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**IOWA IS AN APPLE STATE**  
 Here is an article we are printing for the benefit of Iowans. It calls attention to just one product that is raised in this state. We want you to cut this article out and save it until some of your relatives who have left Iowa and gone to California, come back to visit and get to telling you about how much better California is than Iowa.

According to the United States census reports, in 1910 California raised 6,335,073 bushels of apples. Isn't that wonderful? Isn't that lots of apples? It certainly is, and it took a lot of care and irrigation and advertising and inflation and hot air and boosting to do it. And we admit that it was an immense apple crop.

But what we started out to tell you is that while California did raise a big lot of apples, it lacked 411,595 bushels of raising as many apples as Iowa did, because Iowa's apple crop for 1910 was 6,746,668 bushels, and you living right here in Iowa didn't know it. One of the great differences between Iowa and California is that the California people know what they raise and continuously talk about it in loud tones, and the Iowa people don't know what Iowa raises and therefore don't talk about it at all.

Iowa people can get a great deal of pleasure out of studying census statistics and posting themselves so that they can make a California or Colorado booster look mighty cheap by a comparison of figures.

Did you know that in 1910 Iowa raised more apples than California did? Well it did raise nearly a half million bushels more. Write a letter to your California friends and tell them about it. Tell your friends in the state of Washington that Iowa raised almost three times as many apples as did Washington and more than three times as many as Oregon.

**Little Benny's Note Book**  
 By LEE PAPE

Me and pop was taking a wawk this afternoon, and awl of a suddin pop sed, Wawk fast, for the luv of Peet, heers Wilkins krawssing the street with that baby of his, evry time I meet that combinayshin sumthing terribil happins.  
 And we startid to wawk past as if we dident see Mr. Wilkins kuming, and ne yelled out. Hey Potts, jest a minit, will you. And me and pop stopped and Mr. Wilkins cum up weeling the baby saying, Wood you mind minding Winfield wile I go in and buy sum seegars, Ill only be a sekind and if he starts to cry you can weel him a littel. And he ran in the segar stoar leaving the baby coatch with pop befor pop had a chance to say weathir he wood mind it or not.  
 If I had that fellows nerve Id be a traine robber, sed pop. And jest then the baby opened his mouth as if he was thinking about crying, and pop sed, Heer, heer, baby, nun of that, kum, kum, nice littel, boiled unyin, dont cry. But the baby opened his mouth still wider, wich I dident think heer cood, and pop kwick took a hold of the handel of the baby coatch, and startid to weel it and the baby shut his mouth agen.

Grate guns, that was a narrow exkape, sed pop. And he kep awn weeling the baby awn akogen of thinking it wood start to cry again if he dident I guess, and jest then who startid to wawk past but Mr. Wilson, saying Well, well Potts, allow me to congratulate you, wen did it happin.  
 It dident happin, sed pop, this thing belawns to Wilkins. And he kep awn weeling it and looking erround to see if Mr. Wilkins was out of the stoar yet, and pritty soon Puds Simkins farthir cum alawg, saying, Wel upon my soul, Potts, this is a serprize to me, its a wundir you woodent let a fello no.  
 O dry up, sed pop. And he kep awn weeling the baby and looking erround to see if Mr. Wilkins was out yet, wich he wasent, and awl of a suddin we saw Mr. Lewis away down the street.  
 Blast it, heer kums Lewis, sed pop, woodent have him catch me for 1000 dollrs and 25 sentis, kum awn, Benny. And we kwick ran down a little street, leaving the baby coatch standing in frunt of a drug stoar for Mr. Wilkins to find it if he cood, wich I guess ne did, because he hasent 'caim erround to our house to ask about it.

germinate. In case manure is not available, commercial fertilizer may be used. Many lawn soils are in need of lime and it is often a wise plan to use it, especially if white clover is to be sown. After plowing the land should be harrowed or raked frequently to reduce it to a good seed bed condition. This will encourage the early germination of the weed seeds with the subsequent extermination of the seedlings. Thorough cultivation at this period will destroy the dandelion plants, both those that come from roots and seeds. After following either plan sketched here, the lawn should be maintained in good condition by careful mowing, rolling and watering.  
 Spraying with iron sulphate solution to kill dandelions without killing the grass is not recommended by the department although it has been tried by some who consider it successful. Experiments do not seem to establish it as a practical method.  
 The dandelion is not a native American plant, having been introduced from Europe several centuries ago. It was first introduced in the east and has spread westward with our emigration. The weed is common all over Europe and has gone into other lands with settlers from the older country, always being found near the communities of man.  
 The name "dandelion" is said to come from the French "Dent de Lion" which means tooth of lion and refers to the tooth shaped edges of the leaf of the plant.

The next move on the part of the federal reserve banks through the country will be the election of directors, after which the new institutions will be qualified to do business. The federal reserve banks of the country other reserve centers of the country with the exception of San Francisco were also incorporated today.  
 Newspaper has become a synonym for neighborhood. It has enlarged the circle in which men live, the area of their interests. Instead of village gossip, we have the whole world's affairs to concern us. All of earth and sea are laid under tribute, every twenty-four hours, now that distance has been annihilated by the wireless telegraph, for the information of everybody. The millionaire and the laborer read the same newspaper. The city man in his club and the farmer hundreds of miles from the metropolis scan the same columns daily. All of us have entered into a new community of interest and intelligence. The first step toward brotherhood is knowledge; we cannot long be unsympathetic with anybody and any class if we have sufficient information about them. That marvelous disseminator of news, the daily press, is one of the golden chains that bind the whole world about the feet of God.—The Rev. William T. Ellis.

**STORY IN A NUTSHELL.**  
 Columns of news dispatches have been printed about what happened at Tampico when the men from the naval dispatch ship Dolphin were arrested and the flag of the United States insulted. But this short description, written by Seaman James Cole of the Dolphin's boat crew with his sister in St. Louis, takes the prize for clearness.  
 "The other day we went ashore, ten of us and the paymaster, to get supplies, and we got too far down the river on the fring line. As soon as we hit the beach the federal army captured us, and we were flying the American flag, too. They held us prisoners about fifteen hours. Our captain came over and got us. They took the American flag off our boat and threw it overboard. They thought the paymaster was a relative of ex-President Madero. The admiral certainly did rave."

A rebel general at Tampico says he will guarantee the safety of Americans in that city. The question now is: Who will guarantee a statement that a Mexican general makes?  
 When a resident of Iowa gets so that he will not try to do anything, he ships himself off to California or Canada.  
 Mr. Meredith claims that he is still running on the democratic ticket.

**NEW BANKS ORGANIZED.**  
 The federal reserve bank of the second reserve district organized in accordance with the new federal banking laws, was formally launched at the New York clearing house yesterday when representatives of Albany, Syracuse, Buffalo and New York City national banks were sworn in as incorporators of the new institutions.

**Press Comment**  
 Marshalltown Times-Republican: The most that Meredith will confess is that he "worked for Professor Holden"

for governor. But if he can't do more for himself than he did for Holden, Louie Murphy can quit getting red in the face and calm his fearful heart.

Clinton Herald: It is officially reported that not a single person was killed by an automobile last February in the state of Iowa. There is some recompense after all for having roads impassable one month in the year.

Kansas City Journal: Richard Olney speaks of the present administration as "one of the most notable the country has ever had." But Mr. Olney doesn't say it is one of the most successful. An administration may be notable for its blunders and failures.

Cedar Rapids Gazette: Huerta is reported to have 500,000 pounds of silver bullion hidden away. He is also reported to have 500,000 soldiers. But it is more likely that his willingness to arbitrate for his peasants and his fear of losing some of the silver rather than fear of losing some of the soldiers.

Council Bluffs Nonpareil: Iowa will be appropriately represented at the Panama-Pacific exposition. The legislature refused to make an appropriation but the people of the state decided not to "stand for his peevish policy." The legislature materly increased taxes, but still did not go as far as many far sighted business men desired.

Burlington Gazette: Now that we are having a clean up week, why not make it a habit to clean up every week in the year. The only way to clean up is to keep cleaned up, and constant effort is needed to attain this result.

Kansas City Journal: In pronouncing Mexican names the only thing you can be sure of is that they are not pronounced as they are spelled. Huerta is Wearta, Vera Cruz is Vera Crooth, Saltillo is Sah-tee-yo, and so on to the end of the chapter.

Clinton Herald: The public loves to be humbugged, but the way the Friedmann institutes flattened out proves that there is a limit. The German doctor got his \$100,000 or so, and the American speculators who planned to coin a few odd millions were left holding the bag. A final report on the Friedmann cure demonstrates that for once the public was right.

Cedar Rapids Republican: The time has come in Iowa for land owners and land renters to get together for the conservation of the soils, and some land owners ought to act likewise. One-third of the farms in Iowa are cultivated without regard to the conservation of the energies of the soil. The sad tale remains to be told and it will be told in due time. What we need in Iowa is more acres in clover, grasses and alfalfa to eat the roughage and return the fertility of the soil back to the land. We need twice as many cattle in Iowa and twice as much clover as we are sowing now. The higher and thinner soils ought to be growing clovers one-half of the time.

Davenport Times: Ames college is getting into the limelight again as a result of a discussion in regard to the work of Professor Kennedy and whether a sufficient amount is expended for agricultural work as compared with what is spent for other departments of the state school. It is to be hoped that the misunderstanding may be quickly corrected for Iowa education has been injured by too much hasty criticism and by unsatisfactory relations between college management and institutions and those immediately responsible for the work. It is time to get things to running smoothly so that Iowa's young men and women may have greater confidence in Iowa's big schools.

Los Angeles Times: President Wilson may be able to translate an ode of Horace, a dithyrambic of Homer, or an oration of Hesichus. The hieroglyphics of Egypt may be as plain to him as are turkey tracks to a hunter, and there may be no problems in higher mathematics that he cannot solve blindfolded with one hand tied behind him. But evidently in his college days he was never locked up with a few kindred spirits in an upper room, with the transom closed, the door crevices deadened and a heavy blanket on the table and there compelled to decide promptly whether the other fellow had a full hand or only a bob-tail flush.

To play draw poker is a waste of time and, unless you can play it unusually well, it results in a waste of money. Its sole extenuation is that it may give to the player valuable lessons in the art of detecting a bluff, and much of the business, the social and the political life of the day is made up of bluffs or attempts at bluffs.  
 If Wilson or Bryan had ever had a draw poker experience in their earlier and less pious days they might not have been so completely bluffed and outgeneraled and bamboozled as they have been by Huerta.

**Dinner Stories**

Phoebe was bored. In all the long years of her life she had never spent such a miserable day. In short, she was bored. In all the long years of her life she had never spent such a miserable day. In short, she was bored. In all the long years of her life she had never spent such a miserable day. In short, she was bored.

ing the unhappy child up in her arms, and cuddling the tear stained little face against her own, the mother walked over to the looking glass.  
 "Just look, Phoebe, at the ugly little face in the looking glass!"  
 Phoebe immediately became interested and stopped crying.  
 "Which one, mother?" she asked.

Cubist Art.  
 "What are you painting from, a soap box?"  
 "I am using a soap box as a model" answered the cubist with dignity, "but the subject of the painting is a young girl standing by a brook."

At Last.  
 "Slashed stockings are the latest." "Everything comes to those who wait. Now women with holes in their hosiery will be in fashion."

She was very literary and he was not. He had spent a barrowing evening discussing authors, of whom he knew nothing, and their books of which he knew less. Presently the maiden asked archly: "Of course, you've read Romeo and Juliet?" He floundered helplessly for a moment and then, having a brilliant thought blurted out, happily: "I've read 'Romeo!'"

District Attorney Whitman of New York said the other day of a business man who had failed disastrously.  
 "He didn't work hard enough. He was too self confident. That is why he failed."

With a laugh the district attorney added: "He who feels sure that the world has an opening for him is apt to land in a hole."

Soft Snap.  
 Some men can't recognize opportunity. What's the use of trying to hold on as president of Mexico when you might be earning easy money in vaudeville?

Duncan MacPherson was a hard-headed old Scot, one of the unusual kind who loved neither the kirk nor the minister. On the icy pavement he slipped and fell, and as he sat there gathering his wits the minister who chanced to pass, said: "MacPherson, the sinner stands on slippery ground." "Aye," said Duncan, dryly, "I see ye."

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**Daddy's Bedtime Story** — The Fairies' Trip Through The Clouds.  
 They Sailed Away, Feeling Like Birds.

It had been some time since the last fairy story had been heard, and daddy knew that that would never do, for Evelyn was always so radiantly happy when one was to be told.  
 "Well, how about a fairy story tonight, children?" asked daddy.  
 "Splendid!" Evelyn cried almost before daddy had finished speaking.  
 "The fairies had the most perfect trip the other day," said daddy. "They had been playing so much that they could not think of a game they wanted to play, and that very rarely happens in fairyland."  
 "Now, the queen of the fairies said: 'I have a scheme. We will visit the clouds. We haven't been on a trip for ever and ever so long, and I will admit that I would like a little change myself.'"  
 "Marvelous!" cried all the fairies. "We would love to do that better than anything in the world. When shall we go?"  
 "Why, this afternoon; right now!"  
 "Well, we must be off," said the fairy queen. "Come, fairy airships; fly down to this mossy ground, and then we can go up to the clouds."  
 "At that the loveliest airships appeared. They looked almost like clouds themselves, so filmy and white were they."  
 "The fairies clapped their hands with wildest glee, for they had never visited the clouds in the airships before."  
 "So off they sailed, feeling just like birds with the delightful flying motion of the ships. And up to the silvery clouds they went. When they got in the clouds the cloud fairies—you know there are fairies who live in the clouds all the time—took them all around and showed them their homes. And such homes as they have! They have the most marvelous palaces, with courtyards and exquisite scenery all about. They have tall mountains where they always go for their parties. Everything is such a beautiful color too, for the cloud fairies are very fond of pale grays and blues and silver."  
 "Then the fairies from the woods suggested to the cloud fairies that they should return their visit and come to earth."  
 "We would love to do that," said the cloud fairies. So off they began to fly from the clouds. They needed no airships, but do you know what happened?  
 "As they began to drop great big drops of rain fell to the earth, and then the heaviest kind of a rainstorm began for the earth people, for of course when the cloud fairies move the rain is not held any more and it falls to the earth."  
 "But the fairies from the woods didn't mind, as the big trees always protect them; and the cloud fairies only let the rain fall where there were no trees. So the afternoon was one of greatest pleasure for both the wood fairies and the cloud fairies."