

FRONT YARD OF THE CITY

River Front Should be Improved and Made Presentable Next Season Instead of Neglected as It Has Been.

IT ONCE WAS CLEAN

In the Good Old Steamboat Days More Attention Was Paid to the Levee Than at Present Time.

Plans should be laid now for a general cleanup and improvement of the river front at Keokuk and all plans laid for beginning the work early next spring and having a presentable appearing levee in Keokuk for next summer.

Some time ago the Keokuk Motor Boat club started the movement for parking the river front and beautifying it by the laying of walks, the planting of trees and fixing it up generally.

Now that the boat houses have been removed, the council could order the shanty boat houses removed in the spring and the levee cleared from the lower end of the bridge south.

The only draw back to the scheme is the fact that the river has the bad habit of climbing up out of its banks every spring and it would require the building of a retaining wall in order to make the improvements permanent.

A Retaining Wall.

It has been suggested that a retaining wall be built and that the debris from the river channel, be thrown over the wall to fill up and make the ground level.

Some of the river cities, in fact most of them, take more pride in the river front than does Keokuk, which seems to consider the river as the back yard of the city instead of the front yard.

With the increased agitation for river improvement and the prospects of the work on the water power dam next year, Keokuk should turn her eye toward the river more than usual and more attention be given to that border of the city.

Years ago, when Keokuk was a great steamboat town, the wharf was kept in fine shape, but the arrival of railroads and the decline of the steamboat traffic caused the wharf to be neglected.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

KING SAYS IOWA IS TOO PENURIOUS

The well known good roads advocate from Missouri, D. Ward King, passed through Sioux City en route to Grand Forks, N. D., where he will deliver an address under the auspices of the Commercial club of Grand Forks.

The good roads situation in Iowa is quite encouraging, he says. In Missouri the King drag movement has advanced to a point where a number of the road districts are entirely covered by the drag every time rain falls.

This is possible in every road district in Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, and a number of other states, where the law makes special provision for paying the farmers for the dragging.

Mr. King says that Iowa is doing some especially fine work on gravel

roads in various parts of the state. He thinks Missouri is leading Iowa slightly in organization since its law provides for a highway engineer in each county who is in a measure under the supervision of the state highway engineer.

Mr. King is indignant because Iowa allows its highway commission to be handicapped by a lack of funds. Missouri's highway department, he says, was given for its year's work a sum which is far beyond the amount allotted to the Iowa highway commission in this, its fourth or fifth year.

State Engineer Hill, of Missouri, on January 1 will turn back to the treasury about \$1,000—literally had more money than he could spend.

Mr. King goes from North Dakota clear to Augusta, Me., to fill a series of dates.

Reports on eczema dating back ten years show the value of external treatment. Druggist McGrath, Bros., of this city, can tell any sufferer what reports they have been getting from patients who used oil of wintergreen, thymol and glycerin in liquid form.

It would be interesting to know touch of the disease.

CELEBRATED GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Babcock Married at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, November 23, 1858.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Babcock, who were married at Beaver Dam, Wis., Nov. 23, 1858, celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding at the home of their daughter, Mrs. L. N. Moss in Spokane, Tue day before Mr. Babcock closed a real estate deal involving the expenditure of \$750,000.

At the time of their marriage Mr. Babcock was a farmer, living near Beaver Dam, Wis. They later moved to the site of Mason City, Iowa, and stayed there until a good sized city had grown up on the land they originally owned.

Mr. Babcock has amassed. They have lived in the west 10 years, making their home in Spokane and Anacosta, Mont. Four children are living, one, Mrs. L. N. Moss, in Spokane; another, Mrs. William Wood, in Anacosta; a son, Milan E. Babcock, in Mankato, Minn., and another daughter, Mrs. J. H. Corning, in Seattle.

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Stopped at Once With Pure Willow Charcoal, the Greatest Gas Absorber Known.

There is no necessity to suffer the humiliation, pain and discomfort of bad breath, biliousness, sour stomach, gastritis, sluggish liver, etc., when a little lozenge of charcoal will cleanse the stomach and make it pure and sweet.

Do not drug yourself with a simple little natural charcoal made from fragrant willow branches, sweetened with honey, will add tone to your stomach, liver and intestines, rapidly absorb gases and stop foul odors of all kinds.

A Little charcoal lozenge dissolved on the tongue after meals will also keep the stomach fresh and clean. Charcoal is justly called the scrubbing brush for the stomach.

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The United States Agricultural Department declares Spaghetti to be a highly nutritious food—rich in gluten and other strength-producing elements.

These qualities are found at their best in Faust Spaghetti a food that has no equal anywhere as regards tastiness, nutrition and low price, a price which, when compared to that of meat and other food, seems insignificant in view of the great food value.

They have an enormous sale, thus stamping them with the approval of the public. Every druggist sells them, 25 cents per box.

Several taken at bed time will prove to you in the morning that they have been at work all night, for your bad breath will not be so bad after all.

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LOCAL DIRECTORS NOT YET DECIDED

It Will Not be Known Until the Time For Voting Which City Keokuk Will Vote For.

MANY REPRESENTATIVES

A Large Representation Will Come to This City on Next Tuesday to Attend the Meeting.

A vote for Hannibal. A vote for Galesburg. Or—a vote for Clinton.

The directors of the Keokuk Base Ball association do not yet know how the vote will be cast for the present applicants for a berth in the Central association, at the meeting of the league. The vote, according to the statement of one of the directors this morning, will be for the best interest of the league, and the club seeking admission will have to show Keokuk base ball men that it can deliver the goods before a vote will be cast in favor of its admission.

At present all three cities—Clinton, Hannibal and Galesburg—look good to Keokuk directors. But it will probably be decided at the Tuesday meeting for which club the vote will be cast. The directors feel that a decision should not be reached until the various propositions are made by the clubs seeking admission, and then after weighing the arguments carefully a vote will be dropped in the ballot box, which will be to the best interests of the league.

The coming meeting is attracting considerable attention and will be the most important one held by the league for some time. The Keokuk directors will entertain the visitors, but in what manner is not yet known.

The meeting will be called to order Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock by President M. E. Justice and delegates will be present from Quincy, Burlington, Galesburg, Hannibal, Ottumwa, Keewau, Jacksonville, Hannibal, Keokuk and possibly Clinton.

Egan Will Be Here.

Burlington Gazette: Manager E. F. Egan of the Burlington base ball club, will be in the city next week. He is coming down from his home in St. Paul to attend the league meeting at Keokuk and incidentally to have a talk with the local committee concerning his plans for next year.

Mr. Egan has suggested the name of Lew Drill as manager of the Burlington base ball team next year. Drill is a graduate of Hamline and Georgetown colleges and caught for two seasons for the Washington and Detroit teams. He next managed the Pueblo team in the Western league and last year managed Terre Haute in the Central league.

Mr. Egan stated that Mr. Drill might buy him out or rent the fixture from him, but he would expect a bonus. The Drill proposition is not a bad one and if it should come to pass that Drill would succeed Egan here, the town would be assured of good base ball next season. He is a young man and has an exceptionally good reputation as a player and a good business man.

Uncle Sam and Faust Spaghetti

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More people are taking Foley's Kidney Remedy every year. It is considered to be the most effective remedy for kidney and bladder troubles that medical science can devise. Foley's

Advertisement for Renaud's Plain Rings, featuring images of rings and text: 'Renaud's Plain Rings. Are Standard Quality and perfect finish. 75c to \$12.00. RENAUD Jeweler.'

Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities, builds up worn out tissues and restores lost vitality. It will make you feel well and look well. Wilkinson & Co., and J. F. Kiedaisch & Son.

PATRONIZE THE HOME MERCHANT

Circular issued Which Tells the People Some Real Good Advice.

The following circular is being distributed in Keokuk and is on display in a number of the stores, giving some good advice to Keokuk people: Is your husband employed in Keokuk? Then why do you not spend the money he earns where it will do the most good—with Keokuk merchants?

Who contributes more than any other class of people toward keeping up the expenses of the city of Keokuk?

The Keokuk merchants, of course. Who is it that makes it possible for you to procure food and clothing in case the husband and father meets with accident or illness?

If the Keokuk merchants would demand that you lay down the cash each time that you ordered some of the necessities of life, like the peddler does after he induces you to order some of his cheap wares, what would you think of the Keokuk merchants?

You would not like it, would you? Think it over, talk it over with your husband, and when you buy merchandise for the house, or for the family, patronize the Keokuk merchants, for they are your friends.

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Christmas Shoppers.

Rushing and pushing and crushing and gushing. Straining and craning with paining unwanting. Tripping and slipping with gripping and ripping. Seizing and squeezing and wheezing and freezing. Trying to crowd to the things that they covet. Muttering, stuttering, Fluttering, clattering, Lingered, fingered, Censelessly, peacelessly, (O, but not fleetlessly). Trying and sighing and buying till poor— That's how the shoppers come down on the store.

Mussing and fussing and pretty near cussing; Slamming and laming and cramming and ramming. Hagging and wagging or aimlessly straggling. Roaming and foaming from daybreak to gloaming. Worming and squirming. Wishing and fishing. Walling and falling. To find what they're trailing; Spurning and "darning," yet often returning; Striving, conniving till weary and sore— That's how the shoppers come down on the store. —Kansas City Times.

New Creation of

Advertisement for Soul Kisses, featuring a signature and text: 'Soul Kisses. A Caress in Confections. Sold by all our Sale's Agents and at our Fifty Retail Stores.'

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Ewers McCarthy & Co.

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STOVES! STOVES! STOVES!

We are carrying too many lines of Heaters and in order to close out certain lines we will offer them at 20 per cent discount as long as they last.

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It Will Help You

Mrs. A. C. Beaver, of Unicoi, Route No. 1, Marbleton, Tenn., writes: "I suffered with bearing-down pains, feet swelled, pain in right side, headache, pains in shoulders, nervous palpitation, and other troubles I cannot mention, but I took Wine of Cardui and have found it the best medicine I ever used, for female troubles." Try Cardui.

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This sale will be held in the City of Warsaw, Hancock Co., Ill., on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1908, at 2:00 p. m.

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Clocks for Christmas

Why not a Serviceable Clock?

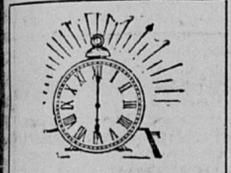
ALARM CLOCKS, 75c to \$1.50.

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MANTEL CLOCKS in great variety, all 8 day, strike the hours in beautiful deep gongs and the half hours on French bells, \$4 to \$8.

CUCKOO CLOCKS, the old time favorites, \$5 to \$17.

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