

THE AMERICAN MAN WITH HIS HOE.

Buoyed up by every hope that animates
The human breast he stands erect and
firm,
Amidst the fertile empire of his fields;
Upon his face the light of promise like
The burnished sun; within his ar-
moured limbs
The pent-up earnest for all future time,
Who built so wide and high the shell
of bone,
Which holds his teeming brain! who
set his eyes
So wide apart? 'twas liberty, 'twas she
Who ran the wires of energy along
His sturdy legs and put the fires of
hope
Like blazing torches in his lifted eyes.
Beheld him as he treads the loamy soil
With independence such as kings
might crave;
The dawn to sound his reveille; the
dusk
To bring him peaceful rest; his only
lords
The changing seasons as they come and
go;
The gentle spring: the summer with
her warmth
To woo the harvest, and that russet
time
The autumn with her rich rewards,
and last
Old winter with her snowy months of
rest.
By every mark of toil within his
hands;
By every bead of sweat upon his brow
The world may know he has the right
to eat.
His honest bread and look to none for
aid.
He holds the keys to all the riches
packed
Beneath the generous sod, and wider
still,
He finds within the heart of nature
hidden
The secrets, ages long have sought,
and scans
The heavens with knowing eye to read
the clouds
Like open pages of a printed book.
This man of brawn and brain with up-
ward face
Sees visions in the stars and dreams
his dreams
That kiss the gates of God; with eagle
wings
His strong imaginings leap up the
skies,
And o'er the face of all the earth, and
deep
Within her hidden mines, and yokes
with toll
The cheering comfort of a poet's song,
Nay, Markham, the sodden man you
sing,
Was never whelped beneath the feat-
ing folds
Of yonder flag, but bred in empires
old,
And crumbling to decay, whose walls
were built
Upon the craven necks of slaves; but
we
Have reared a nation towering high
upon
The willing shoulders of such men as
these—
As strong as rocks that rib this chang-
less earth;
Nor all the blatant tongues of anar-
chy,
Nor fostered discontent, nor serpent
wiles
Of oily demagogues, can move the state
Deep founded on this mighty adamant.
—William Reed Dunroy.

MR. KING'S ELECTION.

We clip the following which will be
of much interest to our readers:
"The school board at its last meeting
took up the matter of the superintend-
ency for the coming year. Mr. Abbott
not being an applicant. J. J. King

was elected. Mr. King was at Cedar
Rapids some years ago and remained
three successive years. Since then he
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sium today at 2 o'clock. This is the
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and second teams, and will be a snappy
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A committee meeting of the regents
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