

SPEND BIG MONEY IN BUYING LAND

Keokuk and Hamilton Water Power Company Has Spent Approximately \$450,000 in the Past Month.

OPEN SPUR TOMORROW

Track From Hamilton Depot to the Company's Works on the Illinois Side is Nearly Completed.

The Keokuk and Hamilton Water Power company has taken over all of the land held for the past year under option, according to a statement from the company's office today...

To Open Spur Track.

The spur track which has been constructed from the Hamilton depot to the company's works on the Illinois side, will be open for operation on tomorrow.

Already ten car loads of machinery have been received from McCall's Ferry and is being installed. Men are drifting in daily and are going to work, but no large consignment of laborers has been received during the past few days.

Realty Transfers.

Eva Ryland to Water Power Co. two acres at Prices Creek. Lucy A. Reeves to Water Power Co. property in Montrose.

Montrose, Hotel to Go.

When the water power dam is built the entire river front at Montrose will be overflowed. The Montrose hotel, depot, bank and the other buildings on Front street will be flooded. The epilons on the property there were exercised the past week.

Illinois Abstracts.

The O'Hara, O'Hara, Wood and Walker legal firm has just completed an enormous amount of abstracting for the Keokuk and Hamilton Water Power Company.

One hundred and ten tracts of land were investigated and their titles run back to the original grant. They were greatly involved and complicated by divisions and subdivisions and frequent change of owner.

Piles Quickly Cured At Home

Instant Relief, Permanent Cure—Trial Package Mailed Free to all in Plain Wrapper.

Many cases of Piles have been cured by a trial package of Pyramid Pile Cure without further treatment. When it proves its value to you, get more from your druggist at five a box, and be sure you get what you ask for.

FREE PACKAGE COUPON

PYRAMID DRUG COMPANY, 268 Pyramid Bldg., Marshall, Mich. Kindly send me a sample of Pyramid Pile Cure, at once by mail, FREE, in plain wrapper.

Name Street City State

largest order of abstracting ever done in this county.—Carthage Republican.

DEATH OF MRS. THOMAS O'REILLY

Aged Resident Died Early Sunday Afternoon and Was Buried From St. Peter's Today.

Mrs. Thomas O'Reilly, an aged resident of Keokuk, died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at her home, 512 A street, from a complication of diseases, after being sick only a week.

The funeral was held this morning, services being conducted at St. Peter's Catholic church, of which the deceased was a member, by Very Rev. James W. Gillespie, pastor. The pallbearers were: John J. Crimmins, Sr., Thomas Short, Henry Welsh, Martin Hynes, Michael McAndrew and Andrew Rafferty.

Mrs. O'Reilly was born in County Kerry, Ireland, more than seventy years ago. Her maiden name was Ellen Moriarty. She has been a resident of this city for a number of years and was a woman held in high esteem by her acquaintances.

Mrs. O'Reilly is survived by her husband, and four children and five grandchildren. The children are: W. R. O'Reilly, of the firm of Scott & O'Reilly; Mary O'Reilly, Mrs. George Hilden of St. Louis, and Mrs. Walter Chapman of Parsons, Kansas.

PERSONAL

W. C. Hedgecock and Arthur Hawkes of Louisville, Ky. spent Christmas as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hawkes.

Ralph Sparr of Indianapolis is in the city spending the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Lydia Nifing of Jacksonville, Ill. is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jas. Conoran.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Conner and son Glenn left Monday for Selma, Ia. to visit relatives for a few days.

Miss Ruby Dollery who is attending Highland Park College at Des Moines is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dollery.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wright of Chicago spent Christmas with Mrs. Wright's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lafayette Brown, Arthur Brown of Doniphan, Mo., is also home for the holidays.

Mrs. Harry H. Bradford and daughter, Helen are spending the holidays in St. Louis with relatives.

Mrs. E. H. Grimes and son, of White Deer, Texas and Miss Evelyn Busch of St. Joe, Mo., are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Busch.

Charles E. Peel of Spokane, Wash. is spending a few days in Keokuk. He was formerly in the Burlington ticket office here.



SCENE FROM "THE SWEETEST GIRL IN PARIS," TO BE SEEN AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE SOON.

WM. EISENHUTH DIED SUNDAY

Life Long Resident of Keokuk Died at Hospital After Operation For Stomach Trouble.

IN THE SPANISH WAR

Deceased Inclined Toward Militarism and His Ambition Was to be a Soldier.

PERSONAL

Following an operation for acute stomach trouble, last Wednesday, William Eisenhuth passed away in Graham hospital near midnight Sunday.

William Eisenhuth was born in Keokuk, September 18, 1874. He had been a Keokuk boy all his life, although having seen a larger portion of the country through travels.

When the war with Spain broke out, he was one of the first to enlist with Company A, Fiftieth Iowa, and with that organized company went to Florida. Fond of military tactics, deceased had always enjoyed that calling in life and his greatest ambition was to be a soldier and serve his country.

In 1901, William Eisenhuth wedded Miss Florine DeWitt, his wife surviving him with one little daughter, Madeline, in death.

Until his recent illness, Mr. Eisenhuth had been employed at the A. C. Decker Manufacturing Company's plant.

Funeral services are to be held from the residence, 24 South Eleventh street, tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. The pallbearers will be from among the veterans of the late war, and interment will be made in the National cemetery.

Mrs. Nellie Wilson, a sister, survives the deceased.

SAWED SLEEPING MAN'S HEAD OFF

Ten Minutes Work on the Neck Almost Completely Severed the Head.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Sawing away continuously for ten minutes, Hamilton Cook almost completely severed the head of Frank Bennett from his body at the home of the latter, about fifty miles from here.

Cook was a boarder at the Bennett home, and found his victim in a drunken stupor. Bennett's 12-year-old son who witnessed the murder, aroused the neighbors, who rushed to the house, only to find that Cook had fled. He was soon captured in the mountains nearby, after being wounded in the arm, and was brought to the Meadville jail. Cook is said to have been intoxicated. The two men had quarreled before over domestic troubles.

Two Children Burned. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 27.—While Mrs. Wm. Sheetz went to the grocery this morning, her two little girls played with the fire in the stove. They were burned to death.

THEY CELEBRATED OVER CHRISTMAS

A Number of Plain Drunks Ushered Before Judge McNamara This Morning.

Christmas did not slip by without the usual celebration and as a result Judge McNamara had quite a number of plain drunks ushered into his presence this morning. Charles Rooks and Spencer Barker were fined \$5 and costs; Phil Pelgin was fined \$1 and costs; Phil Walker and Robert Phelps were handed sentences of five days each; Frank Wheeler, Joseph Merritt and Andrew Simpson were sentenced to thirty days and William Powers to three days. Informations charging Donald Pollard, Walter Kurtman and Blank Thompson with disturbing the peace were filed. The alleged disturbance is said to have taken place in a South Fifth street restaurant.

Miss Mattie Busch of St. Louis, arrived in the city Saturday evening to spend the holidays with her parents.

Dr. Robert S. Reimers, assistant surgeon at the Santa Fe hospital, Fort Madison, Iowa, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reimers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Morris and children of Ottumwa, Iowa, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. Nelson. Mr. Morris returned home last night but Mrs. Morris will visit with her parents for a few weeks.

Joe Martin of Kansas City is visiting relatives and friends in the city.

THE LABORER AND HIS HIRE

American Worker is Capitalist of Labor World—Averages \$1.85 a Day.

A laborer must earn enough to support himself and his family; therefore, a closely accurate idea of the living expenses in various countries can be gained from a knowledge of the average wages paid a laborer in each.

The American laborer is the capitalist of the labor world, receiving in the United States an average of one dollar and eighty-five cents a day. The next highest average is found in Australia, where one dollar and sixty cents is paid. In Canada and the provinces a dollar and ten cents is the average. Only in these countries does the average wage amount to a dollar a day.

Brazil and Chile each average eighty cents a day. In Great Britain and Ireland it is seventy cents; in France and Central Europe, sixty-five cents; in Germany, fifty-five cents; and in Austria-Hungary, forty cents. The laborers of Spain and Portugal earn only thirty-five cents a day; while those of Italy and Malta must be content with twenty-five cents. In the Chinese Empire the average is twenty cents, and in Japan it is lowest of all, only fifteen cents a day.

Logically, one should be able to live as well in Italy on an income of four hundred dollars a year as in the United States on twenty-eight hundred dollars, and if a man in Japan should be able to get along as well as the American whose annual income is five thousand dollars.

Unique Undertaking.

Running a store on the "honesty system" is to be undertaken by the farmers of Stony Ford Grange Middleton, N. Y. A stock will be supplied and when a member wishes to obtain anything therefrom he will be entrusted with the key of the storeroom and whatever he takes he will make a note of and leave the price. If he takes more than he leaves the money for, he will not be trusted a second time.



Sunday School Program.

The Sunday school class of St. Francis de Sales Catholic church gave the following program in St. Francis hall last evening.

Piano solo—Margaret and Frances Stadler. Recitation—Catherine Higgins. Recitation—Catherine Winger. Recitation—Gertrude Weber. Recitation—Margaret Stadler. Recitation—Catherine Samuels. Recitation—Gertrude Breheny. Song—Alice Weber. Recitations—Clara Weber, Francis Stadler, Mary Egan, Anna Frulin, Gerard Higgins, John Breheny, Jack Fallon, Agnes Fallon, Harold Stadler, Corinne Weber.

Piano solo—Helen Sargent. Violin solo—Gertrude Weber. Marders orchestra also rendered several numbers.

Married on Christmas Day.

Miss Malsey Middleton of Albia, Iowa, and Mr. Max Downing of this city were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Constantine at Moorar. Rev. Lilley of the Christian church performed the ceremony at half past three o'clock. The bride is a well known young woman and has a number of friends in this city as well as being a popular young woman in her home city. The groom is the son of U. M. Downing, a well known resident of Keokuk, and has many friends who will wish him and his bride al. happiness in the future. Mr. Downing is employed in the powder department of the Dupont mills. Mr. and Mrs. Downing will make their home at Moorar.

To Wed at Bushnell.

William Thomas Short, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Short, 703 South

A Utilitarian.

Old Mr. Close, who is the wealthiest man in Charville, has a rooted objection to all unnecessary expenditures, and even the necessary ones are severe trials. He had saved the druggist's bill for months, and when finally he plucked up sufficient resolution to pay it his creditor was so pleased that he celebrated the event by inviting Mr. Close to drink with him—at his soda fountain.

Potatoes Better Than Gold.

Carlyle once told a man who was financially interested in gold mining that all the gold ever produced in California was not worth one good mealy potato. And yet the potato in Scotland has a history of less than two hundred years. When Macdonald of Clanranald, in 1743, bought seed potatoes for his tenants in South Ulster they objected to planting them because the potato is not mentioned in the Bible.

"Grey" and "Gray."

What is the difference, if any, between "grey" and "gray," aside from the matter of spelling?

The editor of the Oxford Dictionary some years ago made extended inquiry as to usage, and found that opinions in London varied. Replies to his questions showed that in Great Britain the form grey is the more frequent in use, despite the authority of Dr. Johnson and later lexicographers, who give the preference to gray. Many correspondents said that they used the two forms with a difference of meaning, or application, the distinction most generally recognized being that grey denotes a more delicate or lighter tint than gray. Others considered the difference to be that gray is a warmer color, or that it has a mixture of red or brown. Another group held that grey has more of sentiment, gray more of color, which may mean that grey is a suggestion rather than a positive outline.

To Cure Headache.

An obstinate headache often will disappear if the head behind the ears be bathed with hot water.

Long Official of Noted School.

James Edward Gaffney, who for nearly 20 years officiated as the school clerk at Eton, has just retired. He had to know about everything connected with the administration of the school down to the initials of a member of the third form. The majority of famous Etonians' names are to be found in his "Tardy Book." He had to see that a fresh birch was made for every boy "swished."

FRATERNAL CARDS

MASONIC. Hall, corner Four and Main Eagle Lodge, No. 12—Holds its regular meeting the first Tuesday evening of each month.

Hardin Lodge No. 29—Holds its regular monthly meetings the second Monday evening of each month.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Hall Seventh and Main Streets. Keokuk Lodge, No. 13, meets regularly Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Geo. Hardin, N. G.; Otto Anschutz, Recording Secretary.

Pucketchuck Lodge, No. 43, meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Geo. W. Sweeney, N. G.; Geo. W. Immebart, Permanent Secretary.

Herman Lodge, No. 116 (German), meets regularly every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. A. H. Linnenburger, N. G.; Albert Kiefer, Rec- Sec.

Pucketchuck Encampment, No. 7 meets first and third Tuesday evenings of each month. Otto Anschutz, Scribe.

A. O. U. W.

Keokuk Lodge, No. 256—Meets every Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at hall over Keokuk Savings bank, corner Fifth and Main streets. Visiting brethren cordially invited. Ed Vaughn, M. W.; A. A. Baur, Recorder.

K. of P.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 4—Meets Fifth and Bloudeau, K. of P. building Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. C. B. Lake, Chancellor; J. A. Burgess, K. of R. and S. Visiting Knights fraternally invited.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY, KEOKUK COUNCIL, No. 1039. Meets the first and third Monday of each month, at A. O. U. W. hall at 8 o'clock. O. W. Rowe, president; E. Whitmarsh, Financier; Mayme C. Schenk, Secretary.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA

Gibbons Hall. Keokuk camp, No. 625—Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Our latch string is out to neighbors, John Wustrow, V. C.; J. A. Pollard, Clerk.

B. P. O. ELKS.

Keokuk Lodge, No. 106—Meets first and third Thursday nights at Elks hall, Gibbons opera house block, Sixth and Main streets. Club rooms open daily. Visiting brothers cordially invited. James Cameron, Sr., E. R.; William Reinhold, Secretary.

ORDER OF OWLS.

Regular meeting of the order of Owls the first and third Tuesdays of each month at their hall in the Schlitz building, corner Third and Johnson streets, third floor. Visiting Owls are cordially invited. T. J. Hickey, worthy president; E. Starkweather, secretary.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES.

Keokuk Aerie, No. 625—Meets first and third Wednesday of each month at Earle's hall, corner Eighth and Main. Visiting brothers cordially invited. Frank Mosler, W. President; C. A. Noaks, Secretary.

Foley's Kidney Pills are tonic in action, quick in results, and restore the natural action of the kidneys and bladder. They correct irregularities. Wilkinson & Co.

Female Steeplejack.

A rare example of feminine nerve comes from England. Anxious to obtain unique photographs for sale in connection with a church, Miss Lydia Akiens, I, climbed a steeplejack's ladder to the top of the holy spire of St. Mark's church, Leicester, which is more than 200 feet high. Having reached the top, Miss Akiens, camera in hand, coolly walked round the narrow, unprotected staging and snapped some fine views of the town. So awe-inspiring was the sight that many of the crowd below walked away, declaring they could watch her no longer. Finally the intrepid snapper caused tremendous excitement among the onlookers when she climbed another ladder and reached the weather vane, on which she rested for some minutes. Miss Akiens claims the championship as lady steeplejack of the world.

Question of Sex.

A local ironworker who has been married a couple of years always declared that his first son should be named Mat, after one of his best friends. Learning that the ironworker and his wife had recently been blessed with a charming baby, a friend smiled all over his face when he greeted the father on the street. "Well," he beamed, "how is little Mat?" "Mat, nothing," answered the father. "It's Matting."—Yonkers Telegram.

Advertisement for Allcock's Plasters, established 1847. The World's Greatest External Remedy. Includes illustrations of a man and a woman with plasters on their backs.

Advertisement for Gold Medal Flour.

Advertisement for Bromo Quinine, 'The Only One' that is Laxative Bromo Quinine. Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days.

Advertisement for Blackburn's CascaRoyal Pills. Money back if you ask it.