

AVIATION IS IN ITS INFANCY

Prediction is Made That It Will be But a Short Time Until the Aeroplane Will Overshadow Battleship.

INTERESTS UNCLE SAM

United States Has Purchased a Number of Machines and Proved Their Actual Worth During a War.



A Perfect Princess Chorus in "The Heartbreakers," at the Grand Wednesday, October 18.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Aviation as an offensive and defensive force in war is just in its infancy, but if the progress that has been made in the work for the past four years continues, it will be but a short time when the aeroplane will overshadow the battleship and the soldier as a means of defense and destruction in case of war, experts now believe.

When the United States government first became interested in aviation, it made rigid demands of the Wright brothers for a machine. One of the strongest requirements was that the machine stay in the air an hour. The whole world, especially France, Germany and England, thought the United States government foolish in demanding that a flying machine should be able to stay in the air an hour, but the Wright brothers built a machine which met the requirements of the government, and it was accepted.

Since the first venture, the government has purchased a number of machines. Practically all of them have proven their worth, though as yet no demand for actual demonstration of the war value of the machines has been possible. The nearest approach to this was when the government dispatched three aeroplanes to San Antonio, Texas, where the federal troops were sent last spring to protect American interests in the recent Mexican revolt.

A number of long flights were made in that country. On several occasions the great machine swept over the camps of the rebels, giving them a silent warning that the United States government meant business. After the troops were recalled from Texas the machines were shipped back to College Park, Md. One machine, a Wright bi-plane, was left at San Antonio, where the government will some day establish a permanent aviation school.

After the return of the planes to College Park in May, two others were purchased. This gave the army five machines. Two are in use by the navy, but these are known to the flying world as hydro-aeroplanes, made to fly from the water.

Five officers were at first detailed to the aviation school at College Park, but since then another man has been added. There are four machines

there, two of the Wright type and two of the Curtiss. Since the school was opened over three hundred successful flights have been made by the officers, not one meeting with the slightest personal injury, though at times they have injured their machines considerably in landing. The men at first made only short flights ranging from three to ten minutes, and going no higher than five hundred feet. From time to time they increased their time in the air and have on several occasions made flights lasting over an hour. They have increased their altitude until they have gone 4,500 feet, this record being held by Lieut. H. H. Arnold. From this their attention was turned to making cross-country flights, and they have flown over the city of Washington at least a dozen times. Once they made a trip to Frederick, Md.; another time over to Fort Myer, Va., out to Chevy Lake in the District, and on Labor Day three machines flew from College Park, Md., over to Benning, D. C., where the officers were guests of the working people of Washington for the afternoon.

The past and present work of the army aviators has been intensely interesting, but to the person able to see into the future the aeroplane will play a prominent part in future wars and also in the commercial world. The fleet of flying machines will be increased to at least fifteen by next summer. At present the work is not progressing as rapidly as it should because of the scarcity of officers. The government is anxious to buy additional machines, and has \$80,000 of an appropriation of \$125,000 left with which to purchase the needed planes, but cannot get the men to fly them.

A number of important experiments have been mapped out for the government flyers. Within a short time all men engaged in the government work will have to learn telegraphy because the machines are to be fitted with wireless instruments. In case of war an officer in an aeroplane will be expected to flash messages from his machine to his army, telling of the position of the enemy's lines, the location of the roads, where the fortifications are, and all information

that would be beneficial to an army in a hard campaign against a foe. An experimental wireless machine has been ordered and the officers will begin to make tests with it before many more weeks. Another important experiment will be that of throwing bombs to the earth. The bombs now are nothing but plain ordinary potatoes. An officer sails over a big field, and picks out an object on the earth at which he throws. The object in view is to develop an accuracy for this work, so that in case of battle the men could do destructive work by throwing bombs into the camps of the enemy. Still another interesting experiment will be what is known to the army men as "sketch work;" that of taking a sketch of the country over which a machine is flying by the use of a pencil and a pad. This is considered important because in case of a campaign an aviator with an assistant could fly around the scene of battle and in the course of a few minutes make a map of the surrounding country.

On the first of November the aviation school at College Park, Md., will close and the officers and enlisted men sent south where the cold weather will not bother them. Once in winter headquarters the men will settle down to hard work, and will attempt many experiments that will keep the United States in the world's limelight for its progress in the flying art.

A Medicine That Gives Confidence
Is Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. Mrs. T. J. Adams, 522 No. Kansas Ave., Columbus, Kan., writes: "For a number of years my children have been subject to coughs and colds. I used Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and found that it cured their coughs and colds, so I keep it in the house all the time." Refuse substitutes. Wilkinson & Co.

True Ideal of Right.
Practical duty enriches the fancy and the heart, and action clears and deepens the affections. No one can have a true idea of right until he does it; any genuine reverence for it till he has done it often and with cost; any peace ineffable in it till he does it always and with alacrity.—Dr. Maartineau.

ADVERTISEMENTS IN GATE CITY ARE READ

Recent Announcements by the Lutz & Stahl Co. Attract Attention and Arouse Interest.

Be sure your advertising is properly prepared and then put it in a newspaper with a circulation. Recent advertisements by the Lutz & Stahl Printing Co. placed in The Gate City caused wide-spread comment because of their timely comment, and plea for loyalty to Keokuk. The out-of-town buying was justly censured. The ads, even woke up a "dead one" who sends the following communication from the spirit world:

FROM THE SPIRIT WORLD, Oct. 13, 1911.—To Lutz and Stahl: Your two splendid advertisements in The Gate City are the breeziest things which have appeared in that paper for some time. Is it the truth? Yea, the gospel truth. It should be a reminder to all commercial organization and the individual members thereof that they have a duty to perform and that is to practice what they preach. They cannot be hypocrites by making believe and then sending their money elsewhere for merchandise and commodities which are to be had in Keokuk.

Wherever men say a city shall be built, on that spot it will rear its towers and domes. It may not be the spot most favored by nature, but if it is the spot determined upon by men, the city will arise out of the magic of men's activities.

The most favored spot in the world would never become a city if men shunned it.

The only limitations upon the growth of a city, as history proves, are those fixed by the people who compose that city.

Cities grow into greatness and maintain it, according to the faith and works of their people. Cities slip backward and fall into decay or dissolution as the activities of their people are lessened or withdrawn.

The site of the greatest city that the world ever saw is now a tenantless waste of ruins.

Cities grow and halt and slip back and take a fresh start and grow again, and become greater than ever, or fall and refuse to rise, as the history of the world attests. Their progress or their retrogression is exactly measured in response to the attitude of their people.

The possibilities of a city are encompassed in the minds of its citizens.

The mental attitude of its people is the foundation upon which the material enlargement of the city is constructed.

Keokuk has for ages stood in a class by itself. No town like it—and no equal. Other towns have progressed. Why? Because they have pursued a different policy, and the "Catch-em and Skin-em" Chicago department store catalogue was not so generally used by merchants as in Keokuk. Each deceiving the other in buying on the sly.

"A DEPARTED."
FARMINGTON.
Mrs. J. A. Roberts of Vicksburg, Miss., is the guest of her brother, Dr. H. H. Turner and wife.
Mrs. Alpha Ware has gone to Des Moines for a visit with her daughter, Miss Trixie Ware.
Mrs. O. S. Alfrey and Miss Vinnie Hackard left Monday for Wichita, Kansas, where they will be the guests of Mrs. J. B. Stirling and Mrs. C. H. Crandall.
Mrs. C. W. Sherrick is in Moline, Ill., visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Schultz.
Mrs. Ann Gray left Monday for San Carlos, Ariz., to make her home with her son, Austin, who resides in that city.
Mrs. H. L. Dibble has gone to Moulton, where she is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Murdy.
Mrs. D. G. Cox of Kansas City, who has been visiting her many Farmington friends for the past week, returned home Saturday.
Miss Margaret Mulvihill left Monday for Wichita, Kas., to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Traynor.
Miss Mabel Liming, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Elmer Price, has gone to Des Moines, where she has employment.
Mrs. S. R. Boler left Wednesday for Chicago, where she will be the guest

Particularly the Ladies.

Not only pleasant and refreshing to the taste, but gently cleansing and sweetening to the system, Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna is particularly adapted to ladies and children, and beneficial in all cases in which a wholesome, strengthening and effective laxative should be used. It is perfectly safe at all times and dispels colds, headaches and the pain caused by indigestion and constipation so promptly and effectively that it is the one perfect family laxative which gives satisfaction to all and is recommended by millions of families who have used it and who have personal knowledge of its excellence.

Its wonderful popularity, however, has led unscrupulous dealers to offer imitations which act unsatisfactorily. Therefore, when buying, to get its beneficial effects, always note the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—plainly printed on the front of every package of the genuine Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna.

For sale by all leading druggists. Price 50 cents per bottle.

of her niece, Mrs. Jennie Drummond. Miss Alma Frank has returned from a visit with friends in Keokuk.

Mrs. H. F. Dunn left Thursday for San Bernardino, Calif., to be present at the marriage of her son, W. B. Dunn, to Miss Emily Clock, which will occur October 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rider, Mrs. Mabel Hagelstange and daughter, Gertrude and Miss Kate Rigby were recent Keokuk visitors.

Mrs. Alice Murry of New York City is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Sol Crown.

Mrs. Esther Slee was called to Cooperstown, N. D., by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Lillie Dibble.

Mrs. S. D. Bickmore has returned from Canton, Mo., where she was the guest of relatives.

Mrs. Florence Wright of Milton was a recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Cox.

Miss Helen Corns was hostess to a company of her girl friends Tuesday evening, the occasion being a mask party which caused much merriment. Ice cream, cake and candy were served.

Miss Ethel Stelmeyer was happily surprised Monday evening when Miss Mathews and Miss Shields and the senior class gathered at her home. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable evening was passed.

Don't trifle with a cold is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in case of a child. There is nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs and colds in children. It is safe and sure. For sale by all dealers.



A Little Home-Nest Here for Everybody!

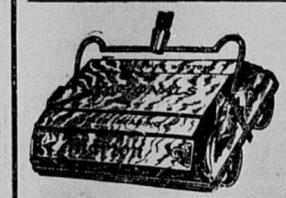
That's exactly what this store has, a home-nest for everybody—a home-nest for you. You long for your home-nest, don't you? Yet see no way to have it.

Won't you take us at our word—come to this store—we have the way to your home-nest. Isn't our word to supply it well worth the short time take to investigate?



See the Celebrated Daveno

See it open and closed in our window. The only Davenoport that will take a full-size mattress and give the same results as a regular bed with a regular spring and mattress.



Buck's Hot Blast Soft Coal Heaters. Buck's Base Burners. We guarantee to save you one-third of your hard coal if you buy one of our stoves.

Stewart Hot Blast Soft Coal Heaters.

Come and see them.

LINQUIST BROS. THE QUALITY STORE, 518 Main Street, Keokuk, Iowa

SHOE SALE

Men's Dress and Work Shoes

We will close out all our broken lots of shoes at very low prices.

\$1.50 Shoes at	\$1.20
2.00 Shoes at	1.60
2.25 Shoes at	1.75
2.50 Shoes at	1.85
3.00 Shoes at	2.40
3.50 Shoes at	2.75
4.00 Shoes at	3.15

Sale Begins Monday, Oct. 16

FUNK'S 820 Main St. Keokuk, Ia. Open Evenings Until 9:00 O'clock

NOTICE! Gold Cross Milk Labels

Can be redeemed at our office, and if the Ladies of Keokuk desire to see our full line of premiums you are welcome to call at any time.

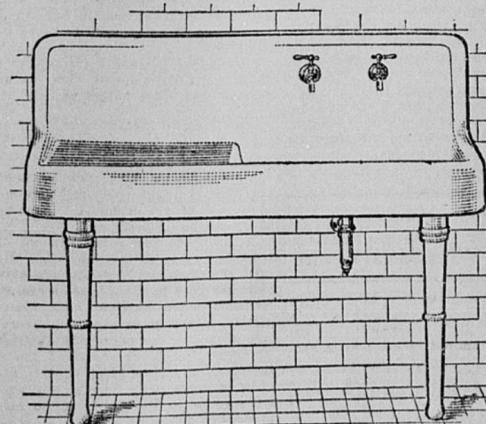
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People are no longer satisfied with the equipment and arrangements of their forefathers. They want the latest and best when they are shown a good reason why the latest is the best.

Plain iron or painted sinks are no longer the fashion, and wood encased sinks should be replaced at once. For remodeling your kitchen plumbing or equipping a new kitchen, we recommend the "Standard" snowy white sinks made in one piece with no cracks or crevices for moisture and germs to lodge. Be sure that your plumbing is done right by having us do the work. Estimates cheerfully furnished.



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