

FORCE NEARS THE 500 MARK

Four Hundred and Fifty Men Are Now at Work on Both Sides of the River and Machinery is Arriving Daily.

M'CALL FERRY SHIPMENT

Two Car Loads of Machinery From Eastern Point Received Today Also Six Cars of Lumber.

The largest force since the water power company commenced activities in January was reported today from the company's offices here, the number of men now at work on both the Iowa and Illinois sides reaching the four hundred and fifty mark. One hundred and fifty of this number are employed on the Iowa side. Considerable material and machinery arrived today. The advance of the shipment from McCall's Ferry was among the lot. It consisted of two cars of boilers and other engine equipment. Four car loads of rails to be laid on the Illinois side were also received and six cars of lumber delivered on this side of the river. The physical work on both sides of the river is expanding greatly each day and rapid progress has been made during the past two weeks.

Transfer of Property. S. P. Johnson to Water Power Co., lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, in Galland. T. A. Craig trustee to Water Power Co. a fractional acre in Galland. Mary Cooper, Benjamin Cooper and Mrs. Josie Graham have conveyed to L. A. Brewer, lots 10, 11 and 12, block 43, Montrose. Edgar Wright has conveyed to Bernard Dellinger, lot 6, block 44, Kilbourne's addition, the property being on Nineteenth and Des Moines. John Guthery has conveyed to Wm. Kite, 23 acres of land north and east of the Summitville and Spring Prairie Road. The consideration was \$2,500. J. B. Van Poppelendam has conveyed to J. E. Philips less than 3 acres near Montrose. The consideration was \$450.

CITY NEWS.

It was expected that the cereal plant could again be started this evening, but owing to the non-arrival of several parts for the Corliss engine which was damaged a few nights ago, it will be impossible to start the big plant full force for a short while, possibly tomorrow evening, it is stated by some of the works officials. "Send me The Gate City," writes a former Keokuk boy to a Keokuk relative. And The Gate City will go to the former Keokuk boy for the next year. The home paper for a year to old time residents makes a nice Christmas present. Mrs. Caroline Tully passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eli Richards, 1228 Park street, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Death came after an illness of several weeks and was due to the ailments of advanced age. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. It is probable that the government will assist the mail clerks in offices where mail becomes congested during the holidays, this year the same as it did last. An order was issued from Washington annulling the back-stamping of all letter mail, which relieved the clerks of a great deal of work. Louis Sterne made the highest bid for the metal material taken from the government building by the plumbers when the new heating and other apparatus was recently installed. The parts were being hauled away today. Mr. Sterne was the highest bidder for the iron and steel portions. Oscar Swanson bid highest for the brick left over and will haul them away. Painters were at work on the second and third floors of the U. S. government building today, painting the ceilings over the stairways and several of the rooms. The work of decorating is practically finished. The O. A. Talbot Grain Elevator Co. is forty cars of corn ahead of the market and is running both night and day shifts to meet the demand of their order list.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trickett arrived home this morning from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Herbert, north of Hamilton. Mrs. Trickett will return shortly to spend Christmas. William Peters who has been attending Knox College, Galesburg, arrived home today to spend the holidays with relatives. Varied interests. "What we want," said the citizen "is an era of economy." "Yes," replied Senator Sorghum; "but there is always bound to be more or less altercation about who shall do the economizing."

KEOKUK OFFICERS ATTEND SCHOOL

Adjutant General Logan Has Ordered Officers of Fifty-Fourth Regiment to Meet in Iowa City.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR 1911

Members of Local Company Are Interested in Bill Introduced in Senate Asking Pay for Militiamen.

Captain Frank LeBron of Company I has received a copy of general orders issued by Adjutant General Logan of Iowa, calling a meeting of all officers of the Fifty-fourth regiment to assemble at Iowa City on January 5, for the purpose of holding the regimental school of instruction for the year 1911. The school will be held in the St. James hotel, which, hostelry has been designated as headquarters. All officers have been ordered to appear in dress uniforms of their grade, with side arms and white gloves. Members of Keokuk's military company are interested in a bill introduced in the senate at Washington by Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania. All men in the ranks who attend forty-eight drills during the year, or such equivalent duty as is prescribed, are entitled to 25 per cent of the pay of a man in the regular army. No allowance will be made if less than twenty drills have been attended, and between that number and forty-eight the pay is to be a proportionate amount of the 25 per cent. All officers below the rank of general officers are to have 15 per cent of the pay that goes to a regular officer of like rank. General officers are to receive 5 per cent of the pay of like grades in the regular army. No militiaman can procure the allowance during the first year of his enlistment, unless he makes a record score with the arm used by his branch of the service. The passage of this bill would mean the bringing into Keokuk annually a sum ranging in the neighborhood of \$2,000. Each member of the local company of militia would receive that share which his position and record entitles him. The requirements are not stringent and if the man has satisfied the conditions he will receive at the end of the year that sum set opposite the name of the position he holds:

- Major \$180.00
- Captain 450.00
- First lieutenant 300.00
- Second lieutenant 255.00
- First sergeant 125.00
- Sergeant 78.00
- Corporal 62.40
- Cook 78.00
- Musician 42.00
- Private 42.00
- R. C. sergeant 42.00

FARMERS INTERESTED IN CROP REPORT

Total Valuation By Dr. Chappel of Des Moines For This Year is Much Less Than For Last. The total valuation of the crop in Iowa for 1910, as estimated by Dr. Chappel, of Des Moines, is \$962,470,791. The report of last year showed \$466,170,849. The total valuation of corn raised in the state for 1910 is estimated at \$127,622,340. For 1909 it was \$157,098,802, which give a depreciation of \$29,476,462. An estimate on the crop valuation of the state for 1910 was issued last week by Dr. George Chappel of the United States weather bureau, and shows a marked decrease comparing the figures with those compiled for 1909 by the Iowa state board of agriculture. The total valuation for 1910 is \$102,700,058 less this year than last. Farmers Hold Back. The decrease in the valuations is attributed by Dr. Chappel to the fact that farmers are holding their grain. Last year at this time corn sold for fifty cents per bushel. Now it sells at thirty-six cents. Timeliness. All measures of reformation are effective in exact proportion to their timeliness; partial decay may be cut away and cleansed; incipient error corrected; but there is a point at which corruption can no more be stayed, nor wandering recalled. It has been the manner of modern philanthropy to remain passive until that precise period, and to leave the sick to perish, and the foolish to stray, while it spent itself in frantic exertions to raise the dead, and reform the dust.—Ruskin.

Prize Winning Apples.

A Butler county (Mo.) farmer stopped at a store in one of the small towns on his way to the county fair and picked a dime's worth of apples from a basket. He entered them at the fair and won a two-dollar premium.

Get Out of Bed.

Rise early in the morning, not only to avoid self-reproach but to make the most of that little life that remains; not only to save the hours lost in sleep, but to avoid that languor which is spread over mind and body for the whole of that day in which you have lain late in bed.—Sidney Smith.

February Month of Prayer.

Although nothing definite has been planned in the matter, the ministerial association in session this morning, talked of a month of prayer which may be held in February. The matter will be further talked of at a meeting of the ministers of the city. Rev. E. G. Beyer gave a very interesting explanation and talk on prison reforms at the meeting of the association this morning. The management of houses of correction in the country were spoken of and the subject handled in an able and educational manner by the speaker.

Always Something to Miss.

"I see that a man has succeeded in flying from a ship to shore." "When they get so that they can fly from shore to a ship there may be some chance for the man who always misses the boat." "True, but then we'll have to contend with the man who always misses the aeroplane." Microscopic. "You'll not find a steak like this in a hurry," boasted the tall waiter. "And the guest looked up with an icy smile. "I should say not. It is so securely hidden under these few chips of potatoes it is doubtful if I find it at all." His Holiday. "Do you ever take a holiday?" "A partial holiday," said the drug clerk. "Some days I only work 22 hours out of the 24."—Louisville Courier-Journal. Winged Centenarians. In West Sussex, England, a bald eagle is known to have died in 1859 at the great age of 100 years. At Schoenbrunn a white-headed vulture died in 1824 at the age of 118. Pleasant Speech. Musician (after much pressing)—Well, all right, since you insist; what shall I play? Host—Anything you like; it's only to annoy our neighbors.—Rire. Did Not Strike Responsive Chord. The man who sat on the woodpile and told funny stories, expecting the wood would split, evidently did not strike a "responsive chord."

JUDGE KEEPS RECORD CLEAR

Hon. James D. Smyth Has Not Missed a Day in Past Twenty Years on Account of Illness.

COURT IS RECONVENED

Judge Arrived From Burlington and Grimsley Case Was Resumed—Other Court Matters of the Day.

Judge James D. Smyth, who has been presiding over the November term of the district court in Keokuk, did not mar his record of twenty years without missing a day on account of illness, today. During last week his honor had a severe cold in his face which annoyed him greatly, especially Saturday. He left word that should he be unable to reconvene court on Monday, he would telephone. The judge appeared at 2 o'clock this afternoon, however, and thus maintained his excellent record. This afternoon trial of the Grimsley case was resumed. The defense has had only two of its witnesses on the stand, but hopes to conclude the introduction of its evidence either late today or tomorrow morning. In the case of Wm. Timberman vs. Charles H. Owens the plaintiff was granted judgment in the sum of \$42.00, the suit being on a note of this amount. Foreclosure of a mortgage on the undivided 1-8 of the west 1-2 of lot 8, block 191, was ordered. James A. Hirst has brought suit against George R. Hartel for \$32.94. The will of Elizabeth Hunziker was admitted to probate.

SETTLEMENT IN M'KENNEY CASE

Rather Than Face Charge of Adultery Mrs. McKenney Accepts Offer of Cash From the Laundryman. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Ludwig W. Lehman of St. Louis made his debut as solicitor general of the department of justice today and was installed before the supreme court of the United States.

FORMER KEOKUK GIRL MOTHER OF TWINS

"Mrs. Dooley," Formerly Miss Margaret Abbott of this City, Wife of Peter Finley Dunne. In this morning's St. Louis Globe-Democrat under the heading "Twins at Mr. Dooley's Home," is the announcement of the birth of two babes to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Finley Dunne. The mother, Miss Margaret Abbott was formerly a Keokuk girl, and when but a small child was brought to Keokuk by an aunt and lived in the neighborhood of Third and Fulton streets for a number of years. She is the niece of the late D. O. Ives, and it was Mr. Ives' widowed sister who brought up Mrs. Dunne when she was a young girl. The dispatch in the Globe says: NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Peter Finley Dunne, author of the Dooley dialogues, moves to a dialogue pitched to a different dialect now. He is the father of twins, a boy and a girl. The news went to Chicago first and got back here tonight, though the youngsters made their appearance last Wednesday. Mother and children are making fine progress. Mr. Dunne married Miss Margaret Abbott in New York December 2, 1902. Miss Abbott is a daughter of the late Charles P. Abbott and she formerly lived in Chicago.

PREPARING FOR UNION PRAYER WEEK

February May Also Be Observed as Prayer Month by Churches of the City. At the meeting of the Ministerial Association this morning a committee was appointed to prepare a detailed program for the Union Week of Prayer services which will be held in this city, starting Monday, January 2, and continuing through the week. The three gentlemen who form the committee and have the program's preparation in hand are: Messrs. Lilley, Beyer and McCain. The committee will report at a called meeting Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and at that time the places of meeting each evening will be named.

PREACHERS HIT THEATRES AGAIN

Informations Filed in Superior Court This Morning Against Employees of Dodge's and the Colonial.

BREACH OF THE SABBATH

Attorney Appeared for Defendants and Will Enter a Plea for Them Tuesday Morning—Violation Sunday.

Informations against eleven employees of the two moving picture theatres of the city were filed today in the superior court at the instigation of the Ministerial Association, it is said. They are charged with a breach of the Sabbath in keeping open last night. The informations were drawn by County Attorney Craig, and signed by Chief of Police Schewers. The employees of Dodge's named in the information are Clyde Martin, Kenneth Whetstone, Lester Hummer, G. Conn and Billy O'Brien. Of the Colonial, are Lucille Becket, Jeanette Garnette, Thomas Dolan, Fred Fredericks, Bert Bradley and Fred Welgesher. The informations are confined to the employees and do not include the proprietors. An attorney for the moving picture people had the appearance noted and took until Tuesday morning to enter a plea. This is the second time the moving picture theatres have been hit by Keokuk ministers. In the previous case a plea of not guilty was entered and a statement of facts agreed to. The cases were then deferred and have never come to trial.

DAILY GRAIN LETTER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Cables three-eighths lower. Press comments on wheat of the usual bearish kind. Trade is of the opinion that May is supported at 95c. Some local traders are doing light dealing because of this support. Bearish sentiment existing. Any further severe corn weakness will have to proceed from hedging sales. There seems little prospect of any of the grains being lifted from the rut before the first of January unless the wheat longs liquidate. Net scalping movements certain. Broomhall Cables—Wheat—The market at the opening was quiet and devoid of orders and unchanged—later and during the remainder of the morning session realizing was in order with the principal weakness in May selling was induced by the fact that Russian shipments although one-half of last week were larger than expected and LaPlata shipments are freely offered. Argentine weather and crop advices continue favorable and reports from South Australia are satisfactory. The market was dull at the decline, and at mid-day prices were one-half to three-fourths lower than Saturday. Corn—The market opened quiet and unchanged, later there was a decline of one-eighth to one-fourth on the weakness in wheat and the smaller spot demand.

DAILY RANGE OF PRICES.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—			
	Open.	High.	Low.
WHEAT			
Dec.	91 1/4	91 1/4	90 3/4
May	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/8
July	93	93 1/4	92 3/4
CORN			
Dec.	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/4
May	47 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/8
July	48	48 1/4	47 3/4
OATS			
Dec.	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/4
May	34	34	33 3/4
July	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/4
PORK			
Jan.	19.50	19.50	19.25
May	18.17	18.22	18.05
LARD			
Jan.	10.37	10.40	10.32
May	10.07	10.07	10.00
RIBS			
Jan.	10.25	10.30	10.20
May	9.65	9.67	9.57

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS TOMORROW.

Wheat, 62; corn, 940; oats, 360; hogs, 27,000. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 19.—Wheat, opening 1/4d lower. Corn, unchanged. Wheat closed 1d lower. Corn closed 1/4d lower.

SAMPLE MARKET.

Corn, 1c lower. Oats, 1/4c lower. Chicago Car Lots. Today Cont. Est. Wheat 23 11 23 Corn 45 2 491 Oats 170 91 178

LOCAL GRAIN MARKET.

KEOKUK, Dec. 19.—The following markets, furnished by the O. A. Talbot company: No. 2, Wheat, red \$.80. No. 3, Wheat, red76. No. 2, Wheat, red80. New white oats 24 1/2. New mixed oats 24 1/2. Corn, new32.

LOCAL LIVE STOCK.

KEOKUK, Dec. 19.—The following live stock market furnished today by Joseph Haubert: Hogs—Good butchers, \$7.00. Sheep—Butchers, \$4.00. Calves—\$6.00 to \$6.50.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS
 Furnished by E. W. Wagner & Co., 99 Board of Trade Chicago—
 Members Chicago Board of Trade—Chicago Stock Exchange.
 Branch Office: Room 13 James Bldg., Ft. Madison, Iowa.
 Phones, Mississippi Valley 195—Iowa 71X.
 Private Wires J. H. Wagner, Mgr.

Wheat Supply. Wheat increased 328,000. Corn increased, 564,000. Oats increased, 362,000. **Total Visible Supply.** Wheat, today total, 2,394,000; year ago, 28,019,000; increase 14,975,000. Corn: today 2,940,000; year ago 6,618,000; decrease 4,534,000. Oats: today 15,711,000; year ago 11,520,000; increase 4,191,000.

World's Shipments. Wheat, this week 9,840,000; last week 13,200,000; last year 8,816,000. Corn: this week 2,987,000; last week 6,364,000; last year 4,078,000. Russian shipments of wheat this week 3,568,000; last week 587,000; last year 3,336,000. **Chicago Live Stock.** CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Opening: Hogs 30,000; left over 4,400; market opened 5c higher. Mixed, \$7.45@7.75; good heavy, \$7.45@7.55; light, \$7.35@7.70. Cattle—Receipts 19,000; market 10@20c higher. Sheep—Receipts 26,000; Market 10c higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19. 9:00 a. m.—Estimated tomorrow: Hogs 27,000; cattle 8,000; sheep 30,000. Hog market 10c higher than Saturday's average. Light, \$7.45@7.80; rough, \$7.40@7.55; mixed, \$7.50@7.85; heavy \$7.45@7.80; pigs, \$7.55@7.75; bulk \$7.45@7.75. Cattle—Market 10c higher. Sheep—Market 10c higher. Cattle—Beeves, \$4.85@7.50; cows and heifers \$2.35@6.00; stockers and feeders \$3.25@5.65; Texans, \$4.25@5.45; westerns \$4.40@5.90; calves, \$6.75@9.50. Sheep—Market 10c higher, \$2.40@4.35; lambs, \$4.50@6.50.

Close: Hogs closed weak to 5c lower than early advance and 5c higher than Saturday average. Mixed, \$7.35@7.80; good heavy \$7.45@7.80; rough \$7.35@7.50; light, \$7.35@7.50. Cattle—Market closed 10@20c higher. Sheep—Market closed 10c higher. **New York Produce.** NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Today's produce markets are as follows: Butter, creamery, extra, 29 to 31c. Process—Special, 25 1/2 to 26c. Eggs—Fresh, gathered, western first—32c. Fancy boxed fowls 12 1/2 to 16c. Dry packed springs, 12* to 14c.

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RAINY DAY IN THE NURSERY

Various Ways in Which the Children Can Be Amused and Kept From Peevishness in Bad Weather. A rainy day is always something of a trial to the children in the nursery. The little ones miss their usual walk, and the hours drag heavily. The children are listless and peevish, and the day very likely ends with a fit of temper or tears. Now, here is a way to avoid these consequences: Dress the children in their hats and coats and turn them loose to romp in a large room where the windows are thrown open, but secure from danger. This plan gives them plenty of fresh air and exercise. Set aside a few toys, not necessarily expensive ones, and keep them strictly for rainy days or when the children are prevented by illness from going out. The rainy day doll or box of bricks or automobile will be welcomed as a novelty and will keep the boys and girls amused for hours when they would soon tire of their usual toys. Another fine plan is to let the children help about the house. A little girl will be delighted with permission to help make the beds or dust things she cannot break. Let rainy days be always times of indoor activity. You cannot expect a child with overflowing energy to spend hours in quiet occupations. "Why can't you sit down and keep still with a book?" mother asks. The child doesn't know why it can't, though the explanation is a very simple one. A great deal of exercise is needful for the proper development of growing limbs, and if this exercise cannot be secured by outdoor play it must be gained in some other way.

Getting Rid of One Nuisance.

The latest invention in telephones is called the "television," which enables one to see the person with whom he is talking. This is an improvement anyway in that it will rid the world of that nuisance who calls you up on the phone and then insists on you guessing who it is.

Discovered in Egypt.

One of the most exquisitely finished discoveries in Egypt is a case of neatly fitting alabaster embalming instruments, taken from a tomb 5,000 years old. One of them is an instrument used for opening the mouth after death, it being supposed that if the mouth was not opened the poor departed would be unable to eat in the next world.

How to cure constipation, sick headache, sour stomach, torpid liver, indigestion and dyspepsia.

Go to your druggist and get a 50-cent or \$1 bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.

SEE OUR Swell New Line of Leather Goods

The largest line ever shown in Keokuk and at lowest prices.

City Drug Store
 Both Phones 700 Main St.

NOTICE. All members of Keokuk Nest N. 1227 Order of Owls call and see me at the Royal Hotel. AL. D. HERCHENRODER, National Organizer.

REAL ESTATE

- 8 Room 50x140, good S. S. \$2,200
- 7 Room, 50x140, bargain S. S. \$2,500
- Two 8-room, full lots, each. \$2,200
- Two 7-room, north side, each. \$2,600
- 6-Room 55x60, N. S. \$1,500
- Plenty others just as good.
- 100 Acres, well improved per A. \$45
- 100 acres, good, house and barn per acre \$30
- 96 acres, bargain at, per acre \$75
- 55 acres, near city, good, per A. \$35
- 39 acres, good land, fruit, per A. \$45
- 26 acres, 4-room house, bargain \$1,300
- 6 acres, close in, fruit, etc. \$4,000
- Bargains in farms, all sizes and prices in Scotland County, Mo. Come in and see us.

M. S. Ackles Room 1, Estes Bldg.

Want Column

WANTED. WANTED—A second-hand base burner cheap. Address Geo. Riggs, Hamilton, Ill. WANTED—Young lady capable of writing a good business hand; some experience as a stenographer. Address in own hand writing, box 423, city. WANTED—A good girl for general house work. Must go home at night. Address M, this office. WANTED—A middle aged lady for house-keeper. Apply to Chas. Griffin, Cleaver Ave., West Keokuk.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Best restaurant in the city, seating 75. Easy terms. Other business. F. H. Stienberger, Fairfield, Iowa. REAL ESTATE FOR SALE—We have 140 acre farm 4 miles from the dam site. Also several other good stock and grain farms. City property and lots worth the money. Call and see us. Egbers & Wallace, Warsaw, Illinois. Office 3 doors east of Grant Hotel.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Dwelling, 309 Blondeau St., 6 rooms, gas, bath, electric lights. E. F. Renaud, Agt.