettled with us there would be a new feeling of justification for reprisal in taking from America what American munitions had enabled the entente allies to take from her.

Could it be done? What could prevent it? Nothing but a navy or a coalition.

War with Spain or with Mexico would be a joke beside a war with a power which possesses the second largest navy in the world. No wonder that there is haste in the shipbuilding yards of this country. We are about to see what is meant by preparedness in this country.

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time the richest man in France. He was executed for his atrocious crimes 476 years ago, Dec. 25, 1440. His beard was of a tint later given by Perrault to the fairy tale villain. The original Bluebeard was noted alike for his piety and his licentiousness. His chapel was the richest in its furnishings in all France, and he gained from the pope permission to have a guard on the senate so as to give the mayor sufficient authority to make effective his administrative policies.

Iowa Newspapers

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS. [Davenport Times.] For the purpose of bridging the gap between the grade schools and the high school in Davenport, the board of education after much investigation will submit the question of the issuing of bonds to the people March 12, the proceeds of the bond sale to be used for the purpose of erecting three of the intermediate high schools.

Children under the present plan, have to remain in the grade schools, associating with the primary and kindergarten children, long after attaining the age when they feel they ought to be exclusively with children of their own age. It is this condition that causes so many to drop out without finishing the grades. The plan, too, will reduce the congestion in some of the graded schools. It will take from the high school the first year class and will distribute it in the three intermediate high schools, thus relieving congestion in the high school. The plan will thus postpone for a number of years any need of another high school building. The new intermediate schools as proposed will be modern in every way, provided with auditoriums, gymnasiums and manual training departments that will make them attractive for the boys and girls so that they will continue in the schools instead of dropping out.

The idea is not peculiar to Davenport. It has been thoroughly tried out in many cities and has proved to be a good thing for pupils and taxpayers alike.

REDED—INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL. [Davenport Democrat.] An obligation which Davenporters will be called upon to assume shortly is the building of three intermediate schools which will relieve the congestion of our present elementary schools and the high school.

The school board at its meeting Tuesday decided to place before the people at the next school election the proposition to issue bonds for \$150,000 for the purchase of sites and the building of the three needed schools, one to be located in the eastern portion of the city, one in the central and one in the western.

Davenport erected its last school in 1912—five years ago. The city has had a splendid growth since then. The grammar schools have been filling up until several are overflowing, and all soon will be. The high school has about 1,200 students enrolled, against the 754 who enrolled the first year. The present building was opened.

The Alton Democrat finds that "blizzards have their uses" and their beneficial features. It's a beautiful and buoyant spirit that can feel that way but none but a democratic newspaper insured to adversity and blizzards has it in such full perfection.

Our boys need discipline. Even in their own homes they rule the roost.—President Taft.

The ex-president's idea of discipline as dependent upon war is reminiscent of the experience of the mother who took her bad boy to a private school which advertised that it "never used the rod." When she asked the truculent principal what he substituted for the rod he replied "the revolver madam, the revolver."

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The Original "Bluebeard" or "Barbebleu" of Perrault's fairy tale had the habit of killing his wives, but the first and original Bluebeard was a slayer of children. He was Giles de Laval, Marshal de Retz, a famous soldier, and at one

sympathy with the city administration. The plan proposed practically puts the entire police control, not in the hands of the mayor, who is responsible to the people for results, but in the hands of the police and fire commission, which often shows itself out of touch with sentiment of the community.

It would have been much better, if it was desired to protect a policeman under his civil service rights, to amend the law so that a mayor might appoint a member of the force to be chief and if he failed as chief he would have the privilege, if he so desired, of returning to the ranks of patrolmen.

The bill as passed by the house ought either to be killed or amended in the senate so as to give the mayor sufficient authority to make effective his administrative policies.

THE IOWA GUARDSMEN.

One interesting feature of a trip to Des Moines just now is the meeting with officers and men back from service with the Iowa national guard on the Rio Grande border. It does not take a very protracted inspection nor very much conversation to convince one that the guardsmen are back in fine shape and have in fact benefited generally by reason of their military service. General Allen always did look well enough; but he is now thoroughly browned and most obviously in the pink of condition, and he takes satisfaction in telling about one company that was weighed up and showed an average gain of six pounds per man. And this is a net gain, such as is to advantage both ways; for the fat men have been reduced in weight, hardened in flesh by the soldier work, while the thin men have thickened up to the extent of more than the average indicated.

One captain whom we have happened to know since his college days and who used to have the appearance of being well built but not at all stout, is now a husky young fellow, hardened, stout and vigorous and evidently fit for any service from the Rio Grande to Verdun. And that is the way it looks with the whole crowd. The only qualification is that it has been something of a shock to the boys to come directly at the season from the far southward border to Iowa. They were trotting around down there in their undershirts, and up here they are bundling in their overcoats and catching colds. The parade they were to have made was called off because of their present unfamiliarity with the beautiful Iowa winter; but all the boys need a little time to get used once again to the home climate.

The "evils" met by the guardsmen are all right, and that Iowa has men as ardent patriots to be proud of. And they are of the right sort, too, in the present crisis; for the commanding general down they are ready for further service, and much harder service, if such be their country's demand. Also, and finally, after looking over the lot any discriminating observer will find his confidence in the guardsmen as a factor in the nation's defense distinctly stimulated.

REPORTERS AS "TOOTS"

[Sioux City Tribune.] The intrusion of other and more absorbing interests many newspaper readers may have overlooked recent disclosures in the "black" investigation. Humiliating as it may be for newspapers to rectify the facts, the information was brought out that at least three Washington press correspondents have been getting regular monthly retainers from brokers in payment for "tips" on official actions that might affect markets.

Washington newspaper men, as a class, are honorable, and the reputation they have achieved in this respect has made it possible for a few men without honor to harvest petty perquisites by betraying the confidences reposed in the correspondents. As in many other affairs of life the actions of the crooked few will nullify the effect against the integrity of hundreds of impeccable press representatives in Washington. The least that can be done to clear the atmosphere is to have the "Jonahs" overboard and work for recovery of lost ground.

It is customary for officials in Washington to protect the press representative as far as possible. These important announcements are pending. In pursuance of that custom correspondents had received the intimation that the president was preparing a declaration on foreign affairs, although no information was given to them on the nature of the declaration.

After the manner of race track "outs" as some of the correspondents in the "black" investigation, the brokers jumped at conclusions. If they had guessed wrong—possibly some did—the alleged information merely would have been classed with many other "bum hunches." Those who guessed right naturally acquired the reputation of having inside information, secured thru a "leak" of some kind.

No reputable newspaper expects its correspondents to act as lookouts for stock brokers or gambling institutions. The fact that such conditions exist is an impressive illustration of the organization methods of the big market gambling operations conducted from New York and Chicago. It is said to be quite the common custom, even to get congressmen enmeshed in the toils, usually by letting them make small winnings in their opening ventures. After the congressmen get to be regular operators they are not in position to make an outcry, whether they win or lose.

There was a time when the people of the United States viewed the Louisiana lottery as a "necessary evil" and this delusion was a very little worse than the one now held that the big gambling operations in grains and stocks are economic necessities. If the system ever is destroyed, however, after the movement must come direct from the people. Congress is too firmly held in the tentacles to do the things that should be done.

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

THE WAY OUT The cost of tubs beyond all pardon; it makes me rend my duds; and so this year I'll have a garden, and raise my greens and spuds. Like others, I have formed the habit of buying all my cats, from cauliflower to potted rabbit, from succotash to beets. My spreading lawn has been devoted to grass, and still more grass with blooming garden.

I cannot get the loving roses that scent the countryside; they're gratifying to our noses, but are no good when fried. If I should boil a mess of lilies, in place of cabbage-head, the dish would give my guests the willies, and set them seeing red. I buy my cab-

bage from the grocer, my tulip bulbs I raise; and that is why the wolf draws closer, and howls these dismal days. This year I'll raise my spines and onions, on these, my fertilizers, and plizions, on these, I'll have dungions upon my snow-white hands.

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AUTOPLANE DESIGNED TO RUN ON THE GROUND AND FLY IN THE AIR



THE AUTOPLANE, WITH REAR ADMIRAL BRADLEY A. FISKE, RETIRED

One of the most interesting exhibits seen at the aeronautical show in New York City is the autoplane, a unique combination of an automobile and an aeroplane—a veritable "aerial limousine" which will not only run over the ground at approximately forty-five miles per hour, but will leave the surface of the earth and fly away like the magic chariots of old. Entirely different in its construction from any aeroplane heretofore produced, this latest creation of Glenn H. Curtiss' brain is decidedly a step in advance.

The main body of this strange craft, for it can hardly be classed as a stock aeroplane, bears a marked resemblance to an automobile, but it is fitted with three wings which are attached just back of the side doors which allow entrance to the interior. These wings have to do all of the lifting at the top and the smallest at the bottom. The machine rests on four wheels.

The two front ones being capable of being turned in the same manner as those on a motorcar. The interior resembles very much a modern sedan or small limousine. The control mechanism, conveniently located in front of the single pilot's seat, includes all the rudder, aileron and elevator controls usually found in an aeroplane as well as a set of instruments for recording speeds, elevations, angles and other data of interest to the aviator. Just back of the pilot's seat are two passenger seats.

The machine is powered with an eight-cylinder 100-horsepower motor, which will drive the autoplane at a maximum speed of sixty-five miles per hour thru the air. The wing spread is forty feet. The length over all is twenty-seven feet and its vertical height is slightly over ten feet. Picture shows Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, retired, and autoplane.

RANDOM REELS

MATRIMONY. Matrimony is a state of bliss, which lasts just as long as both parties are willing to give and take. When one party has to do all of the giving it becomes more monotonous than a rag-time graphophone record.

Matrimony is a comparatively recent institution. For thousands of years after the earth was formed and was teeming with people and other live stock it was not considered necessary to ask a young woman if she would consent to become a bride at a heavy expense to her father. Leap year had not been invented, and young men could leave home on a moonlight night in perfect safety, without danger of being wooed and wed before they had time to change to their Sunday clothes. There were no high-priced church weddings or composed sopranos rendering "O Promise Me" without remaining in the same block with the accompaniment.

Five thousand years ago the pale-faced, knock-kneed bridegroom who hunts for the ring with a pained hand and always comes in on the wrong response had not been thought of. There were no duplicate wedding presents in those days, neither, and people's houses were not littered up with five sets of nut picks, a double quartet of soup ladles and a mournful collection of old glass olive dishes. It was the golden age, when man was free and untamed, but it is a melancholy fact that he has never done anything in that line since.

Matrimony was originally intended to shield man from the insidious danger of overwork and prevent him from getting all tired out, as the wife was expected to provide the living. The ancient Roman and the proud American Indian never did a tap of household work in their lives, but now we

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"Just try a piece," urged the little rabbit. But before the sheep dog could reply, something happened. A big rattlesnake crawled out of the stone fence and stood up right in front of the little rabbit.

Oh, a rattlesnake is an awful thing. It swings and swings in front of you until it makes your head so dizzy you can't run away. Poor little Billy Bunny sat there, stupid-like, not able to move. And the big rattlesnake stuck out his long, thin, red tongue and rattled his rattlers. Then he drew his head back to strike the little rabbit when, quicker than a wink, the big sheep dog picked up the little rabbit and ran off with him. And the big rattlesnake couldn't hold himself back in time, and his head went right into the chocolate layer cake and stuck there. And of course he couldn't see and he couldn't lift his head. Then a big sheep came over and stamped on him until he was mashed to a jelly.

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