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I have not the slightest regard for that statesmanship which is divorced from the morality which we ought to guide us in our private life, which we gather for a nation as for individuals from the religion we profess. Time, persistence in labor, fidelity to the great principles which we hold and believe in, will give us the victory over existing evils.—John Bright.

TODAY'S BIT OF VERSE

CONTENTED.

If I have planted a hope today in any hopeless heart. If some one's load has lighter grown because I did my part. If happy I have caused a laugh that chased some tears away. And if tonight my name be named where some one kneels to pray— I claim my day has been well spent, Not lived in vain, and am contented.

If cup, or crust, or covering has been dispensed by me. If I have helped the weak to stand. Or warmly clasped some angry hand In friendship it may be; Or if some lonely little child Has known my comradeship and smiled. Then, humble though I be, I know I have been helping God, and so serene, I claim my night's rest. Just glad that I have done my best. —Melvin Mortimer Newberg.

The best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.—Theodore Roosevelt.

MEXICANIZING THE PHILIPPINES.

That shocking proposed display of political irresponsibility, the abandonment of the Philippine islands, would outdo even the irreparable wrong done to Mexico in the hounding of Huerta, costly as that bit of canting presumption has been in suffering to the millions submerged in an era of Mexican butchery and banditry. Mexico should have taught Mr. Wilson not to play at ideals with other people's blood. But it has not brought him to a realization of that. So he is fatuously gambling with the destinies of 8,000,000 Filipinos, threatened with miseries exceeding those of Mexico once they are cast out and marooned, left to their own mercies under a travesty of liberty. Democratic leaders have received word from the president that the "scuttle" measure must go through, and it is to the credit of twenty-eight members of the dominant party in the house that they have declined to be bound by the action of the caucus.

Is it true that the Filipinos are fit to govern themselves according to American standards of government? They certainly do not themselves all believe so, or none would have signed a petition representing \$20,000,000 of wealth, directed against the passage of the Jones bill to withdraw United States authority from the archipelago.

Twelve years of American rule have raised among the Filipinos a great class who put their trust in the big American brother and depend upon the pledge, implied in his past beneficent control, that the control will continue; that the United States will not quit what it has begun.

MAY ADVANCE NEWSPAPER PRICES.

The daily newspapers of the country, to say nothing of the weeklies, the magazines and the technical and trade journals, are facing a serious situation in the steady increase in the price of print paper and in the component parts of all kinds of paper. The scarcity in labor, the increase in wages and the advance in the price of coal and the prevailing freight congestion, all together aid in complicating the condition of the paper market.

The cost of labor in Canada, where the bulk of the wood pulp used in the manufacture of paper is obtained, has increased because of the scarcity of workers caused by the heavy enlistments of Canadians since the war began and also because of the use by the British government itself of the pulp as a substitute for cotton in the manufacture of explosives. The cost of pulp wood has increased, from \$2 to \$3 a cord. This in turn affects the price of paper from \$3 to \$4 a ton. Coal used by paper manufacturers has increased about 90 cents a ton, and this means an increase in the cost of paper from

\$1 to \$2 a ton. The increased demands of paper labor throws weight on the wrong side of the balance and helps push up the price. The management of The Gate City had a concrete and pocket-touching lesson in advanced paper prices last week when they were notified of an advance of between 75 and 80 per cent, in the price they would be required to meet for the material on which this paper is printed. Formerly the price of the print paper used here has been at the rate of \$2.06 per hundred pounds, delivered, in carload lots. In the future it will be \$3.60.

So there you are; and the question is, What is the newspaper publisher to do in order to meet and overcome the opposition of ruinously high prices for material? This was discussed at the annual meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers association at a session last week in New York City. The paper situation was regarded as serious and it was agreed that unless there is a quick break in the price of the commodity, it will be necessary to raise the prices of daily papers.

In conformity with this view, the action of the Pennsylvania State Editorial association, taken at the same time, caused little surprise. The Pennsylvania editors decided that if there were not an immediate reduction in publication costs they would advance the price of their papers 100 per cent.

EDUCATING THE JANITOR.

No janitor employed unless he bears a college degree, soon may be the rule in the state of Oregon. The Oregon agricultural college is establishing an extension course wherein the art of being a good janitor will be taught. The course will be open to all janitors. Some may scoff at this as dragging educational training down to the trivialities. But it should not be so regarded. Whatever is worth doing, is worth doing well.

Science may be applied in the care of a building as well as in matters of greater originality and import. Indeed, the scientific janitor may become a benefactor—a prolonger of human life. He will have exact knowledge as to the proper temperature to maintain in office or living room. He will know how to protect those who receive janitor service from germs in rugs and carpets. He will be the final authority on ventilation and sanitation.

Let us remember that millions of children and adults in schools, churches, assembly halls, offices and residences are in the realm over which the janitor rules in matters of cleanliness, heating, ventilation and hygienic conditions. Therefore, it is no trivial matter to educate the janitor in the important details of the work before him.

KEEP THE SCREEN CLEAN.

The American people are spending half a million dollars annually to see moving pictures. Many millions of men, women and children are frequenters of the photoplay houses. To multitudes of people the moving picture is the chief source of entertainment and instruction. It engages their attention more than any interest extraneous to home and business.

Moving pictures make profound impressions, color thought, mould impulses and set in motion influences that are of widespread and lasting effect. Such a fountain of amusement and instruction from which so many derive pleasure and knowledge should be kept pure. The possibilities of good in the photoplay are stupendous. The possibilities of evil are equally as great. Hence the importance, vital to the morals of so many, of insisting that only clean, unobjectionable films shall be shown. It is up to the managers of photoplay houses to see that the line of decency is never overstepped and that nothing is projected on the screen that would offend as a matter of discussion in the home.

The country is not in temper to accept with good grace any sparring for political points in congress. The best political tactics would be to settle down, in statesmanlike fashion, and further the momentous work before the national legislators—to do it without feints or plays to the galleries.

The pleasant pastime of the United States treasurer in transferring national liabilities to the column of assets may not dispel "the winter of our discontent," but it helps to raise the calorific under the collar of all true Americans.

There is something ominous in the name of the Alaskan stream by which another deposit of gold is reported to have been found—"Boob Creek." Most of the fortune hunters that join the rush for treasure will bitterly admit the application a little later.

A certain island seems to be shamrocking the boat.

April butted out like a goat.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT. Marshalltown Times-Republican: Perhaps the reason Des Moines barred "The Birth of a Nation" was because it couldn't be counted in the population census.

Boone News-Republican: Judging from the selection of delegates in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio and Nebraska, the colonel had a good reason for refusing to allow his name to be used in the presidential primary.

Burlington Hawk-Eye: With Senator Molsberry out of the race, Louisa county looms big in the vision of Messrs. Kennedy, Kopp and Thorne.

Dubuque Times-Journal: By waiting until a critical period in our diplomatic affairs to make a protest, Japan has lived up to her reputation as being just as crafty, if not more so, than any of the other governments.

St. Louis City Tribune: Possibly W. J. Bryan is seeking a political alliance with Henry Ford in order to recover the lost political trenches in Nebraska.

Waterloo Times-Tribune: The proof reader welcomes the dateline Dublin in the war news. He can spell it and he knows just where it is.

St. Louis City Journal: Some men are born lucky and others luckier still. Exhibit A: Republican representatives in congress who will be unopposed in the primary. Exhibit B: Republican representatives who will be unopposed not only in the primary, but in the election. Harry Hull and Jim Good, please write!

Council Bluffs Nonpareil: Fairbanks is going to Chicago with ten thousand Hoosier rosters to boost his candidacy for the republican nomination for president. The indications now are that Fairbanks will hang on rosters but short on delegates.

Davenport Times: It would be unfortunate for the country to have the freight and passenger service crippled and the business of the nation practically brought to a standstill by drastic action. It would be unfortunate, also, because it would give new foundation on which the advocates of government ownership of railroads could build their arguments. Government ownership is something that every thinking man hopes may not be undertaken, because it would produce new problems the solution of which none can foresee.

Dubuque Times-Journal: The whole Roosevelt family, father, sons, sons-in-law, cousins, etc., will enlist if we have war, says the colonel. The colonel missed a bet by not better advertising the patriotism of the Roosevelt family by saying they would all go as privates.

Burlington Hawk-Eye: Candidate Meredith is heralded as a vote-getter. Why this reputation? It is certainly not based on past performances.

Cedar Rapids Gazette: The best political joke of American history is presented by national leaders in Washington holding their breaths and clutching the sides of their reserved seats while watching the Ford-Cummins finish in Nebraska. It is equal to a one-armed clear sign winning middleweight championship in a fair fight.

Council Bluffs Nonpareil: The Cedar Rapids Republican thinks we should be grateful because "Wilson will write no more notes." There is nothing certain on this line. When a schoolmaster says he has written his last line and spoken his last word he usually means just for the time being.

Dubuque Times-Journal: The strong run of Henry Ford in the Nebraska primary is attributed to the wave of abuse directed against him because of his peace stand. While his plan was generally regarded as futile his sincerity was not questioned. A sincere person may not always succeed, but they always command respect.

Waterloo Courier: Even if Villa is dead the chances are that he is still hitting a hot trail.

Cedar Rapids Republican: It took a great deal of effort to get out a minimum vote in the presidential preference primary. And yet a few years ago the politicians were telling us that the primary was absolutely necessary to save our free institutions from the encroachments of the bosses.

DON'T SUFFER WITH NEURALGIA

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now we pursued one delusion after another, getting ourselves all excited about it, only to find in the end that no one cared much about it and that it has accomplished little or nothing except added to the expenditures of taxpayers' money.

CARTHAGE, ILL.

Mrs. John Scott was taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Keokuk Sunday and underwent an operation. Friends are very anxious on her account as the operation was much more serious than was expected. She is in a very critical condition. Her daughter Mrs. Mary Wasson from Marshalltown, Iowa, has arrived to be with her.

Miss Marion Aleshire, who has not been well for several months past, was taken by her mother, Mrs. Geo. Aleshire, and Dr. Katherine Cherrill to Excelsior Springs, Mo., this week to spend some time.

Rev. T. B. Uher, who has been professor of English in Carthage college for two years, has accepted a call to the Evangelical Lutheran church in Princeton, Ill. He with his family will go about June 1.

Woods McCulloch of Creston, Ia., has been visiting relatives here. Harry Burgner has returned from a visit with his father Chas. Burgner, in East St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. K. Hartman spent Easter in Ft. Madison with their son Clifford. Mrs. Alice Garlow has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jessie Steckle in Peoria.

Mrs. Clyde Woods and Miss McClung of Monmouth, have been visiting Mrs. Wm. McGulverly. Miss Grace Kunkel has returned home, after taking several weeks' course in the Moody bible institute in Chicago.

Mrs. M. P. Berry and Helen Noyes attended the P. E. O. convention in Roseville this week. Mrs. J. G. Crawford of Moberly, Mo. is a guest at the home of her uncle, M. L. Cheney and family.

Miss Eulalie Pullian who has been in Palm Beach, Florida, for some months, is a guest of her cousin, W. D. Lewis, enroute to her home in Durango, Colo.

Mrs. Mae Peters and daughter, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. M. D. Seymour, have returned to their home in Galesburg. Mrs. Wm. Dally, Mrs. E. D. Lenix.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wright accompanied their mother, Mrs. M. F. Russell to Burlington to consult physicians. Dr. E. H. S. Peterson of Chicago, has been visiting her brother, H. S. Sallsbury. Granville Cannon has returned from a trip to Kansas City to buy cattle. Harley Burgner of Peoria, spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burgner. Mrs. D. H. Miller has gone to Waterloo, Ia., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Hewett Maxwell. Mrs. Chas. Wetzel was called to St. Louis, Mo., by the serious sickness of her father, Frederick Shultz.

Mrs. J. M. Berry has gone to Peoria to visit her son, Oscar, Berry and daughter, Mrs. Rose McCool. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Mabry of Golden City, Mo., are guests of their niece, Mrs. Walker Worrell.

Mrs. Lelia Lionberger has returned from Abingdon, Ill., where she has been spending the winter with her daughter, Miss Edith. Misses Esther and Lillian, of Oskaloosa, Ia., are guests of their sister, Mrs. Wm. Dally and other relatives.

Miss Martha Quimby has returned from a visit with her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. Callihan, in Cedar Rapids, Ia. Two two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shepherd, which had been ill the past four months, passed away last Wednesday evening. The funeral was held Friday morning and interment was in Moss Ridge. The parents have the sympathy of a host of friends in their bereavement.

The families of John Culkin Sr. and Mr. Louis Culkin attended the funeral of Mrs. Cosgrove in Keokuk Friday morning. Mrs. Cosgrove was the mother of Mrs. Louis Culkin who has been with her mother during her illness. Numerous friends extended sympathy to the bereaved family in their great loss.

Miss Opal Coffman, who spent the Easter tide at home, returned to her school in Macomb, Friday morning. The College Girls Glee club entertainment was a fine success, both socially and financially. The board of supervisors will meet in special session, May 11, 1916. The city wagon has been busy all this week hauling away rubbish. They have one more day and then we will be all cleaned up. This is an annual affair, ordered by the city mayor, and the citizens in general co-operate in this work.

Mrs. George Aleshire and daughter went to Excelsior Springs, Mo., last week for the benefit of the latter's health. E. J. Baxter and S. E. Fowler, of Nauvoo were county seat visitors Friday.

ELDERSVILLE, ILL.

Mrs. Henry Marklie is quite sick this week. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barnaby and son Elmer were visiting relatives in Keokuk last Saturday and Sunday. Miss Clara Vogel returned home Saturday after spending the past two weeks in and about Tiosa. Several from this vicinity attended the funeral of Mrs. Roy Frederick at Hamilton Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Webster were Carthage shoppers Monday. Joe Gray is starting to build a new house. The measles patients who have

Start Tomorrow and Keep It Up Every Morning

Get in the habit of drinking a glass of hot water before breakfast.

We're not here long, so let's make our stay agreeable. Let us live well, eat well, digest well, work well, sleep well, and look well. What a glorious condition to attain, and yet, how very easy it is if one will only adopt the morning inside bath. Folks who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when they arise, splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, can, instead, feel as fresh as a daisy by opening the sluices of the system each morning and flushing out the whole of the internal poisonous stagnant matter.

Everyone, whether ailing, sick or well, should, each morning, before breakfast, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach. The action of hot water and limestone phosphate on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast. While you are enjoying your breakfast the water and phosphate is quietly extracting a large volume of water from the blood and getting ready for a thorough flushing of all the inside organs.

The millions of people who are bothered with constipation, bilious spells, stomach trouble; others who have hollow skins, blood disorders and sickly complexions are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store. This will cost very little, but is sufficient to make anyone a pronounced crank on the subject of inside-bathing before breakfast.

been very sick, east of us, are all improving and some of them are able to be out. Easter Sunday a good many of our young folks went hiking to the woods to search for wild flowers, eat roast eggs etc. Mrs. Gabel and daughter, Edna, were Hamilton visitors Wednesday. Miss Edith Elder and brother of Basco attended Sunday school at the Mt. Pleasant Sunday school on Easter morning.

The eighth grade final examinations will be held at the school east of us, on Friday, May 5. Mrs. Clyde Van Blair was a visitor in Hamilton Tuesday. Mrs. Ralph Marshall and children visited home folks Wednesday. Mrs. Charles Webster and son Vern spent Saturday and Sunday with Ralph Webster and wife.

Sufficiency. Marshalltown Times-Republican: The farther the democratic administration proceeds the more convinced the average voter becomes that four years of it is a dose.