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GOVERNOR SHAW'S MESSAGE.

The message of Governor Shaw to the Iowa legislature shows the state to be in all respects in excellent condition. He says that labor is well employed, agriculture prosperous, business active and the profits of invested capital secure...

Indeed, Iowa is one of the most prosperous commonwealths in the union and therefore naturally one of the strongest in support of republican principles and policy. Iowa has met all her current obligations during the last two years and has a comfortable surplus...

WHAT PUERTO RICO NEEDS. According to Governor General Davis the chief need of Puerto Rico is trade privileges. His judgment is that it would not be for the best interests of the island to give it a territorial government such as is proposed for Hawaii...

From the sublime to the ridiculous there is but a single step. This old French proverb was again exemplified by the appearance of Frank Ransoun and A. J. Weaver at the head of the table of the Jacksonian club banquet...

BRITISH DETERMINATION. Mr. Balfour, first lord of the treasury in the British cabinet, speaks with an authority in regard to the intentions of the government second only to that of the premier himself, Lord Salisbury...

THE FAMOUS BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS was fought after a treaty of peace was signed. It was therefore a useless sacrifice of human life, no matter how creditable it was to the American arms...

As viewed from the point of vantage through the double-barreled telescope of the world's opinion, the Jacksonian banquet was cosmopolitan and the millionaire showed up against and brushed the best coat of the laboring man...

has been talk of a European combination with a view to intervention, but as yet no nation is willing to take the initiative. All have given assurances, as has the United States, of absolute neutrality and there is every reason to expect they will maintain this position...

AS TO WATER WORKS BONDS. The Commercial club has vetoed the ordinance for the proposed issue of \$5,000,000 in bonds for the purchase of the water works and recommends as a substitute an ordinance that fixes \$3,000,000 as the maximum price for the works and assumes that the city will have the right to buy the works without paying for the franchise after June 11, 1900...

Costly Method of Advertising. The utility of sorties from Mafeking and Ladysmith against the Boers must seem apparent to the British. Every such movement reduces the defensive strength of the beleaguered forces, while its only compensation appears to be the cabled glorification of the commanding officer. It is a decidedly costly method of advertising...

OPEN DOOR IN CHINA. Secretary Wilson Waxes Enthusiastic Over the Prospect. Secretary Wilson of the Agricultural department is delighted with the success of Secretary Hay in his negotiations with the European powers to secure a guaranty of the open door in China...

MODEL HOMES FOR WORKINGMEN. Stephen Grand's Estate to Erect 100 of Them This Year. Unique in every way will be the 100 residences which the Grand estate will erect during the next few months in the city of Philadelphia...

The wires were evidently drawn between the Jacksonian club banquet in Omaha and Peoria. In this city the Chicago platform with all its vagaries was the popular song while at Peoria ex-Governor Boies of Iowa advocated the abandonment of silver as a waterlogged issue...

It was very significant to say the least, that while Ed Howell was seated among the great statesmen on the right of the toastmaster, Will Foppleton was seated on his left. To a man up a tree it looks as if the Jacksonian club

quiet was gotten up more to launch Howell's majority boomlet as a foil to Bryan's presidential boom. The anonymous poet who sang merrily of the countless joys Father Adams missed because he had no boyhood might easily adjust his muse to a like experience of a newspaper...

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Here is another Lawton story, vouched for by the Pioneer Press. President Hall of the Commercial club presided at a smoke social last evening. The main feature of the occasion was an hour's talk on the Philippines by Major R. J. Fitzgerald. The major spoke feelingly of General Lawton, whom he personally knew, and related this incident: General Lawton had arranged his line beneath the brow of a hill, with the artillery commanding an excellent position...

A Honolulu paper relates an incident showing how a negro color sergeant of the Forty-ninth infantry gave a lesson in respect for the flag to white soldiers of the same regiment who were doing the town in the way to Manila. A large crowd of the whites stood on a street corner to see the colored regiment go by. They did not notice the flag at all. The color sergeant rushed up to the crowd. "Are you American soldiers?" demanded the sergeant. "Yes," they said. "Then salute the flag and be quick about it..."

Miss Edna McClellan, who has been raising a fund for the purchase of a loving cup for Admiral Schley, through the endless chain of subscription, has reached the number of one hundred subscribers. She has promised to make up the balance necessary to purchase a suitable memento if by July 1 the fund amounts to \$25,000...

Frederick W. Mollo, who left a profitable printer's business to enlist in the Spanish army and who failed to get work when discharged, and finally died in New York of disease contracted while in Cuba, was about to be buried in Potter's field when Miss Helen Gould came to the funeral. Miss Gould will also see that Mollo's aged mother, who is destitute, ill and alone, will have proper medical attendance and care...

Captain Siesbee, who was on the Maine when it was blown up, and crippled injury, and then went through the war with Spain without receiving a scratch, has been knocked out by a Brooklyn trolley car. Yet people go right on thinking war is terrible. The full report of their pursuit will make dramatic reading. But it will be of slight consequence compared with the story told by Lieutenant Gilmore and his men, descriptive of their perils, their wanderings, their hopes and fears. There will be a warm welcome awaiting these men when they turn homeward, for they belong to a country which appreciates valiant services and sympathizes keenly with suffering...

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the money that's in it. The balance seems to be doing business for fun and noise. One grocer who cuts prices will ruin the business of his whole section. The men who are doing business for profit must protect themselves. Combination is the only way you can do it.

Then the reporter asked: "Does that mean that you will not buy from the man who cuts prices and he will be forced to maintain a fixed rate or fail to get the goods?" "I won't waste the scratch of a pen on the man who cuts," said Mr. Lee. "He must sell at the established rate or I have no business for him." Mr. Lee gave it as his opinion that legalized pooling would prove to be the only salvation of every line of business and the only way to prevent monopoly. "People talk about trusts," he said. "What is a trust? As a matter of fact there never existed but one trust, and that was the Standard Oil company, under the old organization. It is not a trust now. The various companies that were in the trust were consolidated into one company. As for the tobacco business, I expect great results from the new arrangement. The dealers will have to make some money on what tobacco they buy through me. They can't throw it away and cut each other's throats by doing so."

It is just barely possible that this returned Kansan is feeling his way toward the lecture bureau. Whatever may have been said in the past concerning the propriety of great commercial cabinets, they have never been accused of unbosoming themselves to newspaper interviewers. It is to be deplored that while Mr. Lee was in such a communicative frame of mind the Kansas reporter did not seek further enlightenment with regard to the methods which Mr. Lee has pursued in bringing about a combination in the tobacco trade that makes every grocer in the country a contributor to his handsome and constantly increasing income.

South Dakota Bank Fails. State Bank at Plankinton Does Not Open Its Doors—Advancer in the East. PLANKINTON, S. D., Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The State bank, owned by D. L. Stevens, failed to open its doors this morning. Owing to Stevens' absence nothing could be learned as to the particulars of the failure. Stevens went east Saturday, presumably to secure assistance, and wired his cashier not to open the bank today. Stevens owns a drug store, which is managed by his head clerk. It being the only bank here, nearly every business man was caught in the failure. Aurora county, it is said, had about \$6,000 on deposit.

BRIGHT SIDE OF "LIFE." Quoter—"You can't eat your cake and have it." Dyspeptic—"The deuce you can't." "I see that the cream of the British army is now in the Transvaal." "Yes, the whipped cream."

Teacher—"And who was Cain?" Small Boy—"I guess he must have been the first Englishman." "The Count—Your father actually made me repeat to him the very words in which I proposed to you." "Don't you know, He is so fond of business propositions."

Tired Tompkins—"There's one job I wouldn't mind havin', Horace." Hungry Horace (in amazement)—"What's that?" "Linoman fer er wireless telegraph company."

Wayfarer from Arcadia—"As I came up Wall street I struck me as being a solid ruff in something." "Solid ruff?" "Is good, but what's it a ruff in?" "Eh?" "Don't you of the street?" "World ruff." "Yes, that's good. What all's it's a ruff in?" "The ruff."

She—Mother says there is a rumor that you are getting fat. "Yes, I'm getting fat." "What do you want to do to make any difference?" "She (doubtfully)—None, still, I would rather have it confirmed."

BOLD BRITISH BLUFF. A helpless people bound or slain And Anglo-Saxon pride For many years of England's reign Were always side by side. Emboldened by a harassed life The one oppressed will turn. And, though the conqueror's strife, Brave Bruce of Bannockburn.

Warm-hearted Ireland does but wait, And, when the day of freedom comes, Where tyrant's rule degrades man's state Glad freedom's bells shall chime.

Hoers now are bawling British bluff In best of times, and in times of stress, Yet England fails to cry "Enough!" Unto her boasting brood. BELLE WILLEY GUE, Winnsie, Neb.

Shirt Sale. Advance Sale of Boys' Spring and Summer Negligee Shirts. We have given special attention to our Boys' Shirt Department this season and the result is shown in our splendid assortment of all the choice styles going—and of all the different materials, such as madras, percales, zephyrs, etc. Collars and cuffs attached and detached—and some with only cuffs to match—but every one the latest thing and, just from the factory, fresh and new, and on account of their early arrival we are going to give our customers an early chance to select boys' shirts while they are new and patterns and sizes complete. THESE grades to select from. 50c, 75c and \$1.00. On Display in Our Douglas Street Window. Porcupine King & Co. 116 W. 4th St. Omaha, Neb.