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FINISH THE JOB TODAY.
Do not puddle along with a job today and finally put it off until tomorrow. Brace up! Act like you are alive and complete your task today. The Christian Science Monitor says: There is much truth in Susan Coolidge's lines:
"Every day is a fresh beginning,
Every morn is a world made new."

It is also true that all of our yesterdays have something to do with shaping today, just as our today will have something to do with the shaping of all our other days, and we can if we will, shape it as we would have it to be. The one question is: Shall we rise to the occasion and make the most of the opportunity offered us just at this minute? Says Bunsen: "Every day ought to be begun as a serious work, standing alone in itself, and yet connected with the past and the future." It is an error which so many of us commit, this treating too lightly the coming of a new day of privilege and opportunity, just because another new day is scheduled to arrive in 24 hours and still another in another 24 hours after that. Today is the only day that is ever truly ours, and the wise use it as if it were the only day there ever was or ever will be. They "indulge not in vain regrets for the past, in vain resolves for the future." On the contrary they follow the admonitions which Emerson has set forth: "Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt, crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely, and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. Today is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays."

And so, good neighbor, our duty appears to stand out plain to us. We are not to indulge in any disturbing regrets for the yesterdays, nor spend our time in dreaming of the tomorrows, but we should go at it and do the tasks that are inviting us. It was today in which the artists painted their great pictures, the poets wrote their great poems and that every man, humble or famous, did whatever he succeeded in accomplishing. If we will utilize today in the right way the yesterdays won't count for so much and the golden tomorrows will all care for themselves. Let us go to it and do something worth while.

Sidewalk Sketches
By Howard L. Rann

THE CHORUS GIRL.
The chorus girl is a movable adjunct to the modern stage, who makes nine changes of toilet in the first act, without missing a hook and eye. Ideal wives, as they never keep a man waiting out in the touring car until he can feel the chills taking possession of his person. In order to be a successful chorus girl, one must have a figure which cannot be confused with the stand pipe. The rest can be acquired. Several of our leading chorus girls have abandoned the stage at the request of men who wanted to get rid of their small change, minus a modest alimony, and none of these gentlemen have been surprised with annul or pocket money since. The chief occupation of the chorus girl is shooting chappy boys away from the stage entrance, which they insist in silk hats and palpitation of the heart. She is also kept busy being photographed for the Sunday papers in her stage complexion. It takes a chorus girl some time to adjust her complexion so that she won't look like the headlight on an interurban car, as she generally carries it around in her trunk. Some chorus girls use a complexion which would trip a fire alarm, while others affect the genteel pallor of a man who is awakened by a note in the cellar. There is no more popular institution on the stage, than the chorus girl whose beauty has not begun to sugar off, and she is the recipient of many encomiums and floral offerings from elderly gentlemen, whose hair has gone where the woodbine twine. The life of a chorus girl is full of offers of marriage, and rehearsals, during which the stage manager indulges in a very low order of remarks relative to the decline of skirt dancing, and the inviting qualities of a brimstone future. She isn't half so bad as she is painted, and without her thiefst seven rows of the orchestra circle would be as empty as a bathing beach in January.

WANAMAKER ON TAFT.
John Wanamaker, in a letter: I do not know what President Taft inherited when he was endorsed for the presidency by the foremost citizen of the nation. I believe in his character, his capacity, his leadership. I believe that the experience that he has had is a guarantee of better things. I have known him closely for twenty years and have absolute confidence in his integrity, honesty of purpose and tremendous ability to cope with the great minds of the interpreters of law. I believe he should be upheld in enforcing the law without permitting prosecution or betrayal of the sacred rights of all the people. He has not followed the will-of-the-wisp; nor has he chased rainbows. Steadfastly, with dignity and effectiveness, and tireless energy, he has done his work "Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good," is the counsel of a wise man, that has been certified in the twenty centuries since it was spoken. This is the way Sumner Curtis, the Chicago Record-Herald's Washington correspondent, sums up the fight for the democratic presidential nomination. "The belief is growing stronger every day that Bryan's old-time ambition to lead his party's fight has been reawakened under the spell of republican rhetoric and the prospect of a deadlock in the democratic national convention. From many a lip these days comes the prediction that Bryan will be in the convention to seize an opportunity 'or a stab, or a bite, the same as he did at Chicago in 1896."

IOWA'S FOREIGN BORN.
A table that shows how little Iowa benefited from immigration in the last ten years is made public by the census bureau. The table gives comparative figures of the number of foreign born citizens of the state in 1900 and 1910, and shows a falling off of 32,000 during the decade. The table, which shows the foreign born white population for both 1910 and 1900 is as follows:
Iowa 1910 1900
Total foreign born white 273,372 305,782
Austria 15,962 13,156
Belgium 929 491
Bulgaria 237 100
Canada-French 944 1,515
Canada-Other 10,588 14,156
Denmark 17,327 17,102
England 16,783 21,027
France 1,618 1,904
Germany 98,620 123,276
Greece 3,353 18
Holland 11,336 9,388
Hungary 1,135 453
Ireland 17,754 23,321
Italy 5,841 1,198
Luxembourg 671 705
Mexico 470 25
Montenegro 250 100
Norway 21,890 25,633
Roumania 385 84
Russia 6,293 2,455
Scotland 5,162 6,425
Sweden 26,759 29,875
Switzerland 3,676 4,342
Turkey (Asia) 607 93
Turkey (Europe) 475 93
Wales 2,434 3,091
Born at sea 221 314
Other countries, not specified 994 735
The next decade may show a different result if the movement to turn the tide of immigration from the cities to the farm is successful.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF WASHINGTON
Washington, D. C., March 30.—Iowa's delegation shone brightly at the banquet of the new members of congress which was held at Rauscher's on Tuesday night. Representatives Pepper, Prouty and Towner were all there. Judge Towner presided as toastmaster of the banquet. Mr. Prouty took a leading part in the debate on the "cat" tariff and Mr. Pepper voted, as usual, with the free traders. There are 129 new members in congress this term and over 100 of these gathered for the affair. They criticized their brothers with longer records and voted them all archaic. Then they proceeded to revise the tariff in their own way, deciding that a duty of \$1 was unreasonable on all cats, two legged, four legged and manx. Catnip and catsup were also put on the list and Representative Catlin of Missouri declared that he wouldn't dare leave the country in the future because of the duty he would have to pay to get back in. Representative Theron Akin of New York, the comedian of the house, was so overcome by the festivities that he got up and sang several songs. A special committee appointed to investigate his voice was unable to agree, three out of the five being of opinion that it ranged somewhere from bass to tenor and the other two that it was a variety all its own, without any particular range. Representative Pepper was one of four speakers at the monthly meeting of the machinists' union on Wednesday night. The others were Senator Poindecker and Representatives Buchanan of Illinois and Paron of Maryland. Some time ago Representative Kendall spoke before this union also. Little Constance Towner, daughter of Representative Towner of the Eighth Iowa, fell and broke her left arm just below the elbow on Tuesday night. The fracture was only a simple one of the larger bone in the forearm. The house committee on foreign affairs, of which Mr. Kendall of the Sixth Iowa is a member, held an executive meeting on Wednesday at which Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson discussed the Mexican situation with the house. Representative Smith of Texas has introduced a resolution calling upon the government to make demand upon the Mexican administration for recompense for the injury done Americans in Mexico and Texas during the revolution now in progress. The resolution was referred to the foreign affairs committee who immediately took the matter up with the state department. It is thought that the latter will be allowed to handle the situation without house interference. Representative Prouty has introduced a bill to amend the patent laws. His bill is a result of the recent decision of the supreme court which conferred a monopoly on patents to the ones who receive them from the government. Mr. Prouty wishes to prohibit the patentor from controlling the price, although he does give him the right to name the royalty as long as a provision fixing, controlling or limiting the use of the patented machine shall also be unlawful if Mr. Prouty's bill becomes a law. During the past several weeks there has been a big stir in the district over the use of government-owned autos by minor clerks in departments for their own personal pleasure. Representative Bristow, whose chief pleasure is derived in his efforts to poke the administration full of holes, has introduced a resolution in the senate calling upon the various cabinet heads to furnish the senate with detailed statements of the number of carriages, vehicles, motor cycles, motor vehicles and automobiles now owned by the government or maintained at government expense in their respective departments and the purpose for which each individual carriage or vehicle is used, as to report to whom each such carriage or automobile is assigned. Representative Green has introduced a bill providing for the acquisition of a site for a public building at Glenwood, the site not to cost over \$10,000. Representative Smith—now Judge Smith—introduced a like bill in the Sixty-first congress, but it was not acted upon then. Representative Mann of Illinois this week introduced a bill to require all railroads, steamship lines, or other common carriers to provide food and water for poultry in transit, to prevent suffering from over-crowding by providing crates of sufficient size as to be humane, and to be open on at least three sides that ventilation may be assured. The bill will be considered by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

Another Mexican War Veteran.
Bloomfield, Ia.—To the Editor: In a recent issue of the Ottumwa Courier E. C. Cathy of Martinsburg, Ia., takes exception to the statement that the last veteran of the Mexican war had passed away. Mr. Cathy says he was mustered in Nashville, under Zachary Taylor, belonging to the First Tennessee Infantry, and later served in the same regiment under General Scott. James Childers of Bloomfield is another veteran of the Mexican war, entering in Company B, Sixth Illinois Infantry under William Wyatt, serving three months, and later served five years in Company E, Second United States Cavalry under Captain Stein. Mr. Childers is also a veteran of the civil war, being the oldest member of Elisha B. Townsend post No. 100, residing in Bloomfield. This veteran of two wars was born in Jefferson county, Tennessee, February 3, 1824, coming to Bloomfield with his parents in 1845, residing here since. Mrs. Ida Lehman.

AFTER THE UNATTAINABLE.
[From the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, Ind.]
Just as ex-President Roosevelt is about to set out upon a brief speech-making tour in behalf of his own nomination as a candidate for a third term, it is becoming daily more evident that the "boom" which ill-advised friends started in his behalf and laboriously sought to push along, is a failure. There is no rush or sweep to it. It is not swelling, but what force it had is subsiding. He cannot give it more than a momentary impulse, and it would have been far better for him if he had never permitted the false start. We need not recall the service which we believe Mr. Roosevelt to have done the country as president, or the exceptional prestige it gave him. Like other men he has "the defects of his qualities," and this service was accompanied by faults. His prestige was impaired before he left office and his popularity was on the wane, but after a year's absence and his triumphant return through Europe, it revived. It could then have been easily preserved, but a mistake was made in slipping into the conflict of state politics. A far greater mistake has been made in yielding to an impulse, spurred by opportunity, to seek the office and honor of the presidency again. It is an attempt at the unattainable. The obstacles in the way are insuperable. There is not only the tradition against the third term, but, far more serious, the pledge "under no circumstances" to "accept another nomination." The offer to violate that pledge has been made worse by subterfuge and prevarication, which deceive no candid mind. Then there is the old friendship and admiration for President Taft which helped so much to insure his elevation to the office, and the disloyalty to that sentiment for which no justification or excuse can be found to satisfy the candid mind. These things have disappointed and saddened many of Roosevelt's admirers whose good opinion was better worth keeping than that which he has of late been winning. Every day it is becoming more certain that Roosevelt cannot have the republican nomination, and less uncertain that it will go to Taft with acclamation. The saddest part of it is that there can be no reparation for the damage done to his reputation, no restoration to the place he held in the esteem of the American people. It is not alone his would-be political success which would have been clearly if the case had been another's was blinded by what we can only regard as vanity and ambition, though not unmingled with an ardent patriotism; and he was urged on by those of much less vision and a more sordid motive. He yielded to misguided promptings and has fallen from his high estate never to attain it again. We are constrained to say it "more in sorrow than in anger."

PEOPLE'S PULPIT
The Courier will publish in this column articles contributed by its readers. The communications should be typewritten or in plain hand, on one side of the paper, and signed.
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Old Phone 251-Red.
JAS. H. SHEPHERD,
"New Shepherd's Ranch,"
209-211 W. Main St., Ottumwa, Ia.

Edna May are visiting in Des Moines. Ray Blanchard visited Friday and Saturday at the home of her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Jones. Rev. Lloyd Tennant is in Centerville this week on business. Mrs. H. C. Parks was a passenger to Bloomfield Friday.
VILLAGE CREEK.
Miss Lizzie Gift spent a few days this week with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Baum. Miss Ella Alred of Ottumwa was an over Sunday visitor with her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Alred. Mrs. Frank Belner of Waterloo spent last week with her mother Mrs. J. H. Wadricks. Alfred Marts of Seymour, Wis., spent Saturday night and Sunday at the Henry Harsch home. He left for his home Monday accompanied by Edna and Herman who will make an extended visit. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hollingsworth Thursday March 21 a daughter. Miss A. Rater spent Tuesday at the home of his mother Mrs. Bridget Curry. Mrs. Mat Huber and little son of Unionville spent Tuesday night and Wednesday at the Henry Harsch home. Mrs. John Rouch and granddaughter Miss Clara Kosman left Friday for a visit to Mrs. Frank Kurtz of Pleasant Plain and relatives in Florida. The Ladies Aid society of the Zion M. E. church will meet Wednesday April 3 with Mrs. J. A. Kennedy.
MOULTON.
Mrs. Thos. W. Hough is home from a winter's visit with her daughter Mrs. Nellie Ruch in Mississippi. Geo. Ballew and Lewis Wood were in Texas this week, looking for land. Miss Rose Hough is home from Newton where she passed the winter. J. P. Stansberry and will move down near Brownsville, Texas where he purchased a forty acre tract of land for \$7,000. Mr. Carson and Geo. T. Pulliam leave for St. Louis next Monday and from there go on a boat to the famous battle ground of Shiloh. Mr. Carson belonged to the 2nd Iowa Infantry and was wounded at the "Hornet's Nest." The visitors will be absent for two weeks. Reuben Withrow was kicked in the mouth by a vicious horse and had his teeth mashed back to the rear of his tongue. He is in a serious condition. At the city election Mayor G. L. Bourd was re-elected but the rest of the citizen's ticket was badly beaten. The new council is composed of the following: I. W. McQueen, Otto Stober, Arthur Montgomery, Raymond Dhority and Grover Blosser.
RICHLAND.
Mrs. Wm. Meeker has returned to her home in Highland Center after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bales. Mrs. W. F. Barnett and Mrs. Carmichael were Ottumwa visitors Tuesday. Thag De Frane of Wayland was a visitor in town Wednesday. Mrs. Samantha Furgeson of Galesburg, Ill., is enjoying a visit here with her mother Mrs. Sellars and other relatives. Mrs. Cylonia Mills who spent the winter in California has arrived at home. Mrs. Lemma Mills is visiting the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Con Brian in Newburgh. Mrs. Wm. Meeker of Highland Center visited a sister here over Sunday. Mrs. F. W. Barnett and Mrs. John Carmichael were Ottumwa visitors on Tuesday. Mrs. Chal Chacey and daughter are visiting in Grinnell. W. A. Brady went to St. Louis Tuesday on a business trip. Mr. J. C. Dayon Superintendent of McVicker of Sigourney was visiting the school here Tuesday. W. A. Cox of Morning Sun visited over Sunday with his mother Mrs. M. A. DeWitt. Bunk Ward had a sale Wednesday of horses and cattle. A large number of buyers were in from the country and neighboring towns. His sale amounted to \$7,750. Miss Woods one of the staff of teachers in school entertained the high school teachers Monday evening at 6 o'clock dinner after which an enjoyable evening was spent. The election Monday resulted in the whole of the republican ticket being elected. 153 votes were cast, many more than in any previous town election. son was born March 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sellars. Miss Tillie Newhart began the spring term of school Monday at the Starr school house. Miss Rilla Hadley is teaching the Blue Point school. The O. E. S. met Tuesday evening. Mrs. Alta Sullivan of Fairfield met with the members of a school instruction. At the close of the meeting lunch was served and a social evening was enjoyed. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Greason was buried Sunday. The officers elected Monday are as follows: P. L. Moorman, mayor; A. F. Bridger, treasurer; assessor, Orcair Hinchaw; councilmen, Chas. Gorchel, John W. Green, L. M. Snider, Frank Herman and John W. Green; park commissioners, Alfred Seyb, John Coffman and David Bruns. Mrs. John Bristow has purchased a lot and will have a neat cottage build this spring.
CHARITON.
Mrs. Henry Gill of Hiteman is visiting in Lucas with her mother Mrs. John Pascoe. O. B. Ratcliff expects to leave tomorrow for a visit in Chillicothe, Mo., and may locate that place. Scott Findley, a student at Monmouth college and his friend Will McCullough who had been visiting here with the former's parents Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Findley, have returned to their studies. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Anderson of

Portland, Ore., formerly of this county, are here for a visit in English township with the latter's father, George Kennedy and other relatives and old friends. Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McGilvrey expect to move to Villisca where Mr. McGilvrey has accepted a position in the freight department of the Burlington railroad. Mrs. Fay McNabb has returned from a few days' visit with relatives and friends in Corydon. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirkhart visited in this city yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Lowe. Mrs. Margaret Powell is enjoying a visit from her brother Mark Simpson of Harlan. Mr. and Mrs. John McKivlen of Prairie City have been spending a few days in Chariton with his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. McKivlen and sister Mrs. Nate Henderson. Mrs. H. B. Stewart, Mrs. Fred O. Derrough and Miss Mildred Gray attended a musical at Indianola last evening.
HILLSBORO.
G. W. Alton went to Ottumwa Monday to see his daughter Mrs. J. W. Laird who is in the hospital at that place. F. B. Whitaker attended a conference of the leading democrats of the first district the latter part of last week. The meeting was held in Burlington. Mrs. Jerry Moxley went to Fort Madison Saturday evening. M. B. Hutchison of Ottumwa, owner of the lumber yard here and Mr. Cassidy the manager were in town on Monday. Mr. Cassidy has rented the Logan house and will move his family here soon. Mrs. Eunice Watson and daughters moved Monday to their new home here in the east part of town. Mrs. R. E. Watts and daughter Elsie, Mrs. Craig Graves and Miss Edna Ferrer were shopping in Ottumwa recently. Mr. Williams of Monmouth, Ill., has rented the blacksmith shop and will move his family here in a few days. Levi Moxley and family have moved back to their farm on Mount Pleasant where they have been living this winter. F. B. Whitaker and R. A. Graves left for Davenport to attend a Masonic meeting. The Embroidery club will meet this afternoon with Mrs. Maggie Isaman. Mrs. Nettie Mickelwait left for her home in Eldon.
AVERY.
In the passing away of Mrs. Ellen Morgan, Avery lost one of its old pioneers. Every child in Avery knew Mrs. Morgan. She was one of the faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and took active part in its organization and build here, and attended as long as she was able to be out. She had a word of comfort and cheer for every one whom she came in contact with. She was left a widow years ago with four children, and by frugality and hard work reared a family and acquired her own home. The following children survive: Mrs. J. A. Ellsworth of Albia, Mrs. Lena Smith of Albia, Mrs. Jessie Smith of Avery. One daughter Mrs. Will J. Evans preceded her to the beyond two years ago. Rev. Nell of Albia, assisted by Rev. Simmer, of Mt. Pleasant, preached the funeral interment was made at the Covener cemetery, where she was laid to rest beside her husband. Mrs. Morgan has been a sufferer for years and recently fell and broke her hip from which she never rallied, owing to her age. A good Christian gone to her reward and a home made by many whom she ministered unto. Mrs. L. R. Pearson returned from Des Moines Saturday where she had been getting acquainted with her granddaughter Bruer. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Evan Morgan, a daughter. There will be no school here next week, giving the teachers a chance to attend the county institute at Albia. Lucile Pearson spent Saturday for Des Moines where she will meet her niece Miss Bruer, whom she has never met and will take advantage of the institute week, there being no school at Albia. Thos. Cosgrove spent Sunday at Ottumwa. Prof. Ledham spent Saturday and Sunday at Mt. Pleasant. Miss Kately spent Saturday and Sunday at Walnut, Ia., her home. Association day was observed at the Sunday school here, the regular association program being used. Mrs. Elmer was appointed as delegate to the forty-seventh annual state Sunday school convention that convenes at Waterloo June 4 & 6. Frank Allen purchased the John G. Evans property and is living in it at present. Mr. and Mrs. Darby are now residents of the east end. Leonard Simmer of Mt. Pleasant made his regular appointment here and at Lockman Sunday. Jacob Ritter was at Des Moines last week at the miners and operators convention in session there.

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