

BENEVOLENT UNION ANNUAL MEETING

The Officers and Committees Made Their Annual Reports at the Meeting Which Was Held This Morning.

SPLENDID WORK SHOWN

Election of Officers for the Ensuing Year Was Held and Directors Were Also Selected at Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Benevolent Union was held this morning, at which the annual reports of the various committees were received and officers were selected for the ensuing year.

The report of the nominating committee composed of Mrs. Collins, Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. Ayres, was adopted and by its recommendations, the following officers were selected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. E. S. Baker, president. Mrs. J. A. M. Collins, first vice president.

Mrs. Wm. Blom, second vice president. Mrs. J. J. Ayres, third vice president.

Mrs. J. N. D. Dickinson, secretary. Mrs. D. A. Collier, treasurer.

Mrs. W. H. Titus, Mrs. C. F. McFarland and Mrs. John Collins, directors to succeed themselves and Mrs. Calvin Hornaday, director to fill vacancy.

The reports of the various committees and officers were as follows: Treasurer's Report. Madam President and Ladies of the Benevolent Union, herewith is the annual statement of the treasurer, also a report of the \$5,000 endowment fund:

Receipts.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Cash on hand March 1, '08, Cash from annual canvass, Interest, Pledges and donations, Board, Dues from members, Thanksgiving collection, Total.

Disbursements.

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\$5,000 Endowment Fund.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. Includes March 1, 1908, bal. forward, June 13, 1908, excursion, July 25, 1908, Country Club supper, Aug. 22, 1909, Country Club supper, Aug. 29, 1908, Country Club supper, Sept. 19, 1908, base ball game, Oct. 8, 1908, tag day, Oct. 18, 1908, interest John DeYoung, Feb. 24, 1909, interest E. S. B., Total.

Disbursements.

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Respectfully submitted, SUSIE SMYTHE COLLIER, Treasurer.

President's Report. To the Ladies of the Benevolent Union: I take pleasure in submitting herewith the results of the annual can-

M'GRATH BROS.' UNUSUAL OFFER.

"It isn't often that we have faith enough in the medicine put up by other people to be willing to offer to refund the money if it does not cure, said McGrath Bros. to a Gate City man who dropped into their store, 'but we are glad to sell Dr. Howard's specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia on that basis.'"

"The Dr. Howard company, in order to get a quick introductory sale, authorizes us to sell their regular fifty-cent bottles at half price, 25 cents, and, although we have sold a lot of it, and have guaranteed every package, not one has been brought back as unsatisfactory."

"There are sixty doses in a vial that can be carried in the vest pocket or purse, and every one has more medicinal power than a big pill or tablet or a tumbler of mineral water."

"We are still selling the specific at half price, although we cannot tell how long we shall be able to do so, and anyone who is subject to constipation, sick headache, dizziness, liver trouble, indigestion or a general played-out condition, ought to take advantage of this chance."

vass made for funds to meet the expenses of maintaining the Birge Home.

Mesdames Collier and Baker collected in cash, \$337, and secured pledges for \$82.00.

Mesdames Collins and Hillis, cash, \$194.00; pledges \$51.50.

Mesdames Well and Becker, cash \$65.00; pledges, \$16.00.

Mesdames Dickinson and McFarland cash, \$87.50; pledges, \$52.00.

Making a total in cash, \$683.00; pledges, \$201.50. Total, \$885.00.

The committees are certainly entitled to our sincere thanks and are to be congratulated on their success in doing so well under the present business depression.

Respectfully submitted, LEULIA W. COLE, President.

Madam President and Ladies: The ways and means committee begs leave to report the interior of the Home in good condition. There is much to be done to improve it on the outside, such as painting and repairing of wood work, and porches, which the Union has not felt able to attempt this year.

The hot water plant is too small for the building and during the cold weather it was impossible to keep the temperature where it should be, without a stove in almost every room. This has doubled the fuel bill and the committee recommends that a new plant be installed during the summer.

Respectfully, HELEN ALLEN AYRES, Chairman.

Secretary's Report.

Madam President and Ladies of the Benevolent Union:

During the year 1908 and 1909 the Benevolent Union has held twelve regular monthly meetings, and three called meetings, with an average attendance of ten. There has been shown a greater interest in the home and its work.

The Home has been the recipient of many donations kindly sent by friends. Due appreciation has been shown in all these cases.

An afternoon and evening excursion was given on Saturday, June 13. In spite of inclement weather the trip was a success, a pleasant day being spent, and \$86.50 cleared. This was made possible, in a great measure by the generosity of the merchants from whom we purchased our provisions, which either deducting part of their bills, or cancelling them altogether.

Three suppers were served at the Country Club during the summer. From these we realized the sum of \$135.35.

The painters and carpenters most thoughtfully offered to play a game of baseball, the Benevolent Union to receive the profits which netted us a neat sum.

Tag day, which is an annual affair in many cities, was given for the first time in Keokuk on the important day of the street fair, early in October, by the ladies of the Benevolent Union, they thereby clearing \$600.41.

The year draws to a close with the knowledge that much good has been accomplished, with the assurance that greater things will be done.

Respectfully submitted, MARY LAURA BECKER, Secretary.

Executive Committee.

To the President and members of the Benevolent Union:

Your executive committee would report as follows:

During the year 1908-09 we have held eleven called meetings and several telephone conferences. We have had forty-one applications for admittance to the Home, all of which have been carefully investigated and seventeen admitted, being four women, and thirteen children. In addition to the above quite a number have been provided for temporarily until other homes could be found for them.

We have at the present time six elderly ladies and four children in the Home.

In many cases we may not have decided wisely, but we have tried to use our best judgment. We have had many trials during the year but feel more than repaid for them in the good that has been accomplished in the Home.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas the usual dinners for the occasion were served. The Christmas entertainment was made up by donations from individual members of the Union. Respectfully submitted, MARY C. BAKER, Chairman.

Keokuk, Iowa, March 1, 1909.

CITY NEWS.

School meeting tonight at 7:30 at county court house.

One 25c bottle fine piano polish free with each piece of late music at 17c at Lowenstein Music store. 2t.

Main street merchants in general are renewing the fronts of their business places and putting on spring attire.

Albert B. Rose, manager of the Hancock County Journal, Carthage, Ill., was in the city today looking after business interests. He recently associated himself in the publication of the Journal with C. M. Junkin, of Fairfield. They are making a fine paper of the Journal.

E. Hitt Stewart, vice president of the Iowa and Missouri division of the anti-thrift association will be present this evening at a banquet and meeting of sub-division, No. 227, which is to be held at the Valley school house. Mr. Stewart was a Keokuk visitor today.

The Memphis Democrat tells of a wedding performed by Rev. Nicolson, formerly of this city, as follows: On Tuesday morning, when the east bound train pulled into Memphis on the siding G. T. Gardner, Rev. M. J. Nicolson, Mrs. Joe Tinney and a representative of the Democrat got aboard. Mrs. Helen Hooyer of Lancaster was on the rear coach. After the train came to a standstill Rev. M. J. Nicolson pronounced the words that united for life Mr. Gardner and Mrs. Hooyer. While the train was switching onto the main track the minister offered up a fervent prayer and congratulations were tendered the contracting parties. Some surprised passengers were on the coach who seemed to enjoy the novel departure of furnishing this sort of innovation to travelers. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner went to Quincy, Ill., for a few days' stay, after which they will be at home in this city.

More delay in the slot machine case. As noted elsewhere an application for a change of venue was made this morning in the superior court. This afternoon City Attorney Marshall filed an objection to the motion, citing three reasons: First, because the motion was not made in time, but after the case was set for trial and a motion for a continuance was made and refused. Second, because the affidavit was not made by the plaintiff, but by a stranger to this action. Third, because the motion was made for the purpose of delaying justice instead of obtaining it. The attorney for the slot machines was given until Monday to answer these objections, so that the case is pushed ahead a few more days. Possibly by the time the Keokuk water power is completed, the case will have been disposed of.

The many friends of Prof. John B. Kindig will be pleased to learn that he is meeting with success and that he expects to tour the country in 1910 with his band of five Mexican musicians. Prof. Kindig is now doing fine in El Paso, Texas, and has charge of all musical organizations there. His weekly concerts at San Jacinto Plaza are of a high class and have drawn much applause from the audience. His wife and two sons are with him. Mr. Kindig was formerly with the Gilmore band and since then has had charge of smaller organizations including St. Louis, where he has been until the past year. His band has thirty-five pieces, and is the best in that part of the country. So far he has met with great success.

PERSONAL

Mrs. B. R. Lofton left this morning for Centerville to visit Mrs. T. E. Lee. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wilson are visiting relatives and friends at Center ville, Ia., their former home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walsmith left today for a two weeks visit with friends and relatives in Davenport.

Mrs. Sherman Kirk has returned from a business trip to Burlington and a visit at Stronghurst, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wilson of Sidney, Neb., and Mrs. Harry Rolston of Carthage are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Emma Santl.

Mrs. Clyde Wilson who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. James L. Wilson will return to her home tomorrow after a pleasant visit.

Burlington Hawk-Eye: Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l Peabody have returned from a trip to Keokuk and Warsaw.

Joseph W. Johnson of Donnellson is in the city today on business.

Miss Irma Booth of Carthage is visiting in the city with friends. She will return to her home this afternoon.

Trainmaster E. F. Winslow of the Rock Island at Des Moines and F. D. Whaley, master carpenter of the same road at Des Moines were callers at the local R. I. offices yesterday.

SLOT MACHINES STILL UNTOUCHED

Another Chapter in the Comedy Which Started Last December Was Read in Court This Morning.

A CHANGE OF VENUE

The Absurdity of the Thing Has Gone Far Enough, Says the City Attorney, But it Goes Still Further.

"The absurdity of the thing has gone far enough," said City Attorney A. T. Marshall this morning in the superior court when the slot machine case came up again. He explained that the four slot machines were confiscated in December and ordered destroyed and that it was now March and nothing had been done.

This morning was the time for the attorneys to agree upon a date in the case which has been hanging fire so long that the public begins to believe that the slot machines will never be destroyed. The attorney for Fred Kellogg of Quincy, who is said to be the owner, asked for a continuance of the case, which motion was over-ruled after arguments from both sides.

Immediately after this, a motion for a change of venue was filed asking that the case be sent over to the district court because of the prejudice of Judge McNamara. The motion for a change was signed by John Wheatley as agent for Kellogg.

The city attorney asked for a short time to reply to this motion and was given until 2 o'clock this afternoon when the motion came up.

Wants to See Them.

The attorney for Kellogg wants to see those four slot machines mighty bad. He has asked the court several times for permission to open them up in order to get the numbers and his motion for a continuance was on the ground that he could not see the machines to properly identify them and see whether they really belonged to Kellogg. He offers to let the court be present, the city marshal and anyone who wants to stand around, while the machines are opened up and the numbers taken, so that the real owner may be traced. He complains to the court that he is not only denied looking inside the machines, but is not allowed to even see the outside of them.

The claim is made that there are thousands of machines of a similar kind and the only way to distinguish them is by the number on the inside. Perhaps they do not belong to Kellogg, but nothing can prove the owner excepting an examination. After the machines are properly located, he promises to secure depositions and evidence to properly defend the case.

Kellogg, the Myth. In his reply, the city attorney referred to Kellogg as a myth, a man who has never signed anything in the case and who has never been, inside of this court room. Wheatley had sworn that he was the owner of the machines, but now comes the mythical Kellogg as an alleged owner.

In reply, the attorney for Kellogg said that the myth would become a very apparent reality at the proper time.

"The absurdity of this thing has gone far enough," said the city attorney who resisted any further postponement of the trial of the case which started in December of last year. He was ready for trial and insisted upon an immediate hearing. After the motion for a continuance had been denied, the motion for a change of venue was filed.

And in the meanwhile the four slot machines repose quietly in a room in the city building, where they have been for about four months, undisturbed and ready to be used again at any time, in spite of the fact that the mayor ordered them confiscated and destroyed, the court ordered them destroyed and the public would like to see them destroyed.

Mrs. Jacob Agne who has been very ill at her home on Exchange street is slightly improved today.

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Advertisement for SLICKER featuring a woman in a coat and hat. Text: IF YOU'VE NEVER WORN SLICKER you've yet to learn the bodily comfort it gives in the wettest weather. MADE FOR HARD SERVICE AND GUARANTEED WATERPROOF \$3.00 AT ALL GOOD STORES CATALOG FREE.

Society

Yesterday afternoon and evening at the home of Mrs. T. W. Dolan, 1128 Exchange street, the Royal Neighbors, their husbands and friends were delightfully entertained at a coffee.

During the afternoon and evening about one hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen called at the Dojan residence where they were pleasantly entertained. During the afternoon a short reading and musical program was given by Mrs. W. Frank Brown and Miss Josephine Reidy. Mrs. Brown contributing a number of fine readings and Miss Reidy entertaining at the piano.

In the evening an enjoyable program was given, Mrs. Brown giving a number of readings. Several musical numbers were given by the Misses Josephine and Katherine Reidy on the violin and Miss Florence Ireland at the piano. Several mandoline selections by the Misses Heinze and a piano solo by Miss Mabel Meyers were well received.

Coffee, cake and tea were served the guests. The parlors were prettily decorated in the lodge colors, purple and white, a number of pretty bells of these colors being suspended from the chandeliers and crepe paper of the same color being draped from the chandeliers to the four corners of the dining table. Hyacinths and ferns made tasty floral decorations and the affair was a very pretty and enjoyable one for the many who attended. Mrs. Dolan as chairman, was assisted by a number of Royal Neighbor ladies.

Milo Phillips and Harry Horn will be the sponsors for a select roller skating party at the Roll-away this evening. Skating will be enjoyed by the party from 7:30 until 10 o'clock.

A bridge whist game was enjoyed last evening at the Keokuk Club by a number of lady and gentleman players.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Table with columns: WHEAT, CORN, OATS, CHICAGO, Hogs, Eggs, New York Produce, Kansas City Live Stock, New York Stocks.

CHICAGO, March 5.—Cattle, receipts, 2,500; steady; beefs, \$5.50@7.25; steers, \$3.25@5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 32,000; 10c lower; light, \$6.10@6.45; heavy, \$6.15@6.55; pigs, \$5.10@6.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; steady; 10c lower; natives, \$3.30@5.75; lambs, \$6.00@7.75.

New York Produce. NEW YORK, March 5.—Dressed poultry steady and unchanged.

Butter—Choice, steady; creamery, 25 1/2@29c; state dairy tubs, poor to fair, 20@24c.

Eggs—Steady, nearby white fancy, 26c; fresh firsts, 21c. Cheese—Firm.

Kansas City Live Stock. KANSAS CITY, March 5.—Cattle, receipts, 2,000; steady; steers, \$4.75@6.90; stockers, \$3.25@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,900; 5@10c lower; hogs, \$6.10@6.40; pigs, \$4.50@5.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; steady; muttous, \$4.75@5.10; lambs, \$7.00@7.50.

New York Stocks. NEW YORK, March 5.—A show of strength of the first fifteen minutes disappeared quickly. After some shorts had been covered at higher levels reached there was an absence on demand and an appearance of some large selling orders prices declined all round. Government bonds unchanged; other bonds slow.

MINE WORKERS IN CONFERENCE

Upon their Decision Hinges the Question of a Strike in the Anthracite Regions.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 5.—District officers of the anthracite organization of the mine workers of America are in a conference here today with President Lewis. On the decision reached by them hinge whether there will be peace or war in the hard coal district. Lewis saw President Baer of Reading, while he refuses to make a statement, it is known just where the operators stand and what they prepared to concede to the miners.

MARSHFIELD: Order Gold Medal Flour if your folks are picknick about their victuals. SALLY ANN.

TWO CANNING FACTORIES BOUGHT

Fort Madison and West Point Plants Have Been Added to the Factories Operated by the Concern.

BENEFIT ALL AROUND

Newly Acquired Plants Will be Operated to Greater Capacity and Keokuk Plant Also Benefitted.

The Keokuk Canning Company, yesterday closed the deal whereby they secured control of the canning factory at Fort Madison and West Point. Negotiations had been on for several days and the deal was wound up yesterday, thus adding greatly to the equipment of the company and adding two more plants and depots.

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Benefit All Around. The Fort Madison Canning Co., owned the plant at West Point and control in the two plants is now in the hands of the Keokuk Canning Co., which intends to operate both of the newly acquired plants as before. T. N. Cantril, superintendent of the Fort Madison plant will remain in charge. He was formerly foreman of the plant here in Keokuk and left here for Fort Madison to take the superintendency of the plant there.

The plant at Fort Madison will be operated at its full capacity, employing more hands than before and packing a larger amount. A greater acreage of tomatoes has been contracted for than ever before and Fort Madison will be a gainer by the change.

The plant at West Point will be continued and will also enjoy the benefit of its new owner, a pickle salting station to be installed there. The pickles will have to be brought to Keokuk for processing and this will add to the work in Keokuk, the new change therefore benefiting all three of the plants.

The West Point plant is a small one, but the Fort Madison plant is quite extensive although not as large as the Keokuk plant. The acquisition of the two new plants, adds much to the strength and size of the Keokuk Canning Company.

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WANT COLUMN

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WANTED—600 men to learn barber trade and take positions waiting our graduates. Few weeks complete. Constant practice furnished, scholarship include tools, instructions, demonstrations, examinations and diplomas. Write for catalogue. Moier Barber College, St. Louis, Mo. 1t.

WANTED—Girl for general house work. Apply Mrs. W. B. Daniel, 206 High street.

WANTED—Resident agent to sell coffee, tea, baking powder, spices and extracts in Keokuk and vicinity. All good guaranteed. Best offer. Best goods. Best premiums. Athletic Tea Co., Country Dept. 801 North Second street. St. Louis. 3-6t.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Ideal chicken and fruit farm, 20 acres, 3-room house, well, 6c trees, 6 miles west of city. Price, to close estate \$800. J. C. Paradise Realty Co.