



Keokuk's Manufacturing and Industrial Activities

Patronizing of Local Industries Has Been a Potent Factor in Their Steady Development.

Products of Local Manufacturers and Stocks of Merchants Possess Merit and Are Inferior to None on the Market.

A distinguishing characteristic of Keokuk people has been and is now their unwavering loyalty to the community—to their home and all its interests, whether mercantile, industrial, educational or social. In all affairs that affect the city as a whole there is manifested a singular unanimity of action even though there may be diversity of suggestion and division of opinion as to method. The efficacy of the wisdom that is found in a multitude of counselors receives appropriate recognition and application. In other words, the power and utility and unifying effect of the "town meeting" are frequently resorted to for the determining of matters of public moment. Coupled with this praiseworthy policy of securing unity of action in matters affecting the welfare of the community at large is the almost general disposition of encouraging and patronizing home industries, which has come to be regarded as a civic duty. Extending support to progressive firms or individuals who engage in merchandising or the operation of industrial plants has come to be accepted as something due and owing those citizens who have invested their resources in commercial or manufacturing ventures. While this extending of patronage to the home merchant and manufacturer may be pursued with the devotion of religious fervor it is not accompanied by loss to the citizen, who is enabled to satisfy his material wants and artistic tastes and aspirations at home with the least possible expenditure and as cheaply as it could be done in any of the marts of trade. The pursuit of this policy of patronizing the home industry has not produced a sense of classiness in the slightest degree, for Keokuk boasts of a happy and diverting cosmopolitanism to the extent that it is possible in a population of like numbers.

The citizen at home or the stranger within our gates who engages in business enterprises or makes investments in Keokuk may feel assured of the support and co-operation of all classes. It is this mutual assistance and patronage that has been responsible for much of the manufacturing and mercantile development of Keokuk and promises still larger growth in the future. It has, coupled with other favoring agencies, builded up diversified industries, resulted in the establishing of splendid retail establishments and extensive jobbing houses and created a commercial and industrial center that contains within itself all the elements essential for its expansion and enlargement.

Many citizens do not realize the

magnitude nor the variety of the business life of Keokuk that is now taking on a renewed activity. The following compilation of the number of retail and wholesale houses, of manufacturing plants, of those engaged in the professions and the various trades and vocations of life will prove not only interesting but a revelation to those who have not given the subject thought:

Abstract of title firms, 3; advertising and mailing agency, 1; agricultural implement dealers, 1; architects, 1; artificial limb manufacturers, 1; athletic goods, 1; auctioneers, 3; garages, 3; auto machine shop, 1; automobile agencies, 3; awnings, 1; manufacturing bakeries, 3; bank, store and office fixtures, 2; banks, 3; barber shops, 26; baths, 6; wholesale beer dealers, 4; blacksmiths and horse-shoers, 9; boarding houses, 40; book-binders and blank book manufacturers, 1; books and stationery, 4; bottlers of beer, 1; bottlers of soda, 1; public bowling alleys, 2; box manufacturers, 4; brewers, 1; brick manufacturers, 1; brokers, 4; broom manufacturers, 2; buggy shafts and poles manufacturers, 1; builders' hardware, 1; building material, 7; building and loan associations, 2; bus and hack line, 1; business college, 1; button factories, 2; canning factories, 3; carpet cleaners, 2; carpet weaver, 1; carpets, rugs, etc., 4; carriage and wagon factory, 1; catsup manufacturer, 1; cement blocks, 1; cement and plaster, 6; cereal mills, 1; china, crockery and queensware, 3; cigar manufacturers, 21; civil engineer, 6; cloaks and suits, 1; clothing houses, 6; coal and wood, 8; coffee roasters, 4; coke, 3; confectioners, 7; contractors, 33; cooperage plants, 2; credit rating association, 1; curry comb factory, 1; dairies, 4; delicatessen, 1; dental supplies, 1; dentists, 15; directory publisher, 1; drain tile, 3; dressmakers, 47; druggists, 10; wholesale drugs, 1; dry goods houses, 7; wholesale dry goods house, 1; dyers and cleaners, 3; electric light and power plant, 1; electrical supplies, 3; electricians, 4; embalmers, 3; express companies, 3; wholesale extracts and spices, 2; fancy goods, 1; fire brick and clay, 1; florists, 4; flour mill, 1; flour and feed, 6; foundries, 2; funeral directors, 3; furnaces, 2; furniture manufacturers, 3; furniture dealers, 4; garden implements, 1; gas factory, 1; gas fitters, 1; gas machines, 1; glass dealers, 2; glucose manufacturer, 1; grain, 2; groceries, 60; wholesale grocers, 4; hack line, 1; hair dressers, 4; hardware, 5; hardware specialties, 4; wholesale hardware, 1; harness and saddlery, 3; hog rings factory, 1; hospitals, 2; hotels, 7; house furn-

ishings, 3; housemovers, 2; ice dealers, 5; ice cream manufacturers, 5; insurance agents, 13; insurance companies, 1; interior finish, 4; iron works, 1; jewelers, 4; wholesale jewelers, 3; junk dealers, 3; ladies' ready-to-wear garments, 6; ladies' tailors, 1; laundries, 5; lawyers, 34; lime and cement, 4; wholesale liquors, 2; livery and sales stables, 4; locksmiths, 1; loans, 4; lumber yards, 5; machine shops, 5; marble and granite works, 1; meat markets, 15; wholesale meats, 1; men's furnishings, 5; messenger service, 1; metal ceilings, 1; millwork, 4; mercantile agency, 1; merchant tailors, 5; milliners, 10; mineral waters, 3; monuments, 1; music teachers, 10; newsdealers, 3; newspapers and publications, 7; "No-Dust" manufactory, 1; notaries public, 57; notions, 2; wholesale notions, 1; novelties, 1; nurses, 20; oculists and aurists, 3; office supplies, 1; oils, wholesale and retail, 3; opticians, 2; optical goods, 2; overalls factory, 1; painters and paperhangers, 15; paints, oils and glass, 1; wholesale paints and oils, 1; pantorium, 4; wholesale paper, 1; paper bag factory, 1; patternmakers, 1; pawl brokers, 2; pension attorneys, 2; photographers, 4; physicians' supplies, 1; physicians and surgeons, 45; piano tuners, 1; pianos and organs, 4; pickle factory, 3; pictures, picture frames and mouldings, 3; planing mills, 4; powder works, 1; job printing, 4; produce, 1; proprietary medicine manufacturers, 3; railroads, 4; real estate, 20; refrigerator manufactory, 1; repair shops, 1; restaurants, 23; roofers, 2; roofing material, 3; rug manufacturers, 1; saloons, 36; sand, 1; sash, door and blinds, 5; sausage factory, 2; second-hand stores, 3; seeds, 3; sewer pipe, 3; sewage, 1; sewing machines, 3; shining parlors, 5; shirt factory, 1; shoe factory, 1; shoemakers, 12; shoes, 10; wholesale shoes, 2; silverware, 1; soap factory, 1; soda water manufactory, 1; spices, 2; starch factory, 2; steam and hot water heating, 3; steamship agents, 2; stone quarries, 4; storage, 2; store fixtures, 1; stove factory, 1; stoves, ranges, etc., 6; street railways, 2; surgical supplies, 1; tailor shops, 8; talking machines, 1; teas, coffees and spices, 2; telegraph companies, 2; tents and awnings, 1; theatres, 5; tin, copper and sheet iron workers, 9; tire setters, 1; toys, 1; training schools for nurses, 2; transfers, 4; undertakers, 3; upholsterers, 2; vacuum cleaners, 1; veterinary remedies, 1; veterinary surgeons, 2; vinegar manufacturers, 2; wall paper, 9; washing machine manufacturers, 1; watches, clocks and jewelry, 7; water company, 1; wines and liquors, 2; wood, 2.

Keokuk people believe in and practice the patronizing of the Home Merchant and Manufacturer. The stranger who invests capital is assured of encouragement and co-operation. That is the civic spirit that builds centers of trade. Manufacturing is the basis of prosperity. Keokuk will offer cheap water power and other inducements that take the risk out of investing capital here. Unsurpassed rail and water facilities convey the products of local industries to every part of the country. Early increase of population will increase the mercantile and manufacturing opportunities in Keokuk. No town in the west affords better opportunities for investment of capital in industrial enterprises and few towns in the middle west can claim greater commercial importance than this city as a distributing point. The public in buying should ask for the Keokuk label and brand of goods and see that it is on their purchase.