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G. A. R. Surprise Party at Oxford Mills.

Last Thursday at about 1:30 p. m. May 28, in our town of Oxford Mills were seen a goodly number of people, some veterans of the Civil war, with their wives, some deceased veterans' widows, with a sprinkling of worthy old settlers and citizens of this town, making their way to the east end of the village, nearly all carrying large bouquets of flowers to present, and surprise as a token of respect and esteem, their venerable, aged and respected veteran, citizen and neighbor, Benjamin H. Young. Arriving at the residence of their intended victim (so to speak) he was taken completely by surprise, as intended, as well as being made extremely welcome, and the pleasure of meeting them at the door and clasping each one's hand as they entered, surmising their errand and intent gave the venerable veteran great satisfaction in being remembered by the veterans as well as the worthy citizens of his home town, and remembering, appreciating the pleasing incident, as long as life lasts, which will probably be short as the birthday they came to congratulate makes the veteran's 75th anniversary.

After all had been shown into the parlor, seated and made comfortable in their cosy seats, as soon as convenient after all had arrived and were seated, then the national song, "America" was sung in concert, with some other war songs, "Marching Through Georgia," etc. Next was a very neat and feeling presentation speech of a very nice parlor lamp to the old veteran and wife as a token of the respect and esteem they are held in by their neighbors, the one making the speech having been a rather near neighbor for over forty years in this vicinity, (Mrs. Lydia George Fields, a veteran's widow), with others two thirds as long. The veteran responded in a few remarks, fully appreciating the gift and good will of the donors and said he had always tried his best to use everybody right and meant to always live a good life becoming a patriotic man and adopted citizen of this grand and glorious republic for a space of 57 years past, for this government with its grand purpose in the cause of down-trodden humanity is worth fighting for every day in the year, etc. Next the old veteran D. G. Smith made a very spirited and patriotic speech, eulogizing the veteran host for his undying patriotism and love for his adopted country for over 50 years past, having served two years in the Civil War, besides some time in the regular army, five years before the war, before he was a citizen of this country, which is highly creditable to him as a man and neighbor. Veteran G. C. Cave, of Oxford Mills, and D. G. Smith, store-keeper, both gave touching incidents of the war in different battles they participated in. Veteran host Mr. Young and the esteemed and aged neighbor, Mr. Rogers, spoke on the evening, to say the least, that God seemed to shape the destiny of nations as well as individuals. Witness the war with Spain lately, in the list of casualties; one was fighting for the rights of humanity, the other to enslave and degrade for their own pecuniary advantage. Which came out best? The company then was somewhat startled by the storm that broke in suddenly. After getting composed and settled some, they fled into the dining room where they partook of a sumptuous repast which had been prepared and spread by the hostess of the house, wife of the veteran. After a while each one prepared to depart to their several homes, wishing their host well and more recurring birthday anniversaries with all good things in their old days, which needless to say was much appreciated by the veteran and his amicable wife.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

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WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6, 1903.

So great is popular interest in Washington in the Postoffice investigation that it is difficult to find anyone willing or prepared to talk on any other subject. While no remarkably sensational developments have occurred since the arrest of Machen, many minor incidents have happened which go to make up convincing evidence of the reluctance of Postmaster General Payne to make a clean breast of the rottenness which has permeated the republican administration of one of the most important departments of the Government. Just at present, Payne is severely criticizing First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne, to whom belongs the credit of exposing Machen, Miller, et al., getting rid of Beavers, Tyner, and Christianity. The purging of the Department of these officials has occurred only as a result of the power of the press and doubtless Wynne has availed himself of that power to accomplish what he regarded as a most laudable end. Because, however, the press has also placed ex-Postmaster General Smith, ex-Assistant Postmaster General Perry Heath and others in a most unenviable light before the public and is on the high road to showing that Hanna was not above the most practical of "practical politics." Payne considers that Wynne has been guilty of grave partisan disloyalty and will urge the President to get rid of him.

Postmaster General Payne, after characterizing the charges of ex-Cashier Seymour Tulloch as "hot air," "wind," a "stump speech" etc., has hastened to publish the replies of Smith, Heath and other officials who deal in generalities and fall in every instance to "make good" as Mr. Payne expresses it. In fact, the chief motive of all their letters is personal animus towards Tulloch. The one reply to the Tulloch charges in which the public is interested, Payne keeps on his desk and refuses to make public. It is a report made by Fourth Assistant General Grislaw, going very thoroughly into the conditions which have existed in the Washington Postoffice and supporting, it is understood, Tulloch in many details.

According to the most confidential reports received from Columbus this week there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth in the Hanna camp at the State convention. The Gridiron club of Washington once greeted Gorman with a song which ran, "Arthur Pue, Arthur Pue, What in the world is the matter with you? We've heard of you downed, unseated, uncrowned," etc. and those words would appropriately apply to Hanna. It is gall and wormwood to the Hannaites to see their peerless leader beaten and compelled to soplly accept the Forsaker resolution, but such is the situation and they dare not fake any steps to get even with Forsaker because Hanna's re-election to the Senate is close at hand and that election depends on peace and harmony. Senator Hanna himself has little difficulty in concealing his resentment and acting in harmony with Senator Forsaker but the Hanna lieutenants, henchmen and "grafters" are bawling the situation.

With Hanna out of the way, the nomination of Roosevelt by the republicans is regarded as certain, and the fight of the democrats is all cut out. They must nominate a man who can beat the President. That such a man must be conservative is admitted by all. He must command the respect of that large element in the east which regards Roosevelt as erratic and unseaf. He must command the support of the independent voters, that large and constantly increasing number which refuses to accept bravado for bravery, shouting about Americanism for loyalty, militarism for patriotism. The most astute democratic politicians do not regard it as at all essential that their nominee be named at this early date. He would only become the butt of republican ridicule and invective. So the policy will be to keep the republicans guessing for a while longer and then nominate a strong man, conduct a whitewash campaign and land the proper man in the White House.

Representative Richardson of Alabama talked interestingly of the situation this week. He said, "I do not believe Mr. Cleveland will be a candidate and I feel sure that he will so declare himself in due time. On the other hand, I believe the wave of popular sentiment in favor of Mr. Cleveland should be regarded as an indication of the kind of man who could win and that this wave of popularity can be turned to good purpose in making stronger the actual nominee. There are plenty of good men in the party who could command the

respect and support of all factions and would serve to unite the members of the party in every section. Such a man should be selected and then, if we all put our shoulders to the wheel we shall win. Undoubtedly the conduct of affairs in some of the executive departments will be considered in the campaign. The people will never be satisfied with half way investigations designed primarily to protect the republican party and its leading politicians.

There are indications that the army is being gradually purged of the unfit officers who, through political influence, obtained commissions during the war with Spain. Several second lieutenants have already gone out because they failed in their examinations for promotion and within the past week three have been dismissed because they incurred debts which they could not meet, tampered with company funds and been guilty of intoxication on duty. There was great pressure exerted during the Spanish war for commissions and the man with sufficient political influence had no difficulty in being made a second lieutenant. As is invariably the case where officers are appointed because of their "pull," there were many who were totally unfit for positions of responsibility and it is encouraging to note that they are being weeded out.

The State Department has been notified that Baron von Sternburg is to be made ambassador to the United States. This breaks an unwritten law of Germany, for heretofore no diplomat has been permitted to serve in the country of which his wife was a native. Von Sternburg's success in the Venezuelan negotiations has, however, won for him the particular esteem of the Kaiser.

After the rowdy reception that was tendered Roosevelt at Waterloo, the president doubtless does not hold the excellent opinion of Iowa's boys and girls that he did. In St. Ignace, an insult to the nation's executive would be punishable by death. It should be made a crime in America—especially insults of the variety that were given Roosevelt at Waterloo. The performance of last week will cast a stigma on Waterloo.

We know of one nearby daily exchange that has been condemning the "yellowism" of Heart's papers because of the fact that they use large glaring headlines, and this same paper has fallen into the rut and uses the largest type possible to display the news. This said, however, that "a wise man sometimes changes his mind."

There are to be no more mail routes established at least until after July 1st. The time of the postoffice department is pretty much taken up right now, cleaning up some old and unknown accounts.

Hanna has concluded that Roosevelt is the people's choice for re-nomination, and has concluded to stay out of the race himself. This is certainly very nice of Mark.

Governor Bailey of Kansas has at last surrendered to Dan Cupid, and was married on Tuesday last. About 2000 Kansas women are now deprived of their fondest hope.

Sunderlin is just now very much interested in base ball. Water works has been forgotten.

Dollars to doughnuts, Pennypacker wishes he hadn't done it.

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Democratic Delegate Convention.

The democratic electors of Jones county will meet in delegate convention at Anamosa, Iowa, on Tuesday, June 16, A. D. 1903, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the democratic state convention to be held at Des Moines, June 24. The various townships will be entitled to the following representation:

Casa.....	4
Castle Grove.....	5
Clay.....	4
Fairview.....	16
Greenfield.....	6
Hale.....	4
Jackson.....	6
Lovell.....	5
Madison.....	3
Monticello.....	9
Oxford.....	13
Richard.....	4
Rome.....	7
Scotch Grove.....	2
Washington.....	6
Wayne.....	5
Wyoming.....	6

It is earnestly requested by the county central committee that each township be represented in full at this convention.
By order central committee.
S. A. MONGER, chairman.

Words of praise for Judge P. B. Wolfe can be found in every paper published where he holds court. The Muscatine News-Tribune says: "This is said to be the 51st consecutive affirmation of Judge Wolfe in the supreme court, without a single intervening reversal. This is a splendid record for the Judge and probably never been equaled in this state," to which the Clinton Age adds: "A most remarkable record sure. We doubt if there are many cases of a like record having been made by any judge in this broad west, or perhaps it might be safe to say in this broad land. Judge Wolfe is to be congratulated by everybody."
—De Witt Observer.

Judge Wolfe is a cousin of E. Mulvihill of this city.

The Curtright road case which has occupied the attention of the past two sessions of the District court, and was no nearer settlement than before, has finally been settled out of court, the county Board of Supervisors granting the plaintiff a check for \$500, which is in full for all cost of work, etc. The case grew out of some road work, the original cost of which was to be \$346, but the contractor was ordered to do some extra work, which the county refused to pay for, hence the litigation. This settlement is probably the best that could be made.

The three Spanish caravels of world's fair memory, which have lain for months almost forgotten in a Jackson Park lagoon, are to be sold to the highest bidder. With the relics of Columbus' vessels will also be sold the statue of the discoverer that once adorned the lake front, but which in recent years has ignominiously reposed among the heaps of refuse at the Washington Park barns. This was the decision reached by the South Park board.

Reports from Washington say that National banks have more money in circulation now than ever before. But, be quiet! Don't let Rockefeller find it out.

An alligator was seen in the Mississippi river near Clinton a few days ago, by a party of excursionists. They must have been trying some new brand.

Gorman is a possible candidate for the democratic presidential nomination. Now see what Bryan and Watterson say of this possibility.

Mr. Doxsee, of the Monticello Express, is about to install a Simplex type setting machine in his office. We extend congratulations. The Eureka has had one for two years and a half and would no more think of going back to hand composition than the farmer would think of going back to his scythe and cradle. The Simplex is the machine for the country office.—Anamosa Eureka.

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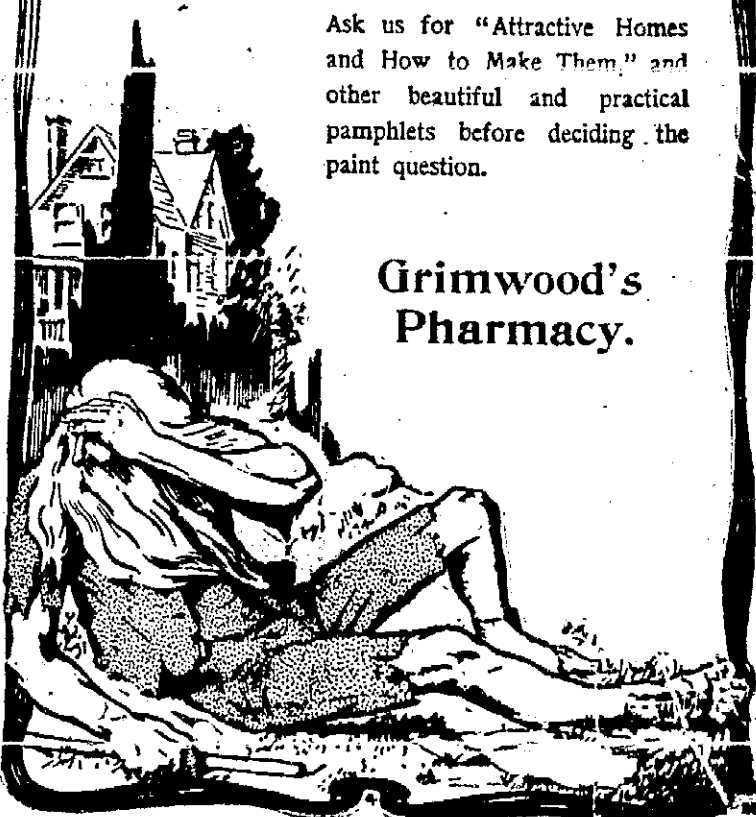
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