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There are people who intend to do good in the world and invariably do harm. They enter eagerly into the lives of others and put their fingers pressingly upon delicate machinery; very often they destroy it, more seldom, unfortunately they cut their own fingers.—Phyllis B. Tome.

## TODAY'S BIT OF VERSE

OCTOBER TO IOWA.  
I bear thee gifts  
Against the winter's waste of white  
My guest, the rain-bow, night by night,  
Adds rift to rifts  
Of splendor stolen from the stars  
Before the dawn its gate unbars.  
  
The ghoulish wind  
May sweep away the summer's flowers,  
For all my dream-enchanted hours  
A tryst yet find.  
To gambol with the golden sheaves  
And be the glee-men of the leaves.  
  
The sickle keen  
Of bearded time may claim the grass,  
But where the blackening waters pass  
And mourn their green,  
I strike their heart with autumn's rod  
And they reflect the thoughts of God.  
  
For if we knew  
The maple and the ivied oak,  
The woods of Iowa invoke,  
The One who drew  
His Gospel where He traced His hand,  
His Glory in the star and sand.  
—J. C. Saidmore.

Discontent is the want of self-reliance; it is infirmity of will.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

## STORMS' MISREPRESENTATION.

Separatist Candidate C. W. Storms, who is running for the office of representative from this district in the state legislature, has come to the defense of his argument for the elimination of Keokuk as a factor in the transaction of county record business and the setting up of Fort Madison as the sole point at which such business may be transacted. In a communication to the West Point Bee, Storms makes an assault on facts that are upheld by the statutes of the state of Iowa and he shows lamentable ignorance in his view of conditions. He asks: "Why should Lee county have two sets of officials?"

Lee county has not two sets of officials. Their number is designated by law, and even though there were but one county station, the number would not be reduced. In fact, with the largely increasing amount of business the number might be augmented in order to set off the personality that would be required to supplement a new court house, a building that will surely be in demand if a change is made from the present very satisfactory arrangement of two county stations. Now, whatever extra help is required must be paid for out of the pockets of the incumbent officials.

Mr. Storms avers, in his statement, that his drive is in no way directed against the city of Keokuk, an outgiving that does not square with the candidate's utterances on the side.

Then Mr. Storms gets down to a basic fact. "This is not a question of politics," he says, "but a question of vital importance to every voter in Lee county." Very true. And just because of the truthfulness of this observation Mr. Storms will be defeated at the polls on the seventh of November.

## TALKING THROUGH HIS HAT.

Secretary of War Baker in attempting to run to cover after criticism of his New Jersey speech in which he declared that Washington's soldiers in the march to Valley Forge "were just as bad characters as the Mexicans," has opened another hornet's nest in a statement that the war department has received definite information that enemies of the government's policy toward Mexico, in co-operation with Villa or other bandits, had arranged for a spectacular attack on American troops on the border to be made before the election to create sentiment against the administration.

Baker's statement is astounding. It is unbelievable, and, to the credit of the sense of the American people, it is not believed. The secretary of war is projecting through his

chapeau a statement that has no acquaintance with veracity. His announcement is altogether too thin and has all the earmarks of a concoction designed for campaign consumption. Its ill effect will be reflected in the distress it may cause the families of soldiers (and those of Keokuk are included) now on the border, families who are waiting at home and deprived of the wage-earning assistance of the men who answered the call to arms.

It appears to The Gate City that the out-giving of the secretary of war may well be placed in the category of wicked.

## DO YOUR DUTY.

Register.  
Register today.  
Register today to vote.  
If you do not register today, do so on Saturday, November fourth. That will be your last opportunity. But why delay? So—  
Register today. You may do so before nine o'clock p. m.

Four days at the most in two or four years are not many to give to the business of the government that stands over you.

Four thousand Iowa boys have been giving half a year to their country on the Mexican border—you can afford to give enough time to vote and register.

## WE ARE AT WAR.

The army thinks we are at war, whether the president believes so or not. The judge advocate of the army, General Crowder, has so decided in an opinion covering the status of the troops in Mexico.

It is known that hundreds have fallen in the present operations in Mexico, that the entire available standing army and organized reserve of the United States, over and above a minimum number imperatively needed at home, are in the field and have been for months; that thousands of our troops hold several thousand square miles of Mexican territory by forcible occupation; that American territory has been repeatedly invaded and that government revenues are being spent by hundreds of millions to maintain troops in the field, to protect our border and to hold the Mexican conquered territory. But all this, according to the officials in Washington, is not exactly war.

If not exactly war, exactly what is our relation with the hostile leaders of northern Mexico? The only thing missing to make it war is a definite declaration of war. Such declarations are made to regularize proceedings and to let all concerned know where they stand.

War has been brought about, but the administration refuses to so denominate it. Thereby is caused such confusion in army administration as to oblige the army's judge advocate general to settle matters with a ruling. That official says war exists. So now officially and technically we have war, as we have long had the substance of war.

## THE PRESS AND THE CHURCH.

Substantial recognition of the invaluable assistance the newspaper press renders churches in their work has been given by action of the Episcopal general convention at St. Louis. The house of deputies adopted a resolution urging the establishment of a permanent church publicity bureau "because of the increased dependency of the church upon the press."

The report of the committee which recommended this asserts that the church is under the greatest obligation to the press. "The newspaper is the greatest publicity medium," the reports avers; "through the press we can accomplish a great religious work in reaching the man outside the walls of our churches. Altruistic organizations of all kinds are depending more and more on the press for support of their work."

The Gate City is pleased to exploit church news impartially as among the various denominations, esteeming it a contribution to the higher thought and the better impulses of readers, and regarding it as but a fair representation in news service of one of the vital factors for good in the community—the church and its work. The best class of American newspapers—the most numerous class—have pleasure in giving freely of space for that which fosters churches, schools and homes.

Secretary of State Lansing may not make any speeches in support of President Wilson's candidacy because he believes that "politics should stop at the water's edge," but it is pretty safe to assume that his eminent predecessor would have got into a rowboat and gone right on.

The Missouri convict who carried away a ball and chain from the state penitentiary was an incurable souvenir hunter.

Greece furnishes an instance of installment plans as applied to international affairs.

Register today.

Back Pay for Men.  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
DENISON, Texas, Oct. 28.—Business agents representing the five shop crafts announced today that 1,500 men employed in the mechanical departments of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad had been granted an increase in pay and an adjustment of wage scales dating back to August. The total annual increase will amount to more than \$100,000 with back pay of over \$10,000.

Two Cabinet Members Here.  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 28.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Secretary of Labor Wilson will arrive in Des Moines tomorrow to be guests of Candidate Morehead. Both secretaries will stop in Iowa the coming week, Wilson speaking at Cedar Rapids Monday evening and Daniels at Grinnell and Marshalltown Monday. Daniels will speak Tuesday at Belle Plaine and Tuesday night at Tipton.

Bandits Loot Bank.  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
McPHERSON, Kan., Oct. 28.—The Little River State bank west of here, was looted of four thousand dollars last night by bandits. It was discovered today. The bandits, who dynamited the safe, first cut all telephone wires leading to the town. About \$2,000 of the loot was in post-age stamps.

Six Months in Jail.  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
RED OAK, Iowa, Oct. 28.—Elva Patton of Villisca, who has been in the county jail here since his arrest two months ago for attempting to burn his home, was sentenced by Judge J. B. Rockafellow to six months in the county jail and fined \$150.

**ROYAL**  
**BAKING POWDER**  
Absolutely Pure  
Made from Cream of Tartar  
NO ALUM—NO PHOSPHATE

Broken Shoulder Blade.  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Oct. 28.—J. H. T. Main, president of the Grinnell college, suffered a broken shoulder blade when a freight train collided with the rear of a south bound interurban car on the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City line at 7:30 a. m. today.

## RED BLOODED COURAGE

[By G. Walter Barr.]

There is just as much red blooded courage in Keokuk as along the Somme. American manhood is as virile today as it was in 1776, or in 1861. An hour at the gas works yesterday noon knocked columns of Wilson mollycoddle speeches into paper pulp. In a cavern full of deadly gas lay two workmen overcome by the methylic vapors. Their fellows worked their way one by one, and one negro, past obstructions toward the prone victims. One by one every man attempting the rescue fell unconscious. Instantly another man went after the last man to fall. With obstructions of pipes and tanks in the way, they wriggled and wormed into the deadly atmosphere long enough to carry out some man lying in there unconscious. Then they tore a hole in a solid wall of brick in order to get into that death trap, obsessed by the sole idea of duty to save if there was one chance in a million to succor the men laying comatose in there, and they did not know who it was for whom life was being risked on the slimmest of chances.

Firemen came in big trucks with sounding gongs, took one look, and without an instant of hesitation forgot about hose and nozzles and fies and smoke and dived into the hole where death grinned and craped firmly every man who entered his lair one by one as they came. The chief fell unconscious. The assistant chief dropped as if shot

only three feet from the leg of a man ahead of him for which he was already reaching forward. One by one, firemen fell and lay still in that dreadful lair of death, and were pulled out with ropes and pumped full of oxygen with pulmotors. The unconscious lay on the ground, saved by ropes if the pulmotors held out, while one by one other men continued to enter the hole determined to bring out some victim of the gas still inside, or stay in there with him. In the end two men were carried out dead and the rest were saved by skillful work.

That was a scene to make all Keokuk proud of its virile men. It was something tonic to all symptoms of fear that the times are becoming effeminate and that America is losing its virility as a presage that it is following Greece and Rome into a decline and fall.

While Teutons and Franks and Britains and Slavs do wonders of valor in the glare that lights up all Europe, the red badge of courage is to be pinned on the breasts covering the stout hearts full of bright blood of the men in Keokuk who proved themselves heroes yesterday noon.

When opportunity knocked just once with a carmine hand, beckoning toward danger and death, they sprang through that hole in the wall to her summons. It was one of those great, fine things that a city sees generally but once in a generation.

## AMUSEMENTS.

### Bess Gearhart Morrison

The first number of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. lecture course, with Bess Gearhart Morrison, the reader, as the entertainer, given last night at the Grand theatre. There was a good audience present and the program was one of exceptional interest and charm.

Mrs. Morrison's repertoire was a large one and the range of her selections great. Her readings bore three distinct characteristics, fitness, charm and exaltation. She expressed a vital personality in every movement and speech and her voice and wonderful interpretative power convinced the audience that she was a rare artist.

Vaudeville Tomorrow Night at the Grand.  
Poshay & White—Odd comedy bits, general entertainers.

Dolph and Susie Levine—Novel comedy act; a sketch about hypnotism and domestic troubles, called "Am-

ateur Psychology." Susie sings and Dolph is an artist at free hand drawing.

Frankie Segal—Minstrel girl in a clever blackface monologue.

Three Old Soldiers—Who sing, dance and perform on various musical instruments. Old time, appealing music.

Grand offers the above program, with the opera house orchestra, at its opening Sunday and Monday. There will be evening shows at 7:15 and 9 o'clock and a matinee Monday at 2:30. These acts are of high class Western association time, and popular prices will prevail, 10 and 15 cents at matinee and 10, 15 and 25 cents at night shows. Seats will be reserved for evening shows. You can make your choice now or at the box office at show time.—Advertisement.

"Civilization"  
A great drama that is pictured in Thomas H. Ince's "Civilization" soon to be seen at the Grand, but which is secondary to the great spectacular story, is told by the most subtle suggestion ever employed on the screen. It is no other than the great passion play that concerns the life, trial and death of Jesus Christ.

"Civilization" tells the story of a count who dies in behalf of innocent women and children, and in whose body Jesus returns to stop the awful slaughter of humanity in a world war. The count is seen in the story proper as a human being, and the drama evolves about him as such; but in the situations and the settings and the circumstances one can read, as it were, between the pictures the story of Jesus. The count is lead up on the mountain of hopes by the king and is tempted by the offer of a great possession. (The woman he loves.) If he will but serve an evil purpose. Later, when he preaches peace, the count is stoned by a mob, arrested and brought before the king for trial. In the at-titude and the spirit shown the imagination permits a vision of Christ before Pilate. Then, on his way to prison, the count sinks beneath his wounds. Here the producer has aided the spectator's imagination by fading in a vision of Christ sinking beneath the burden of his cross. The count is locked in a dinky prison. The king comes there to see the count and finds the spirit fled. Then the Christ appears to him and leads him forth to see the awful havoc of war he has waged. This remarkable presentation of the passion play comes to the spectator in sober thoughts long after the great spectacle has been seen. The first view of the great cinema production strikes the visitor with the force of its magnitude, the power of the great battle scenes,

## Is it really so hard to save?

It has been said that "the first thousand dollars are the hardest to save." As a matter of fact, the first few dollars are the hardest to save.

Once you have begun, the tendency is to save systematically. It becomes a habit to lay aside a fixed sum each week. The first few dollars in the bank "coax the others in."

Start a savings account with the money you have in your pocket now. Save for your children, if not for yourself. Save up an Education Fund, a Business Fund, or a Travel Fund, for them in

## THE KEOKUK SAVINGS BANK

**REMEMBER!**  
Tuesday October 31st is the last day to pay the premiums on  
ILLINOIS BANKERS LIFE ASS'N MONMOUTH, ILL.  
IOWA BANKERS LIFE, DES MOINES, IOWA.  
MERCHANTS' LIFE ASS'N, BURLINGTON, IOWA.  
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**THE STATE CENTRAL SAVINGS BANK**  
CORNER OF SIXTH AND MAIN STREETS

**KEOKUK NATIONAL BANK**  
affords every facility for  
doing your banking business that any bank can.  
3 PERCENT ON TIME AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS

Big Crowds at Orpheum.  
The Dancing Chickslets Co., who have been playing a week's engagement here will close tonight with one of their best bills, "Charlie Chaplin at the Races." This is one of those bills that will make you laugh from the start to the end and if you enjoy a good musical show this is one that will be just what you have been looking for, as this popular company has been pleasing large crowds every night with their songs and dances.

Tonight a new feature will be introduced, this popular company will put on a Midnight Matinee. The bill for which is entitled "A Day at Monte Carlo." The doors will be opened at 10:45 p. m. and the show will start promptly at 11 o'clock and will be over by 12. Owing to the lateness of the hour children will not be admitted.

Tomorrow that popular star Mary Pickford will be seen in one of her greatest successes "The Bishop's Carriage." Don't fail to come early to see this as the crowd will be so great that you may have to wait some time as Mary Pickford's popularity is unsurpassed.—Advertisement.

Neil O'Brien's Minstrels.  
Coming to the Grand tonight will be Neil O'Brien and his great American minstrels, now recognized as the leading organization of its kind in this country, with an entirely new production this year and with novel-ty in every department. They will be the fifth season of Mr. O'Brien with the organization which bears his name and both he and his manager, Mr. Oscar F. Hodge, promise that all previous efforts will be outdone.

Among the new features is a dancing act called "The Ebony Yacht Club," staged by James Gorman, the greatest of minstrel stage directors, which enlists the services of ten expert dancers and which also introduces the European female impersonator, George F. Peduzzi, remembered from last year, who will wear a number of new costumes to startle the feminine eye. Then there will be a new sketch written, produced and played in by Mr. O'Brien himself, called "The Jimmy Joy Bus," a satire on this popular form of transportation. Mr. O'Brien will be assisted in the laugh making by numerous members of the company.—Advertisement.

Today's Football Scores.  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
At Princeton, first quarter, Princeton, 0; Dartmouth, 0.  
Waterville Maine, first quarter, Colby, 0; Maine, 0.  
At Eason, first quarter, Lebanon Valley, 7; Lafayette, 0.  
At Brunswick, Maine, first quarter, Bowdoin, 6; Bates, 0.  
At Pittsburgh, first quarter, Tech, 38; Thiel, 0.  
At Cambridge, first quarter, Harvard, 3; Cornell, 0.  
At New Haven, Conn., first quarter, Yale, 7; W. and J., 0.  
At New York, first quarter, Columbia, 0; Williams, 0.

Daily Stock Letter.  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The New York Evening Sun financial review today said:  
Although many sharp upward price movements were recorded in the course of today's stock market, trading

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"CASCARETS" REGULATE WOMEN, MEN AND CHILDREN WITHOUT INJURY.  
TAKE WHEN BILIOUS, HEADACHY, FOR COLDS, BAD BREATH, SOUR STOMACH.



Instead of nasty, harsh pills, salts, castor oil or dangerous calomel, why don't you keep Cascarets handy in your home? Cascarets act on the liver and thirty feet of bowels so gently you don't realize you have taken a cathartic, but they act thoroughly and can be depended upon when a good liver and bowel cleansing is necessary—they move the bowels without griping or pain from the bowels to the stomach. You eat one or two at night like candy and you wake up feeling fine, the headache, biliousness, bad breath, coated tongue, sour stomach, constipation, or bad cold disappears. Mothers should give a cross, sick, feverish or bilious children a whole Cascaret any time. They are harmless and safe for the little folks.

with new high records for more than one issue, great irregularly prevailed at times, with substantial recessions from high points on end of the week profit taking.

Selling on the advance came from rather good sources, especially in the shares which recently had been prime market favorites. This was particularly in evidence in the steel and copper issues with large offerings of Utah copper on its advance which carried it into new high ground.

In the early trading Central Leather moved to a new high while decided strength was reported in International paper, Atlantic Gulf and West Indies, Inspiration, Anaconda, Kennecott, American Locomotive and American Sugar.

Pleasant Dreams.  
Pleasant dreams are refreshing and come from restful sleep. If your nerves are all on edge a good night's sleep is almost impossible. For quieting the nerves and inducing slumber there is nothing better than a hot bath before retiring. If you have an "Ohio-M" Instantaneous Non-Vent Pipe Water Heater in your bath tub you can get your hot bath water instantly without waiting. Have your dealer install one on thirty days' trial. Write for booklet and full particulars. Dayton Manufacturing Company, Dayton, Ohio.