

of unfounded rumors amongst the Japanese public and Russian difficulties, such a gesture is stupid. It fosters that which it should seek to prevent. It but further demonstrates the wisdom of civilian administration wherever possible. I'll bet that item might well have not been said.

Democratically, KEN.

### FOR THE GREATEST GOOD OF ALL

When Iowa was 25 years old and every county had been marked off and named, the cornerstone of the new state capitol was laid, and on that occasion the then governor of Iowa, Samuel Merrill, reviewed Iowa history, noted the marvellous progress already made, and in closing said:

"And what of her future? Who shall measure its capabilities or confine its possibilities? With our vast extent of excellent soil, with millions of untouched acres awaiting the pioneer plow, with immense treasures of mineral wealth stored away for the use of countless generations to come, with a delightful and invigorating climate, with an intelligent and liberty loving people, with a beneficent system of common schools, the nursery of freedom and the dread of tyrants, the prospect before us bewilders while it enchants.

"It behooves us and those who shall come after us, to build worthy of these grand opportunities, and to use well the means a kind providence has placed at our disposal. Let us see to it that to the extent of our power we securely fashion the fabric of the commonwealth, that freedom and equality, justice, intelligence, and public virtue shall ever be its characteristics; that ours shall not be

'A land to hast'ning ills a prey,

Where wealth accumulates and men decay;'

but one whose material triumphs, while enriching the whole, shall yet not impoverish any; and that the laws to be promulgated from the edifice soon to crown this fair height, while looking to the suppression of crime, the removal of poverty, and the dissipation of their causes, shall ever tend to the true object of righteous legislation—the greatest good of all the people."

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