

# WON'T ENLARGE HOTEL KEOKUK

Meeting of Stockholders and Lessees Yesterday Afternoon Brings Above Statement as Result.

## HOTEL MAY BE BUILT

Authentically Reported that Messrs. Christian and Hedrick are Busy With New Proposition.

What the lessees claim is the greatest mistake that can be made by Keokuk business representation—the directors and stockholders of the Hotel Keokuk Company, was the frank refusal to accept terms which would mean the establishment of one of the most important and elementary factors in the needed enlargement of the city and the turning down by the stock representatives of the Hotel Keokuk Company of a proposition of large and generous proportions, made by Messrs. Geo. M. Christian and Howard L. Hedrick, at a meeting held in the office of Attorney W. J. Roberts at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The session culminated in the decision of the stockholders, not to enlarge the present size of the Keokuk hotel, or to sell the same at public sale.

Those present at the conference between the hotel operators and the owners of the building were: Wm. Ballinger, W. H. Bowman, Henry A. Heaslip, L. A. Hamill, J. F. Daugherty, Jas. Cameron, Sr., and Edward Walsmith and Messrs. Christian and Hedrick of Des Moines.

### Additional Forty Rooms.

Summarily the proposition placed before the hotel directors was this: President Christian said that with an investment of \$35,000, forty additional rooms could be constructed on the present property of the hotel company. In return for this invested money, the directors and owners of the building would receive ten percent, the entire indebtedness to be lifted by the lessees in a period of ten years. The Des Moines men state that this arrangement and money per cent is the best proposition of its kind that has ever yet been placed before a body engaged in like business—that the stockholders in the new Burlington hotel are now receiving six per cent per annum on their money, the new hotel at Joplin, Mo., is paying four percent, at Quincy, six percent, and so on.

The owners of the hotel building here, however, feel that they are not in a position to accept these terms, even considering the fair proposal of investment so the matter was dropped with a "nay" vote from the stockholders and directors.

Messrs. Christian and Hedrick are paying \$3,600 a year for the building at Third and Johnson streets. They have a ten year lease on the building and nearly seven years of that time has expired.

The past year has shown, they claim, that a much larger hostelry is needed to care for the patronage which is sure to increase with continued progress on the construction of the water power dam and as the city becomes larger and more recognized as a commercial center.

### Will Promote New Hotel.

Authentically it was learned this morning that both of the Des Moines hotel operators, Mr. Christian and Mr. Hedrick, are at the present time conferring with outside parties to construct a new hotel here and that within a year and a half, a new building will likely take its place among the several other hotels of the city.

If accommodations for the traveling public are to be obtained, an enlarged Hotel Keokuk, or a new hotel to care for the overflow and heavy influx of outsiders who will come, appears at the present time as an imperative need.

### Public Sale of Hotel Keokuk.

The plan of putting the Hotel Keokuk up for public sale was presented

### Scratched for Forty Years.

Used D. D. D. Six Months—All Itching Gone!

This is the actual experience of Anne Cronan, Santa Rosa, Cal., with the wonderful D. D. D. Prescription. D. D. D. is the proven Eczema Cure, the mild wash that gives instant relief in all forms of skin trouble.

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# KEOKUK BOY TO BECOME SPEAKER

Edgar Smyser, One of the Brightest and Most Popular Young Men of the High School is Aspiring.

## CHAUTAUQUA LECTURER

Politics is the Main Theme on Which the Young Man is Spending Time and Much Deep Thought.

Keokuk has a bright young man aspirant to the chautauqua platform. He is Edgar Smyser, at the present time a student of the High school, and one of the keen young fellows who lives in the city. Though he has been unfortunate in physical development, his lower limbs having been removed by operation several years ago, his mind is one of those which, when he speaks, speaks of the making of a big man, and he will some day take his place among the greater men of the country, and like the blind Senator Gore, who appeared recently in this city, will not let affliction stand in the way of success.

Sunday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A., Edgar Smyser will speak to men and women and children over 15, at 3:45. He has taken as his subject, "Seeing and Being Seen." He will be assisted by Prof. Albert Zoellner and Olin Newberry, clarinetist, in the service.

### Tak-Up Chautauqu Work.

This afternoon Edgar Smyser spoke of his intentions of getting into chautauqu work next season as that is one of his pet hobbies, to speak before large audiences, on politics and various other subjects in which he is deeply interested. Next year, after graduating from the local High school, young Smyser will go to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he will study law. That he will be successful is already foretold by the earnestness he uses in his various pursuits. He has been one of the ardent workers in the debating club of the High school.

It is young men like Smyser that the world wants to meet and wants to see succeed as they are worthy of encouragement and help.

## AS TOLD IN PLAIN ENGLISH

Real Truth About Young Man With "Excelsior" Banner, and That Lamb of Mary's.

"Excelsior" is a poem about a young man who walked one winter evening through a village in the Alps. The hotel keeper stood in his door and told him the rooms were all taken, but anyhow the young man knew he didn't have enough money for tips. So he went on. He carried a banner reading "Excelsior." One theory is that he was a drummer for an upholstery house and the other is that he was a demented breakfast food inventor. He was found next morning near the top of the mountain and his relatives were notified.

Mary had a lamb that she spoiled by overfeeding and cuddling. She took it to school with her one day and the lamb bothered the spelling class, so the teacher kicked it out of the front door. Not having any sense of direction, it blatted around the schoolyard until finally the teacher sent Mary home with it and told her if she ever brought it again there would be trouble. Next spring Mary's father sold the lamb on the rising market.

### Short Honeymoons.

Honeymoons are going out of fashion, and will probably eventually disappear—at present, they are often shortened to four or five days, or even a paltry week-end; and, after all, these protracted wedding trips, though generally the event of a woman's life, were often boring to a man.

### Water Streets from Tramcars.

In Milan, Italy, they water the streets from the electric tramcars. On these watering cars reservoirs have been adapted to the platforms, and these reservoirs are emptied as the car runs by means of perforated tubes placed fan-shape at the front and back of the car.

### The "pure food law" is designed by the Government to protect the public from injurious ingredients in food and drugs. It is beneficial both to the public and to the conscientious manufacturer. Ely's Cream Balm a successful remedy for cold in the head and nasal catarrh, meets fully the requirements of the new law, and that fact is stated on every package. It contains none of the injurious drugs required by the law to be mentioned on the label. Price 50 cents.

If you prefer to use an atomizer, ask for Liquid Cream Balm. It has all the good qualities of the cold form of this remedy and will rid you of catarrh or hay fever. No cocaine to breed a dreadful habit. No mercury to dry out the secretion. Price 75 cents, with spraying tube. All druggists, or mailed by Ely Bros., 50 Warren street,

# Don't Worry—Eat.

Memphis, Tenn.—Mrs. Emma D. Looney, of this place, says: "I suffered misery for nearly eight years, but since taking Cardui, I am much stronger, and I haven't missed a single meal. I hardly know how to express my gratitude." Don't worry about your symptoms—Cardui doesn't treat them. What you need is strength. Cardui helps you to get it. Take Cardui, because other tonics and medicines do not contain its peculiar and successful ingredients, imported especially for its manufacture. Half a century of success, has stamped Cardui with the seal of public approval. During this time, Cardui has benefited a million women. Why not you? Try it, today.

## NEW TEMPERATURE MARK RECORDED

Yesterday Was 71 Degrees, One Degree Warmer Than It Was Twenty Years Ago, February 24th

## WARMEST DAY IN AN AGE

Record Has Been Surpassed Which Proves That Weather of Seasons is Constantly Modifying.

### Few perhaps realized that yesterday was the warmest February, and winter day in twenty years.

Weather Observer Fred Z. Gosewisch, was "wise" to the fact, however, and in speaking today said that it was on the 24th day of February, 1891 that the temperature of 70 was reached, and the lowest temperature on that date was 34 degrees. Yesterday the temperature was 71 degrees, and the lowest 26 degrees during the day. That a new record has been set and will not perhaps, be overcome for another score or more of years.

The day was a warm one and winter turned suddenly to a balmy Monday, causing the shedding of overcoats. Last night a stiff wind sprang up from the northwest, however, and a freeze came. The weather plays strange pranks at times, and the good old solid winters and seasons of ten years ago, were not the same as they are during the present solstice.

### That Canadian Reciprocity and Oats.

Galesburg says a big Canadian land owner in here this morning said: "The reciprocity agreement will not hurt the oats. They average 45 to 55 pounds to the bushel and do not raise enough for export."

### NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Low priced issues are selling on panic basis.

Katy at any figure under forty is a bargain. Steel business is improving. The Illinois Steel Co. has received orders from the Rock Island road for 10,000 tons of rails, and the Grand Trunk Pacific is opening bids for 61,000 tons of eighty pound rails. Keep long of steel stocks.

### Daily Range of Prices.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 2.—

Open High Low Close.

WHEAT—

May ..... 97 97 96 96

July ..... 94 94 93 93

CORN—

May ..... 50 50 50 50

July ..... 51 51 51 51

OATS—

May ..... 32 32 32 32

July ..... 33 33 32 32

Northwest Cars.

Today Last Last

Minneapolis ..... 180 250 473

Duluth ..... 66 65 48

Winnipeg ..... 37 60 139

The Play of the Water at the Villa D'Este ..... Liszt

Das Meer ..... Nicode

Violin Group.

Romance in F major ..... Beethoven

Hungarian Dance ..... Brahms-Joachim

Rhapsody ..... William Lester

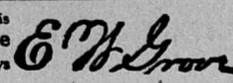
## LATE AFTERNOON BULLETINS

[By the United Press]

EL PASO, Feb. 2.—American Consul Edwards at noon ordered all American citizens in Juarez to get out of the fighting zone. He believes the government has mined all the government buildings in order to blow up the rebels if they come too close. A detachment of the 14th Mexican infantry has returned to Juarez and say that at least fifty rebels were killed during the fight at Five Mile bridge. More United States soldiers have been ordered out to patrol the border.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The house may escape thrashing out the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation as a result of the committee on agriculture which held it had no jurisdiction to investigate and the report will now go on the bottom of the calendar and will probably die with the session and prevent the scandal from being aired in the house.

Only One "BROMO QUININE," that is Laxative Bromo Quinine Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days



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## THE WORLD'S MARKETS

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### Price Current.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Price Current says the weather generally is mild over the winter wheat area and very little snow protecting the plant. In an event of an extreme freezing condition the plant is generally good, but little of the area is not promising. Fairly free marketing of grain in the interior and expected increase when the roads are in better shape.

### Agentine Receipts

WHEAT— This week ..... 2,180,000 Last week ..... 3,360,000 Last year ..... 2,698,000

### Chicago Car Lots.

Today Contract Est Yes. Wheat ..... 15 5 15 Corn ..... 227 3 245 Oats ..... 132 72 114

### Daily Grain Letter.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Wheat trade is resting. No appearance as yet of the cent and over rallies that marked the end of the serious break, but the selling pressure is removed. The general conditions are unchanged. On the basis of average February wheat changes, May wheat due to operate at 95 1/2 to 98c. January corn receipts at primary points 22,000,000—11 per cent over last year. Big noise made by influential coarse grain bears has terrified outbold, but will evidently have little effect on corn. Very little regard in selling at this level. There is more fear of large hog receipts, but the winter hog run is over and the country is still "sow crazy." This does not suggest plenty of swine.

### Broomhall Cables.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 2.—Wheat market opened firm. Shorts covered on the firmness in Winnipeg yesterday, forecast of smaller Argentine shipments than were expected and the colder weather in the United Kingdom. The official estimates of the Argentine surplus is maintained at small figures.

During the morning there was some disposition to take profits and values declined one-half from high. Argentine offers continue on a liberal scale, with poor demand, and estimates are for larger Indian shipments this week, and free Russian offers. At mid-day market firm and five-eighths higher than yesterday.

Corn market opened firm, one-eighth higher, and further advanced one-eighth to five-eighths, with the principal strength in American grade. Shorts covered on the unfavorable Argentine crop news improved should command the firmness of America.

### Chicago Live Stock—Opening.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Receipts 25,000; left over 6,100; market opened 5@10c lower. Mixed, \$7.30@7.70; good, \$7.45@7.75; rough, \$7.20@7.30; light, \$7.45@7.75.

Cattle—Receipts 6,000; market weak.

Sheep—Receipts 12,000; market steady.

### Chicago Live Stock—Close.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Hogs—Market steady to shade stronger than early. Good, \$7.25@7.50; rough, \$7.05@7.20; light, \$7.40@7.70.

Cattle—Market slow and weak.

Sheep—Market steady.

### St. Louis Markets.

Receipts Shipments Today ..... 62,000 45,000 Last week ..... 60,000 53,000 Last year ..... 59,000 53,000

### Local Grain Market.

KEOKUK, Feb. 2.—The following markets, furnished by the O. A. Taylor company: No. 2, Wheat, red ..... \$ .87 No. 2, Wheat, red ..... .87 No. 2, Wheat, hard ..... .83 New white oats ..... 27 1/2 New mixed oats ..... 26 Corn ..... 37 1/2

### Local Live Stock.

KEOKUK, Feb. 1.—The following live stock market furnished today by Joseph Haubert: Hogs—Good butchers, \$7.24. Sheep—Butchers, \$4.00. Calves—\$5.50 to 7.50.

### New York Produce.

KEOKUK, Feb. 2.—The following duce markets are as follows: Butter, creamery, 26@26 1/2c. Process—Special, 20 1/2@21c. Eggs—Fresh, gathered, westerns firsts—20 1/2@21c. Fancy boxed fowls, 16 to 16 1/2c. Dry packed springs, 13 1/2@15c.

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### FOR SALE—NORTH SIDE

Ten room modern dwelling, Sixth and High Street.

Eight room dwelling, partly modern, Ninth and Blondeau.

Six room dwelling, partly modern, Fifth and Morgan.

Nine room dwelling, partly modern, Ninth and High.

Five, six and seven room dwellings North 12th Street.

### SOUTH SIDE.

Eight room dwelling, 13th and Carroll.

Seven room, thoroughly modern, new dwelling, with five room cottage on same lot, Eighth and Des Moines.

Seven room dwelling, with five room cottage on same lot, one block from car line, West Keokuk.

Seven room dwelling, Reid Street.

Five room cottage, Reid Street.

Twenty acre tract within three blocks of car line.

Bell Phone 222 Black.

## Want Column

### WANTED.

WANTED—Boys and girls, steady employment, good wages. Apply at Shoe Factory.

WANTED—To rent a small house on the north side of town. Address C. C. care Keokuk and Hamilton Water Power Co., city.

### FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—160 acres on Middle road, good land; price right. Address Wm. Riddle, Montrose, Iowa.

FOR SALE—Black Langshan cockerels, scored and unscored, \$1.00, \$1.50. G. B. Beckett, Vincennes, Iowa.

FOR SALE—A few good S. C. W. Orpington cockerels, Keller's strain, a bargain if sold at once. Eggs for hatching from good pens. E. L. Aldrich, Bell Phone 341 Red, Keokuk, Ia.

FOR SALE—Horse, surrey and buggy cheap if sold at once. Call Iowa phone 677 B. or Hubinger 1461.

FOR SALE—Cheap: A large safe; roll top desk; a No. 75 Edison Rotary Mimeograph; No. 2 L. C. Smith typewriter. Address E. L.

FOR SALE—New three room house, cistern, full lot, south side, \$700. Acre property on the Boulevard. Vacant on Main St. 240 acres bottom land for rent; 3 teams horses, wagon and harness for sale. J. A. Roberts, 28 North Fifth St.

### FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Furnished residence, six rooms and bath. Enquire W. S. Sample.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, 71a Morgan.

FOR RENT—Six room cottage, 1300 Orleans. Enquire 716 Main St.

FOR RENT—Office room over Keokuk National Bank. Steam heat. Apply to E. S. Baker.

### AGENTS WANTED.

LIVE MAN or woman wanted for work at home paying \$2.00 to \$3.00 per day, with opportunity to advance. Spare time can be used. Work not difficult and requires no experience. Universal House, 352 Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

### Naples and Its Lottery.

All the hopes and dreams, almost the life itself, of the masses in Naples center in the national lottery system, with its weekly drawing of prizes. In Naples everyone plays the "lotto," and each week sees the upbuilding of the hopes and dreams of thousands, only to culminate at the Saturday drawing in a vast, widespread disappointment. But with the return of Monday the Neapolitan has taken heart again, his visions of fortune again take form to be realized—surely this time—at the next Saturday drawing—Harper's.

### Danger of Cards.

Playing cards that have been used again and again would doubtless show on bacteriological examination an appalling selection of micro-organisms, and on enumerating them there surely would be found the organisms which works for evil side by side with that which works no mischief.