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Christ deliberately inwove His life into all that is commonest in life. He has made it impossible for us, if indeed we have His spirit, to think of any salient aspect of human life without thinking of Him.

TODAY'S BIT OF VERSE

THE IMPULSE. It seems to me I'd like to go, Where bells don't ring, nor whistles blow, Nor clocks don't strike, nor songs don't sound, And I'd have stillness all around.

Happily it is not the result of our acts that makes them brave and noble, but the acts themselves, and the unselfish love that moved us to do them.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

PHYSICAL FORCE FAILS.

The physical force element in the Irish campaign against the rule of Great Britain has failed miserably. John Redmond, nationalist leader, declares that the Sinn Fein outbreak was organized by those both in Ireland and America who have always been the open and irreconcilable foes of home rule as in principle advocated by the Irish parliamentary party.

But has the movement advanced the cause of Ireland a tittle? It is to be feared not. The man with an open mind will measure probabilities in the light of prevailing conditions.

In Ireland a new crop of miseries and sufferings must inevitably be garnered. First will come the measures of repression—martial law, coercion acts, suspension of the habeas corpus, executions perhaps for treason, wholesale imprisonment, curtailment of civil rights, all the severities by which domestic disorder is put down.

It is a miserable picture of the near future that this frantic outburst of passion offers to the sane view of the looker-on from without. The true lesson of it should appeal above all to the friends of Ireland in this country. Peace is what Ireland wants.

MUST LOOK TO OUR TRADE.

Like the words of old Ben Franklin preaching common sense to our forefathers comes the address of Frank Vanderlip delivered in Boston before the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, which was celebrating its one hundredth anniversary.

The point he makes is that unless we do something besides open our hands to accept the increased business that is forced upon us now we shall actually be in a worse condition after the war than we were before it began, for we shall be "on an artificial level of costs, a level above the rest of the world."

The fact that one man has had a better chance than another, or that one nation has had greater natural advantages, has never yet determined the result of competitive struggle.

Even with all the disadvantages of the war, other nations outstrip us in many fields. For example, Great Britain's 1915 exportations of piece goods to South America were only half her usual output, but that was more than five times the amount we send to our neighboring continent.

What is true of cotton goods must be true of other business in varying degrees. It is true that we have enormous "natural" resources. A year of good crops, cotton or wheat brings a seasonable prosperity.

SOME MAY DAYS.

Who is able to recall that "spell of weather" that hovered in and about Keokuk sixty-five years ago today? On May 2, 1851, five inches of snow covered the ground here.

The United States department of commerce reports that 2,000 merchant vessels of about 4,000,000 tonnage have been taken out of the business of carrying commerce since the great war started, either by government conversion for other purposes or by violence in war.

Each new building, business or residential, erected in a city is an encourager of the boost spirit. Now, here comes Muscatine with word of the early erection of a magnificent store and office structure, seven stories high and to be constructed in a manner that would do credit to any of the country's metropolitan cities.

This is a time to quit "cutting" your neighbor's corner. The neighbor very likely has an idea of raising nice green grass in that corner this spring and summer, and if we all keep on stepping on the soft soil and killing the grass, there won't be very much green stuff to delight the eye of the passerby and please the neighbor.

How many of us, after candid self-contemplation, are ready to give ourselves a vote of confidence? If we do not trust ourselves—if we do not find ourselves worthy of self-confidence—how can we expect others to have confidence in us?

Lack of supply and increased demand is responsible for the extraordinarily high prices demanded and obtained for sea going vessels, the condition in the trade being, of course, one of the results of the war.

The house of representatives will never have time to try for contempt all those who have expressed unflattering opinions of it and its work.

Indoor Life Makes Fat

Try Oil of Korein to Keep Weight Down or to Reduce Superfluous Fat.

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IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Marshalltown Times-Republican: The fact that an Ohio college professor who forgot who he was had waded up in Colorado and remembered himself after three years forgetfulness, will inspire hope that the fellow you lent that five bill will recover from his attack of amnesia some day and remember the debt.

Davenport Democrat: Tuesday, I sent a train to Chicago Tuesday that might well have borne some banners telling of the source of Hawkeye prosperity. It consisted of fourteen cars of livestock conveyed by half a dozen of the citizens of Downey and the good farm country thereabouts.

Council Bluffs Nonpareil: The only evidence so far produced to support the claim that Justice Hughes is not progressive is the fact that he wears whiskers. These are universally condemned by sanitarians.

Waterloo Times-Tribune: You'll have to give it to Ambassador von Bernstorff as a fellow who could fix things up satisfactory to about everybody if he were left alone to do it.

Sioux City Journal: The Des Moines intimation that Attorney General Cosson is just beginning his campaign makes us smile up his way. Nothing is to be gained by concealing the conviction in this quarter that right now Lieutenant Governor Harding has got the nomination practically coopered.

Cedar Rapids Republican: We trust that the women will so conduct their rival campaigns that after the primary and the special election they can still meet and drink pink teas together. That is going to be the real test. It is up to the women to prove that they can have differences of opinion and fight for their respective sides without really getting mad at each other or about it, without scratching or boycotting each other.

Waterloo Courier: It is suggested that kerosene may be used successfully as a substitute for gasoline. But who controls the supply of kerosene?

Marshalltown Times-Republican: The most amusing thing in present day politics is to hear an old time democrat who raved against summary legislation shouting for an extra dry ticket. Paul's conversion wasn't quicker though it may have been more thorough.

Dubuque Times-Journal: The number of American boy riders abroad appears to be growing fewer. The cables tell of four ships being torpedoed in foreign waters and not an American was aboard.

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GOLDEN WEDDING OF THE KIRCHNERS

Lee County Couple Were Wedded Fifty Years Ago and Properly Celebrate Anniversary.

DONNELLSON, May 2.—Wednesday, April 26, 1916 will long be remembered by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kirchner and their many relatives and friends for whom it was a day of gladness and rejoicing. It marks the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kirchner. Golden weddings are so rare that they seem important not only to those who have been privileged to journey together as man and wife for the space of fifty years, but interest is also aroused in the children and friends of those who are granted this rare privilege.

On the 26th of April, 1866, Mr. George Kirchner and Katharina Spiesz were united in marriage by Rev. H. Braschler in Franklin, Lee county, Iowa. This event was commemorated at Donnellson, Iowa on the 26th of April, 1916. Sixty-four relatives and friends availed themselves of this opportunity to offer congratulations and sincere good wishes on this golden anniversary. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kirchner, Mr. and Mrs. Kirchner, Keokuk, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Springer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Honadel, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Spiesz, Mrs. Lena Kirchner, Mrs. Mary Jacobs, Lincoln, Neb., Mr. Conrad Spiesz, Keokuk, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. John Bentzinger, Mr. and Mrs. John Abel and daughter Stella, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bentzinger, Mr. Ed Bentzinger, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bentzinger and daughters Ella, Esther and Edna, Mr. and Mrs. Will Bentzinger and sons William and Arthur and daughter Meta, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hulsebus and children Emmet and Wilma, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kirchner and sons Alfred, Edwin, Oliver and Herbert and daughters Anita and Gladys, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kirchner and daughters Velma Elfrida and Margaret and son Carl, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neumann, Kahoka, Mo., and daughters Verblis and Elsie and son Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. John Ackle and daughter Madeline, Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Freytag, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Kreis and children Arthur and Frieda, Miss Clara Hotop.

Gladness filled the hearts of all when the aged couple entered the tastefully decorated parlor of the parental home, where all their decedents, relatives and friends were assembled. Pastor Wm. Kreis of the German Evangelical church was present to voice the sentiments of joy and gratitude which found a cheerful response in the hearts of all.

Following the ceremony a most bountiful dinner was served and many reminiscences of the past home life were indulged in by the parents and their children. Mr. and Mrs. Kirchner received numerous valuable and useful golden tokens of love and the festive occasion blended into the joyous acclaim of the mercy and loving kindness of the heavenly father. May the abundant grace and mercy of God be evermore manifest in the lives of the aged couple as days and years are added to their sojourn upon earth, and may they ever realize the verification of the promise:

"As thy days, so shall thy strength be."

Morris Springer made a business trip to Nauvoo in his new auto last Friday.

Mrs. E. Lurkey and family of Farmington, are guests of Mrs. Andrew Anderson.

The Baptist people have done considerable work in their church with new carpet, paper and paint; also have new lamps, which makes quite an improvement.

A picnic dinner was served Thursday at Mrs. N. C. McOmber's for the church workers. Twenty-five were seated at tables.

Mrs. Perry McPherson, Mrs. Eva Anderson and Mrs. Eliza Watts were Farmington visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. R. Beggs is visiting relatives at Keosauqua.

Mrs. Bessie Salsgaver has gone to Eldon.

Mrs. Earnest Lucas of Belfast called on Mrs. Robert Anthony Saturday. Perley Perkins attended church service over Sunday in Keokuk.

Mrs. Francis Radnes is quite sick again. Mrs. Mary Courtney of Revere, is taking care of her.

Mrs. Cox of Bonaparte was the guest of her son, Joe Cox, over Sunday.

Mr. Henjeng sold a nice lot of spring chickens, raised in the old fashioned way, were hatched under hens and are the first sold in this vicinity.

Frank Shaw was a Donnellson visitor Wednesday.

LA HARPE, ILL.

David Strand, a prominent farmer living about twelve miles northeast of this place was killed in an automobile accident Friday evening about eight o'clock. He had started to town alone in the car and it will never be known just how the accident occurred as passers-by along the road found the overturned auto by the roadside with Mr. Strand pinned under it. His neck was broken and other injuries pointed to probable instant death.

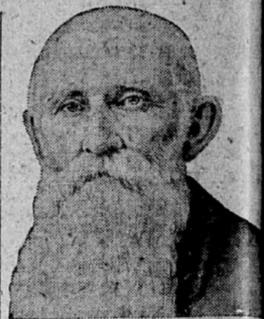
Mr. Strand was a well-to-do Swedish farmer about thirty-seven years of age and leaves a wife and two small children besides other relatives and friends to mourn his untimely passing away.

The triangular track meet between La Harpe, Dallas City and Stronghurst was held at the fair grounds Friday. A big crowd was in attendance. The honors fell to Dallas City 4-2, Stronghurst second and La Harpe, third.

Saturday, May 6, the county track meet and literary contests will be held here, with all the high schools of the county taking part. Our public schools will close Thurs-

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day, May 18. Commencement exercises that evening. A large class of about twenty will graduate this year.

SANDUSKY.

Saturday evening at the home of the Misses Finn, Sandusky, a number of friends gave a farewell party in honor of L. Adolph Bertschinger, who leaves soon for the west. The guests were entertained with games and music during the evening and a delicious three course luncheon was served. The table decorations consisted of one large centerpiece of

violets. The guests departed at a half hour, having spent a most enjoyable evening. Those present were Mrs. L. Adolph Bertschinger, John E. Mon, Kenneth Harmon, Howard E. die, Louis Moriarty, James Moran, Oscar Marshall, Lawrence Weirath, Oscar Peterson, Reuben Davis, Maude Benner, Katherine De Marie Davis, Barbara Weirath, Ma Weirath, Jessie Bailey, Mildred Bailey, Mabel Peterson, Pearl Ausdall, Elizabeth Lang of Keokuk and Mrs. Benner.

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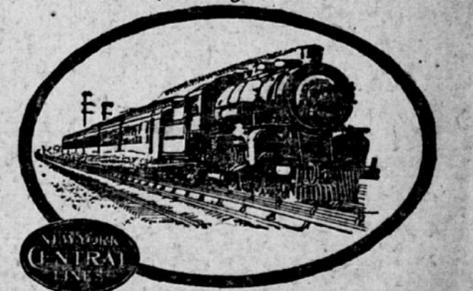
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