

Mammoth Closing Out Sale

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Letter to the Public

Owing to the fact that the firm of Sheaffer & Saunders have by mutual agreement decided to dissolve partnership, our stock of PIANOS, SMALL MUSICAL GOODS and FIXTURES must be sold at once. We wish to thank the public for all favors shown us in the year we have been among you and place ourselves on record as stating this to be absolutely the greatest piano and small musical goods buying opportunity ever presented the public of Keokuk and surrounding country.

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In Violins, Mandolins, Guitars, Banjos and small goods you can get them while they last at half price. This is a chance of a life time to buy reliable music goods at far below real value. If you live within 100 miles of Keokuk or Ft. Madison you can't afford to miss this sale.

In this sale all Fixtures must go—Cash Register, Office Desk, etc. Among the pianos you will find such well known makes as Knabe, Vose, Kurtzman, Haines Bros., Kohler-Campbell, Haines & Co., Price-Teeple, Armstrong, etc. In player Pianos we have the Apollo, Angelus and Auto-pianos. Pianos are not the only thing—we have Violins, Mandolins, Guitars, Banjos; also Graphophones and Records. The entire stock must go at once. Here are a few of the bargains to be had:

1 Kimball Upright, second hand, \$52.50

1 \$250 Piano made by American Piano Co. \$137.50 FULL IRON PLATE, DOUBLE VENEERED CASE

1 large size Ludwig, mahogany case, \$177.50

1 beautiful Haines & Co. Piano \$195.00

1 \$325.00 Marshall & Wendall, extra bargain, \$187.00

Dozens of others equally as good.



To Time Piano Buyers

In order to settle up business between ourselves we must ask all time buyers to make us notes that are negotiable—we will offer such inducements in the way of price that you can well afford to give additional security in order to secure the price. We are making this the GREATEST Music Sale ever offered.

Don't fail to come early as the buyers will secure choice bargains. No matter what you want in music you will find it here at a big saving. No pianos or organs taken in exchange during this sale.

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Keokuk, Iowa
Ft. Madison, Ia.

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E. R. DRAKE IS 79 YEARS OF AGE

Well Known Keokuk Man Reached High Mark Friday, November 12, and is Still Able Boded.

TALKS OF EARLY LIFE

Has Had Many Experiences Since His Birth and Has Been Acquainted With Many Noted Men.

Last Friday E. R. Drake, one of Keokuk's well known residents reached the age of seventy-nine, having been born in the year 1830, in Green county, New York, where he stayed until he was three. He has been in Keokuk since 1876. He spent the time after he was three years of age until he was twenty-one in Albany county, moving when of age to Chicago where he engaged in the dry goods trade with Potter Palmer who was a close friend of his throughout his life. It was in the year 1852 when he went to the Illinois city and in 1860 he went to Memphis, Tennessee where he continued in the dry goods business, establishing a branch house in

Arkansas. Coming to this city he first took charge of the carpet department of the Irwin-Phillips company, in fact he started them out in the carpet line. After they bucked down he started a business of his own being under the firm name of E. R. Drake and Co. In 1892 he sold his interest in this store to his nephew, who for a while conducted the business here, finally moving to Dayton. Since retiring from business Mr. Drake has been living with his daughter, being an owner of extensive property interests. During all of his long experience he has come in contact with many noted men who became warm friends of his.

Hard Luck in South.

When interviewed by a Gate City reporter on his last birthday Mr. Drake became reminiscent and recalled some of the incidents in his business and social life. The dry goods store with which he was connected in Memphis during the 60s was a very extensive one, carrying a stock valued at about \$64,000. It so happened that when the war broke out about \$50,000 dollars worth of the stock was lost before the proprietors came north, only about \$14,000 worth being saved. The goods from the branch store in Arkansas were only saved by the goodness of Governor Rector who knew Mr. Drake well. When it was brought back to Memphis it also was lost as Tennessee seceded while the transaction in Arkansas was being made. The goods were all destroyed by fire and a curious term in the contract which had to do with the renting of the building in which it was stored was the cause of it. The firm had rented the building in particular, signing a five-year contract in which they were to pay \$5,000 per year in rent, agreeing to re-occupy it

again if it was burned down. The building happened to burn after the firm had occupied it only a short time and with the war coming on the men wished to go north. This they did and by so doing forfeited all the insurance thus accounting for their heavy loss.

Knew Lincoln Well.

Mr. Drake was in Chicago when the population was only about fifty thousand and when there were no railroads running into the place. He arrived in that city, or village as it then was, when he was twenty-one, in the year 1852, and all the roads running into what is now one of the largest cities in the world were built after his arrival. While there he had charge of the carpet department in a large store. During his stay he came in contact with many noted people, two of the most important being Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas, the former a southern and the latter a northern supporter. Mr. Drake stayed in the same hotel at which Douglas and his wife boarded and became very close friends of theirs. "About once or twice a week," says he, "I and another fellow whose name I do not remember would go to their room and play whist and enjoy a social evening."

I was a Democrat before I met Abe Lincoln," says Mr. Drake, "but he made a Republican of me. Some Chicago business man introduced me to him and we became warm friends. Every time he came to the city we would go to the theatre together. Of course this was long before we ever thought of being President."

"After Lincoln died his widow stopped at the same hotel where I stayed, her room being on the same floor as mine. She lost her mind. I remember one incident in particular which showed that her mind was not normal. One time she came into our store and purchased some lace curtains. The next day her son Robert came to us and asked if we would not take the curtains back as his mother had no use for them living in a hotel as she did. 'She has a whole room full of them,' he said. Realizing the circumstances we did as he requested. She was taken to a sanitarium a little later and soon died."

"In Chicago I owned quite a little property in the course of my stay there, having in my possession at one time, five acres in Cottage Grove besides thirteen building lots. Thinking that the city was on a decline I sold them in 1858 for a very low price. In '71 two and one-half acres of the Cottage Grove property sold for \$4,800."

Had Land Warrants.

"About the time of the Mexican war the government issued land warrants to the old soldiers these being trans-

ferable. Many of the soldiers being in need of money would sell them, for a very small sum. I bought quite a number of these and asked the advice of a friend of mine, a banker, as to whether to keep them or not. These warrants which I had entitled me to land in Iowa which was then not very valuable. My friend advised me to sell my warrants for various reasons and this I did. Some time later this same land which the warrants I held entitled me to, sold for \$100 per acre while the warrants cost very little making the price of an acre only about eighty cents."

Mr. Drake came to Keokuk just after the government canal was completed. He immediately took charge of the carpet department of the Irwin-Phillips company at his own risk and in the course of a few years made much money for them. When the big fire came which destroyed their building he started in business for himself.

"When I first came to this city," he said, "I did not intend to stay, but the climate and the people so impressed me that I changed my mind. I had several offers of positions away from here but decided to stick. Keokuk is a good residence town but is not what it should be in the business line. The reason for the latter deficiency is, I think, that very few capitalists have had enough faith in the city to place their money there. Many towns which when I first came here did not compare with Keokuk at the time have now gone far ahead."

A Party for Him.

Mr. Drake is still looking well and is able to be around to attend to his various property interests here. He was a recipient of quite a few birthday remembrances from his many friends. In honor of the day quite a large number of his friends called upon him in the evening and helped to

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make is pass pleasantly. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Z. Gosewisch, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Gray, Dr. and Mrs. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. John Carpenter, and John Carpenter, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Phillips and daughter Kate Phillips, Mrs. English, Mrs. Ada Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Bird Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Weil and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heaslip.

LEVY DREDGING CASE IS TRIED

Frank Hagerman of Kansas City is One of the Attorneys Interested in the Case.

[Special to the Gate City.] KAHOKA, Mo. Nov. 13.—T. L. Montgomery, special commissioner of the Supreme Court of Missouri is appointed to hear and take evidence in the mandamus proceedings brought against the members of the Board of Supervisors of the Des Moines and Mississippi Levy district No. 1, by R. H. McWilliams. This action in the supreme court is the outgrowth of the dredging contract entered into some three years ago between the supervisors of the levy district and Mr. McWilliams. Upon the completion of the contract he received \$664 in money and in excess of \$26,000 in warrants. The warrants were duly registered, but are still unpaid. The board claims to have levied all assessments made or ordered by the commissioners, but this is questioned and

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an array of perplexing questions have arisen which necessitated the unusual proceeding started in the name of the state by Mr. McWilliams as relator.

The hearing of evidence before the commissioner took up the first three days of this week and the transcript will be completed by the first of next week. Attorneys Waiteside and Rutherford appeared for the relator and Messrs. C. T. Llewellyn of Kohoka and Frank Hagerman of Kansas City for the respondents. Dr. Geo. F. Jenkins of Keokuk, R. H. McWilliams of Mattoon, Ill. and W. B. Hazer of St. Joseph, Mo. were witnesses before the commission. Mr. Hazer was the civil engineer who awarded the contract.

It will devolve upon Mr. Montgomery as special commissioner to report the testimony, together with his

findings as to the law and the facts in the case. Upon the result of this proceedings depends the question whether the commissioners shall levy additional assessments against the 11,000 acres of land in the Des Moines and Mississippi levy district No. 1, for the purpose of paying the warrants held by Mr. McWilliams.

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