

Either can well afford to suffer temporary adversity if it shall result in the substantial and permanent prosperity of the commonwealth.

The highest measure of prosperity for the railroads of Iowa will have been reached when every city, every village and every farm in the State has attained the highest limit of prosperity possible.

From its earliest dawning upon the pine-clad hills of New England, until, its latest rays illumine and glorify the Golden Gateway to the Pacific, the sun shines upon no land more beautiful or possessing greater natural advantages or attractions than this goodly State of Iowa.

Sprung from that sturdy New England stock that first kindled the fires of religious, political, and commercial liberty upon this western continent, the people of Iowa, in their love of liberty, godliness, and justice, are the flower and fruitage of four centuries of American civilization.

The history of the State is at once a precious heritage, and an inspiration for ourselves, and for all future generations.

Give her the same opportunities, remove artificial and hurtful restrictions, and this grand old Hawkeye State will not be second to any other state in the Union, in the grand march of Progress and Prosperity which is the destiny of this great Nation.

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